



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

November 2, 2020



DECADES DAY AT T.I.S.



Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Storozuk





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences

Parent/Guardian Teacher conferences will be held on November 5th and 6th. The November 5th conference will be held from 1:20 - 3:45 and the November 6th conferences will be held from 8:30 - 3:45. This year our conferences will be virtual. Parents/guardians will soon receive an email enabling them to sign up for a conference. Parents/guardians will have the ability to sign up for a conference with their child's classroom teacher, a UA teacher, a member of our intervention or special services team. Due to the large number of conference slots required, all conferences will be limited to 15-minute slots. On the day of conferences, links will be provided allowing parents/guardians to join their scheduled conference.

Adherence to In-Person or Remote Designation

All students are assigned to one of two designations, either in-person M, T, Th and F or fully remote. Please understand that these designations must not be changed simply for the sake of convenience. Sudden changes to a child's designation often result in a student not having the necessary materials needed to participate in classroom lessons. Keeping a child at home because they are not feeling well and having them work remotely is an appropriate reason to switch a designation in the short term, abruptly switching a child to remote as a matter of convenience cannot be accommodated.

Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, TIS will prepare a Veterans Day video program for all students to view on November 10. The video program will consist of an explanation of Veterans Day, as well as some pre recorded solo performances of students singing patriotic songs.

Bookfair

A modified version of our annual Fall book fair will be held November 9-13. **Note:** **Book fair order forms are due by 11/17.** The modified version of the fair will consist of Scholastic bookcases being placed in an open area of the building. Students will be walked to the fair in small groups. Prior to and after visiting the fair, student groups will be required to wash or sanitize their hands. Students wishing to order a book from the fair will be provided with an order form. Order forms may be returned to a child's classroom teacher. Book orders will be processed in the evenings and left in classrooms for students to take home.

T.I.S. CALENDAR



November

- 5 Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 6 NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 9-13 TIS Bookfair
- 17 Bookfair order forms due
- 18 Virtual Hawks Nest Meetings, 11:15
- 18 Virtual Coffee with the Principal
- 20 Hat Day
- 25-27 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Unified Arts Update for November 2020

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education



Ms. Ballard - Art

In the month of November Cohort 4 will have Art.

Cohort 4 are the fifth grade classes of Grabowski, Racco, and Yaglowski. This cohort will be from November 9, 2020 to December 2, 2020.

Each student will receive materials for art class the first day that we meet. Students are asked to please bring their pencil boxes or pouches that carry their classroom supplies to art class. **Remote learners are asked to pick up their materials from the office a week before their Art class starts.**

Our projects for this term will be Zentangle, Scratch Art, and a Flip book. Projects may change depending on whether or not we are in or out of school. Other projects such as a wire sculpture, animal drawings and clay sculptures will occur when Cohort 4 meets again in the spring. Some materials will need to be brought from home, such as a smock and an animal picture.

Each student will be responsible for keeping track of their materials and bringing them to class every day. Materials will be given out to students during the first week of class or when my orders come in. On Virtual Wednesdays students will need to take part in Art class at 11:45am. to 12:15 pm. online. I look forward to seeing you all and creating our projects!



Mrs. Hill - Library Media

During the month of November, both fifth grade cohort groups will have Library as their Unified Arts special. Students will be practicing skills they learned in fourth grade such as library arrangement, Destiny searching, and basic technology applications. In addition, they will show competency in opening, editing, and turning assignments for Google docs, slides, and forms. Students will review six forms of fiction genre, complete a STEM project, and of course check out lots of great books. There is always so much going on in Library class!

Ms. Baker-General Music/Grade 5 Chorus

Musical theme for December:

This month, TIS students are learning about **Holidays Around the World**. I will be singing songs and playing instruments from Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, Three Kings day and many other holidays. I will also be singing songs about community and kindness. Please check in to your Music classroom with Ms. Baker for fun **Holiday around the world** video clips.

Let's celebrate diversity!

Grade 3 general music: Third graders are singing folk songs from around the world and playing musical instruments to accompany their singing. The students are really enjoying playing the xylophones!!!

The TEPTO has purchased recorders for school use for our students this year. Your child will also need a recorder for practicing their assignments at home.



COMING SOON!

Grade 3 concert : At this time we are not planning a live concert for third grade. Please watch this Unified Arts page for future updates.

Grade 4 general music: The fourth graders will be learning about the music of North American, South America and Australia. The students will be learning how to play songs on their recorders at home using the recorder karate program.

Grade 5 general music: The fifth graders are learning about how to compose using graphics. The students will be performing and composing using; body percussion, vocal sounds, non-pitched instruments, boomwhackers, and chrome music lab. Fifth graders will also be starting to learn how to play the ukulele. Students are not required to purchase their own ukulele but, if you or your student are interested in investing in your own ukulele contact me in order to find a quality instrument at a reasonable price.

Grade 5 Chorus: Grade 5 chorus has begun. Please sign into our [Wednesday google meets at 12:15](#). If you still would like to join send Ms. Baker an email and she will send you an invitation to her Chorus classroom.

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Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus/UA Exploratory Music

Grade 3 Music: In November, 3rd grade cohorts are participating in a “3rd grade Music Fun with Mrs. Marchesani” class. We are learning about musical instrument families, listening to concert band instrument videos and recordings, making our own instruments at home and composing for rhythm instruments and body percussion.

Grade 4 Chorus: 4th grade chorus will begin on Wednesday November 4th. The google meets begins at **12:15** and ends at **12:45**. Click on the meet link in the 4th grade Chorus Google Classroom to join the meet. Please email nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us if you want to join and Mrs. Marchesani will send you an invite!

Grade 4 Band: The start for Wind instruments in Band is still postponed to potentially January. However, 4th graders interested in Percussion will start in November!!!

Grade 5 Band: The 5th Grade Band small group classes have been meeting in person in Mrs. Marchesani’s room and remote from home students are included in the schedule. We are using a rotating pull out schedule so Band students do not miss the same class every week. We are using special music masks and bell covers on our instruments when we play in school just like Band members in TMS and THS. We have been reviewing playing melodies with eighth notes and beginning to work on “Regal March”. Students have also begun learning fun and melodic “Scale Preps for Beginning Band” composed by Mike Hannickel.

It's not too late to sign up for 5th grade Band! Students who played in 4th grade Band last year are encouraged to re-join this year. 5th grade Band is also open to any 5th grader who wants to learn how to play a band instrument even if they did not participate in 4th grade. Here’s the link to sign up!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQOmMo8sO2aY124VIbTSMMSUpAr0vepE7j9IhtNbqFXoWBsg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Inclement Weather policy: On early dismissal days or late start days small group Band classes WILL meet. Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns! nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x 40226

Mr. Downing – Physical Education

Fourth grade: Students will be engaged in an exercise routine consisting of a warmup, exercises designed to elevate the heart rate, and a cool down. The five components of health related fitness will be stressed. Students will also be introduced to the basics of badminton and given opportunities to practice their racket skills.



TIS SPIRIT DAYS!

November 20TH
HAT DAY



April 30th College Spirit Day



December 22nd Crazy/Silly
Sweater Day



May 21st Patriotic Day



January 29th Sports Team
Day



June 11th Wacky Tacky Day



March 12th PI Day



News from the Cafeteria



DID YOU KNOW...

BGP & TIS serves breakfast every day that lunch is served at school?

Both Breakfast & Lunch are Free to All students at this time?

You can order both meals on all remote learning days?



MAKE MORNINGS EASY!

Please see the Free School Meal Flyer for more information.

If you ever have a question regarding meals in Tolland Schools, please contact, Abby Kassman-Harned, Food Service Director at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN UP TO AGE 18



USDA has granted a waiver extension allowing Free School Meals to all children up to age 18 until December 31, 2020 or until funding is depleted. This includes in school students, remote students, and children in the community.

REMOTE MEAL ORDERING INFORMATION

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT ORDER FORMS:

Remote meal menu available on each form

Note that this menu is different than the in-school menus

**For Tolland Public School Students
and their siblings [click here](#)**

You must have an account set up in "myschoolaccount"

**For all other children in the
community [click here](#)**

This is a google form

**ALL PREORDERED MEALS MUST BE PICKED
UP DAILY AT TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL
BETWEEN 11:30 – 12:30**

How will my children get their free meals?

In School:

Students will come through the service line. All food will be placed on trays by the kitchen staff; students will touch only their own tray. Extra meals, entrees, snacks and milk (other than or in addition to the milk served with a meal) may be purchased if there are funds in the student account.

Remote Meals:

Available daily with a preorder. Breakfast & lunch orders may be placed by a parent or guardian the day before or up until 7am the day of pick-up.

Free meals must be a complete meal including all required meal components

**Please see Ordering
Information**



Questions?

Food Service Office

860-870-6854

aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us

kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us

We are here to help!

You Are Cordially Invited To:



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

2020-2021

T.I.S. Coffee with the Principal will be VIRTUAL this year.

September 23, 2020

February 18, 2021 (Thurs. mtg.)

October 21, 2020

March 17, 2021

November 18, 2020

April 14, 2021

No December meeting

May 19, 2021 (which is a

January 20, 2021

special Math meeting)

(all meetings begin at 10:15 a.m.)

Please RSVP

to Pam Babey (pbabey@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting.



Join
Mrs. Webster, K-12 Math Supervisor
and
the TIS Principal, Mr. Dineen

to learn about math placement for incoming 6th graders.

Current 5th Graders

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021
(Coffee with the Principal Meeting)

Time: 10:15am - 11:15am

Google Meet information:

<https://meet.google.com/vnz-qfee-wbr>

Join by phone

(US) +1 252-843-1044 PIN: 914 453 207#

You can find more detailed information on our Tolland Public Schools Middle School Math Placement website. It can be accessed directly with this link:

<http://tps.sharpschool.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=47149004> or by following the pathway on the Tolland Public Schools website: Departments, Curriculum, and Mathematics.

Tolland Intermediate School

Photo Release Form

2020-2021

Please do not release any photos of my child in the following media

(check all that apply):

_____ Yearbook

_____ Outside Media Sources

_____ Tolland Public Schools Superintendent's Bulletin/**T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

_____ Tolland Intermediate School Website

*****This form does not need to be returned if photos can be used in all of the above media areas.**

Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Teacher _____



The End

