

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

9-4-18

Freshmen Orientation

On Tuesday, August 28, 185 out of 190 incoming freshmen attended our annual Freshmen Orientation. They were greeted by 78 Tolland High School Peer Mentors. In their advisory groups, freshmen and their assigned mentors rotated through three different activities which included five small group ice-breaking activities and a club fair with 19 different clubs being represented. In groups of two to four students, each freshmen had an opportunity to visit their advisory room as well as the four class on their fall semester schedule. Peer mentors also shared information about our school store, nurse's office, main office, school counseling office, library media center, cafeteria, and bus drop-off and pick-up. The day ended with a fantastic barbecue lunch which was catered by The Country Butcher at Spring Meadow Farm, located at 1032 Tolland Stage Road in Tolland. A huge thank you goes out to Steve Boyer and his crew for donating a large portion of the lunch.



Pictured left: Peer Mentor Dominic Tantillo poses for a group selfie along with his other mentors and freshmen from Mrs. Ross' advisory.

Pictured right: Grace Kavanagh and her two friends, Kaiya Deurloo and Amanda Sisk, are feeling comfortable for the camera during Freshmen Orientation.

Day 1 Advisory - Important Documents

Each student was given an agenda planner on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 29. **Several important documents were provided which must be returned to Block 1 teachers by Thursday, September 6.** These include the following:

- Student Handbook Awareness Statement located on Page 5 of the Student Handbook
- Student Emergency Procedures Information Form

We strongly suggest you read through the handbook carefully to familiarize yourself with our school policies and procedures. To ensure we have accurate information on file in PowerSchool and with the school nurse, please update the demographic information and complete the health information on the Student Emergency Procedures Information Form. Other documents, such as the Free or Reduced Lunch Form and Insurance Form are available on the district's main webpage or they may be picked up in the Tolland High School main office.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 5 - Student & Staff I.D.s - 7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

September 10 – Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - THS Main Office Conference Room

September 13 - 9th Grade Parent Program - 5:45 p.m. - THS Library Media Center

September 13 - Open House – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 14 - Welcome Back Dance - 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

September 18 - 9th Grade Parent Program - 7:30 a.m. - THS Library Media Center

September 22 - Project Graduation Bottle Drive at Birch Grove

September 28 - Progress Reports

STUDENT AND STAFF I.D.s

Underclassmen yearbook photos, along with student IDs, will be taken on Tuesday, September 4. 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 September 10 through 12 and then again on October 11 and 12. 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.

OPEN HOUSE, 12th and 9th GRADE PARENT PROGRAM

Our first Parent Open House for the 2018-2019 school year is scheduled for THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On that evening, we run an abbreviated schedule of your child's classes from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. At Parent Open House, you will have an opportunity to meet each of your child's teachers, gain an understanding of the curricula, and hear the teacher's' expectations. Since the event is usually well attended, we encourage parents/guardians to arrive early. Our school counselors will hold two parent programs, one for 12th grade parents and another for 9th grade parents on the same evening prior to the Open House. The 12th Grade Parent Program will be held in the auditorium and the 9th Grade Parent Program be held in the Library Media Center. Both will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. The 9th Grade Parent Program will be repeated on Tuesday, September 18 for parents who were unable to attend Open House. Student volunteers from both our Student Council and National Honor Society will be available at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria to distribute students' schedules. In the auditorium at 6:30 p.m., there will be a brief presentation regarding important information about Tolland High School. Representatives from the Tolland High School Booster Club and Project Graduation will be present for both sign-ups and questions. **While you are at Open House, please feel free to stop by and check out our new THS School Store.** Cash and checks are both acceptable forms of payment.

BOOSTER CLUB

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 10 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@sbcglobal.net or Jenn Dineen at jneccidineen@yahoo.com.

TOLLAND SOCCER CLUB - FALL 2018 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 19th 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 lisabowden@comcast.net.

TOPS takes place on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m.

TOLLAND PROJECT GRADUATION

Tolland Project Graduation Bottle/Clothing Drive will be held September 22, accepting items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-offs can be made at Birch Grove Primary at 147 Rhodes Road in Tolland. Community service hours are available for students and help from adults is appreciated 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., give an hour, two, or more. New this year in conjunction with our spring and fall



bottle drives, we will collect gently used clothing, linen, shoes, sports apparel (uniforms, cleats, etc.). This is in conjunction with Charities of Hope. Thank you for your continued support of Tolland Project Graduation! Please email tpg.bottledrive@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



THS School Store Orders

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- ❖ Limited quantities available for holidays so order now
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- ❖ Have a question: email us at L-THSDECA@tolland.k12.ct.us

****Located in the business hallway****