



**T.I.S. Digital Backpack
September 12, 2022**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

TIS Open Houses

Grade 3 - September 13

Grade 4 - September 15

Grade 5 - September 20

Open Houses will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30

The Tolland Intermediate School Open Houses provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to learn some basic facts about our school as well as to visit their child's classroom and meet the teacher. All open houses begin at 6:30PM with a brief presentation in the cafeteria, followed by individual classroom teacher presentations.

We are up and running!

Thank you to the entire Tolland Intermediate School Community for assisting us in getting school up and running. Students have done a great job getting accustomed to the procedural changes introduced to them at school. The combined efforts of families, staff and students enabled us to have a successful start to the year. Our incoming third grade class and students new to TIS have done an awesome job of quickly assimilating into the TIS HAWK Community.

Sanitizing/Good Hand Washing

We will continue to encourage students to practice good hand hygiene by regularly washing their hands or using sanitizer. We have placed signs throughout the school to remind students the importance of hand washing.

Water Filling Stations Bottles

Water bottle filling stations are available for student use. Filling stations are available throughout the school building. Students may use the stations to fill their own personal water bottles, or they may use a school provided disposable cup.

Relationship Building

Over the course of the first weeks of school, staff have emphasized getting students acclimated to being part of our school community. As a school community, we place a high level of importance on the social and emotional well-being of our students. The relationship building process has included staff utilizing small group meeting time to teach students about school-related procedures and the purpose behind such procedures.

Thank You PTO

Thanks to our amazing PTO for providing our teachers with gift cards to be used in the purchase of items for their classrooms. TIS teachers were provided with this nice surprise to start out the school year. Thanks to TEPTO for continuing to go to great lengths in support of our students.

School Supply Toolboxes

Thank you to our PTO for organizing a school toolbox supply kit sale for our students. The toolboxes provided a one stop shopping experience for families. To further ease the burden on families, toolboxes were delivered right to TIS.

Chromebooks

All students at Tolland Intermediate School are provided with a district issued Chromebook. Chromebooks will be used in various capacities throughout the school year. Please remind your child that their chromebook should be charged each night.



TIS CALENDAR

September

- 1 First Day
- 5 No School
- 13 Grade 3 Open House
- 14 Early Release, 12:45
- 15 Grade 4 Open House
- 20 Grade 5 Open House

October

- 1 Cider Mill Family Fun Run
- 4 Picture Day



Start with Hello Week: September 19-23rd



Tolland Intermediate School is excited to announce that we will again be participating in **Start With Hello Week**.

Start With Hello is a program founded by the Sandy Hook Promise Organization. The program is designed to bring individuals and school communities together to foster looking out and caring for one another. Young people have the power to see someone, reach out and Start with Hello in order to reduce social isolation and create a more connected and inclusive school. Each student has the power to make a difference and make a new friend. All students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

Three Easy Steps!

- 1. See someone alone**
- 2. Reach out and help**
- 3. Start with Hello!**

Monday, September 19th: Hey Day Green Day

To promote awareness and call attention to Start with Hello Week. Get connected and say hello! Everyone wears green and a smiley face sticker. Students and staff will be encouraged to say hello to someone new!

Tuesday, September 20th: Random Act of Kindness Day

Get caught being kind! Students and staff will be encouraged to engage in and recognize acts of kindness throughout the school day.

Wednesday, September 21st: Uniquely You Day

Students and staff can dress up and express what makes you unique. We are all unique and special - let's celebrate each and every one of us!

Thursday, September 22nd: Mix it Up at Lunch Day

Get to know your lunch table buddy! Every lunch table will have fun conversation starters for students to learn about the person sitting near them.

Friday, September 23rd: Compliment Day

Spend time with your Hawk's Nest and write a positive comment, compliment or encouraging/kind words to a classmate. Students will then display the written comments in a school mural.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!

School Name: Tolland Intermediate School

Picture Day Date: Tuesday, October 4

Picture Day ID: EVTFBTGRM



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BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL CHECK LIST

- ✓ **MUSIC STAND PURCHASE?** An essential for home practice!! (ADD \$13.50 to Contract)
- ✓ **MUSIC BOOK.** All students are required to purchase Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1 (ADD \$11.16 to contract) Percussion students (ADD \$12.22 to contract)
- ✓ **PERCUSSTION** students are required to rent a Bell Kit.
- ✓ **COMPLETED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT**
- ✓ **PROVIDED SECURITY PROTECTION INFORMATION**

WE ARE AS CLOSE AS A PHONE CALL AWAY!! 1-800-724-7402

**BAND AND CHORUS INFORMATION ON THE
FOLLOWING PAGES**

Tolland Intermediate School

96 Old Post Road

Tolland, CT 06084

860-870-6885

Music Times Three

Attention: 3rd Grade Students and Families

"Music Times Three" Sign-Up Information

August 31, 2022

I am very excited about directing "Music Times Three" this year! My personal goal for "Music Times Three" is to provide a blend of singing, playing of music classroom instruments, and movement activities for children in third grade.

"Music Times Three" meets 1 day per week during the school day on the stage in the APR (All Purpose Room) Membership is a yearlong responsibility. Rehearsals begin later in September, date TBA. A Mx3 evening concert will be held in the Spring. In the past, we would do a school daytime field trip to perform for the second graders at Birch Grove Primary School and I hope to reinstate that assembly in the Spring of 2023.

Student Responsibilities:

- Understand that "Music Times Three" is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow our HAWK values
 - Respect others, yourself, and all material
 - Be Responsible
 - Remember we are a Community
 - Keep yourself safe
- Stay on task during rehearsals

"Music Times Three" Benefits

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Play various rhythm instruments
- Improve performance & concert skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!

To sign up: Return the "Music Times Three" Contract (page 2) to TIS by **Friday, September 9th**. This fun group is open to anyone in third grade. No audition required! I am looking forward to an enjoyable musical year. Please contact me any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Ms. Norma Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us

870-6885 ext. 40226

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Music Times Three Contract

Student _____ Classroom Teacher _____

What were some of your favorite songs that you sang in second grade?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please indicate any musical instruments you have studied before, and for how long:

I understand that every "**Music Times Three**" member is important and that the group is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performances. I fully understand all of my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of 3rd grade's "**Music Times Three**".

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number (s) _____

Email _____

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns below.

Return This Page to Ms. Marchesani by Friday, September 9th

4TH GRADE BAND
Band Instrument Selection Sheet
Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: _____ Classroom teacher: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Tolland Intermediate School 4th Grade Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate instrument, the red Standard of Excellence Book 1 for the instrument and a bell cover for the instrument. (bell cover exceptions: flute and percussion)

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number (best)

Choice #1 – flute, oboe**, clarinet, alto 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 most 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 trumpet, trombone and baritone. Criteria used for the distribution of these instruments is based upon student financial need and recommendation from TIS music teachers regarding the student's work ethic and responsibility.

Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by September 9, 2022

4th Grade Band

Make an informed decision.

If you are interested in playing an instrument, please be sure you can answer the...

THREE BIG QUESTIONS:

1.) What does it sounds like?

Choose an instrument that has a sound that inspires you.

2.) How do I make it work?

Choose an instrument that you can handle. Think about your arm length and the size of your fingers.

3.) What is its role in the band?

Choose an instrument that has a part in the music you are interested in playing. Melody, Harmony, Bass Line, Percussion (please remember percussion students learn the xylophone first) Think back to the Tolland High School Band Demo assembly you heard back in June. Which instrument did you enjoy hearing played?

An important note to parents and students:

Choosing an instrument is a commitment. Please decide for yourself what instrument will fit you best. Just because there is an old instrument in the attic doesn't mean it is the right instrument for you. Also, just because a friend is choosing a certain instrument doesn't mean it's the right one for you. Think for yourself. Remember to discuss the three questions when making this big decision.

Tolland Intermediate School ~ 96 Old Post Road ~ Tolland, CT 06084

4th Grade Band Information

August 31, 2022

Dear 4th grade Parent/Guardian:

It's time to sign up for 4th grade Beginning Band!



If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument this year, please fill out the instrument selection sheet attached to this notice and **return it to me by September 9th**. I will try to honor the student's first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance to have properly balanced instrumentation in the band.

Small group Band instruction classes meet during the school day on a pull-out basis during some of the Unified Arts class times. Currently, plans are in the works for a 1x per week Full Ensemble rehearsal during the school day. I'll keep you posted!

If you already own a previously used instrument, this may be a convenient method for providing an instrument for your child. Please be sure that it is has been serviced recently and is in good playing condition. It can be very frustrating for a beginning instrumentalist to try to play an instrument that needs repair. Gerry's Music Shop (1-800-724-7402) cleans and repairs instruments.

There are several area music stores who rent band instruments on a trial basis. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative who comes to TIS, TMS and THS during the school year on Fridays for instrument pick-ups and deliveries. Here's the rental link to Gerry's website: <https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals>

Joining the TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning an instrument is a truly unique experience. I look forward to answering any of your questions!

Ms. Norma Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us
860-870-6885 x 40226

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5th Grade Band 2022-2023

I am so happy and excited to be the 5th 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 5th grade Band. My plan is to start small group instruction classes during the week of September 19, 2022. These small groups will meet during the school day on a pull-out basis during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding/Spanish. If necessary due to Band sign up numbers, some pull-out groups may meet during Learning Lab time with classroom teacher permission. In the past (before the pandemic), we would also have full ensemble rehearsal once per week. Currently, plans are in the works for a 1x per week Full Ensemble rehearsal during the school day. I'll keep you posted!

Music masks are optional this year, but bell covers will be used on the instruments. (flute and percussion do not use bell covers).

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, TMS and THS during the school year every Friday. Please contact them directly for instrument rental information, Standard of Excellence Book 1, bells covers or cleaning supplies. 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!

Ms. Norma J. Marchesani

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5th 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.

Please print legibly

Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 ext. 40226

RETURN THIS PAGE ASAP



Cider Mill 5k, Family Fun One Mile, and Kids' Fun Run Saturday, October 1, 2022

Come join us for the 21st Annual Cider Mill Road Race this year!

Cider Mill Fun Run- a shorter course for the younger and youngest of runners!

The One Mile Race is a cross country Cider Mile, a trek through the wooded trails of Crandall Park, ending at the finish line of the 5K.

The 5k run is a challenge for the fastest runners, and a great goal for beginners!

Prizes will be awarded to the top male/ female finishers in each bracket.

All runners must register in advance, no race day registration.
Registration fee for the Cider Mill Fun Run and the One Miler is \$12 and the 5K is \$25

The Cider Mill 5k and Family Fun Run is organized by a committee partnered by the Tolland Elementary PTO, Tolland Middle School PTO, Tolland High School Booster Club, and the Tolland Recreation Department. All proceeds benefit these organizations and their efforts to promote physical fitness within the Tolland community.

Registration is now available ONLINE at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Tolland/Cidermillroadrace>



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Scott C. Lappen
Director of Public Works
(860) 871-3694
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slappen@tolland.org

August 31, 2022

Town of Tolland
Board of Education
52 Town Green
Tolland, CT 06084

Re: Fertilizer application(s) at Tolland Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to inform all schools, staff, students and parents that the Town of Tolland will be applying summer fertilizer to all school grounds the week of September 5, 2022. This contains no pesticides.

This notice is in compliance with Connecticut State Law concerning the application of fertilizer(s). For your convenience, Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are on file with the Town of Tolland Public Works Department and Town of Tolland Board of Education. Should you have any questions, please contact Scott Lappen, Director of Public Works at 871-3694 or the schools' nursing staff.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Best Regards,

Scott C. Lappen
Director of Public Works

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Cc: Bruce Watt
Birch Grove School
Tolland Intermediate School
Tolland Middle School
Tolland High School

Join Cub Scouts!

Tolland Cub Scout Pack 15

Joining night is Friday, September 9th

5:00pm-7:30pm

in the Pavilion at

Crandall Park

120 Cider Mill Road in Tolland

- It's a drop in format with information and activities.
- Ask questions, meet the volunteers, begin your adventure!
- Scout groups meet with their age group twice a month and all together (grades K-5) once a month.
- Our current program is for youth in K-5th grade.
- No Scouting experience necessary. Join at any age.

Email pack15membership@gmail.com for more information.

We look forward to welcoming new families September 9th.

pack15membership@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT

Under the Stars

Presents

SHREK

Tolland Middle School (Track Field)
Friday, 9/9/2022

Gates Open: 6:15 pm
Movie Starts: 7:15 pm

- Photo ops with characters from the Tolland Youth Community Theater performance of Shrek
- Bring a flashlight, blanket and/or lawn chairs
- Concessions will be available for purchase

Tickets: \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance at: tollandeducationfoundation.org/events

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For more information, email info@tollandeducationfoundation.org



**The Tolland Recreation Dept. Presents
Celebrate Tolland
September 10, 2022
Noon-4:00pm
Location: Tolland Middle School**

The Town of Tolland will hold its annual community festival – Celebrate Tolland – on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 from Noon to 4 p.m. at Tolland Middle School, 1 Falcon Way, Tolland , CT 06084.

The festival will feature local food, musical groups, a kids' fun zone and informational booths featuring town departments, local non-profit and community groups and local businesses. Entrance to the event and Kid Zone is FREE!!

Entertainment Schedule

Magic By George from 12:30pm-1:30pm



Boston area magician and award-winning entertainer, Magic By George, has been thrilling audiences large and small, young and old, with fun-filled shows that are perfectly suited to complement any event. So whether you're looking to add a special touch to a dinner party, add some fun and excitement to a corporate event or holiday party, then look no further. George will provide the perfect blend of magic, clean comedy, and audience participation that will have your guests wanting more.

Music by: Keith Carini From 2:00pm-3:30pm

Keith Carini is a singer/songwriter from Bolton, Ct. Keith has been sharing his music with grateful audiences for twenty-five years now! Keith's latest record called Indu Time is a full-length, 10 song masterpiece. Indu Time is a perfect balance of sparse acoustic tracks, larger band compositions, and piano power ballads smothered with lots of rich harmonies reminiscent of The Carpenters.



FREE Kid's Zone

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- Games
- FUN
- And More....

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