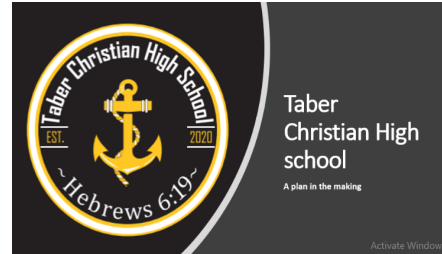




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“Following the Way” - Hebrews 6:19

“We are called to be ‘ambassadors for Christ’ (2 Cor 5:20). Ours is a ministry of reconciliation. To be an ambassador for Christ means above all to invite everyone to a renewed personal encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ” **-Pope Francis**



Taber Christian High school;



Taber Christian High school @ Jason Visser 15

Phone: 403 359 3835. Please call if a student is sick or will be absent.

Taber Christian High School News and Notes: Sep. 20-26, 2021

Monday, Sep. 20 - Girls VB Practice 3:30-5pm

Tuesday, Sep 21 - Boys VB Practice 3:30-5pm

Wednesday, Sep 22 - Girls VB @ Coaldale Christian 6pm
Boys VB @ Coaldale Christian 7pm

Thursday, Sep 23 - P.D. Day - no school

Friday, Sep 24 - P.D. Day - no school

Calendar Update!

September 30, 2021, will mark the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal holiday established “to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools.” The Horizon School Division Board of Trustees held a special board meeting on September 7, in which they decided that Horizon would honor the 1st National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by making it non-operational for schools. While September 30 will be a non-operational day, schools will continue to engage in activities to bring this important issue to the forefront for students.

****School pictures were rescheduled for October 13 at 9:30am!!**

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Important Dates:

Sep 23 - P.D. Day (no school)

Sep 24 - P.D. Day (no school)

Sep 29 - TCHS School Council Meeting

Sep 30 - National day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school for staff and students)

Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)

Oct. 13 - School Pictures 9:30am
Oct. 21&22 - Christian Schools Teacher's Convention (no school)
Oct. 25 - PD Day (No School)
Nov. 3 & 4 - Parent/Teacher Interviews - after school
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov. 12 - P.D. Day (no school)
Dec. 20 - Jan 3 - Christmas Holidays
Jan 4/22 - First day back to school



As part of the culture we are trying to create at TCHS, we want students to be in the practice of giving back to the community. Part of the requirement for CALM 20 (Grade 10) and Christian Studies 25 (Grade 11) is to do 10 volunteer hours. While the above courses are 2nd semester, students can begin to earn volunteer hours right now!

We have a volunteer opportunity in our continued partnership with the Taber Food Bank. They are doing a Food Drive on Tuesday, September 21. Volunteers can go to the food bank (5512 48 ave Taber) between 6:00pm and 6:30pm and be given instructions at that time. Please note, volunteers will need a vehicle. Donations for the Taber Food Bank Drive can also be brought to school on Monday or Tuesday (Sept 20 - 22).

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. In addition to this, please let the office know if your son or daughter will be absent from school.
- Our school website is www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca. Check regularly for calendar dates, athletic calendar, TCHS newsletters and much more. Don't forget to check out the "Quick Links" drop down for easy access to more links.
- Please remember to return forms to the school office. We are looking for **Demographic reports** (these were mailed home a few weeks ago) and **Parent/Guardian Consent Risk Acknowledgement Forms (Field Trip Forms)**.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

PowerSchool

TCHS is on **PowerSchool** - Returning students in grade 11 will be able to sign into their PowerSchool the same way as last year. New students have been set up with a login and password. Students can sign in by going to www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca - go to "Quick Links" and select "PowerSchool - parents and students". Students are also 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 or want more information on how to use it, please let the TCHS office know!**

Foods Class

For those students who are enrolled in Foods Class this quarter, there is a required \$20 course fee. This is to help with additional costs needed to purchase supplies. Please pay through School Cash Online. Contact the office or email Tanya Hoekstra if you have any questions: tanya.hoekstra@horizon.ab.ca.

Parents can access School Cash Online by going to our website:

www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca > Quicklinks>School Cash Online. This will be used to take in various school fees throughout the year.

Hot Lunch Forms



All students were given a Hot Lunch Form last week. We had our first Hot Lunch today. If you missed handing it in but would still like to participate, please talk to Tanya Hoekstra in the office.

TCHS School Council

Schools across the province are mandated to have a school council. In light of this TCHS would like to develop a School council for 2021 / 22 school year. School council meetings are open to parents who want to learn more about the programming at their child's school. Taber Christian High school will be looking to host a school council meeting on Wednesday, September 29 at 7pm. The focus for this meeting will be school plans, athletics update and to give parents an opportunity to ask questions about this school year. The meeting will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. If parents have questions, please contact the school at the phone number listed above or by emailing jason.visser@horizon.ab.ca. Look forward to seeing you there.



TCHS Athletic Program Update

- We have had an excellent start to our athletics program at TCHS!
 - Our boys and girls volleyball teams will be competing in a number of exhibition games and tournaments throughout the season.
 - Alex Wind was the first ever TCHS Lion to compete in high school golf zones in Taber on Tuesday, September 14. Great job on a strong showing Alex!
 - We are really excited to be hosting our first-ever high school volleyball tournament at Taber Christian on October 15 and 16!
 - **We are looking for volunteers to help make this tournament run smoothly. Please contact Mr. Vriend if you are able to help out the school in this way.**
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- On Wednesday, October 6th students will also have the opportunity to participate in the X-country zone meet in Medicine Hat.
 - In order for students and parents to stay up-to-date with all the different athletic events, we are encouraging them to continue to look at the athletics calendar which can be found on the school's website. This will be continuously updated, as more practices, tournaments, and games get organized.
 - **We continue to be in need of drivers to take our students athletes to games. Please note: parent drivers need to fill in forms. If you are interested in helping us out in this way, please contact the school office and we can get you set up!**
 - If you have any questions about athletics, please forward those questions to Mr. Vriend at philip.vriend@horizon.ab.ca