

Tolt Middle School



2018-2019

6th Grade Registration Bulletin



TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Developing quality citizens

Spring 2018

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 6th 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 6th 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 740 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 6th, 7th and 8th 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/multiage%20application%202018-19.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

Mission Statement

Tolt Middle School, in partnership with families and community, ensures a safe and respectful environment which inspires excellence and challenges all students to develop their talents as healthy, life-long learners, achievers, and responsible citizens.

Belief Statement

Students and the learning process – we believe:

- School is a safe and constructive environment with effective class size.
- Students are taught to respect each other.
- All students can learn, achieve, and succeed.
- Students are challenged to think independently.

Curriculum and instruction – we believe:

- Instructional methods should be varied and geared toward different learning styles.
- Educators who are passionate about their subject matter inspire learning.
- Effective planning, presentation, and assessment ensure excellence in learning.
- Challenging expectations increase student outcomes.
- Diversity increases student understanding of the community and the world.

Community – we believe:

- Students, teachers, parents and the community share the responsibility of education.
- Schools and communities that work together mutually benefit one another.
- Communication with parents is essential.
- Motivation is the responsibility of student, educator, and parent.

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) — 6th, 7th and 8th Grade
- Girls' Volleyball — 7th and 8th Grade
- Boys' Soccer — 7th and 8th Grade

These sports start later in the year:

- Girls' Basketball — 7th and 8th Grade: Starts in October
- Boys' & Girls' Wrestling — 6th, 7th and 8th Grade: Starts in October
- Boys' Basketball — 7th and 8th Grade: Starts in January
- Girls' Soccer — 7th and 8th Grade: Starts in January
- Boys' and Girls' Track — 6th, 7th and 8th 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 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 by the start of practices. The sports participation fee (\$80 for each sport, maximum \$160 per year, family cap \$320) is due the 2nd 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

Names and Departments	Phone Numbers
Principal: Amie Karkainen	425-844-4600
Principal's Secretary: Shann Pattee	425-844-4601
Assistant Principal: Tom Oldenburg	425-844-4600
Assistant Principal's Secretary: Heidi Stauffer	425-844-4605
Counselors: Carrie Diligencia (students' last name A-K) Tim Suchsland (students' last name L-Z)	425-844-4608 425-844-4609
Registrar/Counseling Secretary: Mardi Rezoski	425-844-4607
Attendance Secretary: Tammy Helms	425-844-4606
Questions Regarding ...	
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 6th Grade

All students in the 6th 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 6th grade student schedule:

Period	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
1	Language Arts Mr. Smith	Language Arts Mr. Smith	Language Arts Mr. Smith	Language Arts Mr. Smith
2	Science Ms. Jones	Science Ms. Jones	Science Ms. Jones	Science Ms. Jones
3	Math Ms. Johnson	Math Ms. Johnson	Math Ms. Johnson	Math Ms. Johnson
4	Social Studies Mr. Wilson	Social Studies Mr. Wilson	Social Studies Mr. Wilson	Social Studies Mr. Wilson
5	PE Ms. Adams	PE Ms. Adams	Technology Mr. Rogers	Art Mr. Long
6	Elective Class (see options on 6 th Grade 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 Lab or Math Lab 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.
- 6th 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.

5th Grade Parent Night!

**Mark Your Calendars For
Wednesday, March 21, 6-7:30PM**

Tolt Middle School – MPR

Parents and Guardians of all incoming 6th grade students for the 2018-19 school year are invited to come to a presentation given by our principal, Amie Karkainen. You will meet many of the 6th 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 5th Grade Transition Event on Tuesday, June 5. 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, view 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!