

"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: October 5, 2020 - October 12, 2020

Monday, October 5 - TCHS volleyball (3:15 - 4:30) Tuesday, October 6 Wednesday, October 7 - School Pictures Thursday, October 8 - TCHS volleyball (3:15-4:30) Friday, October 9 - Terry Fox Run/Walk

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. Please call the office if your child will be late or absent from school. This information is required for us to enter into PowerSchool for the Head Office to monitor. Thank-you!
- 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 Update

School Council met for the first time on Tuesday at TCHS. At this meeting, we discussed what School Council is all about. It's a great way for parents to stay informed on what is going on in the classroom and school.

We spent some time reviewing the handbook and our strategic priorities: a. Developing strong instruction practices for the school, b. Creating a Christ-centered environment, and c. being intentional about having students engage in experiential learning, athletics and contribute to school life. We reviewed the finances. Currently we have textbooks on order for the 2nd Semester as well as 20 new laptops on order.

Parents had the opportunity to ask questions. One question was how do we stay on top of learning with absences due to illness/COVID restrictions? Classroom notes and resources are on Moodle. Students/parents can also stay in touch via email and phone. Staff is willing to gather textbooks, binders and assignments for pick up.

Thank you to all those who came out for the meeting!! Stay tuned for the next School Council meeting date. Remember, all parents are welcome and encouraged 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!

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 <u>ps.horizon.ab.ca/public</u>. You can also access it by going to <u>www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca</u> 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

While more work needs to be done, this is a great place to check out all things TCHS!

On Friday, October 9, TCHS will be participating in a Terry Fox Run/Walk on the walking path (around Taber golf course). The purpose of this is to both raise awareness of who Terry was, promote Cancer research and empathy for people struggling with cancer as well as to raise some money in support of this cause. Thanks in advance for your support of this. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school.

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Important Dates:

- October 7 School Pictures 1pm.
- October 9 Terry Fox Run/Walk
- 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 1/2 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!



On Friday, October 9 TCHS students will be participating in a 2020 Terry Fox Walk. Activities surrounding the week will be to: learn more about who Terry Fox was, learn more about cancer research and to fundraise for the Terry Fox foundation.

At 9 am, TCHS students will set out from school to walk/run around the Taber golf course. In the meantime, Taber Christian High school students will be asking for sponsors/donations for the Terry Fox event. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

TCHS staff

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