



Tolland High School – Digital Backpack

February Outlook and Beyond

Parent Advisory Council – Monday, February 1 (6:00 p.m.)

Advisory Session – Thursday, February 4

Semester 2 Open House (Virtual) – Thursday, February 4

Advisory Session

On Thursday, February 4th we will hold an advisory session. For students who paid class dues on 1/19, they will receive a receipt of their payment. In addition, 11th grade students will receive information about course registration for the 2021/2022 school year and 12th grade students will provide measurements for their Cap and Gown via Google Form. Here is the schedule for that day: [Advisory Schedule](#)

Semester 2 Open House – Virtual

The Tolland High School Semester 2 Open House will take place virtually on Thursday, February 4. On that night, a document will be posted to the THS website that will include links to all the classes offered during semester 2 and pre-recorded videos of teachers presenting the expectations for the courses and other pertinent information.

Tolland Public Schools Educational Technology Initiative

As a school, we have distributed close to 500 laptops to our students. By now, all students are eligible for a laptop, including grade 12 students. For those who have not completed the digital paperwork (*which is available here*) please take the time to do so, as the program ensures that every student has access to the same programs and updates. Ultimately, we will expect students to bring their laptops to school every day. As a reminder, families have the option of purchasing insurance and cases. There is no cost for the laptop itself.



EOY Informational Sessions: Senior Families

As mentioned in a direct communication on Friday, January 15, I will be conducting informational sessions about end of the year activities, including graduation in February. The first session will take place on Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. As we approach that date, I will provide an opportunity for senior families to register via Zoom invitation.

Mastery Based Diploma Assessment: 'The Nest'

A video presentation regarding the state's revision to the high school graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2023, our current sophomores, and for classes thereafter was shared with 9th and 10th grade families on Thursday evening. Moving forward, I will provide weekly updates in the Digital Backpack regarding the implementation of our plan to meet this state requirement and support our students in the process. If you have a moment, take the time to view this video presentation linked below.

[Mastery Based Diploma Assessment: 'The Nest'](#)

Tolland High DECA students win first round of the Be Entrepreneurial Challenge

Tolland High School DECA students - ***Abhay Kohli, Sam Nussbaum, Jude Reagan, and Cal Soucy*** recently won top honors in the first round of the Be Entrepreneurial Challenge. Organized by the Junior Achievement of Southwest New England and Bentley University, this one-day intensive seminar focuses on teaching students about the mindset and the skills needed for success as aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators. Working with volunteer business mentors, area high school teams used Design Thinking, a problem-solving approach, to create concise, effective, and actionable business plans. The day culminated with the students pitching their business plans to a team of judges who assessed the teams on the elements of starting a business that were highlighted throughout the day. Abhay, Sam, Jude, and Cal have been invited to participate in the final round of competition on February 3rd.

Go Eagles!!!