

# TPS SUPERINTENDENT BULLETIN

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**UPDATE FOR 11/13/2017**

## **JUMP TO SCHOOL UPDATES:**

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

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[TMS](#)  
[THS](#)

### **Tolland High School Music Dept. to Present Madrigal Dinner**

Hear ye, hear ye, one and all. Come and be merry at Tolland Hall! Start the holiday season off right. Reserve your seats now for the annual Tolland High School Madrigal Dinner, to be held on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tolland High School Cafeteria, One Eagle Hill, Tolland. Dine on a 3-course chicken dinner (a vegetarian option is available) while enjoying music of the Renaissance performed by the THS Madrigal Singers, Women's Chorus, Flute Trio, and Renaissance Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$20. To receive a ticket order form via email, please contact Linda Tracy, choral director, at [ltracy@tolland.k12.ct.us](mailto:ltracy@tolland.k12.ct.us) or call 860-870-6818 ext. 10034 to receive information through the mail. All ticket orders must be received by Nov 30. Reserved seating only. No tickets will be sold at the door.



## 2017- 2018 SCHOOL YEAR ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

4:00 pm at Tolland High School

January 9, 2018

March 6, 2018

June 5, 2018

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### **Wear your pajamas to school Friday, December 8th in support of patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center!!**

Students and staff of Tolland Public Schools are invited to wear their PJ's to school in honor of kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thousands of children each year spend days, weeks or longer in PJ's at the hospital while receiving care. *PJ Day for the Kids* will help us show our support for these brave kids!

**Wear your pjs and make an *optional* donation of \$1 or more.**

Donations will be collected at school on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

For more information and to locate your team/school online to make a gift visit: [give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday](http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday)

Checks can be made to **Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation**.  
*All proceeds benefit The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center.*



For parents and community members interested in the Tolland Public School K-5 assessment standards, please see the: [Standards-Based Assessment Information Guide](#)

## BUDGET INFO ON THE WEB:



[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board\\_of\\_education/budget](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/board_of_education/budget)



### Upcoming Town Council and BOE Meetings

- **November 14<sup>th</sup> – Tolland Public Library - Annual Budget Referendum**

- BOE – 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)
- Town Council- 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – 7:30 PM (Typically in Council Chambers\*)

\*The “Council Chamber” is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor (top) of the Hicks Building.

## 2017 – 2018 SUPERINTENDENT Budget Meetings and Community Workshops

Superintendent/Board of Education <b>Budget Workshops</b> – 7:30 pm THS
Changed to November 20
December 20, 2017
January 17, 2018
January 31, 2018

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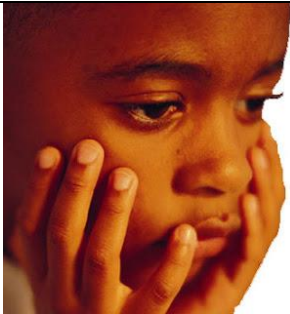

### HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:



Please take a look at the link below for some of the best ways to get an answer, meeting, or something else:

[http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent\\_s\\_corner/superintendent\\_wille\\_tt\\_s\\_page/c\\_o\\_n\\_t\\_a\\_c\\_t\\_m\\_e/](http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_wille_tt_s_page/c_o_n_t_a_c_t_m_e/)

## COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Community Workshops	Information
<p>December 6, 2017 7:30 PM THS Library</p>	 <p>Childhood Anxiety Workshop Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Davis</p>
<p>February 6, 2018 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Tolland Public Library</p>	 <p>University of Connecticut Professor Panel @ Viewing of the movie <a href="#">13<sup>TH</sup></a></p>
<p>May 2, 2018 7:30 PM Tolland Public Library</p>	 <p>Mastery Learning Workshop Come find out what it is about, and how ML is being planned for Tolland.</p>

2017 – 2018

**BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**10:00 AM AT THE TOLLAND BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

**51 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT**



December 4, 2017

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018

## **VOLUNTEERING**



We would love to have you come and volunteer at the Tolland Public Schools!

Thank you for all you do for the Tolland Public Schools. Please contact the Central Office with any questions. For those already volunteering, and those new to the game, the BOE will now do background checks every three school years. If you will be volunteering for the first time in the upcoming school year, please complete the [online form under Quick Links](#). After you have submitted your application, please call 860-870-6850 extension 1 to provide your social security number. You can check with the school secretaries to verify your status.

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## **YOUR TOLLAND SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION:**

### **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**



[www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools](http://www.facebook.com/tollandpublicschools)

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## **FOLLOW SUPERINTENDENT WILLETT ON TWITTER:**



Search for:

[TPS\\_Sup\\_Willett](#)

Or

[Superint. Willett](#)

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**LINKS AND OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

[Ta-Nehisi Coates has an incredibly clear explanation for why white people shouldn't use the n-word](#)

[Friends of Tolland Music Booster Club- SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM](#)

[TEPTO Fundraiser-Scrip](#)

[Friday, December 8 – PJ Day](#)

[Project Graduation Can and Bottle Drive](#)

[Asbestos Notification Statement](#)

[Tolland High School Music Dept. to Present Madrigal Dinner](#)

[Talking to Your Kids About Drug and Alcohol Abuse: The Ultimate Do's and Don'ts Guide](#)

[Intervention eBook: What to do if your child is drinking or using drugs](#)

[Co-Occurring Disorders](#)

[Promoting Mental Health at Home](#)

[How to Apply for Disability Benefits with Drug Addiction](#)

[Substance Abuse in the Workplace: What to Do When an Employee Returns from Rehab](#)

[Home After Rehab: The Guide to Finding the Right Place for Recovery](#)



### THS Veteran's Day

**Tolland, CT:** [Recycling for our Wounded Warriors](#) held their annual donation ceremony on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Tolland High School. Recycling for our Wounded Warriors Founder, Annalee Hughes, collects bottles and cans and recycles them for the deposit money all year long, and then donates the money to a local wounded warrior in appreciation of their service and sacrifice. The 2017 donation will be presented to Retired Army Specialist and Purple Heart recipient Jordan Massa from Newington, CT.

In 2007, Jordan Massa was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq during a reconnaissance mission 60 kilometers northeast of Baghdad in Baqubah, Iraq. His is an extraordinary story of bravery, injury, resilience, hope, struggle and triumph, and makes a very deserving recipient of our annual donation.

“My struggles are still very real. I have not yet received gainful employment as I move towards my new future, so every day brings new challenges,” said Massa. “However, I have found new faith in the ability to overcome challenges like this from one young girl with greater disabilities than my own that has shown me that service to others and a spirit of hope can make a life changing difference no matter the situation.”

For the 2016 -2017 year, Hughes was assisted by her friends at THS in the Best Buddies program, Nick Harmon and Chloe Alliod, who helped collect donations at THS events throughout the year. “I’m very proud of what I’ve been able to accomplish and donate, especially this year with the help of my friends,” says Hughes, a recent graduate of Tolland High School. “Since 2012 when I first started, I have collected and donated over \$7000. I’m thankful for the support of all the people who continue to contribute and it’s nice to be able to help others and to know that all the money goes to a local veteran who needs it.”

#### **About Recycling for our Wounded Warriors**

**Mission:** Collect bottles and cans to recycle and help clean up the world around us for future generations. All proceeds are donated to a local wounded warrior.

**Background:** Annalee Hughes was born with cerebral palsy and has been in a wheelchair all of her life, but that hasn't stopped her from helping others. She started Recycling for our Wounded Warriors as a summer “job” in 2012, when she wanted to work for the Tolland Senior Center. They asked her to recycle their cans and bottles for them, and they donated that money back to her to give to a charity. She chose the Wounded Warriors, but decided to donate to a local person rather than sending the money to the national foundation in Washington DC. She felt that it would make more of a difference to give all of the money directly to one person.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions over the last few years that acknowledge her efforts for others including:

- WFSB “Pay it Forward” Award 2012
- Civil Citizenship Award 2013, Knights of Columbus
- Building Homes for Heroes Certificate of Appreciation 2013

- Official State of CT Recognition Certificates:
  - o Congressman Joe Courtney, 2014
  - o Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, 2014
  - o CT State Legislature General Assembly, 2014
- Hometown Heroes 2015, Hartford Courant
- Citizen of the Year 2015, Tolland Lion's Club

The following is an excerpt of what I read today at the ceremony:

As a 17 year old, Jordan Massa asked his parents to sign a waiver so he could join the Army as an infantryman. In 2006, he was deployed to Iraq for the first time. His Strike Ready Force battalion was responsible to be anywhere in Iraq within 24 hours and anywhere in the world within 72 hours. While he was able to see much of Iraq, the downfall of his job was to locate, identify, and either capture or kill enemy presence in the areas their battalion was assigned to. In each location they responded to, they encountered heavy enemy presence. In 2007, during a reconnaissance mission 60 kilometers northeast of Baghdad in Baqubah, Iraq, Jordan was injured from a roadside bomb. Unlike many others, he was blessed to be able to walk away from the blast after a 16-hour firefight with shattered body armor, a traumatic brain injury, and superficial injuries. Upon his return home from his second tour of duty, Jordan ended his service as a disabled combat veteran. His is an extraordinary story of bravery, injury, resilience, hope, struggle and triumph, and he makes a very deserving recipient of our annual donation.

During the 2016 -2017 year, Annalee was assisted by her friends at THS in the Best Buddies program, Nick Harmon and Chloe Alliod, who helped collect donations at THS events throughout the year. The check that Annalee presented to Jordan was for approximately \$1,300.









TMS 8th grade students were fortunate to attend the University of Connecticut Veterans Day Ceremony today. They met Senator Chris Murphy and Brigadier General Ralph Hedenberg.



2017 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY  
ORDER OF EVENTS

**WELCOME**

*Zachary Plushman, UConn Student Veteran*

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**

*Sgt. Fawley (Marine Corps Veteran), Sgt. Luntzer (Marine Corps Veteran),  
Cpl. Rhoades (Army Veteran), Cpl. Levy*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Performed by UConn's "Bohdfest"*

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Senator Chris Murphy*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*Brigadier General Ralph Hedenberg*

**PLACING OF THE WREATH**

*Nathan Dwyer and Katherine Stearns, UConn Student Veterans*

**RETIRING OF THE COLORS**

*Sgt. Fawley (Marine Corps Veteran), Sgt. Luntzer (Marine Corps Veteran),  
Cpl. Rhoades (Army Veteran), Cpl. Levy*

**TAPS**

*Performed by Micah Dwyer & Justin Daley*

Thank you for attending today's event.  
All are invited to Wilbur Cross South Reading Room for a  
reception immediately following the ceremony.





Birch Grove Veteran's Day Celebrations

























