



Tolland High School – Digital Backpack

January Outlook and Beyond

Fully Remote Learning – 12/21-1/15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 18 (No School)

Parent Advisory Council – Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 a.m. (Rescheduled)

Advisory Session – Tuesday, January 19 (Class Dues)

THS Booster Club – Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. (Rescheduled)

End of Semester 1 – Tuesday, January 26

Mid Semester day (No School) – Wednesday, January 27

Start of Semester 2 – Thursday, January 28

8th Grade Orientation and Parent Night (Virtual) – Thursday, January 28

Semester 2 Open House (Virtual) – Thursday, February 4

Fully Remote Learning

All students will be engaging in fully remote learning through Friday, January 15. As a friendly reminder, below is the link to the schedule which includes attendance expectations. The schedule is also located at the Tolland High School Website.

[Fully Remote Schedule](#)

THS Parent Advisory Council

Parent Advisory Council has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 a.m. If you would like to participate, please email Sue Keane at skeane@tolland.k12.ct.us by Friday, January 15 to RSVP. For those who RSVP, a zoom link will be sent via email on Friday evening.



Advisory Session: Class Dues Collection

On Tuesday, January 19th students will have their first opportunity to pay their class dues. Cash or checks made payable to Tolland High school are both acceptable forms of payment. Parents of ninth graders, if you would like to pay the entire 4-year amount now, you will receive a discounted price of \$140.00 (compared to the \$150.00).

If possible, please send your payment in an envelope labeled with the following:

Student Name

Grade

Date

Amount Enclosed

We will also have envelopes available during the advisory session and students will be provided guidance as to how to label the envelopes. At the end of the advisory session, dues will be collected in a larger advisory envelope and brought to the main office. From there, the class advisors and officers will take the time to open envelopes, account for each student's amount paid, and then write a receipt. Receipts will be returned in an advisory session on February 2. If you would like to receive the receipt at an earlier date, please contact the main office.

Parents and Guardians of 12th graders, in a communication on Friday, 1/15, I will provide a tentative plan for how dues will be utilized for end of the year activities.

THS Booster Club

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. The agenda and Zoom meeting information is available at the Tolland High School Booster Club Website at tollandboosterclub.com.

End of Semester 1

Due to a variety of reasons, the mid-semester day has been moved to Wednesday, January 27 (Dr. Willett included information about moving this day in his bulletin). By moving mid-semester day, the end of semester 1 is now on Tuesday, January 26, and the start of semester 2 is now on Thursday, January 28.



As a reminder, we are not administering final examinations this semester. Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 will each count as 50% of a student's final grade.

8th Grade Parent Night and Orientation – Virtual

The Annual Tolland High School 8th Grade Orientation will take place virtually on January 28th. On that night, a document will be posted to the THS website that will include links to pre-recorded presentations. The main link at the top of the page will be a pre-recorded, initial presentation that will include information about the THS learning expectations, core values, graduation requirements, and course registration process. The links thereafter will include pre-recorded videos from our curriculum liaisons for each department. Curriculum liaisons will provide important information about their department which will include course offerings and academic expectations. As the date approaches, your student will be receiving a letter, a course catalog and selection form in their homeroom. In the meantime, the high school counseling office will be planning to virtually meet with grade 8 teams. Although it is different, this information is essential for families to know and understand as we begin the process of transitioning 8th grade students to the high school.

Semester 2 Open House – Virtual

The Tolland High School Semester 2 Open House will take place virtually on Thursday, February 4. On that night, a document will be posted to the THS website that will include links to all the classes offered during semester 2 and pre-recorded videos of teachers presenting the expectations for the courses and other pertinent information. We will follow the same procedures for this Open House as we did for semester 1. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Tolland Public Schools Educational Technology Initiative

9th, 10th, and 11th grade families are expected to complete the required digital paperwork to receive a district-issued laptop as part of the TPS Educational Technology Initiative. If you have completed the paperwork, your student should have received an email from Ms. Jessica Fontaine, the THS Library Media Specialist, about a date and time to pick up the laptop. If you have not completed



the digital paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our goal is to ensure that all members of the THS school community can teach and learn using the same device and software in the coming weeks. An email that included the link to the paperwork was sent on Friday, December 11 and again on Monday, December 21. Thank you for taking the time to complete the paperwork so that your student can receive a laptop.

Senior Portraits and Senior Ads

As a reminder, because Tolland Public Schools are remote for the following two weeks, Senior Portraits have been postponed to January 25th. If you need assistance checking on your appointment, please email Jess Fontaine (jfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us) or Shelley Manning (smanning@tolland.k12.ct.us).

Secondly, we are excited to share news about ads for the yearbook:

It is amazing how fast they grow up...

The yearbook staff is now accepting orders for personal ads in the 2021 yearbook, so it is time to choose photos and start working on your message of congratulations, pride, and love. This year, we are very excited to be teaming up with Tribute Ads. Please click the link below to view a flyer for further information. Gather your favorite photos and begin creating your personal ad today! Ads are due to Tribute Ads by February 8th.

[Personal Ad Flyer](#)

Go Eagles!