



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

**December 13, 2021**



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

#### **PJ Day for the Kids**

Thank you to the T.I.S. Community for the outstanding participation displayed during PJ Day for the Kids. The TIS Community collected a record \$1479.75 for Connecticut Children's Medical Center. This year's PJ Day was even more meaningful for us than usual as one of our students is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. As a school community we proudly wore stickers in support of one of our own HAWK Community members.

At the outset of PJ Day teachers read a statement to their classes explaining why we would all be wearing stickers on PJ Day. The statement included a very basic explanation of cancer, the impact treatment may have on an individual's energy level as well as some information about our community members battling cancer.

#### **Morning Drop Off**

Please keep in mind that during drop off, some students may take a little extra time gathering their materials and exiting cars. Please do not pass cars in the drop off lane as there are many pedestrians walking in our lot each morning.

#### **Student Agendas Have Arrived!**

After being delayed in shipping since August, our Tolland Intermediate School student agendas have arrived. Due to the delay in shipping, the agenda manufacturer has agreed to reduce the cost of our agendas by 40%. The cost of agendas is \$2.00 per student. If you have not already submitted payment for your child's agenda, please submit a check for \$2.00 made out to TIS SAA, at your earliest convenience. Thank you

#### **Video Announcements**

We will soon begin producing our Friday video announcements. Members of the Tolland Intermediate School Technology Club, work together to produce weekly video announcements, Our video announcements include students announcing daily lunch menus, other school related news and our Friday jokes. Video announcements are

produced by technology club members, along with club advisor Miss Yaglowksi. Our video announcements are viewed by all classrooms via SMART Boards.

### **CogAT**

Our third grade students will soon be taking a cognitive ability test called the CogAT. The CogAT consists of three 30 minute tests, a verbal battery, a quantitative battery, and a non verbal battery. This information will be used to help teachers adapt instructional methods, learning materials, and the pace of instruction to the individual needs of the student so that students can learn more effectively. The results of the CogAT will also be used to help identify academically gifted students, which is mandated by state statute.

### **PowerSchool Portal Closed 12/7 - 12/16**

The Powerschool Portal will be closed December 7 through December 16. During this time, teachers will work on completing first trimester grades. The portal will reopen on the morning of December 16.

### **Winter Weather**

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, or if the temperature and wind chill combine for a temperature less than 20 degrees.

# T.I.S. Calendar

## December

- 7 Picture Retakes
- 8 Winter Swag Day
- 8 Early Release, 12:40 dismissal
- 10 District-Wide P.J. Day (\$1  
Donation to CCMC optional)
- 15 Coffee With the Principal, 9:30
- 23 Early Release, 12:40 dismissal

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NO SCHOOL December 24-January 2  
(students back on Monday, Jan. 3)







## FROM OUR MATH INTERVENTION DEPARTMENT

We've been busy in math intervention the past few weeks diving deeper into grade-level concepts, and learning new strategies.

The third graders have been doing a lot of work with addition and subtraction within 100, including word problems. Students worked on identifying the key information in a story problem, and organizing that information in a graphic organizer in order to visualize the math that was needed for the problem. Students have also been learning a lot of strategies to help them with subtraction that involves regrouping. Students got *really* into the "Race to Zero" game that involved practicing subtraction with 2-digit numbers. The excitement and anticipation during the final rounds of the game were almost too much to handle!

Fourth grade has shifted the focus from basic 2-digit multiplication strategies to tackling multiplication & division word problems. These students have also been working on identifying the key information in a story problem, and organizing that information into a graphic organizer. Students then create an equation to represent the question being asked, and label their answer with the correct units. There are a lot of steps to these word problems and students are working hard to make sure they are filling in the graphic organizer and equations to accurately represent the story problem.

Fifth graders have been doing a lot of work with fractions in recent weeks, including creating and building different fractions out of strips of construction paper. We've been working on comparing fractions with unlike denominators, finding equivalent fractions, and adding & subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. Students were really engaged when playing the memory/matching game we played that involved matching a fraction picture card with the fraction number card that the picture represented.

We have recently started a "Reflex Challenge" in intervention, that rewards students for completing their green lights or at least 20 minutes of practice on reflex per day. Every 5 greenlights/20 min sessions a student has, they will receive a hawk card. There will also be a competition between each of the intervention groups for the group that completes the most greenlight/20 min sessions!

Here are some helpful links to support math learning at home:

[Reflex Link](#)

[Grade 3 Unit 3 Overview](#)

[Grade 4 Unit 3 Overview](#)

[Grade 5 Unit 3 Overview](#)



**WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP**  
**326 Taft Pond Rd Pomfret, CT 06259**  
**www.4hcampct.org**



**PUT SOME FUN IN YOUR 2022 SUMMER!**  
**June 26 to August 19, 2022**

**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.  
**Wood fiber Crafts, Horseback riding, farm camp and cow camp**

### CAMP PRICING 2022

- Day Camp (ages 6-15).....\$345 per week (Lunch & Snacks Included)
- Resident Camp (ages 9-15).....\$545 per week
- Teen Leadership Program (ages 15-17).....Starts at \$545
- Overnight Clover Camp (ages 7-8).....\$285 per session (3 -day Sessions)

We will be following all CDC, State & Local Guidelines in relation to COVID-19. We are keeping up with the guidelines as they change.

### THEME WEEKS FOR 2022

- **Week 1 – June 26-July 1- Pirates v. Dinosaurs**
- **Week 2 – July- 3-8 – Safari Week**
- **Week 3 – July 10-15 – Carnival Week**
- **Week 4 – July 17-22 – Spy Week**
- **Week 5 – July 24-29 – International Week**
- **Week 6 – July 31- Aug 5 –Fairy Tale Week**
- **Week 7 – August 7-12 – Under the Sea Week**
- **Week 8 – August 15-19 – Capture the Flag! (Day Camp Only)**

Visit our **website at [www.4hcampct.org](http://www.4hcampct.org)** for Online Registration

E-mail us at [registrar@4hcampct.org](mailto:registrar@4hcampct.org) for a camp brochure or additional information or

Call the Camp Registrar at (860) 974-3379



### OPEN HOUSES

**Saturday January 8 & Sunday, February 20**

**Sunday March 13 & Saturday April 23**

**From 1:00 to 3:00 PM Each Day**

### OPEN HOUSE EXTRA – April 23

Please join us April 23 - 12:30 PM for an informational parent panel on the benefits of Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp for you and your child

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神韻晚會 2021  
**SHEN YUN**  
CHINA BEFORE COMMUNISM



**S**HEN YUN'S unique artistic vision expands theatrical experience into a multi-dimensional, deeply moving journey. Featuring one of the world's most ancient and richest dance systems—classical Chinese dance—along with dynamic animated backdrops and all-original orchestral works, Shen Yun opens a portal to a civilization of enchanting beauty and enlightening wisdom.

Shen Yun Performing Arts is a nonprofit organization based in New York. Its mission is to revive 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture. Traditional Chinese culture—with its deep spiritual roots and profoundly optimistic worldview—was displaced by communism in China. While Shen Yun cannot perform in China today, it is sharing this precious heritage with the world.

"Shen Yun brought something most needed in this world—hope: hope for a better world, hope for a better future, hope for a better life."

—Jesse Miranda, producer

"Absolutely the greatest of the great! There is no word to describe it... If I had to, the words might be 'divine,' 'reborn' and 'hope'. You have to see it to believe it."

—Christine Walevska, master cellist

Dec 26, 2021 • The Bushnell



ShenYun.com/Hartford  
860-987-5900

<https://youtu.be/DnJjDESe0uo>



# FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:

## FROM THE READING DEPARTMENT

Happy Holidays Tolland Readers!

It's December which means we're entering peak book giving time. Giving books as gifts is a great way to help raise kids who read. If you're looking for some new suggestions, just click on the link below for a comprehensive look at the Best Books of 2021 from the [School Library Journal](#). There's even a handy downloadable guide just below the brightly colored category section. And... for parents looking for ways to actively help their young readers, we've included instructions for corrective feedback.

[Best Books 2021](#)

### Corrective Feedback for parental buddy reading:

**Step 1: Find a well rested child with a full belly, a good book and a quiet spot.**

**Step 2: Take turns alternating reading one sentence at a time.**

*(This allows the child to balance decoding with comprehension.)*

**Step 3: The listener waits *until the reader finishes reading the sentence and* if the**

**readers' words do not match the text **exactly (100%)**...**

**Step 4: The listener politely says, "Again, please!"**

**Step 5: If the reader does not correct the word on the second read, the partner may**

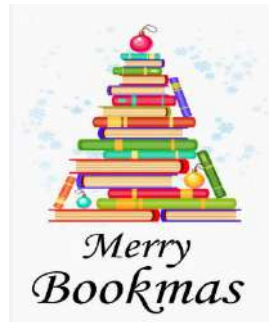
**help by asking the child to spell the word aloud (*This focuses attention on all***

***the letters and usually results in the correct word*). If it's a word the child most**

likely doesn't know the meaning of, or if things are getting tense,  
it's better to  
just correct the error.

Readers who lose their place or guess at words while reading should be encouraged to track their reading with a finger or small piece of paper. Covering prefixes and suffixes helps readers to identify the base word for meaning and word structure.

Happy Bookmas from the T.I.S. Reading Department!



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Tolland, CT 06084  
860-870-6885

**Attention: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Sign-Up Information**

I am very excited that we can start 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus meets 1 day per week. (Band students: you can sing in the Chorus, too!) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus meets on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:40 a.m. in the Cafeteria. A small second section for students who cannot be dropped off before school will meet during the 4<sup>th</sup> grade recess time in Mrs. Marchesani's room. According to the State of CT guidelines, Chorus members will sing with masks on and be spaced 3 feet apart. The Spring concert will be an evening performance, date TBA. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus begins on **Friday, December 10, 2021!**

**Student Responsibilities:**

- Understand that Chorus is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow basic music room guidelines
  - Respect others, yourself, and all materials
  - Always do your best work
  - Always use your best manners
- Stay on task during rehearsals

**Chorus Benefits**

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Singing two, three or four part rounds & partner songs
- Learn how to read basic notation
- Refine performance skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!!!

**To sign up:** Send the Chorus Contract (page 2) back to TIS by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chorus is open to anyone in fourth grade. No audition required! Students that sign up for chorus are "instant members."

I am looking forward to a great chorus year! Please contact me during the school year if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

[nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us) or 860-870-6885, x 40226.

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Student \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following questions will help me with scheduling and music planning. Remember: no previous experience is necessary! ☺

What was your favorite song in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer Morning Chorus (Friday 8:00-8:40 a.m.) or Recess Chorus?

Please circle: **Morning**      **Recess (recess Chorus is limited to 10 students)**

*\*Morning Chorus is most highly recommended. Students have less than 25 minutes of rehearsal time at recess\**

**\*\*\*\*\*Chorus Contract\*\*\*\*\***

I understand that every Chorus member is important to the success of the group. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performance(s). I fully understand my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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

Best telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns/accommodations needed below.

***Return This Page to Mrs. Marchesani***

## FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

During the end of October, November, and December hearing and vision screenings will be taking place in Tolland Public Schools.

Students will have vision screenings performed with a 20-second scan via the PediaVision scanner as performed by a trained Tolland Lions Club member. This screening is capable of screening for astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, misalignment of the eyes and pupil size anomalies.

The scanner is held 3 feet away from children so there is no direct physical contact. All of the screening is also done in the presence of the school nurse.

For any student who screens outside of normal, a printout and referral letter will be sent home. For students currently under care for vision, this printout can be provided at their next exam.

For hearing screening, students will be screened by the school nurse. Any student who does not pass initial hearing screening will be rescreened by the RN prior to a referral letter being sent home.

For any questions about this screening process, please reach out to your school nurse, Paula Feyerharm, RN at [pfeyerharm@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:pfeyerharm@tolland.k12.ct.us) or 860.870.6891 ext 2.

*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   |
| <b>December 15, 2021</b> | 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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***Wednesday, December 15***

**4:00 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Watch Anime With Your Friends  
Discuss Your Favorite Manga  
Read, Draw, Game, and Enjoy Exotic Snacks**

**Club for Pre-Teens & Teens, Ages 10+ only.**

**FREE.**

**\*Registration Required\***

**Tolland Public Library**

**21 Tolland Green, Tolland CT, 06084**

**(860) 871-3621 | [www.tolland.org/library](http://www.tolland.org/library)**

# LEGO<sup>®</sup> CLUB



Thursdays, December 9 & 23  
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

Create, challenge yourself, & build with friends!



Kids & Pre-Teens Only

Masks Required

Tolland Public Library  
21 Tolland Green Ext - Tolland, CT 06084  
[tolland.org/library/pages/kids-and-teens](http://tolland.org/library/pages/kids-and-teens)  
(860) 871-3621 | [ageary@tolland.org](mailto:ageary@tolland.org)



**\*Contact our Children's Librarian  
for Online Hybrid Options\***



# TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL



**Wednesday, December 29**  
**4:00 - 4:45 PM**

- Design your own library programs.
- Earn community service credit hours.
- Have a say in the YA books, movies, and games that YOU want in the library!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED - AGES 13+ - FREE**

Call **(860) 871-3621** or email **ageary@tolland.org** for more info

**TOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.TOLLAND.ORG/LIBRARY/PAGES/KIDS-TEENS](https://www.tolland.org/library/pages/kids-teens)**  
**21 TOLLAND GREEN EXT. - TOLLAND, CT 06084**

# Tolland Recreation Dept, Youth Basketball

**For boys & girls in Grades 3 thru 12**

A fun program designed to help improve individual skills and learn the fundamentals of basketball. Separate program for boys and girls.

**Boys League:** Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Girls League:** Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

All practices and games take place on Saturdays, starting December 11th through March. Times will vary based on number of teams in each age category.

Please DO NOT wait to register-**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!**

Register on-line, by mail, or in person (REGISTER AT: [WWW.TOLLANDREC.COM](http://WWW.TOLLANDREC.COM))

We will not accept registrations after November 28, 2021

Volunteer coaches are needed for all age groups - Coaches training provided.

Call the recreation office at 860-871-3610.

Day: Saturdays

Date: December 11, 2021 - Beginning of March 2022

Time: TBA

Ages: Grades 3 - 12

Registration Fee: \$95.00

Location: TBA

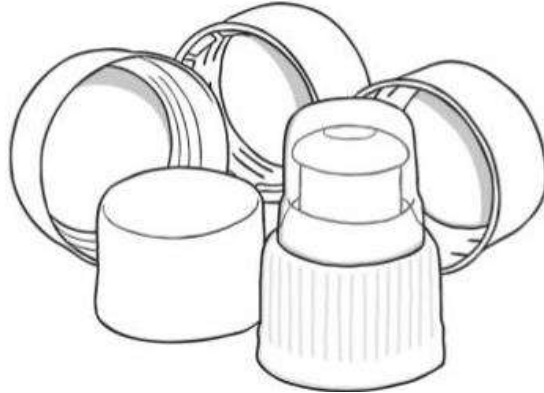
A separate Basketball Program for younger children will be offered in January.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!**



# **1 Million Bottle Caps:**

**Donate Your Bottle Caps to Keep Our Ocean Environment healthy and safe for everyone.**



New Date: October 1st - June 2022

Please empty your bottle caps (no plastic bags) into the bins around the school

## **Acceptable Types of Bottle Caps:**

- Beverage bottle caps  
(water, soda, juice, sports drinks)
- Milk and juice jug caps
- Medicine caps (no labels)
- Detergents caps
- Hair spray and spray paint caps
- Toothpaste/ointment tube caps
- Apple sauce pouch caps
- Flip-top/spout caps (ketchup, mustard, creamer)
- Shampoo and conditioner caps
- Peanut butter jar caps

COERVER CT EAST WINTER PROGRAMS  
2021 - 2022

SHAKE OFF SOME WINTER F.O.G. WITH US

FOOT SKILLS  
ONE VS ONE  
GAMES AND MORE ....

Strong one-on-one skills are a huge asset for a soccer player. Just about every game situation includes individual attacking and defending.

10 WEEKS – 2 LOCATIONS

OAKWOOD SPORTS CENTER  
GLASTONBURY, CT

SESSION 1

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER - 15, 22, 29

DECEMBER - 6, 13, 20, 27

JANUARY - 3, 10, 17

SESSION 2

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

JANUARY - 24, 31

FEBRUARY - 7, 14, 21, 28

MARCH - 7, 14, 21, 28

STAR HILL FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER  
TOLLAND, CT

SESSION 1

TBA

SESSION 2

TBA

REGISTER AT - [COERVERCTEAST.COM](http://COERVERCTEAST.COM)



# EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK  
FOR THE  
LABEL:



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

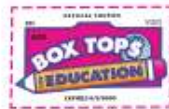


### EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

## SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!  
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfef.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



## BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. You can still clip them and send them to school, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfef.com)

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*The End*

