

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

9-30-19

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 class rank, mastery learning, teen drug and alcohol use, and safety concerns, among others. The Parent Advisory Council will hold its first meeting Monday, October 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please email Ms. Dominique Fox at dfox@tolland.k12.ct.us if you plan on attending the meeting.

Future meeting dates are:

- November 4 @ 6:00 p.m.
- December 2 @ 7:30 a.m.
- February 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
- March 2 @ 7:30 a.m.
- May 4 @ 6:00 p.m.

PSAT INFORMATION

The **PSAT** will be administered to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors during the school day on Wednesday, October 16th. Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a Counseling Department “**Wednesday Workshop**” in the Library Media Center from 8:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

This workshop is designed to provide our students with an additional opportunity to seek assistance from their school counselor on the various components of the college application process. Depending on where each individual is in the process, the time may be used to create or update their personal resume, fill out the Common App or college specific applications, write their admissions essay(s), etc.

There are a few reminders for students as we enter into this day:

- Testing will be conducted throughout the building beginning at 7:15 a.m. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should check the postings in the hallways for their room assignments.
- All testing students should bring a number 2 pencil and a calculator to the testing room. Calculators cannot be in the form of cell phones or smart watches and may not make any noise. Regular calculators such as scientific or graphing calculators are acceptable.
- No electronic devices will be permitted in the testing room. Cell phones, smart watches, iPods, or other electronic devices need to be put in your lockers. Testing proctors may collect your electronic devices in the testing room and return them to you after testing is complete if you choose not to leave them in your lockers.
- A study hall will be available in the cafeteria for seniors who are not able to provide their own transportation to school beginning at 7:15 a.m.
- There will be no access to lockers from 7:15 a.m until 11:00 a.m.
- Seniors who attend the “Wednesday Workshop” must remain in the Library until testing ends at 11:00 a.m.
- Seniors who have Senior Option need to arrange their work schedules accordingly to be dismissed at either 12:29 (Wave 3) or 12:58 (Wave 4) depending on their lunch wave.
- All students are expected to be in their Block 3 and 4 class based on the following schedule for the remainder of the day:

Activity	Lunch Wave	Start	End	Duration
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Block 3		11:06	12:58	112
	Wave 1	11:06	11:31	25
	Wave 2	11:35	12:00	25
	Wave 3	12:04	12:29	25
	Wave 4	12:33	12:58	25
Block 4		1:04	1:43	39

Good luck with testing!

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.

CLASS DUES COLLECTION

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 30 & October 1 - Religious Holiday - No Tests

September 30 - October 4 - Yearbook Sales

October 7 - Parent Advisory Council - 7:30 a.m. - Main Office Conference Room

October 7 - Eagle Scramble Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Main Office Conference Room

October 9 - Religious Holiday - No Tests

October 10 & 11 - Senior Portraits - 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Auditorium

October 14 - No School - Columbus Day

October 14 - 18 - Class of 2021, 2022, 2023 Dues Collection

October 16 - PSAT Testing

October 17 - Financial Aid Seminar

SENIOR PORTRAITS

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 10 and 11. 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.

BOOSTER CLUB - EAGLE SCRAMBLE

A meeting for the Eagle Scramble will be held on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS Main Office Conference Room. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at dbclokey@gmail.com or Carol Kavanagh at chkavanagh@sbcglobal.net.

Tolland TOPS Soccer Invites You To Join!!

Hello TOPS Soccer Enthusiasts,

I hope you have all had a great summer and are looking forward to the new school year. I want to take this opportunity to tell you about a soccer program for children that may not otherwise look to participate in Recreational or Club Soccer activities within Tolland. As you look to the fall and activities for your children, please consider this avenue of fun for them to join.

Through the Tolland Soccer Club, we offer an opportunity to children with disabilities of any kind, to learn and play the game of soccer in a non-competitive, yet challenging environment with friends and support staff of all ages. TOPS Soccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is sponsored by US Youth Soccer and the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association www.cjsa.org for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to foster an opportunity of learning, teamwork and enjoyment to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability.

We are planning the Fall 2019 season and wanted to get some information out to you in advance. We will begin play on Saturday, September 7th at Crandall Park in Tolland at 8:45-10:00am. We also play on Tuesdays evenings from 5:45-7:00. The season goes until the first Saturday in November. The cost of the program this year is \$30.00 which cover the cost of a ball and jersey as well as the field costs.

Our program in Tolland has consistently had 20-25 players each year for over 20 years, together with numerous middle school and high school age buddies that are paired with the players assisting on the field with training and development. The program offers a friendly, supportive way to learn and enjoy the game of soccer. The program is open to all interested players ages 5-21 and is not limited to Tolland Residents.

We look forward to seeing you on the field.

Please also email Lisa Bowden if you are interested in being a buddy!

If you are new to the program and have any questions, please direct them to:

Jeff Gallagher- TOPS Director tops@tollandsoccerclub.org

Lisa Bowden- Buddy Coordinator lisabowden@comcast.net