

"Anchored to Hope" - Hebrews 6:19

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I have learned that faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse." -Philip Yancey

Taber Christian High School News and Notes:January 11, 2021 - January 17, 2021

Monday, January 11 - Return to in school learning Tuesday, January 12 - Presentation on Anxiety Part 1 - Glenn Jankowiak (last period) Wednesday, January 13 Thursday, January 14 Friday, January 15 - Hot Lunch - Spaghetti (rescheduled from last week)

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Important Dates: January 11 - Return to in school learning January 25 - Science Exam January 26 - Social Exam January 27,28 - Option assessments January 29 - Second Semester Begins February 15-19 - No School for Students March 05 - School Based PD Day - no students March 08 - Division Wide PD Day - no students March 18 - School Based Parent/Teacher Interviews - after school April 2-9 - Division Wide Holiday - no students, no staff May 7 - School Based PD Days (all schools) - no students May 21 - School Based Unassigned Teacher Time - no students, no staff May 24 - Division Wide Holiday - no students, no staff June 25 - Last day of School - Sr. High

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. Parents that need to come in should call for an appointment.
- Given the winter weather we are experiencing, conditions will be wet and messy for school during the next few months. As a result there is now a footwear rack by the school entrance. Students will be required to take off outdoor footwear and put them on the rack.

The final exam schedule for semester 1 courses will take place January 26 - 28.

Science - Monday, Jan 25 Social - Tuesday, Jan 26 Mon/Wed Option Assessment - Wednesday, Jan 27 Tues/Thurs Option Assessment - Thursday, Jan 28 Our second semester will begin on Friday, Jan 29!

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TCHS will be having the school counsellor and wellness coach, Glenn Jankowiak and Kari Manser come in to make presentations on Anxiety. It will take place over three different time periods - January 12, January 18 and January 20. We look forward to hearing about some tips and tools on dealing with anxiety during this different time.

Looking ahead to next year... By the end of the month, we will be sending home a letter asking each student's intent to register for the next school year! We look forward to offering an excellent grade 11 program at TCHS next year. Stay tuned!

Taber Society for Christian Education

would like to inform you.

If you are choosing to e-transfer donations or tuition the finance committee has set a designated email.

tcssocietyfinance@gmail.com

Letter from Alberta Education Minister Adriana Lagrange:

I know many of you are busy preparing for your children's return to their classroom at school on Monday following periods of learning at home. I hope students are looking forward to connecting in-person with their teachers and peers.

The decision to resume in-class learning on January 11 was reaffirmed after careful consideration of the importance of attending school in-person, as well as the latest evidence of COVID-19 cases dropping in all school-age groups in December.

Learning must continue, even during a pandemic. Schools play a critical role in supporting student learning as well as children's emotional health and overall well-being.

For many students, particularly younger children, learning at-home can be challenging from an academic, social, and emotional perspective. We know the vast majority of students across all grades, learn better in a classroom environment where they can connect with their teacher and interact with peers. Sadly for some students across Alberta, schools are essential to accessing critical additional support services they may need.

Understandably, some of you are feeling anxious due to the rise of COVID-19 in our communities and around the world. I want to assure you that we have a comprehensive plan to continue student learning throughout the pandemic and we are ready to make adjustments when necessary. The safety of your children, their teachers and all school staff remains our top priority.

It's important to recognize the tremendous effort Alberta schools, teachers and parents have put in every day to diligently follow the extensive health measures. As a result, only 0.4% of students and staff tested positive in total from the beginning of the school year until the winter break. Yesterday, the Chief Medical Officer of Health confirmed that the protocols in place are protective against in-school transmission and analysis of all our cases in school-aged children indicated that only 6% of these cases were determined to have been acquired at school.

I am extremely proud of our Education system for continuing to support students during this unprecedented time. I'd like to thank everyone in Alberta's school system for their incredible work as they prepare for the safe return to in-person learning next week.

I hope going back to a familiar daily routine of learning in schools will restore some sense of normalcy for students and families amidst these unusual times. I know my grandchildren have been eager to return to their classrooms, I hope your children share in this excitement.

Yours sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange