



TMS Digital Backpack

January 11, 2021

January 13, 2021
January 18, 2021

Breakfast with the Principal
Martin Luther King Day, No School

TMS Families,

Students are scheduled to return to TMS for in-person learning next week on Tuesday, January 19. All students will be expected to use their school issued Chromebook for learning at this time. If you have not completed the electronic paperwork for your child to receive their TMS Chromebook, please do so as soon as possible. Once this is completed you can come to TMS during remote learning between the hours of 8:30-2:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. Your child can also pick up their Chromebook when they return to school on January 19. Remember that this is not an option, students must have a school issued Chromebook for all school learning.

We expect that our parking lot will be busy once again with drop off and pick up. Please be sure to leave yourself extra time and patience as we work ourselves back into our in-person routines. Dismissal will begin for pick up at 1:15 for our students that were in cohort A at the start of the school year and at 1:20 for students in cohort B at the start of the year. Students riding the bus will be dismissed by teams at 1:25. Our schedule can be found on our main webpage, <http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us/>, by clicking the schedule link.

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.

Our Grade 8 Gold Team welcomes two student teachers from Eastern Connecticut State University's Teacher Program. Tyler Hubley will be working with Mrs. Murdock in Science and Alexi Biox will be working with Mrs. Bellman in Language Arts. We are excited to have these two teacher candidates as they begin their teaching journey on January 25 at TMS.

Do not be left out!! Students in yearbook club are currently working on our 20/21 yearbook! This year our yearbook will be a softcover with many colored photographs. The yearbook includes artwork by the 8th graders, individual and staff photographs, candid photos, clubs, and school events. There are two ways to secure your yearbook order, online or by bringing in a check. Follow the steps below to meet your ordering preference:

1. Online orders can be placed at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01089410> between January 4 and February 26, 2021. Be sure to specify your child's homeroom teacher when placing the order. The cost is \$13.00.
2. Return the bottom portion of this form with a check made out to TMS SAA for \$13.00 between January 4 and February 26, 2021. Be sure to note your child's homeroom teacher in the MEMO line. Place the order form and a check in an envelope marked yearbook with your child's name and homeroom teacher on the outside of the envelope.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Rosenzweig at nrosenzweig@tolland.k12.ct.us

Chromebook Troubleshooting Guide

Please attempt the following before returning the Chromebook to school:

- Make sure it is charged. If the battery is completely out of charge, the icon will not show up for the first few minutes of charging. Most Chromebooks have an indicator light for charging. It will be red if still charging and green when fully charged. If the Chromebook will not charge, try another outlet or charger.
- Chromebook may need an update or reboot. To do this, shut it down completely (do not just close the lid.)
- If the keyboard is not showing all options, make sure it is set on US Keyboard, not INTL Keyboard. This can be changed on the bottom right of the screen.
- Clear the cache/browsing data. Follow these steps:
 1. Log in to your account.
 2. Click on the 3 dots on top left.
 3. Click on History and then slide to the left drop down menu and click History again.
 4. On left side, click Clear browsing data.
 5. Click on the Advanced tab.
 6. Click Time Range: All Time
 7. Check all the boxes, then Clear data.

Tolland Public Schools PCLP banner on our website provides information on the following: **OPTION FOR EDUCATION OPTION REGISTRATION, EXCEPTION REQUESTS, TECHNOLOGY REQUESTS, LINKS TO THE TPS PANDEMIC CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN AND MORE.**



You Are Cordially Invited To:



Breakfast with the Principal

2020-2021

T.M.S. Coffee with the Principal will be VIRTUAL this year. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

October 14, 2020- Cancelled

November 11, 2020

No December meeting

January 13, 2021

February 10, 2021

March 10, 2021

April 14, 2021

May 12, 2021

Please RSVP

To Michelene Wry (mwry@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting.

Please also see the attachments:

Free Meal Flyer
Yearbook Orders
TPS Educational Technology Initiative
TMS Remote Schedule
Parking Lot Map
4-H Camp