

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

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National Merit Scholarship Competition

It is with great PRIDE that I inform the members of our school community that three of our Tolland High School seniors have been named Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. **Corey Jalbert, Owen Raccagni, and Jacob Wasserstein**, have been selected from a pool of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT (PSAT). Approximately 16,000 Semifinalists are named which constitute those students who have earned the highest scores in each of the 50 states and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. Corey, Owen, and Jacob will have the opportunity to continue on in the competition for some 8,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than 36 million dollars. Corey, Owen, and Jacob have represented Tolland High School in outstanding fashion and all of us at THS wish them well as they continue on in the competition. Congratulations!



Pictured above from L to R: NMSC Semifinalist Jacob Wasserstein, Owen Raccagni, and Corey Jalbert

Junior Class Fundraiser

The Class of 2018 is fundraising for class activities by holding an exciting raffle! The winners of the raffle will win gift certificates from restaurants and businesses in Tolland and surrounding towns. There will be three winners. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds will go directly to the Class of 2018! Only 150 tickets will be sold, and the drawing will be held during announcements on October 7th, so get your tickets soon! Email Amy Grendzinski at agrendzinski@tolland.k12.ct.us or Jess Fontaine at jfontaine@tolland.k12.ct.us to buy tickets. You may also purchase tickets from our junior class officers, Lucas Knight-Vezina, Phoebe Mrozinski, Sophia Webster, or Sarah Gorman. The grand prize include a week of meals for two at Bonefish Grill, Papa T's, Monet's Table, Sakura, Ronak, Artisanal Burger Company, and Camille's. The second place winner will receive an extended weekend of meals at Mitchell's, Willington Pizza, Camille's, and J & D Pizza Hub & Grill. The third place prize includes a "Date Night" package at Lake View, Camille's, Sweet Frog, and Parkade Cinema. Just one ticket gets you a chance at winning one of three prizes. Thank you for supporting our class.

The Class of 2018

Student and/or Parent Volunteers Needed

Tolland High School is looking for help with their soccer concessions. We are in need of two people (adults or students) per game. Below are the dates and times of the games they can work at. We could use up to 2 students per game. Students will earn up to 3 hours of community service time for their service. Consider volunteering with your child or grab a friend and volunteer. Anyone who is interested should contact Kathie Angers at kangers@snet.net.

Date	Team	Game Time	Work Time
Saturday, September 24	Boys vs. East Catholic	1:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27	Boys vs. Hall	6:00 pm.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 29	Girls vs. E.O. Smith	6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Girls vs. Manchester	6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 28	Girls vs. Rockville	6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17	Boys vs. Simsbury	6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1	Boys vs. E.O. Smith	6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 30 – Progress Reports
October 3 – Community Advisory Council
October 3 – 7 – Yearbook Sales during all lunches
October 10 – Columbus Day – No School
October 11 – Financial Aid Seminar 7:00 p.m. THS Auditorium
October 17 – Student Picture Retake Day
October 17 – THS Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. THS Main Office
October 17 – 21 – Class of '18, '19, '20 Class Dues Collection all lunches
October 17 – 21 – Spirit Week
October 19 – PSAT Testing
October 22 – Homecoming Dance 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. THS Gymnasium
October 24 – 28 Class of '17 Class Dues Collection all lunches

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 3 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.

SIGN UP FOR VODA

VODA is a local CT company that began at UConn. They have created a healthy and eco-friendly water dispenser for students to use at school called the SmartWell. The SmartWell gives students a choice of cold or sparkling water, with a variety of all-natural flavors to add to their drink. THS is installing a SmartWell in the cafeteria. For only \$7.99/month, your child will be able to drink 30 drinks each month from the SmartWell. There's no hidden fees, and signing up is easy. If you sign up now, the rest of September is free! The best part is that a portion of all proceeds go directly back to the Tolland food services department!

You can learn more and sign up for VODA at: www.drinkvoda.com



BOOSTER CLUB

The next meeting of the year will be held on Monday, October 17th 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.

PROJECT GRADUATION

Project Graduation is in need of volunteers to work concessions at the UCONN football games. For more information, please contact the Rentschler leaders at ths.projgrad@gmail.com. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information on Project Graduation.



Tolland Project Graduation, Inc.

PO Box 366 • Tolland, CT 06084

Dear Tolland High School Parent,

Tolland Project Graduation, Inc. is a group of community-based volunteers who work year-round to raise funds in order to host a graduation party for Tolland High School's graduating seniors. Our mission is to provide graduates with a safe all-night party featuring food, music, activities, entertainment and prizes. In recent years, attendance has been between 90% and 95%. We hope to repeat that success at this year's party.

Tolland Project Graduation is currently planning its **30th annual** Project Graduation celebration at Star Hill in Tolland on graduation night. Our Steering Committee and at-large members provide more than 6,000 volunteer hours throughout each year, staffing *concessions stands at UConn football games* and holding quarterly *can, bottle and clothing drives*. **We need your help to make this party happen!** We need parents and students from every grade level, not just seniors and their parents. Please consider making a commitment to volunteer at one of our events every year!

How Can You Help?

- **Volunteer to work at one of the football games at Rentschler Field this fall.** For more information, contact our Rentschler leaders at ths.projgrad@gmail.com.
- **Encourage your child to work at one of our bottle/clothing drives this year.** This is a great way for students to earn community service hours!
- **Make a monetary contribution.** Donations can be made through www.PayPal.com to TollandProjectGrad@gmail.com or mailed to Tolland Project Grad, P.O. Box 366, Tolland, CT.
- **Make a specific contribution through your company's United Way Campaign.** You can find us by searching Tolland High School Project Graduation.
- **If you shop on Amazon, use Amazon Smile and we will receive a percentage.**
- **Plan to help us at this year's Project Graduation celebration.** We need volunteers to help set up for the party as well as chaperones during the party.
- **Consider joining us on our Steering Committee.**

Your support is crucial to helping us continue to provide this very important community service. Please feel free to contact Mark Devaney at mldevo@comcast.net with any questions or suggestions.

Keeping our graduates safe since 1987
