

# ***Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin***

## ***12-14-15***

### **Tolland Idol - "A D8 with F8"**

On Friday, December 4, Tolland High School held its annual lip-syncing contest, "Tolland Idol". This year's version, entitled "Tolland Idol 8 - A D8 with F8", lived it to its reputation as thirteen acts competed for the coveted \$100 prize. The overall winner "KISS", rocked the house lip-syncing, "Rock and Roll All Night." Kevin Fiddler, Hannah Lachut, and Samantha Lentocha took home the \$100 prize. The show was co-hosted by seniors Michaela Davies and Alex Pires and co-produced by Executive Producers Mrs. Chrystine LoVoi and Mr. Todd Blais. A large crowd was in attendance to see all the wonderful performers. Other winners included the following:

- Best Solo Performance - Julie Tanguay - "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston
- Best Duo Performance - Katie Candels and Jason Zevallos - "Whenever I Call You Friend" by Kenny Loggins and Stevie Nicks
- Best Group Performance - Dance Team - "When I Grow Up" by The Pussycat Dolls
- Best Staff Performance - Paul Gronendyke, Emma James & Mr. Kris Coffey - "Hakuna Matata" by The Cast of the Lion King



*Tolland Idol Winners from L to R: Samantha Lentocha, Kevin Fiddler, and Hannah Lachut as "KISS"*



*Tolland Idol co-hosts Alex Pires and Michaela Davies*



*Kris Coffey (pictured in the middle of the back row) and students Paul Gronendyke and Emma James (picture in the front row) pose before the show prior to the show.*

**Changes to Exam Dates**

As noted in the Fall 2015 edition of the *PRIDE Newsletter*, Ms. Fox asked members of the school community to be both patient and flexible as the school navigated their way through a variety of changes during the 2015-2016 school year. One of those changes, specifically replacing the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's test for 11th graders with the SAT, was welcomed. Unfortunately, our school calendar was developed in May of last school year without knowledge of this change. That said, the number of days allotted for the second semester was six days more than the days allotted for the first semester primarily due to the number of days required to administer the SBAC test. As the Connecticut State Department of Education has now determined that the state-mandated test for 11th graders be administered on one day, March 2, this has created an imbalance in the number of days allotted per semester. To ensure that students are receiving similar experiences whether they are taking the same course in the first or second semester, the exam dates will be pushed by two days. Thus, the end of the second quarter will now fall on Thursday, January 21. Final exams will be administered on Friday, January 22 and Monday, January 25 with the mid-semester day on Tuesday, January 26. For those students who are new to Tolland High School, students do not attend school on the mid-semester day. The second semester will begin on the scheduled half-day, Wednesday, January 27. Please understand that all this may be subject to change due to inclement weather.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

December 23 – Half Day Session  
December 24, 25, 28 – 31, January 1 – School Closed  
January 11 – Booster Club meeting 7:00 p.m. THS conference room  
January 12 – Music Concert 7:00 p.m. THS Auditorium  
January 21 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
January 22 – Final Exams blocks 1 & 2  
January 25 – Final Exams blocks 3 & 4  
January 26 – Mid semester day – no school for students  
January 27 – Second Semester Begins

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### **SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS**

Calling all actors, singers, and dancers - this year's musical will be "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Auditions will be held on Tuesday, December 15th. Audition materials are now available in the Chorus Room. There's lots of material to be performed for the audition so get started now. For more information, please see Mrs. Tracy in the Chorus Room.

### **BOOSTER CLUB**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dbclokey@sbcglobal.net) or Heidi Gallicchio at [heidiho1970@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidiho1970@sbcglobal.net).

