



## **T.I.S. Digital Backpack**

**October 4, 2021**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:**

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Guardians,

Our Fifth Grade Open House Night is an opportunity for parents and guardians to visit their child's classroom. *The event is for parents/guardians only.* It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th from 6:30pm - 6:50pm. This year Open House will be abbreviated. Teachers will conduct a brief overview of their classrooms. We will not conduct our traditional, large group presentation in our cafeteria. Upon arrival, please go directly to your child's classroom for a 15 minute teacher-led presentation about their classroom. If you are unable to attend, please see the Tolland Intermediate School Webpage. A digital link will be made available from Monday, October 4th through Monday, October 11th. The link will provide you with the opportunity to view the presentation for your child's classroom. Conference sign-ups will not occur at Open House. More information regarding conferences will be sent at a later date. Feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any additional questions.

If possible, we ask that one adult per household attend our Open House. This event is for parents and guardians only. Lastly, please remember that masks are required in public school buildings.

Thank you

### **Chromebooks**

All students enrolled in Tolland Public Schools are provided with Chromebook as part of our one to one initiative. In order to secure a Chromebook for your child, please use the link below to access the Tolland Public Schools Chromebook Form.

#### [Chromebook Form](https://tolland.na2.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLblqZhB6xyNZmjJqAKs1rzUBjHqlO2lGKvzLaIwX-mFkXorxeSeXM-E_etmNRorOJkELDCE*)

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There is also a link to this form on the TIS website under Quick Links at the bottom of the page.

**Please see some important points of information about T.I.S. below:**

### **Bus Release Form**

If you would like to give the bus company permission to get off the bus without an adult, please use the link below to access the appropriate form. It is also available under the Quick Links section on our website. These forms must be filled out every school year.

#### [Bus Release Form](#)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqDAWA\\_o3BRe3cervWZ9JNgGLR96CD2SJDRcxXcOLx0wcbVg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqDAWA_o3BRe3cervWZ9JNgGLR96CD2SJDRcxXcOLx0wcbVg/viewform)

### **After School Pick up**

If you will be picking up your child on a regular basis, please use the link below to access the appropriate form.

#### [Weekly After School Pick up](#)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTOPsL8ORQ7\\_isX5YOZdKPjnfXsariR5zKezn8xFl6dueAjw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTOPsL8ORQ7_isX5YOZdKPjnfXsariR5zKezn8xFl6dueAjw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

### **Google Classroom**

All teachers have created Google Classrooms and sent invitations to their students. Teachers will use Google Classrooms for various activities/assignments throughout the year.

### **Morning Drop off**

Student drop off is located in the parking lot directly in front of TIS. Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:30. A staff member will be stationed in the drop off lane each morning from 8:30 – 8:45. Students arriving after 8:45 must be walked into the building by a parent or guardian and signed in at the main office. All students must be wearing a mask as they exit family cars.

### **After School Pick Up**

Our end of the day student pick up remains in the rear of the building. In order to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff, parents and guardians will not be allowed in the building. Parents and guardians will stand in a line outside the rear of the building and proceed to the rear door one at a time. Parents/guardians will be required to hold an ID up to the door window. Staff will then view the parent/guardian ID and bring the student to the door for dismissal. After school pick up will be held from 3:15 - 3:40.

### **Visitor Parking**

To help ensure the safety of our students, the driveway in front is reserved for bus traffic only. Please do not drive in the bus lane. Visitor parking is located in front of T.I.S. If you are visiting TIS, please use one of the designated visitor parking spaces located in the front lot.



## T.I.S. Calendar

### October

- 5 Picture Day
- 5 Grade 5 Open House, 6:30 pm (in person)
- 6 Early Release (students released at 12:45)
- 11 NO SCHOOL
- 20 Early Release (students released at 12:45)
- 27 Coffee w/ the Principal (see flyer)



**October 5, 2021**

**More details and order forms will come home closer to the date. Options to pay by check or online**



# FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

## Unified Arts Update for September 2021

Art ~ Library ~ Music ~ Physical Education



**Ms. Ballard - ART** Welcome back! It's great to see all your happy faces!

**Grade 3-** Our third graders will be getting started with learning the **Elements of Art**.

The first Element we will be working with is Line and learning about different types of Lines. We will then make a composition using the different types of lines and add another Element of Art, called Color. Students will then select their color scheme from the primary, secondary and neutral colors.



**Grade 4 -** Grade four artists will start the year by working with the **Elements**, Line and Color. The students will design a Paper Shadow Box highlighting their first names and illustrations of things they like.

**Grade 5 -** Grade five students will be inspired by the artist **Alexander Calder** and start by making 3D Wire Animal sculptures. Alexander Cadler's first artwork that brought him fame was his miniature wire circus. He was best known for his love and work with **Mobiles**. Students will be asked to select their favorite animal and

bring in a picture of their animal to work from. The sculptures will have a wooden painted base and colored wire to help us explore our first “Principle of Design” called **Emphasis**.

- **All students** in grades 3, 4 and 5 have been given a large two gallon size ziplock baggie to keep all of their art materials together. Students will need to bring these materials with them to every class.
- **All students** should bring in a smock to wear during art to protect their clothes. The smock can be placed in the ziplock baggie until needed.
- **All T. I. S.** students have been asked to join Ms. Ballard’s Google Classroom.

### **Mrs. Hill - Library**

**Grade 3** - Grade three library students will be introduced to Destiny, the online library catalog system. Destiny helps students find books on the shelf at the TIS library. They will review fiction, nonfiction, biography and reference books and how to tell the difference between them. Students will review three Google Apps: Docs, Slides and Forms. They will open, edit and turn in practice “assignments”. They will also use Google Apps in class to complete library work such as short research assignments. Third grade students will also participate in STEM challenges throughout the year in library. STEM = science, tech, engineering, and math. Sometimes an “A” is added to STEM to make STEAM - the “A” stands for art. Students will use creative thinking, cooperation, exploration, design, building, testing and presentation skills during the STEM/STEAM challenges. And, of course, third grade students will have access to almost 15,000 books in the TIS library! They will learn about searching for books of interest and specific fiction genres to find “just the right books” for them!

**Grade 4 and Grade 5** - Fourth and fifth grade students will review library topics they learned in earlier grades like Destiny, the online library catalog system. Destiny helps students find books on the shelf at the TIS library. They will review fiction, nonfiction, biography and reference books and how to tell the difference between them. Students will review three Google Apps: Docs, Slides and Forms. They will open, edit and turn in practice “assignments”. They will also use Google Apps in class to complete library work such as short research assignments. Third grade students will also participate in STEM challenges throughout the year in library. In addition to these lessons, students will practice simple search strategies



on the internet, learning how to tell the difference between a helpful website and an advertisement. They will also use other tech programs like Nearpod that are fun, interactive ways to show what they learned.

### **Mrs. Baker - Music/Chorus**

**Grade 3 general music:** Third graders have been singing folk songs, playing musical instruments, reading folktales and fables, and learning number counting of quarter note and eighth note rhythms to start our school year. They have done folk dances from around the world and movement activities which teach our musical concepts.



**Grade 4 General Music:** The fourth graders will be learning about the music, instruments, geography, dances and cultures of North American, South America and Australia. The students will also work on mastering the names of the notes on the treble staff and learn number counting.

**Grade 5 general music:** In fifth grade the focus is going to be on using the musical concepts they have been learning in the primary grades to create, perform, and compose music. Students will be doing graphic, standard and computer composing. The students will work on mastering the names of the notes on the treble staff and learn number counting. The highlight of this year's curriculum will be learning to play the ukulele. Students do NOT have to own their own ukulele. Fifth grade music will be a fun filled academic year.



### **Mrs. Marchesani - Band/Chorus**

**Chorus for Grade 4 and Grade 5:** Sign-up information will be available October 18th. Both Choruses this year will be under the direction of Mrs. Marchesani. Students may sign up for both Chorus and Band!

**Grade 4 Band:** Last call for sign-ups for 4th grade Band! Our virtual Instrument Rental Night was held on September 15th and was very well attended. Rental

instruments or family owned instruments sent out for servicing should be delivered to TIS by Friday, October 1st. Small group Band instruction classes begin during the week of October 4th! Small group Band instruction classes are meeting during the school day on a pull-out basis during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding. A limited number of class slots are available before school. October's focus will be correct instrument assembly, producing a characteristic tone on the instrument and tap into students' concentration, confidence and responsibility skills. Our 4th graders can't wait to start!

**Grade 5 Band:** 5th Grade Band is open to all 5th grade students and it's not too late to sign-up! We welcome back students who started Band last year in 4th grade and also any 5th grader who wants to learn how to play a concert band instrument. Small group Band instruction classes are meeting during the school day on a pull-out basis during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding. If your child's instrument was not cleaned or serviced over the summer, it's always a good idea to schedule your child's instrument to be cleaned and serviced. Please contact your rental company directly to make arrangements. If you own the instrument, please email me if you need suggestions for instrument servicing/repair techs. [nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us)

**For both Bands:** If you're new to Band, several area music stores rent band instruments on a trial basis. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative that visits TIS during the school year every Friday. Please contact them directly for instrument rental information. 1-800-724-7402  
Website: <https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals> Online rental is available 24/7.

TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning how to play an instrument is a truly unique experience. I look forward to seeing and hearing your child's progress this year!



**Mr. Downing – Physical Education**

**Third Grade:** The first unit stresses listening and following directions through the use of various movement activities and games.

**Fourth Grade:** The students are preparing for the Connecticut physical fitness assessment. Testing will begin in October.

**Fifth Grade:** Fifth grade will be working on the various sport skills and teamwork while participating in a variety of games.

# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one) Continuing Band or New member

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

*It is most highly recommended that oboe and french horn students take private lessons in addition to school-based instruction.*

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone numbers (best) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any additional information on the lines below:

*If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact me at the email below my name.*

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# Tolland Intermediate School

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band 2021-2022

I am so happy and excited to be the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director again this year and I can't wait to see and hear my students from last year! Also, it's not too late to join 5th grade Band. Yes, you can learn an instrument this year even if you did not start last year.

Here is some initial information about 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band. This year, Band students may be seated 3 feet apart if they are wearing their music masks and using bell covers on their instruments. My plan is to start small group instruction classes during the week of September 20, 2021. These small groups will meet during the school day on a pull-out basis during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding. We may need to use some recess time as well. In the past (before the pandemic) we would also have full ensemble rehearsal once per week. Currently, we're hoping to have large numbers of students playing band instruments together after January. I'll keep you posted!

If you're new to Band, several area music stores rent band instruments on a trial basis. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative that visits TIS during the school year every Friday. Please contact them directly for instrument rental information. Online rental is available 24/7.

Gerry's Music Shop

1-800-724-7402

Website:

<https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals>

Thank you for your time at the beginning of what is sure to be a fantastic musical journey and creative opportunity for your child. I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

*Any Questions, Comments or Concerns? Please contact me!*

Mrs. Norma J. Marchesani

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*You Are Cordially Invited To:*



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL  
2021-2022

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

Meeting Dates:

October 27, 2021	February 9, 2022
No November Meeting	March 23, 2022
December 15, 2021	April 27, 2022
January 26, 2022	May 25, 2022

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

*Please RSVP*

*to Pam Babey ([pbabey@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto: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. Please join us!*





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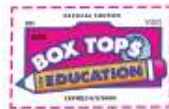


### EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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# HALLOWEEN STORY TIME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ 10:30 AM

Join us for spooky silly stories,  
a (not too) creepy holiday craft,  
and a costume parade around the library!



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# BABY BOOKWORMS

WEDNESDAYS @ 11:00 AM



## Lap Sit Stories & Playtime for Ages 0-2

8-week Fall Session

**September, 1st - October, 13th**

MASKS are REQUIRED for ALL ADULTS.

Call (860) 871-3621 or email [ageary@tolland.org](mailto:ageary@tolland.org) for more info

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[www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens](http://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens)





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