

**TIS Digital Backpack**  
**December 5, 2022**



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:**

**Reflex Math Fact Fluency**

Throughout the school year students are engaged in continued enhancement of their math facts. One way this is accomplished is through use of an online, game-based program called Reflex. Reflex helps students master their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Your child has been using the Reflex program here in school and in the case of some classes, at home as well.

Since Reflex is an online program, your child has the opportunity to continue using the program at home from any device with internet access. To access Reflex, please follow the steps below or download the Reflex Student app for iPad users.

- Go to <https://www.reflexmath.com>
- Click "Login" in the upper right hand corner
- Students should login with the username and student password listed below

Each session in Reflex takes approximately 15 minutes. Students are encouraged to login to Reflex at least 3 times per week at home or at school and get a Green Light.

***"Getting the Green Light is how students can gain improved math fact fluency as quickly and efficiently as possible! The Green Light—located in the upper right corner of the screen—illuminates once a student answers a certain number of facts correctly on a given day. This marks the completion of a good day's math fact fluency practice. During each Reflex session, Green Light progress is measured by a ring around the indicator light in the upper right of the screen. As a student advances through their session, the ring will fill in green. Once the ring is full, the indicator light will turn green. This means the student has reached the Green Light. They can now log out, or if time allows, spend their tokens at the Reflex store. Although the Green Light depends on students correctly answering facts, not time used, students can typically get the Green Light in 15 minutes of concentrated use. For best results, students should get the Green Light at least three days a week."***

<https://www.explorelearning.com/resources/insights/green-light-goal-reflex>

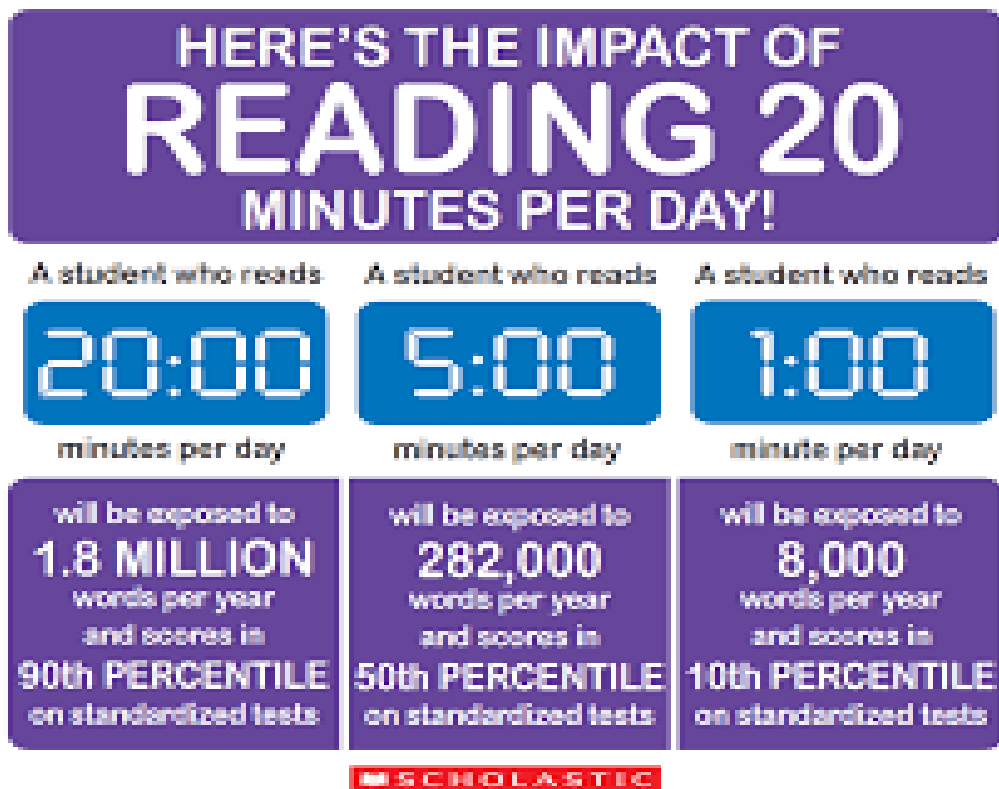
## Happy Holidays Tolland Readers!

It's December which means we're entering peak book giving time. Giving books as gifts is a great way to help raise kids who read. If you're looking for some suggestions, just click on the link below for a comprehensive look at the Best Books of 2022 from the *School Library Journal*. There's even a handy downloadable guide just below the brightly colored category section. And... for parents looking for ways to actively help their young readers, we've included instructions for corrective feedback.

### [Best Books 2022](#)

### Reading at Home

All students should be reading outside of school. Below is a graphic from Scholastic depicting the importance of reading just 20 minutes per day. While students are engaged in reading while at school, nightly reading at home will assist students in excelling.



### **Chromebooks**

Student Chromebooks are used at various times during the school day. Students have been regularly informed to charge their chromebook each night. Any assistance with reminding your child to charge their device is greatly appreciated.

### **Winter Weather**

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. Because temperatures can fluctuate drastically during the day, coats, hats, and long pants should be worn as a means of protection from the winter weather. Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, or if the temperature and wind chill combine for a temperature less than 20 degrees.

### **PJ Day for the Kids**

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, students across Tolland will participate in Connecticut Children's Medical Center's PJ Day for the Kids. The goal of PJ Day for the Kids is to raise awareness and money, as well as to lift the spirits of children who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.! We hope you will consider making a donation in honor the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope. [Click Here to Donate](#) or bring \$ 1.00 on December 9 to wear your pajamas to school!

# TIS CALENDAR



## DECEMBER

**3**     **BSA Troop 1017G Pasta Dinner (see flyer below)**

6     Picture Retakes

7     Early Dismissal

9     P.J. Day for the Kids

23    Early Dismissal

December 26 thru January 2 – WINTER BREAK (classes begin again on TUESDAY, January 3rd)





# PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!

**Tuesday, December 06, 2022**  
Tolland Intermediate School

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on Picture Retake Day.

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# ¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA NUEVA TOMA FOTOGRÁFICA!

**Tuesday, December 06, 2022**  
**\ martes, 6 de diciembre, 2022**  
Tolland Intermediate School

Aún puedes encargar en  
[mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com) con  
tu ID del Día de la Foto:

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## ¿Deseas que volvamos a tomar tu foto?

Simplemente envía tu paquete original  
el día de la nueva toma fotográfica.

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**FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS WILL END ON DECEMBER 23, 2022.**

STARTING JANUARY 3, 2023, ALL MEALS WILL REVERT TO PRE-PANDEMIC PAID STATUS Breakfast and Lunch Meal Prices for Students: BREAKFAST LUNCH Birch Grove Primary \$1.95 \$3.15 Tolland Intermediate \$1.95 \$3.15 Tolland Middle \$1.95 \$3.35/\$3.75 for deli Tolland High \$1.95 \$3.50/\$4.00 for deli Reduced Meal Price \$0.30 \$0.40 Ala Carte Milk - 8 OZ \$0.75 \$0.75 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application Information The application and other supporting information can be found by clicking here. Applications may also be picked up in your child's school or by request from the food service office. We encourage families who may qualify for financial assistance (and who have not done so already), to complete and submit the confidential Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Parents or guardians can submit this application in person or by mail to the Determining Official, Abby Kassman-Harned, located at the Tolland BOE, 51 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084 or by sending it to the Food Service Office via your student's school. The application is available online in the Food Service portion of the website. The application includes detailed instructions on how to complete and submit to the Food Service Department. Applications can be submitted at any point in the school year as household income may change during the year. Please reach out to Abby Kassman-Harned, Director of Food & Nutrition Services at 860-870-6854 with any questions. SNAP If you have not qualified before, please reapply - Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) recently implemented new eligibility benefit levels in the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This will result in an estimated 44,000 additional Connecticut residents in 17,600 households becoming eligible for the food assistance program. Please click here for information about SNAP benefits. How to make payments into your child's account There are 3 ways to place money onto your child's account: 1. Checks: Checks should be made payable to Tolland Food & Nutrition Services. We ask that you include your child's first and last name for reference. 2. Online payment: Credit card and debit payments are accepted through the myschoolaccount.com website. Please note there is a transaction fee charged which is explained on the website. 3. Cash: We discourage cash since it is impossible to track. However, we do accept cash to make a deposit on your child's account. We ask that you place the money in an envelope with your child's first and last name and write School Meals on it to avoid confusion. Meals can also be paid for individually with cash at the register at the time of purchase. This method does slow down slow down the meal service lines which is why we prefer a pre-payment. Account Information All students access their meal account using the biometric scanner to purchase snacks and a la carte items. This allows: • Quicker service in the line • Students with allergies and food restrictions to be identified • Parents to put controls on their child's purchases Students must have funds for snack and ala carte items at the time of service, there is no charging for these purchases. Our Point of Sale program works directly with myschoolaccount.com to provide detailed information about your children's account, so you can view it FREE anytime! We strongly recommend that all parents sign into myschoolaccount.com to access your child's account information. From myschoolaccount.com you can: • View balances & receive low balance email reminders • Check your child's spending habits • View online account statement & make payments District Charging Policy Our district charging policy is currently being updated. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or

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## **Wear your Pajamas to School – December 9, 2022**

We are excited to raise money for kids battling cancer at Connecticut Children's! We look forward to joining with other schools and businesses across the state to honor patients who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.

We hope you will consider making a donation in honor the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope. Bring \$1.00 to school to wear your pajamas to school. Please click the link below to donate:

<https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/tolland22>



# ITEMS FROM LAST WEEK'S DIGITAL BACKPACK:

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS FROM OUR MATH INTERVENTIONISTS

The math intervention classrooms are really working hard so far this year! Third graders have been really polishing up those addition and subtraction skills. We've been playing some awesome games to help us with multi-digit addition. One of our favorites has been Target 100. The students add up some two digit numbers and then subtract that total from 100. Whoever is closer is the winner for that round. The third graders are getting really good at these games and working hard on their subtraction with regrouping. They also love Countdown from 90. The students start with 90 and then draw cards to subtract. First team to zero is the winner.

Fourth graders have just started working on fractions. There has been a lot of talk about pizza and pies. Each class gets super hungry thinking  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a pepperoni pizza! We have been learning about equivalent fractions and how if Mrs. Fischer ate  $\frac{3}{6}$  of a large pizza and Mr. McCarthy ate  $\frac{6}{12}$  of a large pizza; it would actually be the same amount of pizza. The fourth graders have also been able to master a memory game where they have to match a drawing of a fraction with its numerical representation. They are getting really good at matching those fractions.

Fifth grade is doing a quick refresher on decimal place value. We are building visual place value charts in our classes so students can see the difference between 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10 etc. Sometimes making models of something and seeing the visual representation can make things a lot easier to understand. They have also been working on their fact fluency with some amazing games like The Product Game, and Products 4 in a Row.

Speaking of fact fluency... many kids have been racking up the green lights through the Reflex on-line program. This is a great way to become a bit more automatic with facts of every operation. Keep it up TIS and if you haven't been on in a while, now is a great time to start up again! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF  
NORTHERN CT PRESENTS:

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast  
with Santa Claus Himself!

**WHEN: SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 10TH, 2022**

**WHERE: THE SPOT  
200 MERROW RD, TOLLAND, CT  
06084**

**SEATINGS AT 8 AM AND 9:30 AM**

**TICKETS \$10 EACH**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED  
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Miracle League ~ All Star Bowling

5:00-6:00 PM

Spare Time Vernon 350 Talcottville Road Vernon

We need bowlers and peer buddies to assist and cheer on the Athletes!

Weekly Fee will be collected each week to cover bowling and shoes from 5:00-6:00 PM.

Please contact Laurel Leibowitz at [teacherleibo@gmail.com](mailto:teacherleibo@gmail.com) to

Register as a bowler or Buddy!



**DONATIONS WELCOME!**

**BRAND NEW KIDS' ITEMS:  
HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES, SOCKS**

♥ DONATE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> ♥

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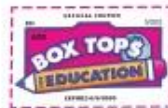
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