



Tolland Middle School

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have had an exciting school year. We are looking forward to working with you again next year.

Grades 6 through 8 at TMS are organized in teams of teachers. Each grade has two teams, grades 6 and 7 have five teachers on each team, grade 8 has four: a math teacher, social studies teacher, science teacher and two English language arts teachers (one for grade 8). The main function of the team is to plan, carry out and evaluate each student's instructional program. Your child's schedule will be mailed home in late August.

I would like to make you aware of some important resources available to you here at TMS:

- The school's web-site, accessed at <http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us> has the Digital Backpack, calendars, menus, athletic and club schedules, important notices, and teacher web-sites with weekly updates.
- Students are provided individual agenda booklets. You do not need to purchase an assignment book or calendar for your son or daughter, as one is provided to every student. In addition to a class organizer and calendar, it contains useful information such as the school calendar and the Parent and Student Handbook, all in one. This agenda functions as a daily assignment booklet and a place for home/school communications. Students are required to bring this to and from school, and to all classes daily. This system promotes student responsibility and accountability, and helps foster organizational skills. We thank you for your support of this school wide agenda system.

Your child's schedule will be mailed home during the last week of August. The first day of school for all Tolland students is **Wednesday, August 29, 2017**. This will be a full, regular day. **Open House for Grade 6 will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018**, and **Grades 7 and 8 Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. More information about these nights will be sent in the fall. At that time we will describe our curriculum and instructional programs.

If your child is interested in participating in interscholastic sports, please make note of the following information. Registration and submission of physical forms must be completed through FamilyID.com for each sport, prior to the deadlines below. To register your child and to find the proper sports medical forms, please visit the athletics page of the TMS website and click on the "Athletic Participation Registration and Forms" tab. Upon successful submission of your registration you will receive a confirmation email from FamilyID notifying you that your child has been registered. The registration is automatically removed from the database at 12:01 a.m. the morning following the deadline. Please see our website for more information and eligibility requirements.

SEASON	SPORT	DEADLINE
FALL	Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross Country	July 30, 2018
WINTER	Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading	November 5, 2018
SPRING	Baseball, Softball, Track	February 25, 2019

Please have your child join the summer reading-at-home program run by the town library. The benefits of reading are many, please help us keep up that outstanding effort for summer reading!

The summer reading assignment and recommended supply list are attached. Please be aware that individual teams may request additional supplies at the beginning of the year.

Have a wonderful summer with your family.

Cordially,

Mary Grande

Grade 7 Summer Reading Bingo Card

Welcome grade seven students! This year's summer reading assignment is to complete a line on the bingo board: vertically, horizontally, or diagonally and to find some great reading as you go. Once you have completed a box, highlight it and fill in the log on the back. Please note - each book you read may be used ONCE on the bingo board. Happy reading!!

To play bingo, read...

a book more than 300 pages 1	a picture book written for a middle school student 2	a sequel to another book 3	a book chosen because of the cover 4	a book recommended by a friend 5
a book whose author has the letter "k" in his/her name 6	a book that is a movie 7	a non-fiction book 8	a book with a one word title 9	a magazine or newspaper article 10
a book based on a true story 11	any book 12	FREE SPACE	a humorous book 13	a poetry/verse novel 14
Visit the public library! Librarian's signature: _____	a mystery 15	a book set in a different country 16	a graphic novel 17	a fantasy 18
a book with non-human characters 19	a book that is more than 10 years old 20	a book you have read before 21	a scary book 22	a book with a number in the title 23



School Supplies

Grade 7

For the convenience of parents, the following supply lists are being provided for all students as early as possible. Please be aware that teams may request additional items at the beginning of the school year.

Some items may need to be replenished throughout the year.

All students will be given an agenda and locks for their regular and gym lockers.

For All Classes:

- #2 pencils--these will need to be replenished regularly
- hand-held pencil sharpener
- package of eraser caps
- pens – blue or black **AND** red
- highlighters (3 different colors)
- colored pencils
- fine point Sharpies- black (pkg. of 2)
- large eraser
- white out
- zippered pencil pouch
- index cards 3 packs (3 x 5)

Subject Specific:

- **Language Arts**
 - 3 subject college-ruled notebook
 - durable pocket folder
- **Science**
 - 1 spiral bound one subject notebook
 - Durable folder for handouts
- **Math**
 - calculator (such as TI-30)
 - ***Math teachers do not have extra calculators to provide to students**
 - One 1” Binder
 - One spiral bound notebook
- **Social Studies**
 - One 1” binder
 - Loose leaf paper

Suggested for Organization: plastic accordion folder with at least six dividers

For Home:

- poster board
- fine tip markers
- glue sticks
- ruler
- scissors
- hole punch