

# ***Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin***

## ***9-25-17***

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS**

Tolland High School would like to introduce and welcome Mrs. Lanham Miller to our school community. Mrs. Miller will be working in our School Counseling Department. Her caseload will consist of students whose last names begin with Q-Z (freshmen), Po-Z (sophomores), Rig-Z (juniors), and Sh-Z (seniors). She recently graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a Master of Science in Counselor Education with Specialization in School Counseling. Mrs. Miller completed her undergraduate work at the University of Connecticut earning a Bachelors of Arts in Geography. In the past two years, she completed her school counseling practicum at Illing Middle School in Manchester and a year-long internship at Conard High School in West Hartford. While at Conard, she also served as a long-term substitute. Mrs. Miller has a variety of other relevant work experiences, including two years with Americorps as a public ally, three years as a program manager for the Connecticut Youth Forum, and the past eight months as a Scholar Outreach Coordinator for Hartford Promise. While she is very eager to begin her counseling career at Tolland High School, we are just as excited to have added such a dynamic individual to our staff. Welcome!!!!



*Pictured above: Our new school counselor Miss Miller*

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

September 29 – Progress Reports

October 2 - Parent Advisory Council - 7:30 a.m. THS Conference Room

October 2-6 - Yearbook sales during lunches

October 9 - No School - Columbus Day

October 10 - No School - Faculty Inservice

October 11 - PSAT Testing

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## **BOOSTER CLUB**

The next meeting of the year will be held on Monday, October 16 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](mailto:dbclokey@gmail.com) or Jenn Dineen at [ineccidineen@yahoo.com](mailto:ineccidineen@yahoo.com).

## **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tolland High School is fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents who support our school and many of the programs within it. In light of that, we are committed to increasing parent and community engagement in our school. A few years ago, a Parent Advisory Council was established as a means to encourage parents and community members to become active partners in educating our children. Through this council, both groups of stakeholders are able to maintain an organized voice at Tolland High School, become involved in the decision making processes and procedures, where appropriate, voice their concerns, communicate their needs, and ask questions. To date, it has provided a forum for parents to discuss school-related issues such as leveling, grade weighting, teen drug and alcohol use, and safety concerns, among others. The Parent Advisory Council will hold its first meeting Monday, October 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please email Ms. Dominique Fox at [dfox@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:dfox@tolland.k12.ct.us) if you plan on attending the meeting.

### ***Future meeting dates are:***

- November 6 @ 6:00 p.m.
- December 4 @ 7:30 a.m.
- February 5 @ 6:00 p.m.
- March 5 @ 7:30 a.m.
- May 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

## **PICTURE RETAKES & SENIOR PORTRAITS**

Retakes for students and staff pictures are scheduled for Monday, October 16. Seniors who were **NOT** photographed over the summer have only a few more opportunities to

have their senior portrait taken for the yearbook. The photographer will be in the auditorium from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 18 and 19. No purchase is necessary, however, there is a sitting fee. Seniors should have received a notice with the date and time of the portrait session. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Sue Fontaine at [sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:sfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us).

### **TOLLAND SOCCER CLUB - FALL 2017 RECREATION PROGRAM**

We are recruiting volunteer buddies (middle school and high school age) to work with our TOPS Soccer Division players. TOPS Soccer is the name given to youth soccer division within our recreation program for players with physical and mental disabilities. The Tolland Soccer Club is celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive season of TOP soccer for children ages 4-19 years old. We are seeking middle-school and high-school age volunteers to work with our TOP soccer players. Last year we had over 40 buddies participate in TOPS. We anticipate the need for 40 buddies this season as well. The players come from Tolland and surrounding communities. Soccer experience is not required; just a big heart, and strong desire to help other children achieve their dreams. We would be honored to have you join us as a volunteer buddy this fall. Please register with Lisa Bowden at 860-729-8466 or send an email at [lisabobbowden@comcast.net](mailto:lisabobbowden@comcast.net). TOPS takes place on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m.