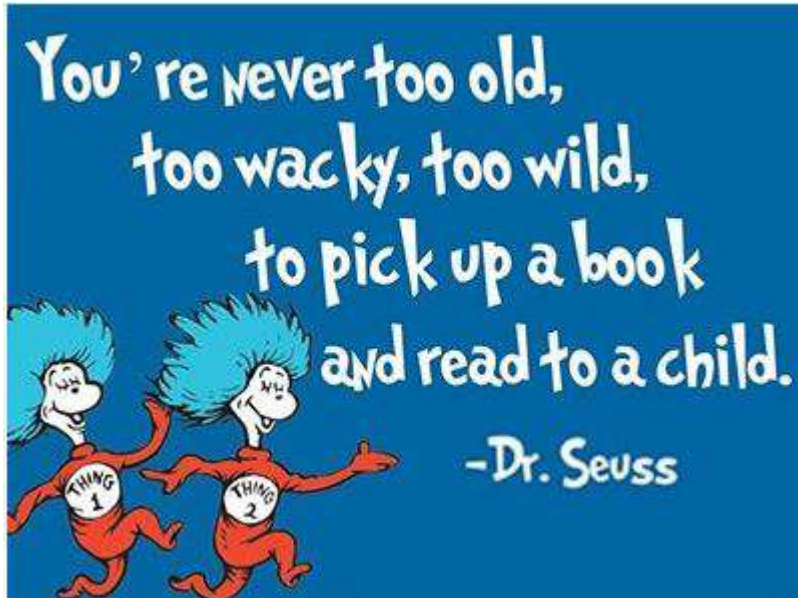


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JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:

Please CLICK BELOW to get the **DIGITAL BACKPACK** information for the listed school:

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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Newtown Start with Hello Program

The Student Council at TIS is excited to announce that for the first time at Tolland Intermediate School, they will be participating in the Start with Hello Program. The Start with Hello Program was founded by the **Sandy Hook Promise Organization** and is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to encourage students to look out and care for one another. Young people have the power to see someone, reach out and Start with Hello in order to reduce social isolation and create a more connected and inclusive school. Each student has the power to make a difference and make a new friend. All students and staff will have the opportunity to participate. The T.I.S. Student Council will be collecting voluntary \$1.00 donations for the Sandy Hook Promise Organization.

MATH IN FOCUS PARENT NIGHT – PLEASE SEE THE FLYER FOR THIS GREAT PARENT EVENT-

[CLICK HERE](#)

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2016 KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

Birch Grove Primary School in Tolland, CT will host the 2016-2017 Kindergarten Parent Meeting on March 10, 2016. This informational meeting is for parents of students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2016, and will be held at 7:00 pm in the Birch Grove Primary School gymnasium.

The meeting is for parents only.

The 2016-2017 Kindergarten registration process will begin the week of March 14 - March 18, 2016. Packets may be dropped off in the Birch Grove Primary School main office each day from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. In addition, the front office will be open for registration from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Families who return their registration packet during this week, will receive a "Class of 2029" Birch Grove Primary School t-shirt for their child.

Standardized Testing Update

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and State Department of Education (SDE) Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell announced the implementation of a new step that will reduce testing time and expand learning time for more than 200,000 Connecticut children across over 800 schools. Changes to the application of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), impacting every student in grades three through eight, is as part of a broader effort to help districts spend less time testing students and more time teaching. As part of the new steps to reduce state testing, the performance tasks, which are often duplicative with in-class work, will be eliminated.

From the HS:

SAT and CAPT testing was a successful endeavor at Tolland High School on March 2! We had over 95% of our sophomores and juniors participate in testing and will work to provide access to the test to absent students in March (for CAPT Science) and on April 27 (for SAT). We thank the students for their thoughtful participation, parents for their positive encouragement for participation, and the staff for working so hard to orchestrate a very busy day.

[Please click HERE to see more information from the state on the SAT](#)

NWEA

The Winter administration of the NWEA test in reading and mathematics for all freshman students was challenging to schedule with missed days and delays that could not have been predicted. Testing is now complete and teachers are using the resultant data to focus their

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instruction and set goals for student growth in the second semester. Similar NWEA testing occurs in all schools and is used to measure student growth, and to set teacher goals. For more information, please contact the Superintendent.

More information on the SBAC:

http://portal.ct.gov/Departments_and_Agencies/Office_of_the_Governor/Press_Room/Press_Releases/2016/02-2016/Gov_Malloy_and_Education_Commissioner_Wentzell_Announce_New_Step_to_Reduce_State_Testing/

On a related note, sign up for the Superintendent Community Workshops on **Assessment**. These will build off the previous Workshop on Assessments in Tolland held this year. You do not have to have attended the first to attend these. They will be held March 22, 2016 and May 9, 2016 held at the Central Office, 51 Tolland Green, starting at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Jen Palumbo @ jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Tolland High School Drama Club to present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

The Tolland High School Drama Club will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. in the Tolland High School Auditorium. This show is the first collaboration for the team of Rice and Lloyd Webber and started its life as a 15-minute pop cantata before being developed into a fully-staged operetta, where almost every line of dialogue is sung. The show tells the biblical story of Joseph and how his ability to interpret dreams affects his life and the life of his family. It is a family-friendly show filled with ever-changing musical genres and non-stop movement. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens and can be purchased at the door. THS students can also purchase tickets in school during all lunch waves. For more information, contact Linda Tracy, director, at 860-870-6818 ext. 129.

CONGRATS TO OUR STUDENTS AT THE CMEA

Five students from Tolland High School have earned places in the CMEA All-State Music Festival. Chelsea Weaver (soprano), Felicity Roche (alto) and Travis Tran (tenor) will be performing in the festival chorus. James Gifford (tuba) and Ben Free (trombone) will be performing in the festival band. The students auditioned for All-State at North Haven High School on January 30 after having completed membership in the Eastern Region Music Festival. The All-State Music Festival will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford April 28-30.

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2016 DECA State Competition Winners

Lynne Bridge – Tolland High School DECA Advisor

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Yesterday, at the Connecticut State DECA Competition, over 1000 students from across the state competed in 30 different business categories. Tolland High School was represented by 53 outstanding business students. The following 7 students placed in the TOP 6 in their category:

Individuals:

Andrew Burns

Justin Szabo

Ethan Shea

Teams of:

Abigail Chromik & Ashley Robinson

Josh Schramm & Chris Zimmerman

In addition, the following **7 students** placed in the TOP 3 in their category and will be headed to Nashville, TN for the International DECA competition in April.

Jack Yates – 3rd place – Business Finance

Annchi Li – 1st place – Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

Jake Fenner – 3rd place – Business Services Marketing

Matt Holyst & Hannah McLain – 2nd place – Marketing Communications Team

Kevin Fiddler & Owen Raccagni – 2nd Place – Sports and Entertainment Marketing

And special recognition also goes to **Kevin Fiddler** who was elected as the next State President for Connecticut DECA,

Congratulations to all DECA members for a job well done!



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Links and other information of potential interest

[Tolland 5K Road Race](#)

[Board of Education Agenda-March 9, 2016](#)

[Tolland High School Basketball Team Reading to Birch Grove students for Read Across American Day!](#)



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 2, 2016, was the Connecticut SAT School Day administration. SAT scores are used by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) for school and district accountability purposes. The CSDE adheres to all federal and state data privacy laws and does not release student data to third parties, including colleges or universities.

Parents and students have control over the release of the score to colleges and universities from the March 2, 2016, Connecticut SAT School Day. If students and parents want an SAT score from the March 2, 2016, Connecticut SAT School Day exam to be sent to colleges or universities, they must *explicitly request a "score send" from College Board.*

1. Following the March 2, 2016, Connecticut SAT School Day exam, students will receive four free "score sends."
 - **The deadline for orders is Friday, March 11, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EST.**
2. In order to send scores, students must already have or create a College Board account at collegeboard.org/mysat and then select each college or university they want to receive scores.
 - Requests for "score sends" after the deadline are \$11.25 each.
 - Additional "score sends" are \$11.25 each.
3. Students who have taken the SAT on multiple occasions (including the Connecticut SAT School Day exam) have the option of using *Score Choice* at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-score-choice>.
 - *Score Choice* allows students and parents to choose which SAT score (by test date) to send to colleges or universities.
 - It is up to students and parents to investigate college or university policies regarding admission procedures related to SAT scores to determine what scores are needed.
4. Students and parents can **completely remove** the March 2, 2016, Connecticut SAT School Day exam score from the student's College Board record of SAT scores.
 - Students and parents must complete a *Request to Cancel Score Form*, which will be distributed on test day. Please fax your signed request to: 610-290-8978, or send by overnight mail to SAT Program, Score Cancellation, 1425 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618.
 - **The deadline to completely remove scores is Monday, March 7, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

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- SAT scores from the March 2, 2016 Connecticut SAT School Day exam will still be used by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) for school and district accountability purposes.

For more information about assessments, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education SAT web page at www.ct.gov/sde/sat .