



Tolland Middle School

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have had an exciting school year. We are looking forward to working with you again next year.

Grades 6 through 8 at TMS are organized in teams of teachers. Each grade has two teams, grades 6 and 7 have five teachers on each team: a math teacher, social studies teacher, science teacher and two English language arts teachers, grade 8 has four teachers: a math teacher, social studies teacher, science teacher and one English language arts teacher. The main function of the team is to plan, carry out and evaluate each student's instructional program. Your child's schedule will be mailed home in late August.

I would like to make you aware of some important resources available to you here at TMS:

- The school's web-site, accessed at <http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us> has the Digital Backpack, calendars, menus, athletic and club schedules, important notices, and teacher web-sites with weekly updates.
- Students are provided individual agenda booklets. You do not need to purchase an assignment book or calendar for your son or daughter, as one is provided to every student. In addition to a class organizer and calendar, it contains useful information such as the school calendar and the Parent and Student Handbook, all in one. This agenda functions as a daily assignment booklet and a place for home/school communications. Students are required to bring this to and from school, and to all classes daily. This system promotes student responsibility and accountability, and helps foster organizational skills. We thank you for your support of this school wide agenda system.

Your child's schedule will be mailed home during the last week of August. The first day of school for all Tolland students is **Wednesday, August 29, 2017**. This will be a full, regular day. **Open House for Grade 6 is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018**, and **Grades 7 and 8 Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. More information about these nights will be sent in the fall. At that time we will describe our curriculum and instructional programs.

If your child is interested in participating in interscholastic sports, please make note of the following information. Registration and submission of physical forms must be completed through FamilyID.com for each sport, prior to the deadlines below. To register your child and to find the proper sports medical forms, please visit the athletics page of the TMS website and click on the "Athletic Participation Registration and Forms" tab. Upon successful submission of your registration you will receive a confirmation email from FamilyID notifying you that your child has been registered. The registration is automatically removed from the database at 12:01 a.m. the morning following the deadline. Please see our website for more information and eligibility requirements.

SEASON	SPORT	DEADLINE
FALL	Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross Country	July 30, 2018
WINTER	Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading	November 5, 2018
SPRING	Baseball, Softball, Track	February 25, 2019

Please have your child join the summer reading-at-home program run by the town library. The benefits of reading are many, please help us keep up that outstanding effort for summer reading!

The summer reading assignment and recommended supply list are attached. Please be aware that individual teams may request additional supplies at the beginning of the year.

Have a wonderful summer with your family.

Cordially,

Mary E. Grande

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Summer Reading Assignment



Dear Parents,

The summer reading assignment for students entering sixth grade in the fall is as follows:

1. We recommend that each child read at least five books during the summer; however, there is a minimum requirement of one age appropriate book.
2. Keep a log of the books that have been read during the summer. Every 150 pages is equal to one book. For example, a book of 600 pages equals four books.
3. The parent signature is an acknowledgment that the pages were read.
4. **Watching** a movie based on a book does not count for this assignment.

This assignment will count as the first homework assignment in reading class.

- The book log must be turned in on or before the first Friday of school.* A book log is attached to this letter; however students may also use the Governor's Summer Reading Log or the Tolland Public Library's Log as long as the title, author, and number of pages read are provided.

We hope that allowing students to choose their own books will make their summer reading enjoyable while keeping their reading skills fresh.

Sincerely,
Grade 6 Teachers of Reading

Grade Six Student Reading Log

	<i>Title of Book</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i># of Pages</i>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____

Parent Signature _____

TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST GRADE 6

A primary goal of Tolland Public Schools is to develop a lifelong desire to read for both pleasure and knowledge. Therefore, we are offering your child the opportunity to extend his/her reading through the summer months. We hope you and your child find this list of *suggested* books and authors helpful in meeting the summer reading activity. Please remember this list is neither a comprehensive or compulsory one. Other titles and authors may certainly be selected for students' summer reading.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORS:

Suzanne Jurmain (nonfiction)
Mary Downing Hahn (mystery)
Tim Green (sports)
Mike Lupica (sports)
Wendy Mass
James Patterson
Louis Sachar
Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Jerry Spinelli

Kwane Alexander
Suzanne Collins
Chris Grabenstein
J.R.R. Tolkein
Lois Lowry
Rick Riordan
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
Raina Telgemeier

SERIES

Survived, Lauren Tarshis
The Trial of Apollo, Rick Riordan
The Guardians of Gahoole, Kathryn Lasky
Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer, John Grisham
The Shadow Children, Margaret Peterson Haddix
Alex Rider Adventures, Anthony Horowitz
Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling
Young Wizard, Diane Duane
Eragon, Christopher Paolini
Princess Diaries, Meg Cabot
Sammy Keyes, Wendelin Van Draanen

WEBSITES for more recommendations

<http://www.nutmegaward.org> (highly recommended intermediate and teen)
<http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org> (notables)
www.goodreads.com

Grade 6 School Supplies List

Please have supplies for the first week of school.

General Supplies

- Pencils (enough to last the year)
- Pens – blue or black
- Two red pens
- One set of fine tip markers (not Sharpies)
- One set of colored pencils
- Highlighters (enough to last the year)
- HighlightersTwo ultra-fine black Sharpies
- Large eraser
- Package of $1\frac{3}{8}$ X $1\frac{7}{8}$ Post It notes
- Package of 3 X 3 Post It notes
- 8 tab dividers
- Package of 3 X 5 index cards
- One package of reinforced loose leaf note paper
- Package of reinforcement stickers for hole-punched papers
- Calculator (basic)
- 2 extra-large stretch book covers
- One zippered pencil pouch
- One 1-inch binder, any color

Specific Subject Supplies

Reading and English:

- Four one-subject notebooks
- Two plastic folders with pockets

Science:

- One 1 inch binder (green preferred)
- One 3-hole punched plastic folder

Social Studies:

- One 1 inch binder (blue preferred)
- One plastic folder with pockets

Math:

- One $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch binder (red preferred)
- One three-hole punched graphing notebook, or loose leaf GRAPH paper

The school will supply students with an agenda and a lock for their gym locker.