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The following flyers are attached to this Digital Backpack: Tolland Food Service Online Payment Option, Adams Adventure Fundraiser.

 Attn all students who are attending the Grade 8 Washington, DC trip in November: We are having a student/parent meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Our tour director from Destinations, Unlimited will give an overview of the trip, rules, luggage tags will be given out and any questions will be answered. Please plan to attend this informational meeting.

 Tolland Food Service has a new payment option for parents, an online payment process. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

 Girls Travel Basketball tryouts will be held on October, 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 at TMS. This tryout will be open to any girl in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Please bring a water bottle and a basketball. For additional information contact David Charbonneau at davidcharbonneau@sbcglobal.net or Bob Storozuk at rstorozuk@gmail.com

 Looking for some spooky fun? The TMS Pumpkin Festival will be held on Friday, October 21st from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Entry fee is One Carved Pumpkin per family, which will be entered into the pumpkin contest for prizes! The band and chorus will perform, costumes will be judged, and "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" will be shown. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes and best pumpkins. Refreshments and pictures will be available in the cafeteria. TMS students, their younger siblings, and parents are invited to join the fun.

 OCTOBER PTO MEETING: will take place in the school library on TUESDAY, OCT 18th beginning at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see many of you there! The agenda can be found on the school website under the PTO link. Thank you for your support!

 Tom Moore, men's basketball coach at Quinnipiac University, and Kate Mullen, women's basketball coach at Wesleyan University, will headline a fascinating panel discussion on "The College Search from the Student-Athlete's Perspective" Oct. 19 when the Tolland Public Library and the Tolland Public Library Foundation launch a "The Year of the Young Adult" program.

Moore, the Bobcats' coach since 2007, and Mullen, who is her 20th season leading Wesleyan's team, will offer advice to student-athletes and their parents on navigating the college search process.

Moderated by Tolland High School athletic director Pat Cox, the panel will also include Jim Leahy, the boys soccer coach at the high school; and parents Skip Olander, a former THS athletic director, and Donna Schatzlein, whose children have all been scholar-athletes in college. Olander is the father of Tyler Olander, a member of the national championship University of Connecticut men's basketball team.

The panel, sponsored by the library and the Foundation, will be held at 7 p.m. at Tolland High School. Topics will include scholarship and non-scholarship opportunities, the reality of recruiting and admissions for student-athletes, the pressures on students who play sports in college and the services they receive.

The event is the first among many programs that the library will sponsor as part of a special focus on the "The Year of the Young Adult." Developed by acting library director Mary Anne Ainsworth and children's librarian Ginny Brousseau, with members of the Foundation's board of directors, the program will include:

- Book Voyagers book club discussions for middle and high school students
- More information sessions geared to high school students
- Young authors nights for Tolland students
- New educational materials and software geared to middle schoolers
- Special visits by authors of popular young adult books

"The Year of the Young Adult" is being funded by the Foundation through the Phoebe Dimock King and Elizabeth C. King Eaton Endowment. Liana Hotte, a senior at Tolland High School, has designed the logo for the library's theme that will be used throughout the year.

Brousseau said she is excited to be able to offer so many services focused on young adults at the library.

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