

TIS Digital Backpack
October 17, 2022



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Veterans Day Assembly

In honor of Veterans Day, TIS will prepare an educational Veterans Day video program for all students to view on November 11. The video program will consist of an explanation of Veterans Day, as well as some TIS students singing patriotic songs.

Unity Day at TIS
Wednesday, October 19th, 2022

Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! On **October 19, 2022**, the Tolland Intermediate School Community will come together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support, **WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE** to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.

What should I wear on Unity Day?
Anything ORANGE!

- **T-shirt**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Bracelets**
- **Hair bows**
- **Pants**
- **Socks**

*"By joining together and wearing and sharing ORANGE on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about students' physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society."
-Julie Hertzog, director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center*

FOOD DRIVE AT TOLLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Hawks Against Hunger:

A Food Drive to benefit the Tolland Food Pantry

The Tolland Intermediate School Hawk Ambassadors are sponsoring a Fall food drive to benefit the Tolland Food Pantry!

The food drive will take place from

Monday, October 17th to Friday, October 28th



Boxes will be placed in each homeroom to collect donations. All non-perishable items will be accepted. Suggestions include:

Baking needs (flour, sugar, oil)
Canned soup
Jelly & jam
Maple syrup
Crackers (Ritz, Graham)
Granola bars
Canned vegetables
Canned meat (tuna/chicken)
Pancake mix
Coffee (Regular and decaf)
Applesauce

Dried or canned beans
Boxed macaroni & cheese
Rice
Bottled juice
Oatmeal
Juice boxes
Fruit cup packs
Peanut butter
Stuffing and gravy



Thank you for your support!



TIS CALENDAR

October

19 Early Dismissal

19 Unity Day (wear **ORANGE**)

Monday, October 17th to Friday, October 28th : Food Drive

Monday, October 24-Thursday, October 27: Grade 3 field trips

November

3 Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

4 **NO SCHOOL** for students – Parent-Teacher Conferences

NOTE: P/T Conference sign ups were sent via email on 10-14-22. Please call the office if you did not receive an email with sign up links.



FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSES' OFFICE

Mandated Hearing and Vision Screening

Beginning October 17th hearing and vision screenings will be taking place at Tolland Intermediate School.

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. Students who wear glasses will be tested with their glasses on.

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

If Tolland Intermediate School nurses already have information that your child is followed by a hearing or vision specialist, they will not be screened at school unless you request a screening.

NO permission form is needed for screenings, but if you do not want your student to be screened for hearing and vision at school, please submit the attached opt out form to your school nurse no later than October 14, 2022.

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

FROM OUR READING DEPARTMENT:

T.I.S. Reading Reminder to Fall Back with Read Alouds!

Fall is a great time to get back into curling up with your favorite seasonal beverage and a good book.

Reading aloud to your child not only helps to **strengthen his/her listening, thinking and verbal skills**; it also helps to **create warm childhood memories** and some face to face family bonding away from the glaring blue light of a screen.

Become your child's personal fluency model.

Make your reading sound like talking.

Modulate your voice to thrill and engage their attention.

Give the characters different voices.

Act out a scene together! Ham it up. Add expression.

Encourage verbal skills and help your child to visualize!

Remind them to make movies in their minds and then stop to talk about how they pictured the characters and what they saw in the "movie in their minds".

Create attentive active thinkers.

Stop at different intervals and ask, "**What are you thinking?**"

Ask them what they think about what you've just read.

Review some wordless picture books and talk about the clues in the pictures.

Read some nonfiction together and explore new places and topics. Don't let the fleeting light and warmth of summer chill *your* bones. Grab a mug of hot pumpkin apple cider latte, make some great family memories and **turn your child into a reader who ultimately prefers the book to the movie** and **your living room** as their very own adventureland.

Autumnal delights for consideration:

Take a trip to the Public Library and choose some fall themed books. The librarians will have many suggestions and displays.

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=fall+childrens+books&crd=PXGLPCI3LE0S&srefix=fall+chil%2Caps%2C169&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-a-p_1_9

<https://time.com/100-best-childrens-books/>

Below is a portion of an article from American Public Media (APM) Reports. The article presents some ideas for parents wanting to help their children with reading at home.

<https://www.apmreports.org/story/2018/10/08/what-to-do-if-your-childs-school-isnt-teaching-reading-right>

Reading comprehension depends not just on decoding skills but on vocabulary and background knowledge too. Parents play a key role in exposing their children to lots of language and information. That said, there are some specific things parents and caregivers can do to help develop a child's phonemic awareness. "Reading nursery rhymes and poetry, singing rhyming songs can be very helpful to developing a child's ear for listening to and noticing patterns of rhyming and alliteration in oral language," Dodson said. She also suggested doing things like comparing and contrasting the sounds in words. For example, ask your child which word doesn't belong in groups of words such as: mat/pat/cat/man or mat/man/mop/sat.

"Play around with words," Cassidy said. You can do listening games where you have your child take away syllables or sounds, she said. "For example, say 'plate.' Now say 'plate,' but don't say /p/. What's left?"

There are nonprofit organizations that provide specific resources. Several people recommended Reading Rockets, a public media initiative to provide information on how young children learn to read. The [website](#) includes several helpful tip sheets including [Activities to Encourage Speech and Language Development](#), [Playing with Word Sounds](#), and [Making Friends with Phonemes](#). Wasowicz recommended [Beginning with Babble](#), a free mobile phone app that gives parents daily tips and activities matched to the age of their child. Several people also suggested Understood, a nonprofit that focuses specifically on children with learning and attention issues. On the [website](#), you can answer a few questions about your child and get customized information and suggestions for things to do and places to go for help. There is also this useful guide, [A Child Becomes a Reader](#), from the National Institute for Literacy.

Happy Reading!
The Tolland Intermediate School Reading Department



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from October 31st – November 4th, 2022 at Tolland Intermediate School. We will be open to the public after school and during teacher conferences so come in to see us and to purchase books for your student and their classroom!

October 31st 9am - 3pm (Happy Halloween!)

November 1st 9am - 4pm

November 2nd 9am - 6pm

November 3rd 9am - 4pm

November 4th 9am - 4pm

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. If you have funds remaining in an old eWallet you can go to the scholastic website to transfer funds to this Fair.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage via this link or QR Code to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/tollandintermediateschool1>



The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,
Jim Dineen
Principal, Tolland Intermediate School





T.I.S. is having its Scholastic Fall Book Fair!

Save the Date!

Monday, October 31st - 9am - 3pm

Tuesday, November 1st - 9am - 4pm

Weds, November 2nd - 9am - 6pm

Thursday, November 3rd - 9am - 4pm*

Friday, November 4th - 9am - 4pm*

****We will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences***

Grade 4 & 5 Chorus Fall Concert

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Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm

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Tolland Intermediate School Gymnasium

Students are to arrive at 6:45

Concert Begins promptly at 7:00pm

Students are asked to dress their best for this special performance.

*I am looking forward to seeing you all there for an evening of music,
entertainment and family fun.*

Thank you, Ms. Judith Baker



ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tolland Recreation Dept.

Trick or Treat Event

A chance to show off your child's costume, see your friends and trick or treat in a safe friendly environment. Visit the Recreation Department and find out more about us. Busiest time is between 5:30 and 6pm; come later when the lines are shorter. The event will be held at the Tolland Recreation Center (104 Old Post Road).

Sponsored by: Yanni Family Orthodontics



- WHO:** AGES 10 & UNDER
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
- LOCATION:** TOLLAND RECREATION CENTER
- TIME:** 5:30PM – 7:00PM
- COST:** Free; we ask you bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the food pantry.





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EXTRAVAGANZA

Try our Trick or Treat Trail!

\$5 per trick-or-treater ages 2 and up

-S'mores and Hot Chocolate

-Photo Booth

-Donut Eating Contest

-Games

-Cotton Candy

Dress up in Costumes!

All Proceeds Benefit the Dam Repair Project

Saturday October 22nd

1:30 to 3:30 PM

326 Taft Pond Road,

Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Call: 860-974-1122 for any questions



Tolland Girls Travel Basketball

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Introduction:

Tolland Travel Basketball is an organization that provides increased opportunities and training for girls to become competitive basketball players. Girls will gain a foundation of skills and understanding of the game so they can continue playing in high school and beyond.

Commitment:

The player's experience will depend on the level of commitment they give to practices and games. Please do your best to attend as often as possible in order to have prepared and competitive teams.

- ★ November-February (some teams make the playoffs extending into March)
- ★ practice 2 times a week for around 75 mins each practice
 - All practices will take place at a Tolland School
- ★ 1-2 games on the weekend (mostly 1)
 - Most games are within a 20-minute drive. The farthest is 40.
- ★ Preseason tournament in November

Ages/Teams:

Girls in grade level 5-8. Advanced 4th graders can also tryout. Every season, the number of teams that Tolland fields depend on the number of girls that sign up. Typically, each grade level has one team; however, there have been many years in which two grade levels combine for one team. It is also possible that one grade level has multiple teams.

Selectivity/Cuts:

As mentioned above, every season is different. Coaches will evaluate players each fall, make thoughtful decisions, and have conversations with each family regarding the outcomes/decisions made.

Cost:

Each year, the cost varies (typically between \$200-300) depending on the needs of that team (i.e. jerseys, team warm up sweatshirts, etc.). We typically buy jerseys/gear in 2 year cycles so that what you buy is used for two years, and then another set is bought 2 years later (5th & 7th grade being the most typical purchase cycles). Fees also cover our cost for referees, gym rentals, league fees, and team equipment. Please bring a check, made out to Tolland Travel Basketball, on the first day of tryouts. If your child is not selected, your check will be returned or destroyed.

Tryouts:

Will be held during the first week of November. To register, please complete this [Form](#) or visit <http://www.tollandtravelbasketball.com>



Tolland Girls Travel Basketball

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When?

Grades 5 & 6- Wednesday November 2nd & Thursday November 3rd 6-7 pm

Grades 7 & 8- Wednesday November 2nd & Thursday November 3rd 7-8:30 pm

Where?

Tolland Intermediate School

What To Bring:

Basketball, Water, Athletic Clothes, etc.

Miscellaneous:

All tryouts are "closed" to parents, guardians, siblings, etc. Only Players & Coaches will be allowed in the gym.

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click Here More Information About Tolland Travel Basketball](#)

[Click Here For Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

If any of the links above do not work, they can all be accessed at

<http://www.tollandtravelbasketball.com>



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