

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

11-16-15

Kind Campaign Fundraiser @ Camille's Wood Fired Pizza

Tolland High School's Kind Campaign Club held a fundraiser on Tuesday, November 10, from 5:30 until 9:00 at Camille's Wood Fired Pizza Restaurant in Tolland. The event was a huge success based on the attendance and the monies generated. Over a hundred students, siblings, parents and staff came out to support the club on a very rainy night.

Camille's generously donated 50% of their proceeds to the Kind Campaign Club. At the end of the evening, the club raised approximately \$450 from the event. Club members (pictured to the right) decided to utilize the monies generated from the fundraiser to make and donate fleece tie



blankets. The students will purchase supplies such as fleece fabric and fabric scissors to create approximately 40 blankets for the residents of Vernon Manor in Vernon, Connecticut. Enthusiastic members as well as non-members of the club will meet to make the blankets on both Tuesday, November 17 and finish up on Thursday, November 19 in order for them to be delivered before Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day 2015

On Wednesday, November 11, Tolland High School held a ceremony to honor and recognize the men and women who have served in our nation's military. The program began with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the Madrigal Singers. Ms. Fox spoke about the historical significance of Veterans Day and students watched a video entitled, [Veterans Day - Tribute to the American Soldier](#)". One of our Social Studies teachers, Mr. Jim Wiese, spoke about his personal experience in the military. He also shared some staggering statistics about veterans and graduation rates, voting behavior, and unemployment rates. The program ended with Junior Annalee Hughes presenting a check to Coventry resident, USMC Sgt. Brian Johnston, who was wounded November 8, 2005 in Fallujah, Iraq when the Amphibious Assault Vehicle he was riding in was hit by an IED. Brian lost his right leg and right arm in that attack.

Annalee told her fellow students, "It started out as a summer job where I would help the Tolland Senior Center out by taking their cans and bottles to the recycling for them. Then, it got in the news and a lot of people loved the idea and started supporting me. And we have bottles and cans being donated from all over the place. Four years later, I

have collected almost \$5000 in five cent bottle returns. I think it's important to help others in any small way that you can and this is how I have chosen to help. So thank you to Brian Johnston, from Coventry, Connecticut, who has served our country bravely and sacrificed so much by fighting and being hurt in a war, far from his family. I have collected \$2,125.00 and I am proud to present this check to him. Thank you for your service." As Sgt. Johnston could not be present, another local veteran, Micah Welintukonis from Coventry accepted the donation on his behalf. The THS community is very proud of Annalee's efforts to help others in need. *(Pictured to the left in the back row from L to R: State Representative Tim Ackert, Social Studies Teacher Mr. Jim Wiese, and Micah Welintukonis. Front Row: Annalee Hughes)*



DECA - The Adventure Park at Storrs

On Wednesday, November 4, approximately 40 DECA students spent their evening reaching new heights and challenging themselves at The Adventure Park in Storrs, Connecticut. The trip was sponsored through a \$7,500 AT&T Leadership grant. The students who attended worked through several of the five ropes courses of varying levels of difficulty. The courses required our THS adventurers to cross bridges, climb rope ladders, and glide across zip lines. Working collaboratively with a partner, students built their level of self-confidence and communication and leadership skills...never mind their fear of heights. Students were accompanied by their DECA Advisor Mrs. Lynne Bridge, Business Teacher Ms. Kathy Marshall, and World Language teacher Ms. Nancy McGrath. It was a great time had by all who attended.



IMPORTANT DATES

November 16 – Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. - THS Conference Room
November 17 – College Planning Program – 6:30 p.m. - THS Auditorium
November 20 – Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
November 25 – 27 – No School for Thanksgiving
November 30 – Girls Basketball Tryouts
December 1 – Financial Aid Seminar 7:00 p.m. - THS Auditorium
December 4 – Tolland Idol 7:00 p.m. - THS Auditorium
December 5 – All other winter sports begin

COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting Tolland High School soon. If you are interested in attending any of these visits, please sign up on Family Connection or in the Counseling Office at least two days in advance.

- November 18 – Sacred Heart University
- November 20 – Castleton University

COLLEGE PLANNING PROGRAM

This program is for Juniors and their parents and will be held **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** Please note that this day is a CHANGE from what was listed on the school calendar that was given to your students on the first day of school.

BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT

See the THS Jazz Band perform at Barnes & Noble on Friday, November 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and pick up some great books or toys for the holiday season.

Vouchers are available on the THS website. You will need a voucher or mention the THS Booster Club at check out so THS receives a percentage of the sale. For any questions, contact Lisa Gottier at lisagottier7@gmail.com or Kathy Aldrich at Kathy.aldrich@sbcglobal.net.

BOOSTER CLUB

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16 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 heidih1970@sbcglobal.net.

- **Membership** – fill out the form that was mailed home and return it to the THS main office. You can find the form on our Booster Club page on the THS school website as well.
- **Tolland Gear** – visit www.Shop.MyLocker.net and enter Locker # ad327. Contact Kelly Nick at 860-875-9637 if you have any questions.
- **Facebook** – Join our group on Facebook. Search for “Tolland High Parents” and let us know you want to join the conversation. Here you can find the most up-to-date information on how you can be involved in the THS parent community.

SHOPRITE FOR EDUCATION

If you shop at ShopRite for your groceries you can sign up for the ShopRite for Education Program and our school can earn rewards. To sign up, you must be a ShopRite Price Plus Club member. Go to www.shopriteforeducation.com and register your card. Our school code is 18715. Stores in the following towns participate: Bristol, East Hartford, East Haven, Enfield, Hamden, Manchester, Milford, Southington, Stratford, Wallingford, Waterbury, and West Haven.
