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***UPDATE FOR September 14, 2015***

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## **SUPERINTENDENT NOTES FOR THE WEEK**

We had a great week last week in the Tolland Public Schools, and it ended with the Tolland 300! A great time was had by all! Kudos to Ms. Farrish and the entire Tolland 300 organizing committee. The TPS were fortunate to be able to participate in the parade, and have booths at the festival event that followed. Many Tolland administrators, including our families and children participated in this amazing event.

Upcoming meetings of interest may be my Community Budget Workshops! Some may remember these from last year. These workshops include breakout sessions, working groups, and sharing. It is your

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opportunity to participate in the budget *formation* and execution. Please come! I would love to see you there! More information to come. For now, please these dates in your calendars. The budget workshops will occur from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on the following dates: October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, January 20, and January 21.

I am starting an *Athletics Advisory Committee* for the Tolland Public Schools. This committee will include both community members and staff. The first meeting is scheduled for **October 20, 2015** at 4:00 PM and meetings will be once a month. The remaining meetings for this year will be November 17, and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Please contact **Jen Palumbo at 860-870-6850 extension 1** or at [jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us) in the central office if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Parents of students K-8, here is an awesome online resource that dovetails with our Math In Focus program. Please try [Math in Focus –DIGI Plus](#) by clicking on the link! Students will receive their logins shortly (if they haven't already). It is a *great* online resource to help students prepare, and it is offered to you (parents and students) free of charge! Please use it today! A great way to *earn* rewards at home: some DIGI-Plus time!

I'd again like to bring your attention to the [Raising Resilient Kids](#) Community Conversation. This *community lead* workshop is a great opportunity to come together and ask: *what should growing up in Tolland be like? How do we create the experience we want for kids? And in an era of "everyone gets a trophy" how do kids learn to cope with challenging situations and emotions?* We **need** your voice! Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Tolland Middle School cafeteria from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Click on the embedded link above for more information. And while you're at it, check out: [Link to the Search Institute - Students Developmental Assets](#)

See you next week!

## **Link OF INTEREST**

Link: [Board of Education Agenda – September 24, 2015](#)

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## ***Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin*** **9-21-15**

### **THS YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks will go on sale during all lunches the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. Yearbooks start at \$75 and go up from there depending on the various package you choose. You can also order a yearbook online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). The code to use for Tolland High School is 10945816.

*New this year!* You can update your own photos of school events to [community.lifetouch.com](http://community.lifetouch.com). Enter your school's code: RMQZOW. Uploaded images will be considered for the yearbook. Please submit photos that are at least 300 dpi to ensure acceptable print quality for the yearbook. **Note:** Photos from social media websites may not be acceptable quality. Please consider this when uploading images.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

September 21 – Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
September 22 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Program 7:30 a.m. THS  
October 2 – Progress Reports  
October 5 – Community Advisory Council 7:30 a.m. THS  
October 5 – 9 - Yearbook sales during all lunches

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### **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Tolland High School is fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents and local community members 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 Community 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. Community Advisory Council will hold its first meeting Monday, October 5 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.

### **BOOSTER CLUB**

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbclokey@sbcglobal.net) or Heidi Gallicchio at [heidih1970@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidih1970@sbcglobal.net).

- **Membership** – fill out the form that was mailed home and return it to the THS main office. You can find the form on our Booster Club page on the THS school website as well.
- **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** – orders will be accepted through September 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Loreen Hall at [lorchall@att.net](mailto:lorchall@att.net).

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- **Tolland Gear** – visit [www.Shop.MyLocker.net](http://www.Shop.MyLocker.net) and enter Locker # ad327. Contact Kelly Nick at 860-875-9637 if you have any questions.
- **Barnes & Noble Fundraiser** – See the THS Jazz Band perform at Barnes & Noble on November 20<sup>th</sup> and pick up some great books or toys for the holiday season. Vouchers will be available soon. You will need a voucher or mention the THS Booster Club at check out so THS receives a percentage of the sale. For any questions, contact Lisa Gottier at [lisagottier7@gmail.com](mailto:lisagottier7@gmail.com) or Kathy Aldrich at [Kathy.aldrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathy.aldrich@sbcglobal.net).
- **Facebook** – Join our group on Facebook. Search for “Tolland High Parents” and let us know you want to join the conversation. Here you can find the most up-to-date information on how you can be involved in the THS parent community.

## **TOPS SOCCER**

Buddies are needed for the TOPS soccer program that meets every Tuesday night and Saturday morning. 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 contact Lisa Bowden with any questions or to volunteer. 860-729-8466 or [lisabowden@comcast.net](mailto:lisabowden@comcast.net)