

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

1-25-16

Debate Club

On Saturday, January 9, the Tolland High School Debate Team attended a regional competition at E.O. Smith High School. Tolland competed against six other schools and thirty-eight other debate teams. Matthew Holyst and Sarah Gherri competed for Tolland at the varsity level, and Griffin Powell and Anna Garow competed at the novice level. Both teams fared quite well.

Powell and Garow went 2-1 at the competition, their best showing yet in two years on the team. Holyst and Gherri, meanwhile, went a perfect 3-0 in the varsity division and earned the most points out of any of the debate teams. For the first time in Tolland's debating history, Holyst and Gherri made it to the final round of this regional debate. Only the top two teams at a competition make it to this round. Holyst and Gherri lost in the finals by a narrow margin. Their second-place standing at this competition qualified them for the state finals in March. In addition, Matthew Holyst earned individual honors at the competition, placing second overall in the individual debaters category. Both Holyst and Gherri received awards at the competition.

All of Tolland's debaters performed impressively at this competition. Debating is a taxing mental competition, and these students represented Tolland well. Congratulations!!



Seniors Sarah Gherri and Matt Holyst



Sophomore Anna Garow and Junior Griffin Powell

Remaining First Semester Exam Schedule

The remaining first semester exam schedule is as follows:

Monday – January 25, 2016

Block 3 Exam	7:30 - 9:00
Block 4 Exam	9:45 - 11:15
Make-up Exams	12:00 - 1:30

Please note:

- STUDENTS MUST REMAIN IN THE EXAM FOR THE ENTIRE 90 MINUTES.
- Students excused or exempt from exams do not need to report to school.
- Students who are in school and not taking exams must be in the cafeteria while exams are in progress. A student may be in the library but must make arrangements with the library staff in advance to do so.
- The make-up exam period is only for those students who have special problems approved in advance by the department chairperson.
- All students are expected to be in their exams on time. Forgetting, sleeping late, etc. are not excuses for missing a final exam.
- Students who have just one exam on either day only need to be here for their exam period. For example, if you have only a Block 1 exam and you have your own transportation, you may leave after the end of the Block 1 exam period. The reverse is also true. If you have only a Block 2 exam and you are able to provide your own transportation to school, you do not need to be here during the Block 1 exam period. However, you must be on time to the Block 2 exam period.
- Students are not to leave the school building in between exam periods if they have two exams on the same day.
- Buses will arrive and depart the school at normal times. There will be no late bus.
- There will be no school for students on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 due to mid-semester day. If there is a need to alter the exam schedule due to a snow day, this is subject to change.
- The cafeteria will not be selling any food items on exam days. Please feel free to bring a snack or lunch if you are staying until dismissal at 1:43 p.m.

LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

The Board of Education approved a lunch price increase to assist Food & Nutrition Services in managing rising food and operational costs. This change will take effect on February 1, 2016. The increase is \$0.15 to secondary schools. Milk will remain the same. The new prices are listed below.

High School	\$3.00
Deli Lunch	\$3.25
Milk (no change)	\$.60

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25 – Final Exams - Blocks 3 & 4

January 26 – Mid-semester Day – no school for students

January 27 – Second Semester Begins

January 27 – Half-Day Session for Students

January 28 – 8th Grade Orientation and Course Fair - 6:30 p.m. THS Auditorium
February 1 – Community Advisory Council - 7:30 a.m. THS Conference Room
February 8 – Booster Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. THS Conference Room
February 11 – THS Second Semester Open House
February 15 – President’s Day – No School

BOOSTER CLUB

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the THS conference room. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at dbclokey@sbcglobal.net or Heidi Gallicchio at heidiho1970@sbcglobal.net.