

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

10-21-19



It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce an exciting and meaningful partnership between Tolland High School DECA and Operation Gratitude. On Monday, November 11, the students and staff will come together as one to show our support for our military personnel.

This school-wide event will be orchestrated by Tolland DECA students and will benefit and assist the goals of Operation Gratitude, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 to procure the items necessary to collectively assemble 1,000 care packages and 1,000 paracord bracelets. Care packages will consist of hygiene products and other small items. The bracelets are woven out of paracord and hold up to 550 pounds. When unraveled in an emergency, they can save lives. This school-wide event will take place the week before Memorial Day. Much like last year's Feeding Children Everywhere fundraiser, this event provides a wonderful opportunity for the students and the community to show our troops we appreciate all that they do to protect us.

Most importantly, please consider supporting this initiative with a donation. Donation checks can either be mailed to Tolland High School at 1 Eagle Hill, Tolland, CT 06084 or dropped off in the main office. Online donations can also be made by clicking on the Operation Gratitude logo below.



Feel free as well to let your family members know. Our boots on the ground, are yours?

STUDENT-LED TOWN COUNCIL DEBATE

On Thursday, October 10, Tolland High School students hosted a Student-Led Town Council Debate. The idea to host a debate was generated after alumnus Jacob Marie, Class of 2017, attended a debate last fall at E.O. Smith High School. Jacob is currently a junior majoring in Political Science and Economics at the University of Connecticut. He worked with one of our Social Studies teachers, Mr. Robert Dornfried, to organize the event. Prior to the debate, both slates were given a list of five different topics which were as follows:

- Conservation and the Environment
- Crumbling Foundations and Infrastructure
- Economy and the Budget
- Public Safety and Mental Health
- Communication and Cooperation

Beforehand, ten THS students were involved in generating ten questions that were not given to the candidates prior to the debate. Six additional questions were selected from a number of questions Tolland residents submitted online.

The ten students involved in the debate have consistently demonstrated a strong desire and willingness to be civically engaged both within their school and local community. By providing an opportunity for Tolland Town Council candidates to exchange views on community issues, they provided an opportunity to raise awareness on the candidates' political views. The students involved in hosting the debate were:

Emily Bliss
Matthew Coleman
Sonika Kohli
Abigail Lateer
Madeline Mancini
Bridget Niemeyer
Nathan Paolangeli
Haylee Scibek
Marie Sirois
Fisher Thompson

They are pictured below with the Town Council candidates.



TOLLAND BUSINESS ACADEMY

On Tuesday, October 8, Tolland Business Academy students had a unique opportunity to tour two of the best ranked business colleges in the northeast. Students enjoyed tours and information sessions at Bentley University (ranked #2) and Bryant University (ranked #7). Highlights of the trip included learning about the college admissions process, the wide variety of majors each school had to offer, study abroad programs, and the stock market trading rooms. Students even had a chance to meet up with Tolland High School alumni and current Bryant students Trey Gonzalez and Dominic Boutot!





MANUFACTURING DAY

Tolland High School Technology Education students participated in national Manufacturing Day on October 4th with a visit to CNC Software, Inc (Mastercam) in Tolland. CNC Software, Inc. is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art software tools for CAD/CAM manufacturing markets. The Open House gave students a behind-the-scenes look at the facility. They saw the machine shop in action – where Mastercam toolpaths are tested each and every day.

The UConn Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) gave a demonstration of their formula-style car that contains parts designed and manufactured using Mastercam. UConn Formula SAE is a student run organization with the goal of designing, manufacturing, and racing a Formula-Style car competitively.



TEAMS CLUB

The Tolland High School TEAMS Club is looking for new members of all grade levels. The TEAMS Club participates in an annual, theme-based competition that provides students the opportunity to discover engineering with the potential to make a difference in the world. This year's theme is Engineering in the Wild and topics include Transportation in the Frozen Tundra, Canopy Walkways for Wildlife Crossings, and Biomimicry. The competition has three components - essay, multiple choice, and design/build. Last year's team performed well enough to qualify for the national competition held in Washington, DC. More information on the competition can be found here:

<https://tsaweb.org/teams/state-competitions/annual-theme-and-scenario-to-pics>

Please contact Mrs. Beth Penney at bpenney@tolland.k12.ct.us for more information.



YEARBOOK INFORMATION

You can purchase a yearbook online at ybpay.lifetouch.com using the code for Tolland High School of 10945820. Price starts at \$75 and goes up from there depending on the package that you purchase. After November 1st the base price goes up to \$85. The base price will then increase to \$90 after February 22nd. Make all checks payable to Lifetouch.

Nameplates, cover keepers and autograph inserts are \$5 each. You can choose the “Eagle’s Nest” package for all three enhancements for only \$10.00. Parents can also purchase advertisements for the yearbook by going to YBPay.com and use the Tolland High School code of 10945820. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Fontaine at sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us or Jessica Fontaine at jfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us.

SENIOR CLASS DUES COLLECTION

Class dues will be collected during lunch the week of October 21-25 for students in the Class of 2020. Class dues are collected during each of a student’s four years at THS to help pay the cost of the student’s senior expenses such as caps and gowns, the senior banquet, the senior picnic (including transportation), class t-shirt and class gift. Dues for the student’s freshman, sophomore and junior years are \$35.00 each year. Senior year dues are \$45.00. Any dues not paid during the designated collection week will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee per year. The \$150.00 paid by each student offsets a portion of senior expenses related to cap and gown, class day, class night, etc. Class fundraising efforts contribute towards the remaining costs. Our intent in having a portion of the total cost due each year is to avoid yet another “big bill” at graduation time. The class dues collected covers only a portion of senior expenses. There are no refunds for class dues.

HOMECOMING DANCE

The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Tolland High School gymnasium. If students would like to bring a guest that is NOT a THS student, they must complete a guest permission slip that can be found in the main office. The student must be a high school student and the permission slip must be signed by the guest's parent/guardian and the principal of their high school. After those signatures have been obtained, the form needs to be signed by Principal Fox. Students can turn the forms into the main office.

MCC INFORMATION

The registration deadline for the MCC/CCP program is Thursday, October 31. Students must have registered online with MCC as well as complete the THS registration form. Our school coordinator, Ms. Caitlin Foran, will be going into the fall semester classes where students can enroll concurrently in the program. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Foran at cforan@tolland.k12.ct.us.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Online registration for winter sports is now open. Please go to the athletic page of the school website and click on the "Athletic Participation and Forms" tab and follow the prompts. **Please note the deadline for registration is Friday, November 8th** and late registrations will NOT be accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 21 - Student & Staff I.D. Retakes
October 21 - 25 - Class of 2019 Class Dues Collection
October 21 - 25 - Spirit Week
October 23 - Faculty In-Service - Early Release
October 25 - Pep Rally
October 26 - Homecoming Dance - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
October 30 - Music Concert - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

PICTURE RETAKES & SENIOR PORTRAITS

Retakes for students and staff pictures are scheduled for Monday, October 21. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Sue Fontaine at sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us.

BOOSTER CLUB

The next Tolland High School Booster Club meeting will be held on Monday, November 4 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@gmail.com or Jenn Dineen at jneccidineen@yahoo.com.



Understanding Suicide:

What We Know and What Can Help

**Thursday,
October 24, 2019**

6:30 P.M. ~ Tolland High School

Free, Open to Tolland & surrounding communities

In the last several years suicide has been among the top ten leading causes of death in the United States. In response there has been an increase in research and efforts to understand the causes of suicide, and help those who are experiencing thoughts of suicide. In this introductory talk Dr. Chapman will discuss some of the current information on suicide, and what is known about the experiences where an individual might have thoughts about suicide. We will also discuss examples of what has been proven to be helpful, including resources and ideas for communities, individuals and families. Ms. Duarte will share information on community response with an opportunity for discussion.

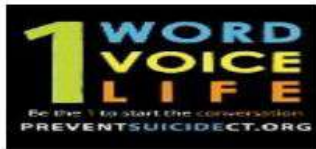
Following the talk there will be refreshments and time for questions and answers. Handouts with resources and information will be available. Please join us!

The presenters:

- Kathleen Chapman, Ph.D., CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services/River Valley Services/Clinical Manager; CT Psychological Association / Public Interest Representative; CT Suicide Advisory Board member
- Andrea Iger Duarte, M.P.H., L.C.S.W., CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services / Office of the Commissioner / Prevention & Health Promotion Division Manager; CT Suicide Advisory Board / Tri-Chair

In Crisis call 1(800)273-TALK (8255) or 211 in CT or text "CT" to 741741; in an Emergency call or text 911; visit www.preventsuicidect.org

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Suicide: It Affects Everyone

Tolland Emergency Management Announces New C.E.R.T. Training Schedule

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors as they participate in Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training classes. Tolland Emergency Management is pleased to announce the newest C.E.R.T. class training schedule:

5* Thursday Classes: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Oct. 17th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 7th, Nov. 14th, Nov. 21st

and

3* Saturday Classes: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Oct. 26th, Nov. 2nd, Nov. 9th

*Please note participants must attend all classes

By participating in C.E.R.T. you will learn valuable skills such as: How to recognize hazards that are most likely to affect your home, workplace, and neighborhood, steps you can take to prepare for a disaster, identifying and reducing potential fire hazards in your home and what to do when disaster strikes.

You will also learn how to: Assist Emergency Management and First Responders in meeting the needs of the community during disasters and learn to be part of an important team serving the community.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please email tollandemd@tolland.org with your name, address and telephone number to reserve your seat. Class size is limited, be sure to reserve your seat by Oct 11th.

All classes will be held at the Tolland Fire Department Training Center located at [191 Merrow Road, Tolland, Connecticut](#).

For Additional information visit: www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team

[Read more](#)

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