

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

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Veterans Day Celebration

On Friday, November 11, THS celebrated Veterans Day to honor and recognize the men and women who have served in our nation's military. The goal of the program was to help students develop a deeper appreciation for our veterans, recommit our support of those still in uniform, and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life.

Students listened to Mrs. Fox' short speech about how the Treaty of Versailles was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, signifying the end of World War I and the armistice between Germany and the Allied nations. One year later, Armistice Day was celebrated for the first time on November 11, 1919 to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I. In 1938, Congress approved November 11th as a federal holiday and then in 1954, veteran's service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans".

Students viewed a powerful Veterans Day video and were introduced to a local hero. Senior **Annalee Hughes** spoke about her **Recycling for our Wounded Veterans** program and donated a \$1,000 check to Lance Corporal Conor Beck who graduated from Fermi High School in Enfield, Connecticut in 2009. Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, he completed his basic training at Parris Island in South Carolina. In the military, he served as a gunner on a quick recovery force truck for the 33rd Georgian Brigade while stationed in Afghanistan. On June 28, 2011, Lance Corporal Bock sustained injuries when the truck he was riding in was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). He is the recipient of the prestigious Purple Heart Award.

Congressman Joe Courtney, a representative from Senator Chris Murphy's office, and a former recipient of Annalee's donation, Micah Welintukonis, were on hand to present Annalee and Connor with certificates. Over the past four years, Annalee has donated over \$6,000 to wounded veterans. As she is truly an amazing young woman, Annalee's story was covered on NBC Connecticut and can be viewed at the following link:

[Tolland Teen Donates to Wounded Veterans](#)



On Veterans Day, Senior Annalee Hughes poses with recipient and wounded veteran Conor Beck.

THS Interview Day

Personal Finance students participated in Interview Day on October 28th and November 4th. This real-world, authentic program has become a favorite in the Personal Finance curriculum. Students research careers, develop comprehensive resumes, write skill specific cover letters, and practice proper interviewing techniques. All of their hard work gets put to the test when they sit down for "mock" interviews with local business professionals. Representatives from the following businesses joined us for Interview Day.

Aetna
Travelers
Pratt & Whitney
TTM Technologies
Connecticut State's Attorney's Office
Tolland Public Schools
Willington Pizza House
Integrated Rehabilitation Services
CNC Software
United Bank



*Picture above: Block 2 Personal Finance and Investment students on Interview Day.
 Pictured below: Block 3 students in Mrs. Bridge's Personal Finance and Investment class.*



IMPORTANT DATES

November 23-25 – No School
November 28 – Girls Basketball Tryouts
December 2 – Tolland Idol 7:00 p.m. THS Auditorium
December 3 – All other winter sports start
December 5 – Pizza with the Principal 6:00 p.m. THS Conference Room
December 7 – Progress Reports
December 9 – PJ Day for the Kids
December 9th & 10th – Madrigal Dinner 6:00 p.m. THS Cafeteria
December 22 – Early Release Day
December 23 – January 2 – No School

FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tolland Eagles football is in need of your help to make concessions happen for the last home game of the year!

Senior Night - Tuesday, November 22, arrive at 5:45, game at 6:00

Tolland Youth Football has partnered with us and will share their new concession trailer and the sales proceeds. You can sign up at the Google Docs link: [THSBC Football Sign Ups](#) or respond to this email. If you signed up back at Open House, please confirm your availability.

PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL - COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are going to switch things up next month and hold our Community Advisory Council at 6:00 p.m. in the THS Main Office Conference Room. It was nice to see some new faces at the last meeting and we are looking forward to meeting some more at the next one. A few years ago, this 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. The next meeting is Monday night, December 5th at 6:00 p.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 will be February 6th, March 6th, and May 1st. Please mark your calendars.

SENIOR FIRST QUARTER GRADES

First quarter grades are only sent to colleges upon your request. If you want your first quarter grades sent, please stop by the Counseling Office and fill out the gold form.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Attention all actors, singers, and dancers - the THS School Musical this year is the classic "Singing in the Rain". Auditions will be held on Monday, Nov 28 in the chorus room. Please see Mrs. Tracy to pick up your audition materials this week.

PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS

Join in on December 9th in support of kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Donate \$1 or more in exchange for the privilege of wearing PJs to school! Stand together with patients at Connecticut Children's who wear their PJs for days, weeks or longer while fighting cancer and other illnesses. Help us raise funds and spirits! Checks accepted and can be made out to Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Division of Hematology and Oncology at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. For information or to donate online, visit: www.pjday.kintera.org

BOOSTER CLUB

The next meeting of the year will be held on January 9TH 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.

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear blankets are for sale. Also there is a small booth at White & Red store here in town. You can purchase Tolland High bracelets & other Tolland High stuff. Makes a great holiday gifts. You can always find our spirit wear on our web site too. You can visit MyLocker.net to shop online.

HANDICAP PARKING

This is a reminder that our designated handicap parking spaces in the front of the school are designated for those vehicles with a handicap parking permit. Please do not use these spaces for drop off and pick up unless you have a handicap parking permit. Thank you.