



T.I.S. Digital Backpack



September 18, 2017

T.I.S. CALENDAR

September

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| 16 | Celebrate Tolland |
| 20 | Coffee with the Principals @ TIS, 9:30 |
| 27 | Grade 4 Curriculum Night, 6:30 |
| 29 | Ice Cream Social @ TIS, 6:00-8:00 |

October

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|----|--------------------------------|
| 2 | PTO @ TIS, 7 pm |
| 5 | Grade 5 Curriculum Night, 6:30 |
| 6 | DRESS YOUR BEST DAY |
| 6 | PICTURE DAY!! |
| 9 | No School |
| 10 | No School |

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 our new 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 now located in the lot directly in front of the building.

New Pick up and Drop off Procedures

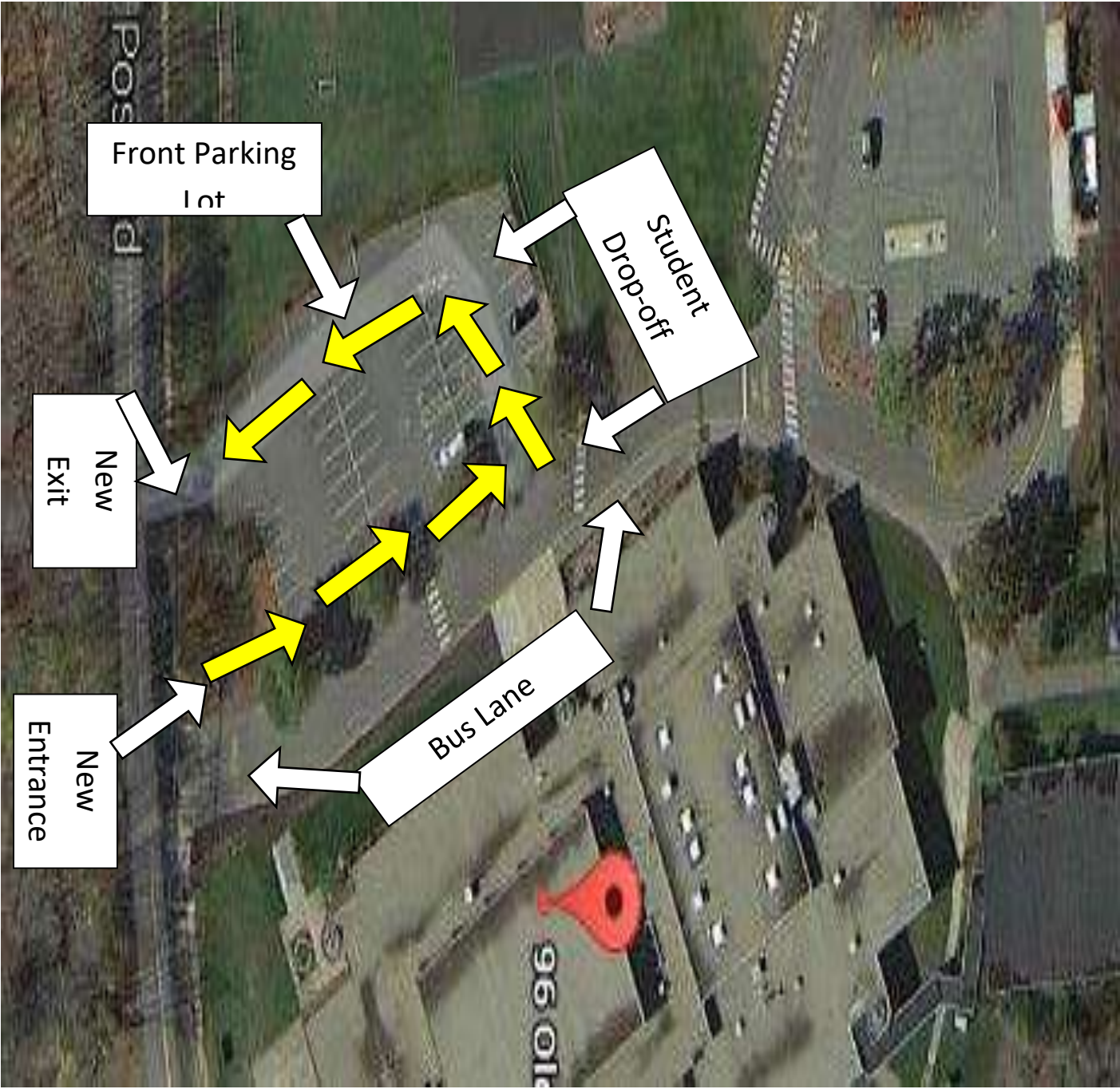
Drop-off Procedures

Our pick up and drop off procedures have changed. Beginning with the first day of school, parents and guardians driving their children to school should use the lot directly in front of T.I.S. Drop off procedures will be similar to those used at T.I.S. in previous years, the difference will be in the location, drop will now occur in the lot directly in front of T.I.S.

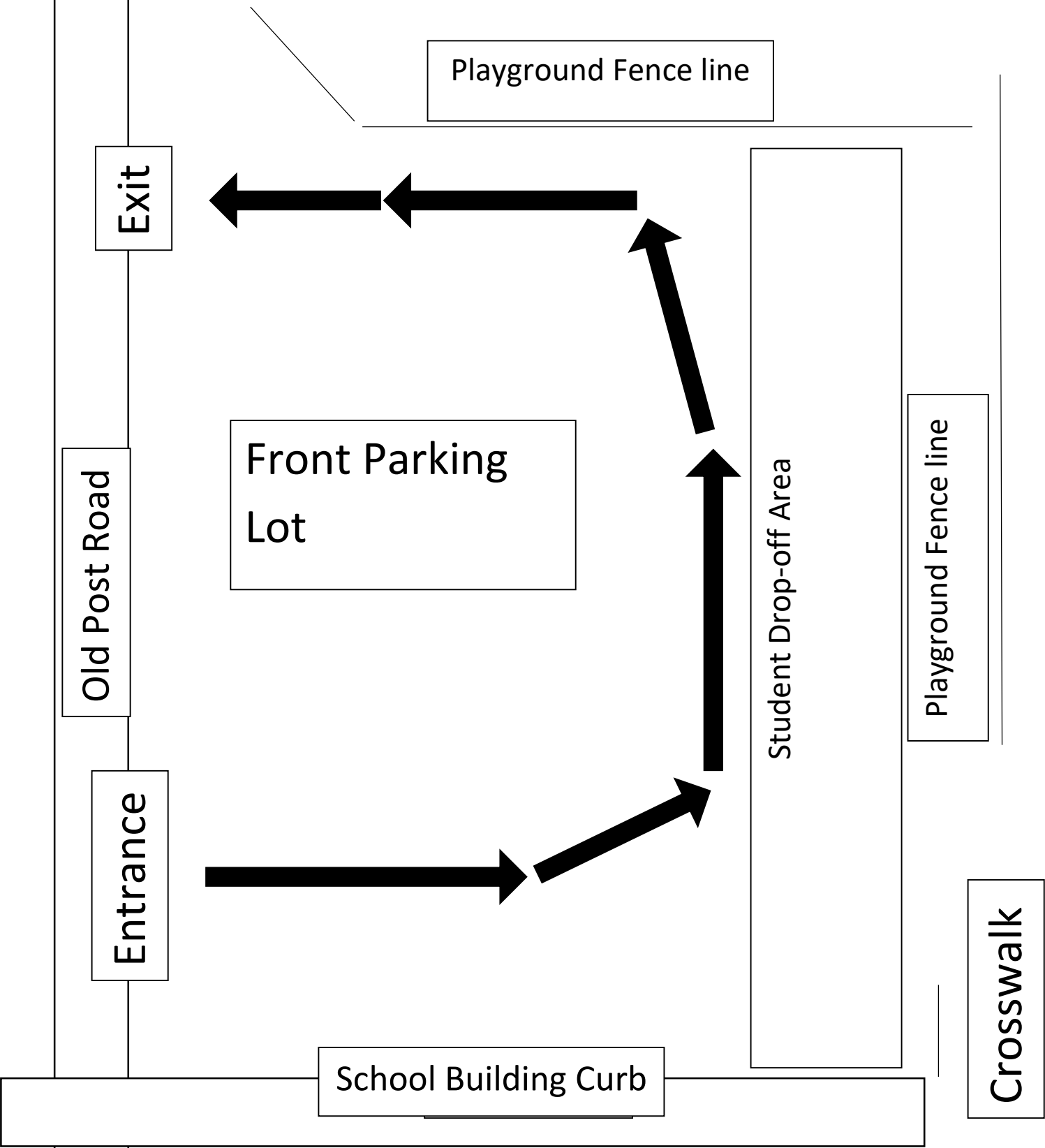
Pick up Procedures

Our end of the day student pick up procedures have also changed. Parent and guardians picking up their children at the end of the day will now park in the lot behind T.I.S. Entry for pick up will occur in the doorway located in the center of the rear of the building. Upon entering the building, individuals will be instructed to proceed to the mini-gym to retrieve their children. Once inside the building, pick-up procedures will be similar to those used in prior years. The difference being in parking and the location for pick up and drop off being in the rear of the building. **Please see the maps on the following pages.**

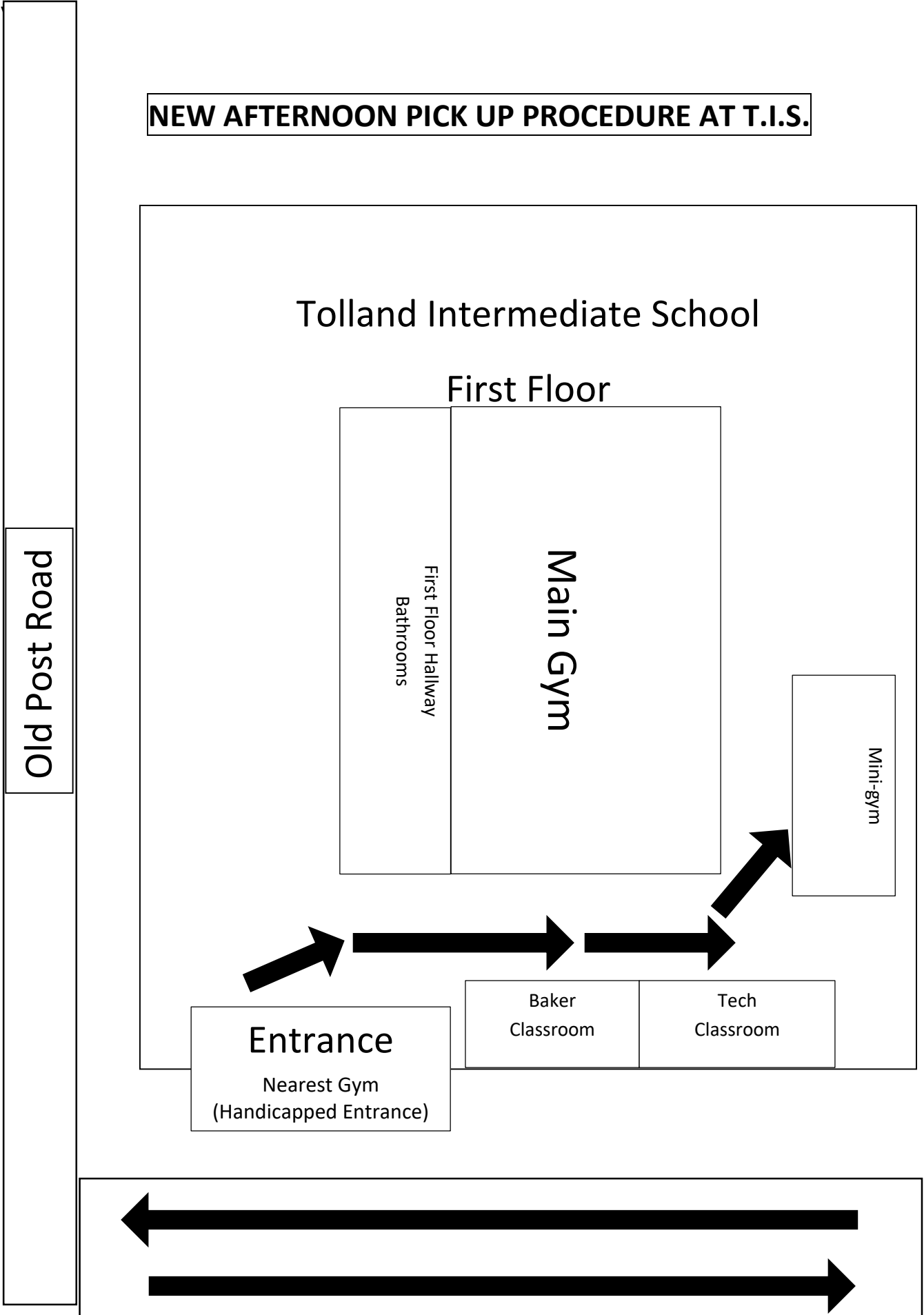
NEW MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURE AT T.I.S.



NEW MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURE AT T.I.S.



NEW AFTERNOON PICK UP PROCEDURE AT T.I.S.



Old Post Road

Tolland Intermediate School

First Floor

First Floor Hallway Bathrooms

Main Gym

Mini-gym

Entrance

Nearest Gym (Handicapped Entrance)

Baker Classroom

Tech Classroom





Parent Pick-up
Location
Mini-gym
First Floor

Parent Pick-up
Entrance
Rear Handicapped
Door

Parent Pick-up
Parking Lot

96 Old Post Rd

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

Dear 4th grade Parent/Guardian:

It's not too late for your child to sign up for 4th grade Beginning Band!

In June, some members of the 4th and 5th grade Bands visited the 3rd grade classrooms for some “up close” band instrument demonstrations and members of the Tolland High School Band performed at an assembly for all 3rd graders.

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 Wednesday, September 6th**. I will try to honor the student’s first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance that there is a properly balanced instrumentation in the band.

If you own a previously used instrument in the family, this may be a convenient method for providing an instrument for your child. Please be sure that it 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 is in need of repair.

There will be an **important informational meeting on Wednesday September 6th, at 7:00 P.M. in the TIS APR**. This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will outline band expectations and answer any questions. There will also be representatives from music stores who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up.

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!

Mrs. Norma Marchesani

nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us

860-870-6885 x 40226



Band Instrument Selection Sheet
Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: _____

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 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 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 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 return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Wednesday September 6, 2017

5th GRADE BAND PARENT FORM

Name _____

(Circle one) Continuing Band or New member

Instrument _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Full Band preference: _____ Tuesday 8 to 8:50am or _____ Tuesday recess

****Morning Band is most highly recommended. Students only have 20 minutes of playing time at recess****

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent Signature/Guardian _____

Please include any additional information

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

Tolland Intermediate School

96 Old Post Road

Tolland, CT 06084

5th Grade Band 2017-2018

It's time for 5th Grade Band to start!!! I am so happy and excited to be the 5th Grade Band Director again this year! 5th Grade Full Band rehearsals will be held on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. in room 136 (Mrs. Baker's room). This **highly recommended** option is a great opportunity for Band members to play in a large ensemble with a variety of other instruments, boosts musicianship skills and provides a weekly "concert readiness" experience. Our first Before School Band rehearsal will be **Tuesday, September 5th**. For students who cannot get to school for an 8 a.m. rehearsal, we also have a Tuesday Recess Band option, however playing time is limited to 20 minutes compared to 50 minutes in the Morning time slot. Student growth and success can only be achieved by regular attendance. *If your child is sick or not able to attend Full Band or small group lessons, please call or email me.

Small group lesson day and time assignments will be distributed by September 15th.

As soon as the Winter and Spring concert dates are set, I will publish them on Digital Backpack, on my Teacher Page and also send a notice home. The 5th Grade Band Step-Up Concert with the 6th grade TMS Band is scheduled for **Friday, April 5, 2018**. Band members report to TMS at 6:00 p.m. and perform 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

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!

Mrs. Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x40226

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CIDER MILL 5k & FAMILY FUN RUN

Qualifier for
Manchester Road Race!

Cidermillroadrace.org



Saturday, September 30, 2017
Crandall Park, Tolland, CT

- Free short sleeve t-shirts to runners pre-registered by 09/16/2017
- Medals for all children participants
- Trophies in nine divisions
- Cash prizes for 5K

9:30 a.m. Cider Kids
Short distance races for young children, competing within their age group.

9:45 a.m. Cider Mile Fun Run
Cross-country route geared towards older children and families running together.

10:30 a.m. Cider Mill 5k
CASH PRIZES for the first three male/female finishers. TROPHIES for the top three male/female finishers in nine divisions. Walkers welcome in all races. Jogging strollers allowed.

View the course map,
records, photos and
directions at
www.cidermillroadrace.org

The Cider Mill 5K & 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. Proceeds benefit these organizations and their efforts to promote physical fitness within the Tolland Community.

Cider Mill Application

One entry per runner. Please include non-refundable entry fee with signed application (checks made payable to Cider Mill Road Race, one check per family please) P.O. Box 334, Tolland, CT 06084 or return to any Tolland School in an envelope marked Cider Mill Road Race.

Last name

First name

Address

City State Zip Age on race day Male Female

Phone

E-Mail Address

Select a Race

5k Cider Mile Cider Kids

\$25 \$11 \$11

Free t-shirt to runners pre-registered by 9/16/2017
(t-shirt not guaranteed at race day registration)

Child Medium (Yrs 10-12) Adult Medium Adult X-Large

Child Large (Yrs 14-16) Adult Large

Please enter on at a runner in the Cider Mill 5k & Family Fun Run. By entry fee is enclosed. By signing this form, I, my spouse, my heirs, executors and administrators, release Cider Mill Road Race, Tolland Elementary PTO, Tolland Middle School PTO, Tolland High School PTO, Tolland Recreation Club, the Town of Tolland, the race directors, volunteers, and all sponsors of this race from all liability in the case of death or injury received as a result of participation in this race. In the case of a minor under 18, this form must be signed by the parent or guardian of entrant.

Signature Required (Parent or guardian if minor)



Volunteers are needed for race day AND to send in snacks!

We have over 80 volunteer slots that need to be filled in order to make this race run.

Check out www.cidermillroadrace.org for more details

You can volunteer and still run the Cider Mile or 5K. You can sign-up to volunteer for race day using the website 'SignUp' in three easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: signup.com/go/NHRvKhK
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots – SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address or sign-up online, please contact Cara Singer to be signed up manually.

We also have many hungry mouths to feed!!

We are asking for donations of store bought, individually wrapped:

***CEREAL BARS * RICE CRISPY TREATS * GRANOLA BARS ***

Please send in your donations to school the week of September 25th with your child

Questions? Contact Cara Singer—919-824-9183 (cell/text) or singercara23@gmail.com

Back-to-School Food Drive

Sponsored by

the Parent-Teacher Organizations of Tolland

Tolland Elementary PTO, Tolland Middle School PTO, and the THS Booster Club are **UNITING** to sponsor a back-to-school food drive to support our Tolland Food Pantry!

During the week of September 11th, collection boxes will be available at each school in/near the main office.

Your student may bring in their donation items, or you may drop off during the school day.

You may also drop off items during these evening events:

September 11th: TEPTO Meeting at Birch Grove Primary School

September 12th: TMS Open House (7th & 8th grade)

September 14th: THS Open House

September 29th: TEPTO Ice Cream Social at TIS 6-8pm (this is a separate collection event)

Below is a list of items that the food pantry is currently low on:

Canned Fruit	Baked Beans	Chef Boyardee	Pancake Mix
Pasta & Sauce	Mac & Cheese	Cereal (cold & hot)	Sugar/Flour
Syrup	Tuna	Instant Potatoes	Ramen Noodles
Coffee/Tea	Pudding/Jello	Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Bar Soap	Shampoo	Toothpaste	



Fifth Grade Chorus

I am very excited about teaching Fifth Grade chorus again this year!!! This year rehearsals will be on **Wednesday mornings from 8:00-8:50 in room 136**. Continuing to have Morning chorus will enable the students to learn more challenging pieces, and be able to strengthen their choral skills. Getting 50 minutes of singing time makes a huge difference in student success. **Fifth Grade Chorus will begin on Wednesday morning, September 13th and will be in Room 136.**

There will be a winter and spring concert this year. Attendance is mandatory for every chorus rehearsal and is a major part of their grade. If your child is unable to attend a chorus rehearsal please email or call me to let me know. The concert dates for the 2016-2017 school year are as follows:

Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 at TIS

Snow Date: December 13

Spring Concert: Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm at TIS

Mark your Calendars!!!

Please **fill out the form** and have it returned to me by **Friday, September 8th**.

Please feel free to email or call me with any questions:

jbaker@tolland.k12.ct.us (860)870-6885 Ext: 136

I am very much looking forward to teaching all of your talented children!!
I cannot wait to hear their beautiful singing!!!

Sincerely, Ms. Baker

FIFTH GRADE CHORUS PARENT FORM

Name _____

Morning Chorus _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent Signature _____

Additional Info

Please print legibly



TOLLAND PACK 15 WANTS YOU!!!

- ◆ What: Cub Scout Joining Night
- ◆ Where: Tolland Recreation Center
- ◆ When: Tuesday September 12th
- ◆ Time: Anytime between 6pm – 7:30pm

Come for a sneak peek at our upcoming Cub Scout adventures: Scout Expo, Pinewood Derby, camping, fishing, go-and-see-its (field trips), pack sleepover (past sleepovers have been at Battleship Cove, CT Science Center, New England Air Museum...where will we go this year?) and so much more!

Join us Tuesday night and then come for our Pack Meeting on Friday September 15th from 7pm – 8pm (at the Tolland Recreation Center). For any questions or if you can't make those dates, email Jenn DiMaso at jenn.wendy@yahoo.com.





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TEPTO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dear Parents,

We need parent volunteers to help at our upcoming 2017-18 fundraisers! We can't do it without your help and support! All proceeds directly benefit our schools. Assemblies, field trips, smart boards, new library and reading books, plus more are all purchased with PTO funds.

Please check if you are interested in volunteering at any of these fun and important events, complete the below contact information, and return this form to school, attention: **TEPTO Membership/Diana Gascon**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Diana Gascon at tollandctelementarypto@gmail.com. Please note, all volunteers must have filled out the Tolland Public Schools Volunteer Form found on the Superintendents website, prior to the scheduled event.

Mileage Club () Birch Grove () TIS () Both

This program allows children to walk during recess in the fall and spring months to earn prizes. Volunteers are needed to punch mileage cards and give out prizes. Younger siblings are welcome to come along!

Ice Cream Social () 1st shift (5:15-7:15pm) () 2nd shift (6:15-8pm)

This event takes place September 29th from 6-8 pm in the TIS cafeteria. Students, families, and friends enjoy ice cream and see many of their teachers. Volunteers are needed for scooping ice cream and cleaning tables.

() Art to Remember

This fundraiser begins in October. Students create personal artwork in Art class, and an order form is sent home to buy an assortment of products with the personal image of their child's art. Volunteers are needed to make reminder phone calls and distribute orders on pick up night in November.

() Lyman Pies

This fundraiser begins at the end of September. Students bring home the fundraiser forms and return to school. Volunteers are needed to make reminder phone calls and distribute orders on pick up night in November.

Scholastic Book Fairs () Birch Grove () TIS () Both

The Book Fairs are held for a week in the fall and the spring at each school. Volunteers are needed in 60 to 90 minute shifts during the day to help set up, break down, and help students with wish lists and sales.

() Box Tops

Volunteers are needed to help count Box Tops. This is an easy and fun way to help right from home.

() Spring Fling

This event takes place in May. Spring Fling is a full fun day for students, volunteers and family. Volunteers are needed in shifts to help with games, activities, and raffle ticket/food sales

Staff Appreciation () Birch Grove () TIS () Both

To show our appreciation to the staff at Birch Grove and TIS, events are held in October, February and May. Volunteers are needed to send in homemade goodies or food.

() Jeannine's Collection

This fundraiser begins in September. Volunteers are needed to make reminder phone calls and distribute orders at pick up time.

() Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

This event takes place Saturday December 2nd, at the Birch Grove Library from 10 am- 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist children with their holiday purchases.

() Butter Braids

This fundraiser begins in February 2018. Students bring home the fundraiser forms and return them to school. Volunteers are needed to make the reminder phone calls and distribute orders on pick up night in March.

() Scrips Gift Cards

Volunteers are needed to coordinate gift card sales (print and collect order forms from the schools, distribute orders to buyers) multiple times throughout the school year.

Contact Information:

VOLUNTEER PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME RELATIONSHIP

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

GRADE(S) OF CHILD(REN)

Tolland Elementary PTO

Webpage/Facebook Photo Permission Form

This form should only be returned if you DO NOT wish to have your child's photograph published on the TEPTO's webpage and FB page.

September 2017

Dear Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School Parents & Guardians:

The TEPTO webpage and FB page are another way to reach our school families and enhances your experience as a parent/guardian of a student at our elementary schools. As part of that enhancement, we like to personalize the webpage and Facebook with photographs of our students in action at PTO sponsored events.

While we know that you will be receiving a photo release form from the schools, we wanted to send our own form home for photos to be used on TEPTO's sites. *Please know that at no time will any child's name be identified on the webpage or FB page.*

Complete the form below only if you DO NOT wish to have your child's photograph published on TEPTO's webpage or FB page.

Thank you so much for your help! We hope you will visit us often at <http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us> or <http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us> and click on the Parent Tab then Tolland Elementary PTO. You can also find us on Facebook under Tolland Elementary PTO!

Sincerely,

The Tolland Elementary PTO (TEPTO)

_____ No, I do not want photos of my child to be posted on the PTO webpage/FB page.

Child's name: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

TEPTO'S UN-Fundraiser

Dear TEPTO Families and Friends,

The "UN-Fundraiser" is a stress-free and **tax-deductible** program that has raised thousands of dollars for our Tolland elementary schools

As we all know, budget cuts continue to hurt everyone, especially our schools. Our fundraising efforts are more important than ever. One of our goals is to continue to provide the wonderful programs that our students enjoy and the "Un-Fundraiser" helps do just that.

Why have we chosen the "UN-Fundraiser?"

- No door-to-door sales by students
- No sales competitions between neighbors and friends
- All donations are **tax-deductible**
- Donations are eligible for corporate matching funds (check with your employer)
- **100% of the funds go directly to TEPTO with no fees to outside companies**
- Certain companies will match a donation so please check with your employer and/or companies donate a certain amount in exchange for volunteering at your school for a short amount of time. Please ask for information if you need it.

This school year, TEPTO will spend \$55,000 to provide our children with field trips and assemblies, recess equipment and books; and the staff of Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate School will receive classroom and curriculum support.

If you wish to contribute, please clip the coupon below and save a copy of this portion for your tax records.

Date: _____ Amount Contributed: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Child's Name (Name, Teacher, Grade): _____

Amount

Contributed: _____

Please send this form in an envelope marked "TEPTO UN-Fundraiser" in your child's backpack.



Tolland Soccer Club

Fall 2017 Recreation Program

We are recruiting volunteer buddies to work with our TOPS Soccer Division soccer players. TOPS Soccer is the name given to youth soccer division within our recreation program for players with physical and mental disabilities.

The Tolland Soccer Club is celebrating its 18th consecutive season of TOP soccer for children ages 4-19 years old. We are seeking middle-school and high-school age volunteers to work with our TOP soccer players. Last year we had over 40 buddies participate in TOPS. We anticipate the need for 40 buddies this season as well. The players come from Tolland and surrounding communities.

Soccer experience is not required; just a big heart, and strong desire to help other children achieve their dreams.

We would be honored to have you join us as a volunteer buddy this fall.

Please register with Lisa Bowden at 860-729-8466 or send an email at lisabowden@comcast.net

TOPS takes place on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:00pm and Saturdays from 8:45-10:00am.

TOLLAND PROJECT GRADUATION CAN/BOTTLE & CLOTHING DRIVE**



SATURDAY, September 16th

DROP OFF TIMES: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BIRCH GROVE PRIMARY, 247 RHODES ROAD, TOLLAND, CT

(COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND HELP APPRECIATED FROM ADULTS 8:00AM – 3:00 PM – give an hour, two or whatever you can)

* * *

****COLLECTION OF USED CLOTHING, SHOES, SPORTS APPAREL (UNIFORMS/CLEATS) & BOOKS**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF TOLLAND PROJECT GRADUATION!



The End