

# **Tolt Middle School**



**2019-2020**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Bulletin**



# TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*Developing an inclusive community of critical and creative thinkers who practice resiliency, show empathy, and take initiative for learning.*

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Spring 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Tolt Middle School! This is an exciting time and we want to help you understand what lies ahead. We know you will have many questions as your child moves into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and we are here to address those questions, as well as any concerns you may have.

In this packet you will find information regarding our philosophy, beliefs, and programs. Also included is a general outline of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, elective course descriptions, and sports information, as well as phone numbers to help you direct any further questions that may arise.

Tolt Middle School serves approximately 790 students in grades six, seven and eight. The schedule consists of six classes each day. Daily required courses are: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, PE-Tech-Art Rotation, and an Elective. Regardless of grade level, students are enrolled in math by their ability level.

In addition, Tolt also offers a Multi-Age Program. The Multi-Age Program is a three-year commitment where students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade take Social Studies, Language Arts and Science together. Applications to be in the Multi-Age Program are available on the Tolt website at <http://tms.rsd407.org/programs/ma-info/MA%20application%202019-20.pdf> and in the main office at Tolt. Students in the Multi-Age Program will have limited availability to elective classes due to scheduling conflicts.

At Tolt, we believe your involvement is vital to your child's success and encourage you to become involved in our many programs, activities, and growing traditions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Warmly,

Amie Karkainen  
Principal  
Tolt Middle School

# Tolt Middle School Sports Information

## What sports are available at Tolt and who can participate?

### *These sports start the first or second day of school:*

- Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country (running) — 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Girls' Volleyball — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Boys' Soccer — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *These sports start later in the year:*

- Girls' Basketball — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Starts in October
- Boys' & Girls' Wrestling — 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Starts in October
- Boys' Basketball — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Starts in January
- Girls' Soccer — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Starts in January
- Boys' and Girls' Track — 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Starts in April

## What are the requirements for participating in a sport at Tolt?

- **Before** students can participate in any sport, they must have a physical on file with the school, and complete and submit all electronic athletic clearance forms. Register online at [tms.rsd407.org/sports\\_activities/sports.aspx](https://tms.rsd407.org/sports_activities/sports.aspx) to access these forms.
- You will need your child's student ID number to register. (Omit the leading zero.) If you do not know this number, you can find it through Family Access.
- **Fees:** Student athletes are required to pay the \$22 ASB fee (once per year; covers all sports) by the start of practices. The sports participation fee (\$80 for each sport, maximum \$160 per year, family cap \$320) is due the second week of practice. Scholarships are available for sports fees. Contact your student's counselor for more information.
- **Please note** it can take up to 24 hours after the receipt of the forms to clear athletes for participate. The summer is a good time to get your sports physical to avoid the rush.

***Tolt has a no-cut policy.***

***Everyone can participate as long as they keep up their grades.***

**Tolt Middle School**  
**Office Hours: 7:45AM–3:45PM**  
**Main Office 425-844-4600**

| <b>Names and Departments</b>  | <b>Phone Numbers</b>         |
|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Principal:</b> Amie Karkainen  | 425-844-4600                 |
| <b>Principal's Secretary:</b> Shann Pattee  | 425-844-4601                 |
| <b>Assistant Principal:</b> Tom Oldenburg   | 425-844-4600                 |
| <b>Assistant Principal's Secretary:</b> Claire Wallace  | 425-844-4605                 |
| <b>Counselors:</b> Carrie Diligencia (students' last name A-K)<br>Tim Suchsland (students' last name L-Z) | 425-844-4608<br>425-844-4609 |
| <b>Registrar/Counseling Secretary:</b> Mardi Rezoski  | 425-844-4607                 |
| <b>Attendance Secretary:</b> Tammy Dorn   | 425-844-4606                 |
| <b>Questions Regarding ...</b>  |                              |
| Athletics – Sports  | 425-844-4605                 |
| Bus Information   | 425-844-4540                 |
| Change of student information   | 425-844-4607                 |
| Registration/Withdrawals/Student Schedules  | 425-844-4607                 |
| Learning Resource Center  | 425-844-4637                 |
| Psychologist: Emilia Turta  | 425-844-4660                 |
| Program for the Academically Talented: TMS Principal  | 425-844-4600                 |
| Special Education: Donna Harvold  | 425-844-4631                 |
| Tolt Middle School Fax  | 425-844-4602                 |

## Class Offerings for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

All students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade are required to take **Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science** and the **PE-Tech-Art Rotation**. In addition, each student will have one **Elective** period all year.

**The following is a sample 6<sup>th</sup> grade student schedule:**

| Period | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter      |
|--------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1      | Language Arts<br>Mr. Smith  | Language Arts<br>Mr. Smith   | Language Arts<br>Mr. Smith   | Language Arts<br>Mr. Smith   |
| 2      | Science<br>Ms. Jones  | Science<br>Ms. Jones         | Science<br>Ms. Jones         | Science<br>Ms. Jones         |
| 3      | Math<br>Ms. Johnson   | Math<br>Ms. Johnson          | Math<br>Ms. Johnson          | Math<br>Ms. Johnson          |
| 4      | Social Studies<br>Mr. Wilson  | Social Studies<br>Mr. Wilson | Social Studies<br>Mr. Wilson | Social Studies<br>Mr. Wilson |
| 5      | PE<br>Ms. Adams   | PE<br>Ms. Adams              | Technology<br>Mr. Rogers     | Art<br>Mr. Long              |
| 6      | Elective Class<br>(see options on 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Registration Form) | Elective Class               | Elective Class               | Elective Class               |

- Students will be placed in Math 6, Advanced Math 6, or Pre-Algebra based on Smarter Balanced and MAP scores. Families will receive a letter with their student’s math placement.
- Students will be placed in Language Arts 6 or Pre-Honors Language Arts 6 based on Smarter Balanced and MAP scores. Families will receive a letter with their student’s language arts placement.
- Students may be placed in Reading Empowerment or Math Empowerment as their elective if they do not meet standard on this spring’s SBAC exams.
- Enrollment in Special Education programs is based on eligibility and due to scheduling limitations, may eliminate or alter elective choices.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade elective offerings include Debut Band, Premier Band, Choir, and Strand. See the back of the registration form for more information about these classes. Placement in elective classes is subject to master schedule constraints.

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT NIGHT

**Mark Your Calendars for**

**Thursday, March 7, 6-7:30PM**

**Tolt Middle School Gym**

**Parents and Guardians of all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2019-20 school year are invited to come to a presentation given by our principal, Amie Karkainen. You will meet many of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, have the opportunity to ask questions, and receive information from teachers. Parent Night will last approximately 90 minutes.**

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**Students will attend a *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Event* on Thursday, June 6. Students will be bussed from their elementary school to Tolt by 2:45PM. Parents (or carpools) are required to pick up students at Tolt at 5:30PM. During the event, students will listen to presentations, have the opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, tour the TMS campus, and see what a day in middle school looks like! More detailed information and permission slips will be sent home to you at a later date.**

**We look forward to meeting you!**