



T.I.S. Digital Backpack



August 29, 2016



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

As a staff, we are thrilled to welcome students back into the building. Preparing for the opening of school is truly a community-based effort. It is through the coordinated efforts of many individuals that we are able to continually provide our students with the education that they truly deserve.

Thanks to the hard work put in by the entire T.I.S. staff, we are prepared and ready for learning on day one!

A special thank you to Mr. Peter Sztaba, Tolland Public Schools Maintenance Director his staff and the T.I.S. custodial staff for working diligently throughout the summer to thoroughly clean the building as well as to make many improvements to our facility. Amongst some of the improvements were upgrading the school intercom and emergency notification system, repairing the sidewalk and exterior staircase and brightening up the interior with over 40 gallons of fresh paint.

Thank you to the Tolland Public Schools Information Technology Department for the continued improvements to our infrastructure. Among the upgrades this summer were adding WiFi units throughout the building, installing a new phone system as well as working with Carolyn Tyl, Curriculum Director, to add two new laptop carts for classroom use.

Lastly, thank you to our wonderful teachers for all the time and effort they have spent preparing for the start of school. Whether it is fine tuning lessons, designing welcoming

activities, creating community building activities or putting up interactive bulletin boards, our teachers have worked incredibly hard getting ready to welcome our students.

We look forward to seeing many smiling faces throughout the building, as we officially open our doors for the traditional Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 30. Please remember that our students are our most valued commodity. If at any time you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

PTO

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for providing each of our teachers with \$100.00 to help equip their classrooms with supplies. In addition to classroom supplies, the PTO's generosity also resulted in recently arrived shipment of recess equipment as well as a new 75 inch screen television for our cafeteria. The TV will be used to broadcast student created public service announcements.

Parker Senior Housing Update

The transformation of the former Parker School into a senior housing complex has been delayed. This delay will enable us to maintain our normal student drop off and pick up procedures (see below). In preparation to this upcoming project, our playscape was relocated over the summer. The playscape is now situated in the center of the grass recess field.

Welcome New Staff!

We are thrilled to welcome former Mrs. Carol Murphy to our team. Mrs. Murphy taught in Tolland for a number of years before taking time off to be home with her young children. Mrs. Murphy's warm engaging personality, strong understanding of the learning process and proven track record as a tenured Tolland teacher, make her an ideal choice to join our team.

School Procedures

Pickup

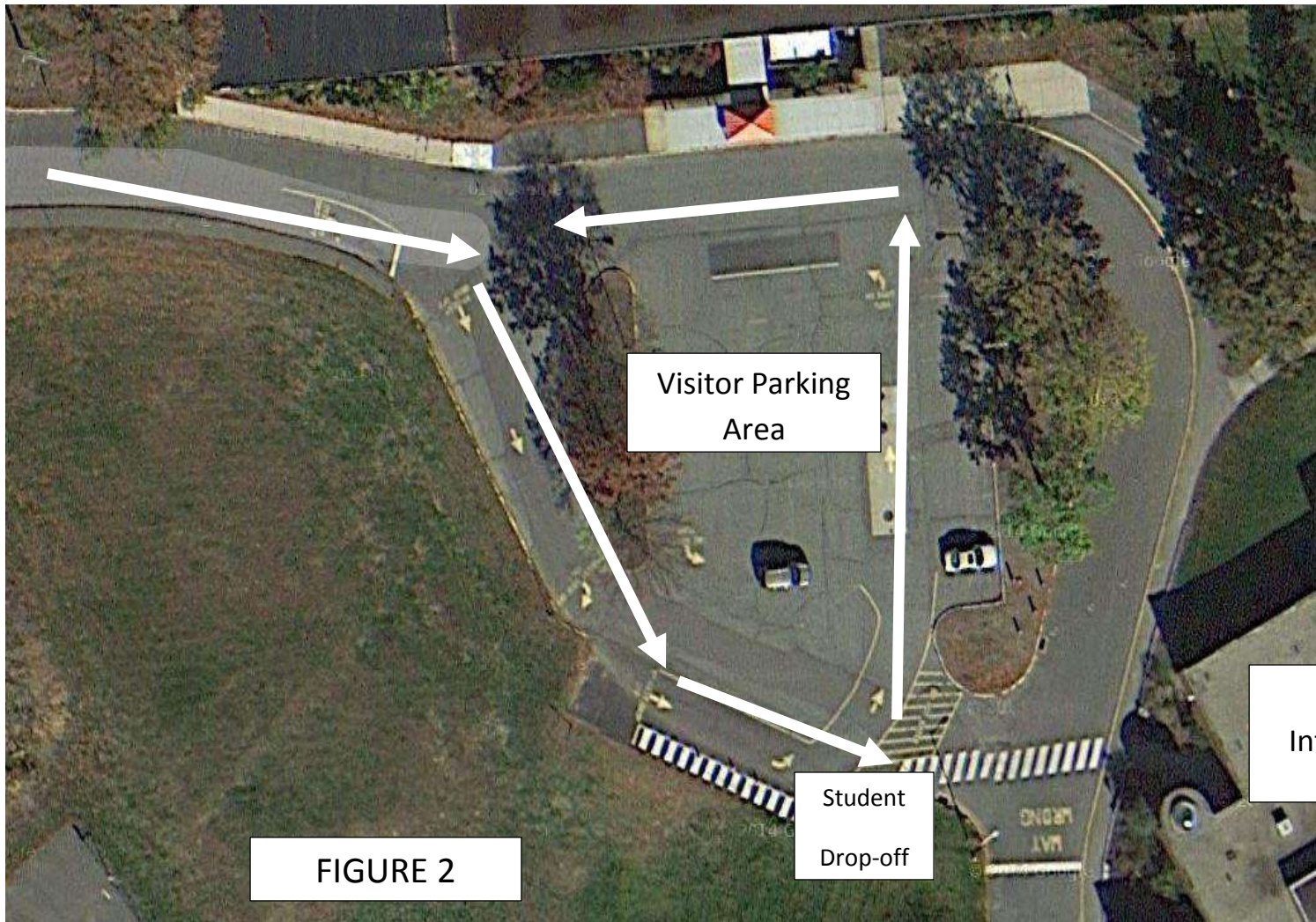
The student pickup area is located in the upstairs wing of the building. Parents picking up their child must enter through the upper rear door to TIS. The door is located adjacent to the white modular classroom building in between TIS and Parker. A TIS staff member will open the door for pick up beginning at 3:20. Upon entering the building, all visitors must report to the lecture hall to sign out their child. (See map below)



Visitor Parking

To help ensure the safety of our students, the driveway and parking lot in front of T.I.S. are closed to traffic during the school day. Below are two photographs depicting student drop off and pick up procedures at T.I.S. The location of the morning drop off and afternoon pick up/visitor parking lot is the lot directly in front of the former Parker School.

All visitors to T.I.S. as well as parents dropping off and picking up students must use the Recreation Department driveway, located on Old Post Road.



Student Drop-off Procedures:

The map above illustrates our morning student drop-off procedures. Student drop-off occurs between 8:30 and 8:50 each morning. When dropping your child off at school, please adhere to the procedures outlined below.

- Enter the school complex via Recreation Department Drive located just past T.I.S. and Old Post Road
- Students must be dropped off at the designated student-drop off area
- All students must exit cars from passenger-side doors
- Upon exiting cars, students will walk along a series of crosswalks leading toward T.I.S.
- All cars must exit the parking area according to Figure 2



STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Students being picked-up at the end of the school day are dismissed from the lecture hall in the rear upstairs wing of the building. Parents and guardians arriving to pick-up students after 3:10, must park in the lot located in-front of Parker School. The entry door for pick-up is located in the back of the building and may be accessed by walking along the rear sidewalk. Once entering the building, parents and guardians must report to the lecture hall to retrieve their child from a staff member.

Security

Maintaining a safe and secure environment is of the utmost importance to our staff. Please help us keep TIS as safe as possible by parking in the appropriate visitor parking area (located in front of the Parker School building) and signing in at the office to obtain a visitor identification badge.

BACK TO SCHOOL



**Friday
September 16
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Spare Time
Route 83, Vernon, CT**

Join TEF for a fun night of bowling and pizza while reconnecting with old friends and making some new ones!

Cost

\$25.00 per person; up to 6 people per lane
No tickets will be sold at the door

Includes

2 hours of bowling
Shoe rental
Pizza and soft drinks

All Welcome

Students and families from all of Tolland's schools are welcome

Purchase tickets by 9/10/16:

Online: tollandeducationfoundation.com

By mail: 58 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, CT 06084

Questions: TollandEdf@aol.com or 860-871-8015



Tolland Education Foundation

Improving Tolland Schools One Project at a Time

Calling all 4th and 5th grade families!

A reminder that Instrument Rental Night is Thursday, September 1, 2016. It will be held in the Tolland Intermediate School APR (Cafeteria), 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rental Night is open to all families who have a 4th or 5th grader interested in joining our awesome Band program this year. (Yes! If your child did not start in 4th grade they may opt to learn an instrument and participate in 5th grade Band)! Also, 5th graders who participated in Band last year and need to re-rent an instrument are welcome.

I will briefly share important information about the TIS Band program and answer any questions. Representatives from two area music stores, Music & Arts and Gerry's Music will briefly review the instrument rental process. We will have all the instruments set up to help with decision making if your child has questions about which instrument a good is fit for them.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,
Mrs. Norma Marchesani
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860-870-6885 ext. 40226

Band Instrument Selection Sheet

Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Tolland Intermediate School (circle one)

4th Grade 5th Grade Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate instrument and the red Standard of Excellence Book 1.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number (best)

Choice #1 – choose flute, oboe**, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, french horn**, baritone horn, trombone and percussion (xylophone/bell kit and drum practice pad; TIS concert band does not include drum set). ** Private lessons for oboe and horn are highly recommended.

The instrument I am most interested in learning to play is the _____

because _____

_____.

Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

Choice #2 (students who do not put a second choice may be assigned any instrument)

The second instrument I am interested in learning to play is the _____.

Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

_____**SCHOOL INSTRUMENT** - Please check here if you would like to be considered to use a school instrument. School instruments that are available are mostly trombone and baritone. Criteria used for the distribution of these instruments is based upon student financial need and recommendation from TIS music teachers in regards to the student's work ethic and responsibility.

Please attend: *Instrument Rental Night: September 1st, TIS APR, 7:00 pm**

Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Wednesday, September 7th



THE END