

TIS Digital Backpack September 1, 2023



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The T.I.S. staff was so excited to welcome students back into the building. The first day of the school year at T.I.S. went very smoothly. Teachers and staff spent time during the first week getting to know their students and building their classroom communities. Over the course of the first two weeks of school, staff will be reviewing school community expectations, internet and chromebook regulations, as well as the importance each student plays in the school community.

We appreciate your patience with bussing as we work with the bus company and the Birch Grove staff in helping everyone get acclimated to the new school year. With the beginning of every school year comes growing pains as we settle into new routines, this year will certainly be no different.

Again this year all buses will drop students at T.I.S. between 8:30 and 8:45. followed by Birch Grove students being dropped off at their school Our afternoon bus procedures will now result in students being picked up at T.I.S. beginning at 3:15 followed by all Birch Grove students being picked up thereafter.

After School Pick Up

Our end of the day student pick up remains in the rear of the building. In order to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff, parents and guardians will not be allowed in the building. Parents and guardians will stand in a line outside the rear of the building and proceed to the rear door one at a time. Parents/guardians will be required to show an ID. Staff will then view the parent/guardian ID and bring the student to the door for dismissal. After school pick up begins at 3:15.

Visitor Parking

To help ensure the safety of our students, the driveway in front is reserved for bus traffic only. Please do not drive on the bus lane. Visitor parking is located in front of T.I.S. If you are visiting TIS, please use one of the designated visitor parking spaces located in the front lot.

Below are some important points of information about T.I.S.

Bus Release Form

If you would like to give the bus company permission to get off the bus without an adult, please use the link below to access the appropriate form.

[Bus Release Form](#)

After School Pick up

If you will be picking up your child on a regular basis, please use the link below to access the appropriate form

[After School Pick Up Form](#)

Water Dispensers

The Tolland Public Schools Maintenance Department has installed water filling stations. The water filling stations replaced many of our water fountains. While we recommend students bring water from home each day, filling stations will be available. All students should bring their own water bottles to school. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is in need of a water bottle.

Open House at T.I.S.

This year we will return to our traditional in-person Open House format. If you are unable to attend Open House, simply contact your child's teacher to request a copy of their slide presentation. All Open Houses will be held from 6:30 - 7:30.

Grade 3 - September 14

Grade 4 - September 21

Grade 5 – September 27

Band and Chorus

Please see the following pages for info on band and chorus

Spanish at TIS

All students will participate in an exposure to Spanish experience. The experience will consist of students being exposed to basic Spanish language alphabet sounds, numbers as well as basic vocabulary.

Reach Classes at T.I.S.

Relationships

Emotions

Academic

Career

Help

REACH classes with Mrs. Bishopric develop knowledge, attitudes, and skills through instruction in three content areas: academic achievement, career development, and personal/social growth. This year, I will meet with all students approximately once per month in the specials rotation to deliver these lessons. Topics will include ways to make and keep friends, how to manage stress, exploring future goals and career choices, including others, and how to help stop bullying.

T.I.S. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- 4 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 14 Grade 3 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 20` EARLY RELEASE (12:40)
- 21 Grade 4 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 PICTURE DAY!
- 27 Grade 5 Open House, 6:30 p.m.

Tolland Intermediate School

Music Times Three

Attention: 3rd Grade Students and Families

"Music Times Three" Sign-Up Information

August 29, 2023

I am very excited about directing "Music Times Three" this year! My personal goal for "Music Times Three" is to provide a blend of singing, playing of music classroom instruments, and movement activities for boys and girls in third grade.

"Music Times Three" meets 1 day per week during the school day on the stage in the APR (All Purpose Room) Membership is a yearlong responsibility. Rehearsals begin mid-September, date TBA. A Mx3 evening concert will be held in the Spring. Last Spring, we also performed for the second graders from Birch Grove Primary School when they toured TIS. That was so much fun, and we will definitely plan another tour performance in Spring 2024!

Student Responsibilities:

- Understand that "Music Times Three" is a year-long commitment
- Attend weekly rehearsals
- Follow our HAWK values
 - Respect others, yourself, and all materials
 - Be Responsible
 - Remember we are a Community
 - Keep yourself safe
- Stay on task during rehearsals

"Music Times Three" Benefits

- Develop proper singing techniques & healthy vocal habits
- Play various rhythm instruments
- Improve performance & concert skills
- Experience movement & expression
- Experience & enjoy a wide variety of music
- Have lots of fun !!!!!!!!!!!

To sign up: Return the "Music Times Three" Contract (next page) to TIS by **Friday, September 8th**. This fun group is open to anyone in third grade. No audition required! I am looking forward to an enjoyable musical year. Please contact me any time with questions or concerns.

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Music Times Three Contract

Student _____

Classroom Teacher _____

What were some of your favorite songs that you sang in second grade?

1.

2.

3.

4.

Please indicate any musical instruments you have studied before, and for how long:

I understand that every "Music Times Three" member is important and that the group is incomplete unless I attend my weekly rehearsals and scheduled performances. I fully understand all of my responsibilities and agree to all the policies of 3rd grade's "Music Times Three".

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Best telephone number (s) _____

Email _____

Please indicate any additional comments/concerns below.

Return This Page to Ms. Marchesani

Dear 4th grade Parent/Guardian,

It's not too late for your child to sign up for 4th grade Beginning Band!

If your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument this year, please fill out the instrument selection sheet attached to this notice and **return it to me by Tuesday, September 12th**. I will try to honor the student's first choice of instrument. However, it is of the utmost importance that we properly balance our band instrumentation.

In May members of the Tolland High School Band presented a "Band Instrument Demo Assembly" performance for all our TIS 3rd graders. The assembly consisted of performance, information and individual instrument demonstrations. Third graders were encouraged to make an informed decision about choosing an instrument to play. We had a lot of fun at that assembly!

There will be an **instrument rental meeting on Thursday September 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the TIS all purpose room**. This meeting will be for the parents/guardians of your brand new fourth graders! At this meeting I will briefly outline band expectations and be available to answer any questions. There will also be representatives from Gerry's Music Shop who will review the instrument rental process. Students are invited to come. We will have all the instruments set up.

If your family already owns the concert band instrument your child will be playing in the 4th grade Band, please contact Gerry's Music Shop (1-800-724-7402) for instrument repair or servicing information. <https://gerrysmusicshop.com/>

Joining the TIS Band is a refreshing, creative opportunity for all. The amazing journey of learning an instrument is a truly unique experience.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,
Mrs. Norma Marchesani
nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us
860-870-6885 ext. 40226



Band Instrument Selection Sheet
Tolland Intermediate School

Student's Full Name: _____

Classroom teacher: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Tolland Intermediate School 4th Grade Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide my child with an appropriate instrument, the red Standard of Excellence Book 1 for the instrument and a bell cover for the instrument. (bell cover exceptions: flute and percussion)

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number (best)

Choice #1 – flute, oboe**, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn**, baritone horn, trombone and percussion (xylophone/bell kit and drum practice pad; TIS concert band does not include drum set). **Private lessons for oboe and horn are most highly recommended.

The instrument I am most interested in learning to play is the _____
because _____

Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

Choice #2 (students who do not put a second choice may be assigned any instrument)

The second instrument I am interested in learning to play is the _____
Do you already own this instrument? _____ Yes _____ No

_____ **SCHOOL INSTRUMENT** - Please check here if you would like to be considered to use a school instrument. School instruments that are available are mostly trumpet, trombone and baritone. Criteria used for the distribution of these instruments is based upon student financial need and recommendation from TIS music teachers regarding the student's work ethic and responsibility.

**Please return this page to Mrs. Marchesani by Friday,
September 12, 2023**

5th GRADE BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

Student Name _____

(Circle one) Continuing Band or New member

Instrument _____

It is most highly recommended that oboe and french horn students take private lessons in addition to school-based instruction.

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian email (s)

Parent/Guardian phone numbers (best)

Parent/Guardian
signature _____

Please include any additional information on the lines below:

If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact me at the email below my name.

Please print legibly

Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 ext.
40226

RETURN THIS PAGE by SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

5th Grade Band 2023-2024

I am so happy and excited to be the 5th Grade Band Director again this year and I can't wait to see and hear my students from last year! Also, **it's not too late** to join Band! Yes, you can learn an instrument this year even if you did not start last year! Here is some initial information about 5th grade Band. Students have two Band classes per week (small group and Full Ensemble) during the school day. Small group instruction classes will begin during the week of September 18, 2023. These small groups will meet during the school day on a pull-out basis mostly during non-graded class time such as Keyboarding/Spanish. Full Ensemble rehearsal will meet for 30 minutes during the 2:40 p.m. WIN block. Start date TBA. I'll keep you posted! Music masks are optional this year, but bell covers will be used on the instruments. (flute and percussion do not use bell covers).

If you're new to Band, several area music stores rent Concert band instruments on a trial basis. **Instrument Rental Night** will be held on Thursday September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the TIS APR. Should you need to rent an instrument for your child, please attend rental night or go online to Gerry's Music Shop. Their online rental is available 24/7. For your convenience, Gerry's Music Shop has a representative that visits TIS, TMS and THS during the school year every Friday.

Gerry's Music Shop
1-800-724-7402
Website: <https://www.gerrysmusicshop.com/rentals>

Supplies needed: The instrument, Standard of Excellence
Book 1
Bell cover and instrument specific cleaning supplies

Thank you for your time at the beginning of what is sure to be a fantastic musical journey and creative opportunity for your child. I look forward to the chance to help each student experience growth in their musicianship and leadership skills this year!

Any Questions, Comments or Concerns? Please contact me!

Ms. Norma J. Marchesani nmarchesani@tolland.k12.ct.us 860-870-6885 x
40226

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Grade 4 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 4 chorus. Fourth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, and partner songs.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.



Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return by: September 8, 2023

Student's name _____ would like
to participate in the grade 4 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

Email

Address: _____

Best contact

number: _____

Parent's

signature _____

Grade 5 Chorus Invitation 2023-2024

You are invited to participate in the grade 5 chorus. Fifth graders participating in chorus will sing and perform traditional, multicultural and contemporary music as well as rounds, 2-part, 3-part, and small group pieces.

Just a few things to think about when making your decision:

I would like to remind everyone that chorus is a full year commitment and students are expected to complete the entire year once they join. There will be a winter and a spring concert which we expect the students to participate in. Chorus will meet during school hours with Ms. Baker. Students will be able to participate in both band and chorus, since they will be scheduled at different times in our school schedule.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of music and singing with your children. Below is a form to officially sign up for chorus.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Baker

Please fill out and return by: **September 6, 2023**

Student's name _____ would like
to participate in the grade 5 chorus.

Classroom teacher's name:

Email

Address: _____

Best contact

number: _____

Parent's

signature _____

ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

TEPTO

TOLLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Wednesday September 6: Birch Grove Primary Library
Wednesday October 4: Tolland Intermediate School Library
Wednesday November 1: BGP Library
Wednesday December 6: TIS Library
Wednesday February 7: BGP Library
Wednesday March 6: TIS Library
Wednesday April 3: BGP Library
Wednesday May 1: TIS Library
Wednesday June 5: BGP Library *

7:00 pm

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

Questions? TEPTO Contact Information:

Diana Gascon, President
dcancellieri79@gmail.com
Becky Moore, VP
rlmoore313@gmail.com



THE TEPTO YEAR AT A GLANCE



SEPTEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
SEPT. 6 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE ORDERS
- KASTLE ORDERS
- CIDER MILL ROAD RACE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

OCTOBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
OCT. 4 @ 7PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

NOVEMBER

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
NOV. 1 @ 7PM
- LYMAN PIE PICK UPS
- KASTLE ORDERS SHIP TO HOME
TIS BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER ORDERS
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

DECEMBER

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
DEC. 6 @ 7PM
- FROSTY FEST
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- ART TO REMEMBER DELIVERY
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

JANUARY

- NO MEETING THIS MONTH!
- KINDNESS SIGN CAMPAIGN
ORDERS AND PICK UP
- 5TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

FEBRUARY

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
FEB. 7 @ 7PM
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- KINDNESS SIGN DISPLAYS
- BUTTER BRAID ORDERS
- 4TH GRADE DANCE
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

MARCH

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
MAR. 6 @ 7PM
- TIS BOOK FAIR
- BUTTER BRAID PICK UP
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

APRIL

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
APR. 3 @ 7PM
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR
STORE- ONGOING ALL YEAR

MAY

- JOIN US! TIS LIBRARY:
MAY 1 @ 7PM
- BIRCH GROVE BOOK FAIR
- SPRING SOCIAL AND ART
SHOW
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- VISIT THE SPIRIT WEAR STORE-
ONGOING ALL YEAR

JUNE

- JOIN US! BG LIBRARY:
JUNE 5 @ 7PM** (SUBJECT TO
CHANGE)
- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS

JULY



AUGUST

- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS
ARRIVE- FREE SHIP TO HOME!
- GEARING UP FOR THE NEW
YEAR!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Supplemental Student Accident Insurance is Now Available



Health Special Risk, Inc. is offering two options for supplemental student accident insurance.

AT-SCHOOL COVERAGE

At School coverage provides protection for students enrolled full time in Kindergarten through 12th grade during regular school hours for the entire school year.

24-HOUR COVERAGE

This coverage provides protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any covered student accident that occurs anywhere, not just on school grounds.

The premium for either option is paid annually. This one time payment provides coverage for the entire year. Both coverage options provide protection beginning from the date of enrollment in the plan.

Supplemental student accident insurance is applicable for any covered activity. Certain exclusions and limitations apply. Please read the policy information carefully for an overview of the plan. If you wish to purchase this coverage, here's how to enroll:

Go to: www.K12StudentInsurance.com

New Visitors

- 1 Browse rates
- 2 Open a new account. Once you've determined your school is covered, you'll need to open a new account and add student and coverage.
- 3 Add student(s) and coverage on the MyAccount page.

Returning Account Holders

- 1 MyAccount Logon
- 2 Maintain Student Data
- 3 Maintain Insurance Coverage

For information or assistance regarding all student insurance, contact our customer service department at (866) 409-5733.

Underwritten by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company,
3300 Mutual of Omaha Plaza, Omaha, NE 68175.

Policy Form TSMP Series 64405 NC; Series 67545 FL

Policy Form B33MP Series 84085 TX

Policy Form SR2014 TX

Riders: 868MS-EZ, 0KV5M, 6785M, 0CX5M, 867MS-EZ, 6773M, 0KV4M,
1359MS-EZ, 6653M, 850MS-EZ, 851MS-EZ, 6425M Rev 04-10, 0UBMS,
9130MS, 6925M, 1364MS, 0LC7M.



K-12 Student Accident Insurance

Enroll Online



www.studentinsurance-kk.com

Worried about paying for your child's medical care if an accident should happen? K&K's student accident insurance can help.

K-12 Accident Plans available through your school:

- *At-School Accident Only*
- *24-Hour Accident Only*
- *Extended Dental*
- *Football*

How to Enroll Online

Enrolling online is easy and should take only a few minutes. Go to www.studentinsurance-kk.com and click the "Enroll Now" button.

1. Start by telling us the name of the school district and state where your child attends school.
2. We'll request each student's name and grade level.
3. You'll see the available plans and their rates. Select your coverage and continue to the next step.
4. We'll request information about you, like your name and email address.
5. Next, you'll enter information about the child or children to be covered.
6. Enter your credit card or eCheck payment information.
7. Finally, print out a copy of the confirmation for your records.

For further details of the coverage including costs, benefits, exclusions, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, please refer to www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Student is able to purchase the coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company.

¿Le preocupa tener que pagar la atención médica de su hijo si ocurre un accidente? El seguro contra accidentes para estudiantes de K&K puede ayudarlo.

Planes de cobertura en caso de accidente para K-12 disponibles a través de su escuela:

- *Sólo accidentes en la escuela*
- *Sólo accidentes, 24 horas*
- *Dental extendido*
- *Fútbol*

Cómo inscribirse en línea

Inscribirse en línea es fácil y sólo le tomará unos pocos minutos. Visite www.studentinsurance-kk.com y haga clic en el botón "Enroll Now" ("Inscribirse ahora").

1. Comience por decirnos el nombre del distrito escolar y el estado en el que su hijo(a) va a la escuela.
2. Solicitaremos el nombre y el grado de cada uno de los estudiantes.
3. Verá los planes disponibles y sus tarifas. Seleccione su cobertura y continúe con el siguiente paso.
4. Le solicitaremos información sobre usted, como su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico.
5. Después, ingresará la información acerca del niño o niños que recibirá(n) cobertura.
6. Ingrese la información de pago de su tarjeta de crédito o eCheck.
7. Finalmente, imprima una copia de la confirmación para sus registros.

Para obtener más detalles sobre la cobertura, incluidos costos, beneficios, exclusiones y reducciones o limitaciones y los términos en virtud de los cuales esta póliza podría continuar en vigencia, consulte www.studentinsurance-kk.com. Los estudiantes pueden comprar la cobertura únicamente si su distrito escolar es titular de una póliza con la compañía de seguros.



School Meals 2023-2024:

All students are eligible for a free breakfast each day. Students who qualify for free or **reduced-price meals** will also be eligible to receive one free lunch daily. **ALL OTHER LUNCHES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT LUNCH PRICE PER SCHOOL.**

Payment for these lunches is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The district participates in the National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program which offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily. The lunch period is 30 minutes. Proper manners are always expected in the cafeteria. Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need. Information on this program may be obtained from the main office or Abby Kassman-Harned, the Food Service Director, at aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us or 870-6854.

We use a Point-of-Sale System that allows you to put money into an account for your child to purchase meals.

Scanning – All students will be scanned unless the parent or guardian opts out of this biometric identification procedure. When your child comes through the service line, he/she will scan his/her finger as a means of identification.

Payments – The cost of lunch at Birch Grove and Tolland Intermediate school is \$3.15. One school breakfast is free for all students. One milk is provided for each lunch and breakfast. Ala carte milk is \$0.75. You may sign up for [“My School Account”](#) and make your payments online. Your child may give payment along with a form to his/her classroom teacher to send to the office, or he/she may bring payment directly to the cashier in the cafeteria at mealtime. Your payment may take us a few days to process. It is important to keep a positive balance in your students' accounts. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK
FOR THE
LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

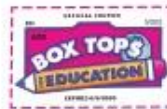


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfef.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. **You can still clip them and send them to school**, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfef.com)

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DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





The End

