

The logo for Taber Christian High School (TCHS) features the letters "TCHS" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.The logo for the Community of Grace features the words "COMMUNITY of GRACE" in a serif font, with a large white cross graphic behind the text.The logo for the Horizon School Division features the word "horizon" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with "school division" in a smaller, blue, lowercase, sans-serif font below it.

*“Living and Learning in Faith”*



Taber Christian High school;



Taber Christian High school @ Jason Visser 15

*“If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”*  
*-Augustine*

***Taber Christian High School News and Notes:  
September 28 - October 4, 2020***

**Monday, September 28** - TCHS volleyball (3:15 - 4:30)

**Tuesday, September 29** - School Council Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday, September 30**

**Thursday, October 1** - TCHS volleyball (3:15-4:30)

**Friday, October 2**

**Reminders for Parents:**

- The office phone number for the High School is **403-359-3835**. Please feel free to phone. If we are not in the office, please leave a message and we will do our best to check regularly.
- Life Touch will be taking our school pictures on Wednesday, Oct 7 at 1pm.
- Please use the parking in front of the High School area and not in front of the church building.
- If you plan on coming into the school, we strongly encourage you to call first to book an appointment. This will ensure that we do not have too many visitors inside the building at the same time.
- We ask that all visitors wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and sign-in at the school office - located just inside the High School doors.
- Locks have been purchased and are available in the office. Some students have already picked them up. Please bring \$5 to the office if you have not yet paid for them. If students are using a lock from home, please let the office know the combination. This ensures that the student's belongings are safe when the church gym is rented out.
- **We sent home a Parent/Guardian Consent/Risk Acknowledgement Form a couple weeks ago. We need this form signed and returned to the office for students to be able to participate in off campus activities. Thank-you!**

## **TCHS School Council - this week!!**

Schools across the province are mandated to have a school council. In light of this TCHS would like to develop a School / Parent council. School council meetings are open to parents who want to learn more about the programming at their child's school. We are planning on hosting a school council meeting on Tuesday, Sept 29 at 7 pm in the Taber Christian High school (Taber Christian Reformed Church) gym. Parents will be asked to sign in, utilize hand sanitizer etc. We will meet in the multipurpose room where we can physically distance. All TCHS parents are invited to attend!



## **TCHS Intramurals!!**

Both the Alberta Schools Athletic Association and Horizon school division have indicated that interscholastic play is not permitted at this time. However, we do have approval to operate a TCHS intramural program! We have begun our volleyball season. Practices / Games will be on Mondays and Thursdays right after school (3:15 – 4:30 pm). All TCHS students are invited to participate!



## **Thank-you!!**

**This past week, Taber held its annual fall Food Bank Drive. We want to say thank-you to all the students who participated to make this event a success!**

# PowerSchool

TCHS is on **PowerSchool** - The students have been set up with a login and password on PowerSchool. Students can either go to a computer and login into [ps.horizon.ab.ca/public](https://ps.horizon.ab.ca/public). You can also access it by going to [www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca](http://www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca) - go to "Quick Links" and select "PowerSchool - parents and students". Students are able to download the PowerSchool app. They will need the code NHSW - that's our app jurisdiction code - to login to the app. Once they are logged in just make sure they are on Reporting Term 1 or R1 and then they should be able to see their assignments. Parents can access this information if they use the student's login and password info for now. Parents will eventually be set up with their own login and password on PowerSchool by the head office. We will let you know when this is available. **If you are having trouble accessing PowerSchool, please let Mr. Visser, Mrs. Bekkering or Mrs. Hoekstra know!**

**TCHS website is now online! To visit, go to: [tchs.horizon.ab.ca](http://tchs.horizon.ab.ca)**  
While more work needs to be done, this is a great place to check out all things TCHS!

## School Year Calendar 2020-2021

### Important Dates:

**September 29** - Council Meeting 7pm

**September 30** - **Orange Shirt Day**

### Why Orange Shirt Day?

*Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.*

**October 7** - School Pictures 1pm.

**October 12** - Thanksgiving Day Holiday (no staff, no students)

**October 15** - School Based Parent/Teacher Interviews - after school

**October 22** - School Based PD Day (All Schools - no students)

**October 23** - School Based PD Day - ½ day (no students)

**November 6** – Report Cards

**November 11** – Remembrance Day – Division Wide Holiday (no students, no staff)

**November 12** – Division Wide PD day (no students)

**November 13** - School Based PD Day – ½ day (no students)

**December 18** – School Based Unassigned Teacher Time (no students, no staff)

**December 21- January 01** – Christmas vacation (no students, no staff)

***Thanks for your support!***

# When do I keep my child home?



## It's confusing. When should I keep my child home?

The new public health measures from COVID-19 mean students and staff who are showing any signs of illness, must stay home. To simplify the "Should I keep my child home?" and "How long does my child need to stay home?" process, we've created a visual guide to help you understand how our schools are making decisions around managing student illness.

## My child is sick. How long do they need to stay home for?

### Core COVID-19 symptoms

- Fever (above 38 °C or 100.4 °F)
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

### Other Symptoms

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

### This is my child. Now what?

If your child has one of the "core" COVID-19 symptoms above, they must do the following before returning to school.

1. Receive a negative COVID-19 test result and no longer be presenting any symptoms, or
2. Stay home for a minimum of 10 days (or longer if they still have symptoms)

### This is my child. Now what?

If you child has one of the "other" illness symptoms above, they must do the following:

1. A COVID-19 test is recommended, but not required. The sick person must stay home and minimize contact with others until feeling better and symptoms subside.
2. Utilize the daily screening tool to determine whether they can attend school.

### How do I get a COVID-19 test?

If your child has one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms above we strongly encourage booking them a COVID-19 test. This will speed up the return to school process, as the turn-around time for testing is faster than the required 10 day isolation period.

No official document is required for "proof" of a negative test result.

### What does it mean to stay home and self-isolate

<https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx>

### Take the COVID-19 self-assessment test and book an appointment

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

### Daily Screening Questionnaire

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

Information for the creation of this document was taken from: COVID-19 in schools (K-12) settings. Retrieved on Sept 4, 2020 from: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx>

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