



T.I.S. Digital Backpack

February 15, 2021

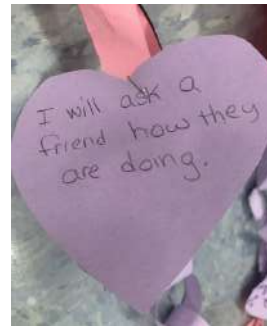
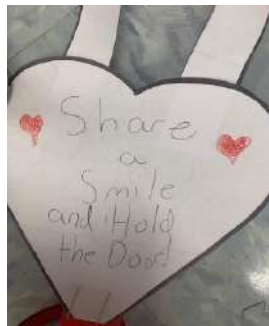
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Kindness Chain

This month's theme at T.I.S. is kindness. Our most recent HAWK's Nest lesson focused on kindness. In our nests, we reviewed the definition of kindness as being friendly, generous, and considerate. We also discussed research that points to the fact that when we practice kindness either to other people or towards ourselves, we can experience positive mental and physical changes through lowering stress levels.

We let our students know that the T.I.S. staff have been engaged in small random acts of kindness within our school community since the start of the school year. We described our random acts of kindness as a simple way to make the community feel good, increase endorphins and create a positive and happier learning community.

Our HAWK's Nest culminated in students creating a mini paper chain which will be strung together with chains from other students resulting in one giant random acts of kindness chain. Student chains consist of a heart in which students wrote a random act of kindness they would do for someone at school.



1:1 District Chromebook Initiative

All Tolland students in grades three through eight will be provided with a district Chromebook. These district Chromebooks will be required for every student. Students will need the district Chromebooks as opposed to personally owned devices. Emails outlining the 1:1 initiative have been sent to parents/guardians of third, fourth and fifth grade students. The only costs associated with the devices are an optional insurance policy and an optional hardshell protective case.

Remote Learner Expectations

Please refer to the list below regarding behavioral expectations for our remote learners.

- Students should treat virtual class the same as they would attending class in the school building.
- Join the video conference on time, dress appropriately- as if attending school in person.
- Student cameras should be on, unless the student chooses to turn it off during recorded portions of lessons, and students should remain muted unless prompted by the teacher.
- Students are encouraged to participate via a location that is quiet and free of distraction, to the extent possible.
- Please be mindful of what is in view on the camera behind the participant and take care to choose a location with an appropriate background.
- Use of the chat feature comment section should only be to comments made to the teacher.
- Be kind and respectful to others.

T.I.S. CALENDAR



February

- 1 Kindness Month Begins
- 10 Hawk Nests, 11:15
- 15-17 No School for Students
- 18 Coffee with the Principal

CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (can also be found on school websites)



TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS District School Calendar

First Day: September 8, 2021
Last Day of School: June 21, 2022
182 Days

2021 – 2022

Approved by the BOE 1/28/21

August 2021 (school days) 0								February 2022 (school days) 17							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
29	30	31					27	28							
September 2021 (school days) 17								March 2022 (school days) 23							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
Teacher In-Service 2,3,7			1	2	3	4			1	2	3*	4*	5		
Labor Day 6	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
First Day of School 8	12	13	14	15*	16	17	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19		
Prof. Development 15	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30	31				
October 2021 (school days) 20								April 2022 (school days) 15							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
					1	2				6*	7	8	9		
Columbus Day 11	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	4	5	6*	7	8	9		
Prof. Development 20	10	11	12	13	14	15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
	17	18	19	20*	21	22	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
November 2021 (school days) 18								May 2022 (school days) 21							
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Parent Conferences 4-5	1	2	3	4*	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Prof. Development 17	14	15	16	17*	18	19	15	16	17	18*	19	20	21		
Thanksgiving Break 24-26	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	28	29	30				29	30	31						
December 2021 (school days) 17								June 2022 (school days) 15							
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Prof. Development 8	5	6	7	8*	9	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
	12	13	14	15	16	17	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Winter Break 24-31	19	20	21	22	23*	24	19	20	21*	22	23	24	25		
Christmas 25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26	27	28	29	30				
January 2022 (school days) 19								July 2022							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
New Year's Day 1						1						1	2		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
MLK Day 17	9	10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
In-Service (K-8) 27	16	17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Mid-Semester Day 27	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In-Service (NS) ■ Conferences ■ District Closed ■ Prof. Development (Early Release) 	<p>*Early Dismissal Day – All District</p> <p>THS Mid Semester Date- January 27, 2022 Grades 9-12 K-8 Teacher In-Service</p> <p>** Please note this is subject to change based on weather</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>November 4 -Early Release K-12 November 5 – No school for students</p> <p>March 3 & 4 – Early Release K-12</p>
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The last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Please note, where possible, snow or emergency days will first be made up through June days. If, however, such snow or emergency days push the last day of school potentially into the last week of June, days may need to be taken from April or other vacations as needed. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-15 and 10-259 the school year must be at least 180 days and cannot extend past the last day of June. The school calendar is posted on the Tolland Public Schools website at <http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us>

* **Early Dismissal Days-** September 15, September 20, November 4, November 17, December 8, December 23, February 16, March 3, March 4, March 16, April 6, May 18, June 21

THS Mid Semester Date- January 27, 2022 ** Please note this is subject to change based on weather

2021-2022 Term Dates

Quarter 1 - September – November, Quarter 2 - November – January, Quarter 3 - February – April, Quarter 4 - April - June
 Trimester 1 - September – December, Trimester 2 - December – March, Trimester 3 - March - June
 Semester 1 - September – January, Semester 2 - February - June

** Please note these are subject to change based on weather

SCHOOL HOURS

SCHOOL(S)	START	END
Tolland High School		
Regular School Day	7:15	1:43
2-Hour Delay	9:15	1:43
Early Dismissal/Exam Days	7:15	10:45
Tolland Middle School		
Regular School Day	8:00	2:30
2-Hour Delay	10:00	2:30
Early Dismissal	8:00	11:45
Tolland Intermediate School		
Regular School Day	8:50	3:20
2-Hour Delay	10:50	3:20
Early Dismissal	8:50	12:45
Birch Grove Primary School		
Regular School Day	8:50	3:20
2-Hour Delay	10:50	3:20
Early Dismissal	8:50	12:45

2020-2021 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

TPS encourages all students and staff members to appreciate and be respectful of each other's heritage and cultural diversity. The following is a list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community. Additional information regarding these and other celebrations is available on our website.

Labor Day	September 6, 2021
Rosh Hashanah	September 7 - 8, 2021
Yom Kippur	September 16, 2021
Columbus Day	October 11, 2021
Diwali	November 4, 2021
Veterans Day	November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	November 25, 2021
Hanukkah begins	November 28, 2021
Christmas	December 25, 2021
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2021
New Year's Day	January 1, 2022
Three Kings Day	January 6, 2022
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 17, 2022
President's Day	February 21, 2022
Holi	March 17, 2022
Ramadan begins	April 2, 2022
Passover begins	April 15, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Greek Orthodox Easter	April 24, 2022
Eid al Fitr	May 2, 2022
Memorial Day	May 30, 2022

■ indicates days on which schools are close

OUR SCHOOLS

Tolland High School

Thomas Poland, Principal
 TBD, Assistant Principal
 One Eagle Hill
 Phone: 870-6818
 Fax: 870-6826
<http://www.ths.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Intermediate School

Jim Dineen, Principal
 Jennifer Merritt, Assistant Principal
 96 Old Post Road
 Phone: 870-6885
 Fax: 872-7126
<http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Public Schools

Walter Willett, Ph.D, Superintendent
 51 Tolland Green
 Phone: 870-6850
 Fax: 870-7737
<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Middle School

Mary Grande, Principal
 Anthony Spangle, Assistant Principal
 One Falcon Way
 Phone: 870-6860
 Fax: 870-5737
<http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Birch Grove Primary School

Tom Swanson, Principal
 Suzanne Guglietta, Assistant Principal
 247 Rhodes Road
 Phone: 870-6750
 Fax: 870-6754
<http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES:

GRADE 3

Third grade teachers would like to start by saying thank you for all the support at home. We know that the couple weeks at home wasn't easy for anyone and your support made it easier for us. We are happy to have in-person students back in school and have our remote learners joining us each day. T.I.S. just wasn't the same without the happy faces of our third graders.

We are making great progress in our curriculum. In the Journeys reading program we are entering Unit 4, Natural Wonders. We start off reading *Judy Moody Saves the World*, where we discuss the importance of recycling. Our next story is *The Albertosaurus Mystery: Philip Currie's Hunt in the Badlands*, where students learn about the hunt for fossils. We'll be working on comprehension skills such as drawing conclusions, point of view, story structure, and monitoring while reading.

For grammar we'll be working on adjectives that compare, word roots, the verb be, helping verbs, irregular verbs, and adverbs. We are plugging right along in Foundations, most teachers are beginning Unit 7. We are working on adding suffixes to words, marking words, and getting into more complex vocabulary.

Classes working in the Math in Focus program are beginning a unit on fractions. Students working in the Bridges math program are beginning their unit on multiplication and division. The San Francisco math program is also working on multiplication. Having students practice math facts with games or reflex is a great way to help them with their daily math skills.

We wrapped up our social studies unit that focused on Connecticut and Tolland in the 1700s. Third graders looked at pictures of the Benton Homestead and learned about what life was like on a self-sufficient farm in the 1700s. We also talked about the importance of living near the Connecticut river during this time. Next, we will begin to focus on a science unit called Odd Motions. Students will learn about forces, gravity, and do hands-on activities that focus on these concepts.

Again, thank you for all your support at home. Third grade teachers are so happy to have wonderful and supportive parents at home during these times.

GRADE 4

Fourth grade students are transitioning from division to decimals. The division unit focuses on helping students understand decimal notation for fractions and comparing decimals. We continue to use IXL and Reflex Math to strengthen our skills.

In Language Arts, we are finishing up Unit 2, "Tell Me More", which included fiction, non-fiction, and biography. We will be starting Unit 3, "Inside Nature", which focuses on non-fiction selections about understanding what's happening in the natural world around us.

We are integrating our social studies unit on the Northeast Region with informational writing instruction. Students are learning to research and write an informational piece related to the Northeast Region. Students are discovering that it's a great place to live!!

Students continue to have a positive attitude as they focus on their learning, and are doing a great job adapting.

GRADE 5

Each month TIS focuses on one positive attribute. This month we are focusing on kindness. Fifth graders are writing one compliment to each classmate. They are also encouraged to write notes to anyone else in their lives who have been kind.

Fifth grade students are working on their fraction and decimal units. They are currently focused on adding and subtracting but soon will be practicing multiplying and dividing. They will also be applying those skills to real world problems.

In language arts, students are enjoying our unit "Play on Words." They are learning the difference between literal and figurative language through literature and skits. We are reading the novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster. This entertaining and engaging book is keeping our students on the edge of their seats! Ask your child to tell you about the book and the Abbott and Costello skit, "Who's on First," if they haven't told you about it already.

In Social Studies students are working on group projects to address the question "How did colonization affect the freedom and equality of various groups of people?" They are taking on the role of being Smithsonian Museum experts to create a Slide Show exhibit entitled, "English Colonization of America."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY??



CARTOON CLUB

DO YOU LOVE TO **DRAW**?
ARE YOU OBSESSED WITH **GRAPHIC NOVELS,**
COMICS, CARTOONS, ANIME, AND MANGA??

Join us **Wednesday, January 20 @ 4:00 PM** on ZOOM
for tips, tricks, exercises, and free-drawing fun!

Meets **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**. Registration is required.
Call **(860) 871-3621** or email ageary@tolland.org to sign-up!
Kids & Teens Ages 7 & Up - FREE

TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY - 21 TOLLAND GREEN EXT - TOLLAND, CT 06084



PAJAMA STORYTIME

January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
6:00 PM on ZOOM

Jammies, stuffies, rhymes, and stories!

Registration Required

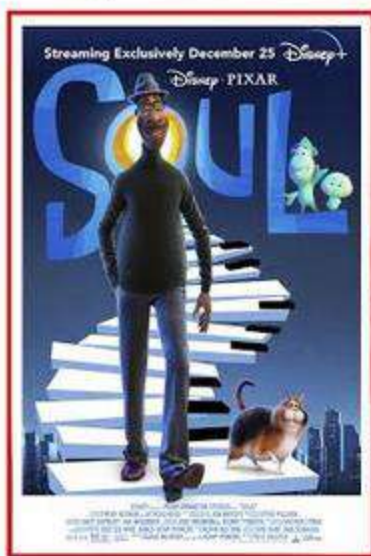
Call (860) 871-3621 or email ageary@tolland.org

Littles & Kids Ages 0-6 - FREE

Tolland Public Library - 21 Tolland Green Ext - 06084

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

★ WATCH PARTIES ★



Soul

[Rated PG]

Thursday, February 11

6:00 PM



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

[Rated TV-PG]

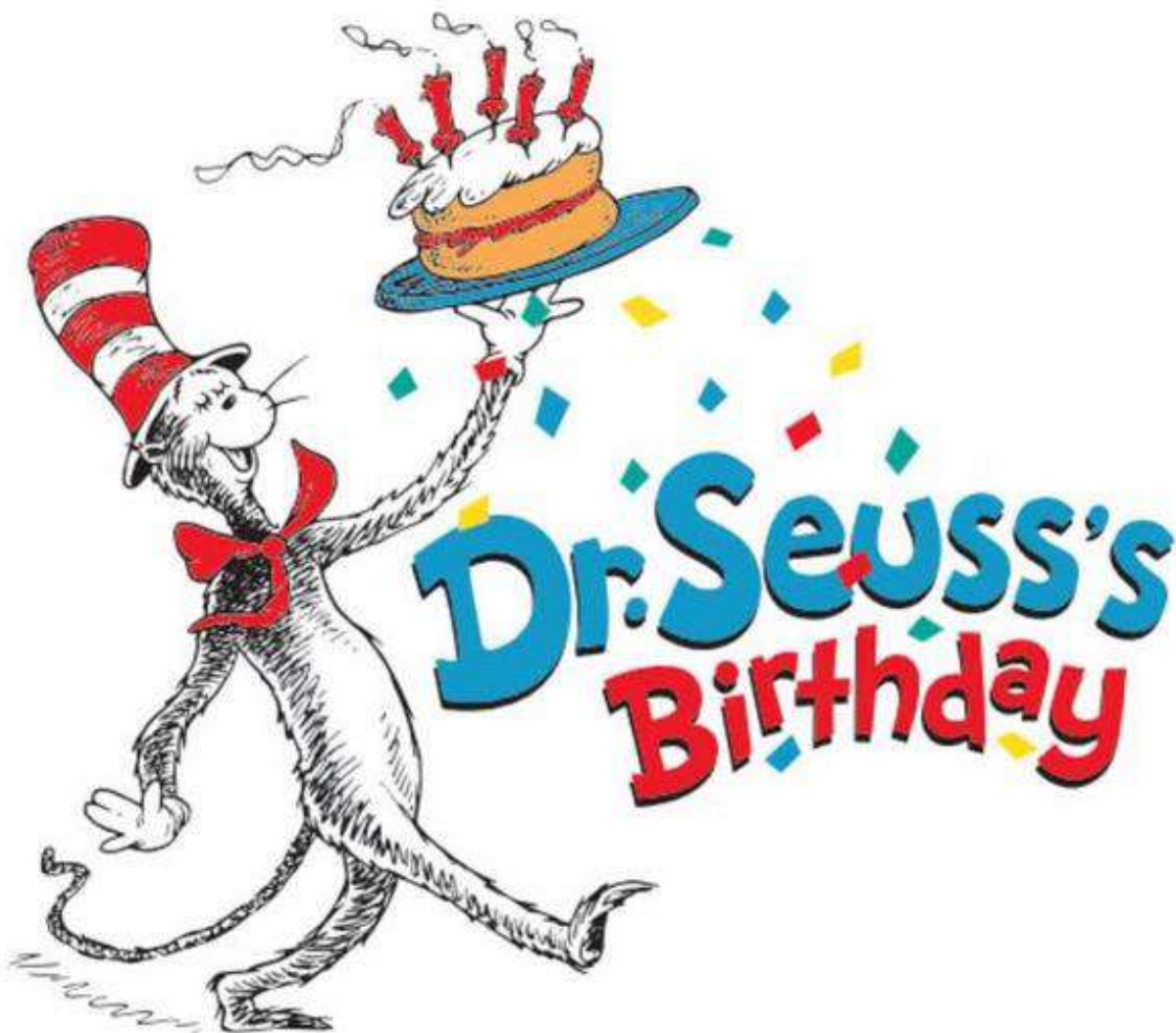
Thursday, February 25

6:00 PM

Celebrate **Black History Month** with two online watch parties!
Register online or contact ageary@tolland.org. All ages. FREE.

Tolland Public Library - (860) 871-3621 - 21 Tolland Green, 06084

<https://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens>



Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021

Ready for, "lots of good fun that is funny!?"
Enjoy crafts, games, & a special Story Time @ 10:30am!

Registration Required for Story Time & Crafts
Call (860) 871-3621 or email ageary@tolland.org today

Littles, Kids, & Caregivers Welcome - FREE

Tolland Public Library
21 Tolland Green Ext - Tolland, CT 06084
<https://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens>



WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP

326 Taft Pond Rd Pomfret, CT 06259

www.4hcampct.org



PUT SOME FUN IN YOUR 2021 SUMMER! June 20 to August 13, 2021

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, located in Pomfret Center, Connecticut, has provided summer camp experiences for thousands of youngsters for over 60 years. The camp has both overnight and day camp programs for boys and girls 6-15 years of age. The camp is located on 270 acres containing woodlands, cabins, recreation areas and scenic lakes. The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp maintains a state license and ACA accreditation. Campers need not be 4-H members.

Our caring, camper-centered, college-aged and trained staff is committed to providing a safe, educational, and fun experience for every child.

All campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs each week including:

- Arts & crafts
- Low and Mid High Ropes courses & Horizontal Climbing wall
- Swimming
- Self-defense
- Fishing
- Sports
- Drama
- Dance
- Archery
- Outdoor Education
- Zip-line
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Knitting

4-H Camp offers a variety of specialty programs also available on a weekly basis for an additional cost.

Horseback riding, farm camp and cow camp

CAMP PRICING 2021

- Day Camp (ages 6-15) \$325 per week (Lunch & Snacks Included)
- Resident Camp (ages 9-15) \$525 per week
- Teen Leadership Program (ages 15-17) Starts at \$525
- Overnight Clover Camp (ages 7-8) \$275 per session (3 -day Sessions)

THEME WEEKS FOR 2021

A **stayover weekend** (July 10th-July 12th) includes a TRIP New England Aquarium, Imax and Duck Tours for campers who attend both weeks 3 & 4.

- **Week 1 – June 20-25 – Scooby Dooooo Week**
- **Week 2 – June 27-July 2 – Medieval Week**
- **Week 3 – July 4-9 – Carnival Week**
- **Week 4 – July 11-16 – Game Show Mania Week**
- **Week 5 – July 18-23 – International Week**
- **Week 6 – July 25-30 – Decades Week**
- **Week 7 – August 1-6 – Water Splash Week**
- **Week 8 – August 9-13 – Capture the Flag! (Day Camp Only)**

Visit our **website** at www.4hcampct.org for Online Registration

E-mail us at registrar@4hcampct.org for a camp brochure or additional information or

Call the Camp Registrar at (860) 974-3379



OPEN HOUSES

Sunday January 31 & Sunday, February 21

Sunday March 14 & Saturday April 18

From 2:00 to 4:00 PM Each Day

OPEN HOUSE EXTRA – April 17

Please join us April 18 - 12:30 PM for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child.



Call or email to request a brochure (860) 974-3379 ~ registrar@4hcampct.org

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
through June 30, 2021**



REASONS TO GET SCHOOL MEALS

Supports our school district and keeps staff working Saves you time & money*Includes fresh fruits, vegetables, milk and whole grains*Is prepared by Food Service professionals trained in food safety*Extends your household food budget* Great tasting, nutritious, kid-friendly choices

**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:

K-5 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.

6-12 students will sign-up in the morning for a grab & go meal to pick up on their way out of the building at the end of the day.

Breakfast is now be offered at all schools each morning.

Remote Meals:

Available with a preorder.

NEW - Weekend meals now available – Must order by Monday for Wednesday pick-up.

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

**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 LITTLE LEAGUE

**SPRING BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

Visit
TollandLittleLeague.com
for more info.



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