

## Taber Christian High School News and Notes:



### Note from the Principal

Change. It is a constant of life and that includes school. Certainly this year is a change for all involved in that it is the first year of operation for Taber Christian High school. Change can be exciting and change can be challenging. Change can involve working to develop a path to an unknown destination.

The changes to Grade 7 - 12 education in Alberta (in the short term) may have been surprising news. While the authorities attempt to make decisions in the best interests of all Albertans, we know the news is not something many will be excited about. The good news is that we have had time to build some momentum at TCHS and that this new "At Home learning" phase will be temporary. Our staff is committed to continue to provide a meaningful and interactive education (as much as possible). In light of this, we plan to initiate regular communication with students. We also want to remind parents that if they have questions they should not hesitate to answer the school.

Above all we continue to put our hope in our Father above and continue to seek his guidance, wisdom and continue to give joy in all circumstances.

#### November 30, 2020 - December 6, 2020

Monday, November 30 - at home learning begins Tuesday, December 01 Wednesday, December 02 Thursday, December 03 Friday, December 04

#### Notes about the TCHS 'At home Learning Plan'

- Teaching staff will be required to share approximately 3 hours of learning materials per day (this may take our staff a few days to get up and running as we navigate the change in instruction)
- To support student learning, students/parents will be able to make appointments with school staff for weekly one on one, in person learning sessions with TCHS teachers. (please note - additional opportunities will be offered to students who regularly require support).
- Due to recommendations, we will be limiting this to one on one student, in person connections and not small group in person sessions.
- Appointments can be made by calling the school 403 359 3835 or emailing a TCHS teacher.
- The length of these appointments will be determined based on demand. Initially, they would be 60 - 90 minutes and take place during school hours.
- We will be limiting class wide ZOOM connections to twice per week (CREW time). This will allow us more time to provide one on one support for students
- Instruction will primarily be offered through instructional videos, emailed assignments and our Moodle site.
- Parents / students that don't have access to suitable technology will be offered school technology and / or worked with to provide other forms of instruction.
- Communication between TCHS staff and individual students will be made at least once per week.
- This can take the form of phone calls, Zoom calls, one on one sessions (by appointment). The purpose of these communication sessions is to provide feedback to students with regard to the work they have done, or any questions they might have about their assignments.

#### **Reminders for Parents:**

- The office phone number for the High School is **403-359-3835**. 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!
- 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.
- TCHS School Council Meeting will be held on <u>Monday, December 07 at 7:30 pm</u>. (Please note that this date was changed). Due to CoVid protocol, we will be doing this on ZOOM. The meeting will give parents a chance to hear updates and to ask questions about TCHS programming. The link will be sent out next Friday.

Continue to look for us on Facebook and on our website: tchs.horizon.ab.ca to see the latest news and events happening at TCHS. We regularly update the calendar, add event updates and include pictures of the students. This is a great way to stay informed about what's going on in our school!



On Friday, November 27, we were able to have our monthly chapel (a little early :). Pastor Keith Boschman from Taber E Free church came in to speak to our students. He spoke from Psalm 4 and James 1 and reminded students that Jesus told us we would face hardships and that "we can be angry but not sinful". These things are meant to test us and help us grow. God will show us what is good but we need to seek Him!

# School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Important Dates:

December 18 – School Based Unassigned Teacher Time (no students, no staff)
December 21- January 01 – Christmas vacation (no students, no staff)
January 11 - Return to in school in school learning