

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

Here for you 860-335-2455



Check out the upcoming Courageous Conversations / Community Workshops (*descriptions below*) @ THS *The Perfect Party* on May 3, 6:30 – 8:30 PM and *A Reputation Ruined – Cyberbullying and Sexting* on May 17, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

**UPDATE FOR 5/1/2017**

## **JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:**

Please **CLICK BELOW** to get the **DIGITAL BACKPACK** information for the listed school:

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We had a great presentation on April 5, 2017 regarding childhood anxiety by Dr. Elizabeth Davis, a Clinical Psychologist at the Anxiety Disorder Center at the Institute of Living. Please see the presentation linked below. It was a well-attended and informational evening, thank you all for attending!

[Early Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders](#)

Speaking of informational evenings, we have two great presentations coming up this month:

### **The Perfect Party... Or So I Thought...**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

**Tolland High School**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

State's Attorney and Tolland resident Matthew Gedansky will provide us

with an understanding of the liabilities incurred when hosting a party, and changes that are being seen in teenage social gatherings. *Chasing the Dragon*, a film produced by the FBI related to drug use that starts in the teen years, will also be shown.

**A Reputation Ruined: Cyberbullying and Sexting**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**Tolland High School**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

Social media can be a wonderful way of keeping in touch with family and friends. But keeping our youth safe when using social media presents challenges to even the most tech-savvy parents. Retired law enforcement officer, author and the owner of *Internet Safety Concepts* Scott Driscoll will share his firsthand knowledge of use of social media can put youth and families at risk in today's ever-changing technology-based world. He will explore the positive aspects and safety concerns of many of the new social media sites that youth are using.

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For important Budget Information or to ask a question:

**BOE Budget Information Page:**

<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=27021803>

**The BOE Budget FAQ and documents:**

<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=27712561>



Please mark them in your calendar!

**Breakfast or Lunch with the Superintendent 2016-2017:**

**May 1, and June 5. Breakfast is at 9:00 am at the Board of Education Office.**

**I hope to see you there!**

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**TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TRYOUTS**

MAY 15, 16, 17

6p-8p

THS Mini Gym

Registration is open until May 1st

Contact Coach Jeanine with any questions at

[Tollandcheer@gmail.com](mailto:Tollandcheer@gmail.com)

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**Charter Revision Commission**

The Town of Tolland is seeking residents to serve on a Charter Revision Commission consisting of between 5 and 15 members. The Commission, initiated by the Town Council, will be charged with amending the Town Charter. No experience is required and the Commission will be supported by Town staff. The meetings will likely be in the evening. The Town Council is charged with appointing the Commission members. If you are interested in being considered by the Council or have questions about serving on the Commission, please submit a letter of interest to [vacancies@tolland.org](mailto:vacancies@tolland.org). Members must be Tolland residents and registered voters.

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**CONGRATS TO OUR AWESOME STUDENTS IN MUSIC!**



The Tolland High School Music Department traveled to Virginia Beach last week to participate in the Festivals of Music Contest and Adjudication held on April 21. The Madrigal Singers came in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a rating of Superior in the category of Renaissance Choir. They also received the award for Overall Specialty Choir. The Women’s Chorus came in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a rating of Superior in the category of Women’s Choir. They also received the award for Overall Concert Choir. Linda Tracy directs these ensembles.

The Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, directed by Megan Kirwin, were the only instrumental ensembles to attend the festival and both received ratings of Excellent in their adjudication. Trombonist Max Fenner received a special award for Overall Soloist in a Jazz Ensemble. Because they were the only instrumental ensembles, they were offered the opportunity to work with two renowned clinicians. The band participated in a clinic run by Colonel Thomas Palmatier, retired conductor of “Pershing’s Own” United States Army Band. The jazz band participated in a clinic conducted by Ken Ebo of the Naval School of Music and leader of the United States Marine Corps All-Star Jazz Ensemble.

Awards were given out during a ceremony at Busch Gardens. The students left on Wednesday, April 19 and returned on Sunday, April 23. They were also able to visit Colonial Williamsburg during the trip.

**CONGRATS TO OUR AWESOME STUDENTS IN DECA!**



Tolland High School students had another exceptional year in Anaheim, CA at the CECA competition. With 19,000+ people in attendance, and competition tougher than ever, Tolland came out on top with 6 students receiving a Certificate of Excellence (scoring in the top 20%) in their competitive category. Sarah Lateer (junior) was an international medalist in the Hotel and Lodging Management Series. Kevin Fiddler received a \$2000 scholarship from Pepsi Co. and Emily Bliss interviewed Paul Wardinski the executive director of DECA for a business class project!

Other national competitors:

Kevin Fiddler and Owen Raccagni (Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Event)  
Emily Bliss and Allyse Ernest (Marketing Management Team Decision Making Event)  
Rob Ormiston (Principles of Finance)  
And Thomas Landolina attended the Aspire Leadership Academy.

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**NEXT WEEK: Some information on the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade GREEK OLYMPICS another awesome student event in the Tolland Public Schools!**



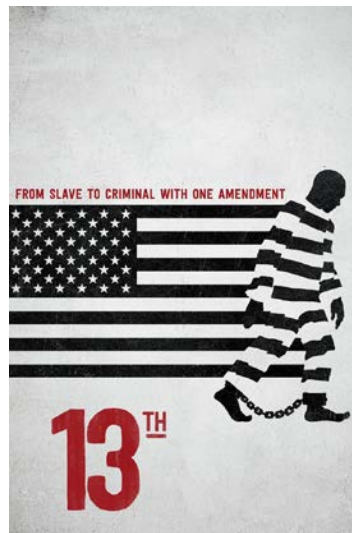
**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:**

**Last in the series for this year:**

**The School to Prison Pipeline**

**Movie & Discussion**

June 7, 2017 -7:00 pm



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**LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

[Spring Fling –Volunteers Needed](#)

[Wildflowers Prom Party](#)

[Please be aware of some concerns over the Thirteen Reasons Why videos that have become available](#)

[Courageous Conversations-What every parent needs to know](#)

[Tolland Public Library-Young Author's Night](#)