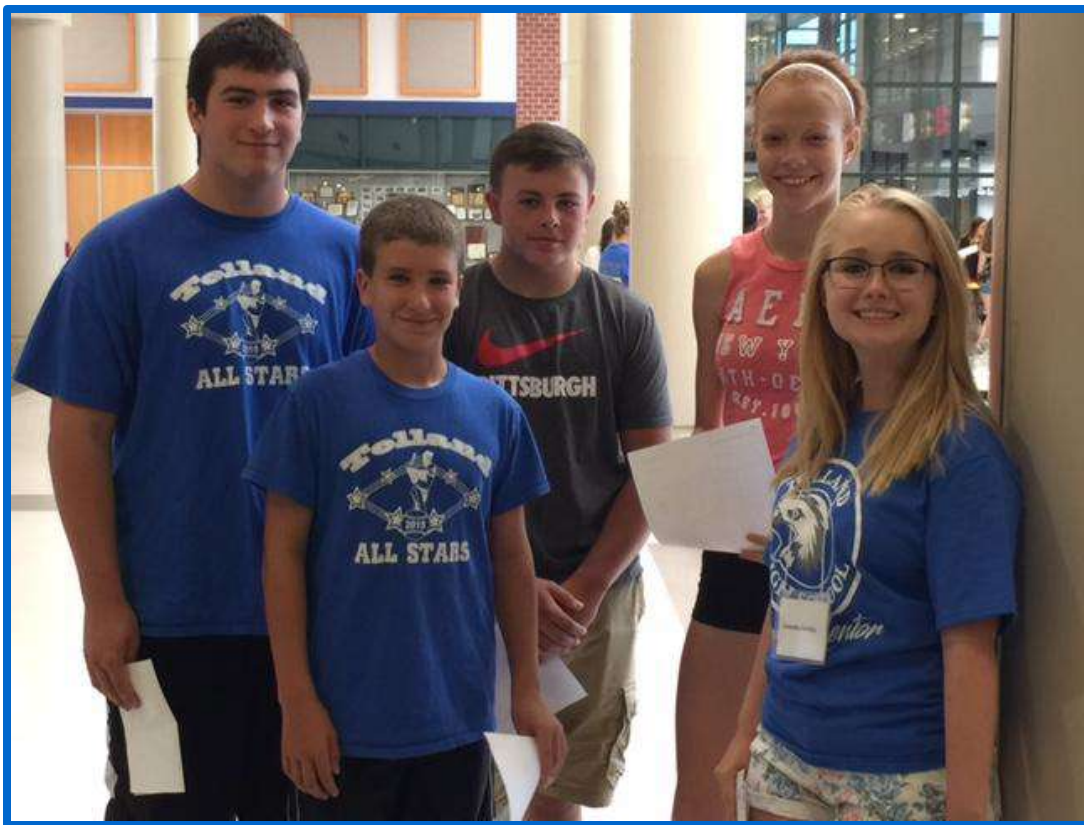


Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

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Freshmen Orientation

On Tuesday, August 30, Tolland High School held its annual Freshmen Orientation. Approximately 70 Peer Mentors welcomed the incoming Class of 2020 students to begin the day. Students were placed in one of three groups based on their Advisory class. Led by their Peer Mentors, students rotated through three distinct activities. As part of Student Council's Club Fair, 18 students rotated to listen to student representatives share information about each of the clubs. To familiarize the students with their schedule and locations of their classrooms, Peer Mentors led two to three students through their class schedules. In addition, mentors led by their mentees in playing a number of cooperative games such as 52 Card Pickup, Alaskan Pipeline, Ten Fingers, Vortex, and Zen Counting. The day ended with a barbecue lunch in the THS courtyard on an absolutely beautiful day. Below are some photos taken at Freshmen Orientation.



Pictured above: *Peer Mentor Amanda Forshey leads four freshmen through a tour of the building and their classrooms.*



Pictured above: *Peer Mentors Brett Grospitch, Jacob Baron, Michaela Caron, Mallory Goldsmith and Hannah Mozdzeirz and students in Mr. Cayward's Freshmen Advisory class pose for the camera.*



Pictured above: Students listen to a representative of the Rage Robotics Team during the Club Fair rotation.

Day 1 Advisory- Important Documents

Students began their first day of school in their advisory. Each student was given an agenda planner as well as a school calendar. **Several important documents were provided which must be returned to Block 1 teachers by Thursday, September 8.** These include the Student Handbook Awareness Statement located on Page 5 of the Student Handbook and the Student Emergency Procedures Information Form. Please take the time to read through the handbook carefully to familiarize yourself with our school policies and procedures. To ensure we have accurate information on file in PowerSchool and with the school nurse, please also update the demographic information and complete the health information on the Student Emergency Procedures Information Form. Free and Reduced Lunch forms and Parking Permit Application (11th and 12th graders only), should also be submitted to the THS Main Office. A copy of the registration and driver's license must accompany the completed parking application. Insurance forms are available on the district's main webpage or they may be picked up in the Tolland High School main office.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 5 – Labor Day – No School

September 6 - Student & Staff I.D.s - 7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

September 6 – 8 – Senior Portraits - 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 9 – Welcome Back Dance - 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
September 10 – Project Graduation Bottle Drive – Birch Grove
September 13 – Open House – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
September 19 – Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
September 20 – 9th Grade Parent Program - 7:30 a.m. THS

STUDENT AND STAFF I.D.s

Underclassmen yearbook photos, along with student IDs, will be taken on Tuesday, September 6th.

Seniors who were **NOT** photographed over the summer have only a few more opportunities to have their senior portrait taken for the yearbook. The photographer will be in the auditorium from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on September 6 through 8 and then again on October 17 through 20. No purchase is necessary, however, there is a sitting fee. Seniors should have received a notice with the date and time of the portrait session. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Sue Fontaine at sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us.

OPEN HOUSE

Our first Parent Open House for the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On that evening, we run an abbreviated schedule of your child's classes from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. At Parent Open House, you will have an opportunity to meet each of your child's teachers, gain an understanding of the curricula, and hear the teacher's' expectations.

Since the event is usually well attended, we encourage parents/guardians to arrive early. Student volunteers from both our Student Council and National Honor Society will be available at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria to distribute students' schedules. In the auditorium at 6:30 p.m., there will be a brief presentation regarding important information about Tolland High School. Representatives from the Tolland High School Booster Club and Project Graduation will be present for both sign-ups and questions.

BOOSTER CLUB

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please join us and learn more about the exciting events planned for the year. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at dbclokey@sbcglobal.net or Jenn Dineen at jneccidineen@yahoo.com.

TOLLAND PROJECT GRADUATION

Tolland Project Graduation Bottle/Clothing Drive will be held September 10, accepting items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-offs can be made at Birch Grove Primary at 147 Rhodes Road in Tolland. Community service hours are available for students and help from adults is appreciated 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., give an hour, two, or more. New this year in conjunction with our spring and fall bottle drives, we will collect gently used clothing, linen, shoes, sports apparel (uniforms, cleats, etc.). This is in conjunction with Charities of Hope. Thank you for your continued support of Tolland Project Graduation! Please email tpg.bottledrive@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

TOPS SOCCER

We are recruiting volunteer buddies (middle school and high school age) to work with our TOPS Soccer Division players. Soccer experience is not required; just a big heart, and strong desire to help other children achieve their dreams. We would love 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 5:45-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m.

TOLLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Please click on the following link to access the [flyer](#) for TEF's Back to School Bowling Bonanza on Friday, September 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Spare Time in Vernon, Connecticut.