



Tolland High School – Digital Backpack

April Outlook and Beyond

Tuesday, April 27 – NGSS Assessment (Juniors Only)

- [Schedule](#)

Wednesday, April 28 – Half Day Schedule (as normal)

Thursday, April 29 – End of the Year Activities, Final Meeting

Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 – Step Up Day (8th Grade Students)

Monday, May 3 – Parent Advisory Council

NGSS

On Tuesday, April 27 we will administer the NGSS assessment to our 11th grade students. On this day, we will run a half day schedule (linked above). Once the half day schedule is complete, students in 9th, 10th, and 12th grade will be dismissed and offered a grab and go lunch. From there we will offer a grab-and-go lunch for our 11th grade students who will then remain in the building to participate in the NGSS in their advisory classrooms. There will be no study hall on this day and only 11th grade students will remain in the building. Bus transportation will be offered for 11th grade students at 1:00. A letter was sent to all families in the first week of April that included the day's schedule and expectations for all our students.

Please note that Wednesday, April 28 will remain a half day schedule as part of our 5 day in-person educational option.

On Tuesday, April 20, a google form was shared with 11th grade families asking them to indicate if their child has and will bring their district issued laptop for the NGSS assessment on Tuesday, April 27, or if their child does not have a district issued laptop and will need to participate in the assessment in a computer lab. This form also asked families to indicate if their child would need bus transportation that day. Thank you to all that completed the form. If you have



not done so already, if you can kindly complete the form prior to the morning of the NGSS assessment on Tuesday, April 27 that would be greatly appreciated.

Step Up Day

On Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 we will invite our 8th grade students to the high school for our annual Step-Up Day tradition. 11th and 12th grade peer mentors are prepared to welcome our future Eagles to the high school. 8th grade students will participate in a Q and A with peer mentors, a tour of the building, and a meeting with their high school counselor. The Principal's message about the THS core values and learning expectations will also be a part of their activities for the day. Remote 8th grade students will participate in the same experience, just remotely utilizing Google Meet.

Sophomore College Planning Program

Attention sophomore parents/guardians: The counseling department will be emailing a recording of the sophomore college planning program the week of 4/26. This is typically an in-person event held in the spring however this year we will offer it electronically. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor.

Quarter 4 and Exams

Due to several reasons, but the most significant one being equity, we have decided to eliminate traditional semester 2 exams and work to capitalize on opportunities in the classroom to assess broader, more cumulative concepts in our daily instruction. We will continue instruction through Friday, June 18. For certain UCONN courses and some Advanced Placement courses, teachers are obligated to administer final exams and will do so within the classroom environment. If accommodations need to be made for testing within those courses, we will work together with those teachers to ensure they receive what they need to fairly administer the exam. As far as final grades for the semester, quarter 3 and quarter 4 will each count as 50% of our students' overall semester 2 grade.



Parent Advisory Council

We will hold a THS Parent Advisory Council on Monday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please email Sue Keane at skeane@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Tolland Public Schools Educational Technology Initiative

As a school, we have distributed over 600 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. This week, I will be sending emails to families of students who have yet to complete the paperwork. 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. However, there are options to purchase insurance. In the coming months, certain assessments, surveys, and school wide activities will take place that will incorporate these laptops. Again, for the educational value, and many other reasons, we are expecting students to have a district issued laptop. If you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to email me at tpoland@tolland.k12.ct.us or call the school to discuss this with me.



Class of 2021 – Information

Important Information:

1. If you have not done so already, please take the time to read the letter linked below regarding the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony being held at Dunkin Donuts Stadium on Friday, June 18 at 1:00.
 - [Graduation Venue](#)
2. The next informational meeting about end of the year activities is scheduled for Thursday (4/29) at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP with Sue Keane at skeane@tolland.k12.ct.us if you would like to attend.
3. Be sure to order your **SENIOR BANNER!** The link to the order form is below:
 - [Tolland High School Booster Club and Tolland Project Graduation – Senior Graduation Banner and Lawn Signs\](#)

A NOTE FROM DAWN GAYLORD, SENIOR BANNER COMMITTEE:

100 SENIORS STILL HAVE NOT ORDERED BANNERS----If you have ordered a banner, you should have received an email confirmation. **PLEASE** search my email address, dawngaylord92@gmail.com, **BEFORE** commenting that you have not received an email from me.

CLASS OF 2021 SENIOR PARENTS: DEADLINE IS TOMORROW, APRIL 27, 2021. THERE ARE ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT TO ORDER YOUR 2021 GRADUATION BUNDLE consisting of a banner you will decorate and return to us, as well as a lawn sign to proudly display, honoring your 2021 THS GRADUATE! You can just email me the information I need. Click on the order form link and email me the information requested. You can pay by PayPal or mail a check to the address on the order form. You do not need to print out the order form. Just please make sure I have all the information from the form below. If you drop off a check, please tape it to my front door. **DO NOT LEAVE CHECK IN MAILBOX!** Please email or text me with any questions 860-916-1588. We are looking forward to displaying your banners honoring your 2021 Graduate!