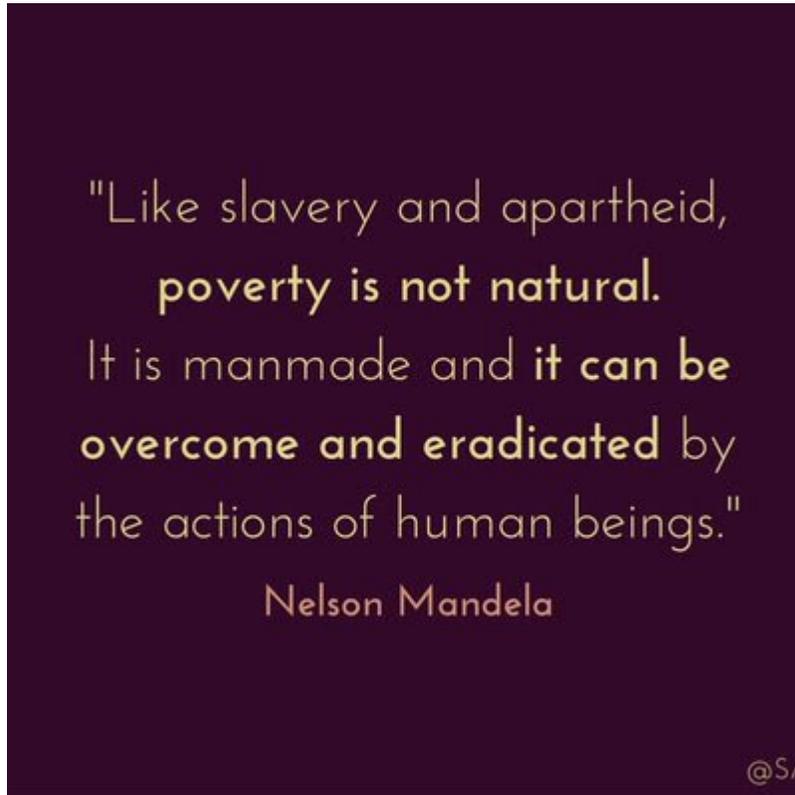


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**Check out our NEW Parent Teacher Conferences at
TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL!**

Thursday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[Click here for instructions about how to sign up for a teacher conference today!](#)

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We have embarked upon our first year of **Culturally Responsive Education training**. This started with our convocation, with a moving speech by Mr. Gerald Hairston from CREC. We will have ten different integrative trainings this year for TPS staff at various levels, and this is outside of our involvement with the Open Choice program, with even more programs from that resource. We will also soon be engaging in community programs as well. These represent year one of a multi-year and ongoing effort to provide meaningful culturally responsive education in Tolland. **The next Breakfast with the Superintendent is November 9th** @ 9 AM in the Central Office (51 Tolland Green) please come and share your thoughts and perspective – *or* – please let me know when you'd like to meet as a group – or one on one – I will bring the coffee, and you can bring the thoughts and questions! To set up a date and time please e-mail jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us.

For open choice resources, please see the Tolland site I have set up:

http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/superintendent_s_corner/superintendent_willett_s_page/open_choice_program/



Exciting news for Tuesday, October 25th at Tolland High School:

A mock election will be held for students with each civics class running the “polls” for a block. It is our Red, White, and Blue day!

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman and Secretary of Education Dr. Dianna Wentzell will also pay a visit to discuss the importance of civic engagement in our democracy with students

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NEW DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES

As many of you may know, Tolland's Director of Pupil Services, Kathleen Raymond has retired. Patricia Hess has taken over the position. Many of you may know Patti from her position as Birch Grove Primary School's Assist Principal. Before that she was the Principal of Saint. Stanislaus and prior to that a social worker for Killingly Public School. She is located at Tolland High School and can be reached via email at phess@tolland.k12.ct.us or via telephone at 860-870-6818 extension 6.

Breakfast with the Superintendent 2016-2017:



Mark them in your calendar!

November 9, December 12, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.

Breakfast is at 9:00 am at the Board of Education Office.

Please note that November 7 was moved to November 9

RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL - SATURDAY FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 3 THRU 12 LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

A fun program designed to help improve individual skills and learn the fundamentals of basketball. Separate program for boys and girls.

Boys League: Grades 3rd& 4th, 5th& 6th, 7th& 8th and 9th - 12th

Girls League: Grades 3rd – 5th and Grades 6th – 9th

All practices and games take place on Saturdays, starting December 10th through March.

Times will vary based on number of teams in each age category.

Please DO NOT wait to register

Register on-line, by mail, fax or in person

REGISTER AT: WWW.TOLLANDREC.COM

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BUDGET WORKSHOPS-THS Library – 7:00 PM	COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
<p>November 16, 2016</p>	<p>October 19, 2016 – 7:00 pm Standardized Assessment and the Tolland Public Schools Tolland High School Library</p> <p>Come and meet the “Walking Man” Jesse Turner. Professor Turner walked to Washington D.C. to protest inequities in education as well as over-testing students. I will start the evening introducing Dr. Turner, and moving into a workshop format to ask the key questions: what kinds of assessments put children first, and why do we do standardized testing? We will have a discussion about assessment overall, and end the evening around 8:30 PM. Come for some, or all, you are welcome!</p>
<p>January 9, 2017</p>	<p>December 7, 2016 – Internet Safety Presentation-Tolland High School Auditorium – 7:00 – 8:30 pm</p> <p>Come see Mr. Scott Driscoll, of Internet Safety Concepts, come to talk about the apps and programs children are using. He will cover cyberbullying, sexting, social networking, and the current on-line trends and potential dangers. Mr. Driscoll is a published author and former officer who works in communities to help parents understand how teens, and the entire family, can use technology safely.</p> <p>Click here for flyer</p>
<p>January 18, 2017</p>	<p>February 8, 2017 – 7:00 pm-Workshop on Mastery Based Learning and the Tolland Public Schools</p>
<p>February 15, 2017</p>	<p>April 5, 2017 – 7:00 pm- Early Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders</p> <p>Dr. Elizabeth Davis is a licensed clinical psychologist at the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Institute of Living. Dr. Davis specializes in working with children and adolescents with anxiety disorders. She has particular expertise in incorporating elements of mindfulness and acceptance-based treatments into Cognitive-</p>

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	<p>Behavioral Therapy. Dr. Davis has presented at numerous professional conferences, schools, and academic medical settings on the topic of childhood anxiety disorders.</p> <p>Talk title: “Early Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders”.</p> <p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying early warning signs of childhood anxiety disorders • Understanding evidence-based, gold-standard treatments that are available • Discussing strategies families can use at home to effectively address anxiety symptoms • Collaborating with school system to address symptoms across environments
<p>** Please note if it snows on January 9 or January 18, the make-up day will be January 23.</p>	<p>June 7, 2017 –7:00 pm-Topic and Location TBD</p>

APRIL 5, 2017-WORKSHOP ON CHILDHOOD ANXIETY DISORDERS

Dr. Elizabeth Davis is a licensed clinical psychologist at the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Institute of Living. Dr. Davis specializes in working with children and adolescents with anxiety disorders. She has particular expertise in incorporating elements of mindfulness and acceptance-based treatments into Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. Dr. Davis has presented at numerous professional conferences, schools, and academic medical settings on the topic of childhood anxiety disorders.

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TOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar:

February 9, 2017 – 6:30 pm

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[December 7, 2016 – Workshop on Internet Safety](#)