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Hebrews 6:19

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: COMMUNITY & CULTURE BUILDING

A taste of heaven and hell. A stranger wanted to know. A wise man showed him an example of each. First, they went to a place that had a table with every type of delicious food imaginable. To experience this scene was to have one's mouth water. It looked and smelled amazing, the wise man assumed this must be heaven! However, when the stranger looked around, he saw people who looked thin, tired and hungry. When he asked one of the people sitting at the table why they didn't eat, the person said nothing, but merely pointed at a set of chopsticks. The man noticed that the chopsticks were 12 feet long. When one of the guests seated at the table tried to eat with the chopsticks, the food merely slipped away. When the guest finally was able to keep food between the chopsticks, it was way too long for the person to get it near his mouth. The stranger walked away, and mumbled to the wise man "I was wrong, this is obviously hell"

The wiseman then took the stranger to another house with a table full of food. Here, the guests were smiling and looked well fed. The stranger noted that here too there were 12 foot chopsticks. This puzzled the visitor. How are these people well fed and happy, with the same type of chopsticks that caused hunger in the other house? What was different? After much looking and thinking, the visitor asked the wise man. The wise man smiled and said "here they feed each other".

This is a rather simple yet thought provoking story. When I first read this to a group of elementary students, one immediately asked "why don't they just eat with their hands"? I didn't have an answer to that question :). The focus of this story is less about food and more about illustrating the value that community can bring to our lives. We often take pride in being independent. We work hard and devise different ways of doing so. To continue the religious analogy, our culture frequently worships at the 'fount of individualism'.

As followers of Christ we are called to live in community (1 Thess. 5:14; Colossians 3:13, Matthew 18:20 to list a few). Yet, in some ways individualism is easier. Community can be hard. What do we do when we don't agree? Whenever there is more than one person involved in a discussion, there is a good chance that a range of perspectives can be found. Often conflict involves anger and even deeper fear. Fear can come when something we hold sacred may be changed or neglected. Part of conflict then is to look at what it is that we really value, to focus on the other and understand what they really value. While this takes time, it can lead to a deeper appreciation of the other (often at the root, our fears are not that different) and quite often lead to a more balanced perspective and decision.

At Taber Christian High school we are still in the development process of building community and creating culture. As part of this we have and will be reaching out to students and parents through surveys, questions etc. about deep hopes for our school. We appreciate your support and prayers as we proceed!

To quote a proverb: "To go fast – go alone; to go far – go together." We continue to pray and work towards a community of grace and truth at Taber Christian High school

Sincerely, Jay Visser

Principal – Taber Christian High school

TCHS Learning



Semester 2 has been another full one at TCHS. Grade 10 students have been taking PE 10, English 10, Social Studies 10, and CALM 20. Grade 11 students have been taking Christian Studies 25, Math 20-1, 20-2, and 20-3, Biology 20, and Physics 30. June 27 will see Physics 30 students writing their diploma exam.

We were able to offer Art, Drama, and Music this semester as Options, as well as a variety of CTS courses.

Fine Arts: Our Art, Music, and Drama staff and students have worked very hard this semester, and put their learning on display at our Celebration of Learning events on May 24 and 25. This event included an art exhibit, a drama, and some musical performances. Congratulations to all students and staff involved in this exciting event!



Career Exploration In addition to visits from several college and university representatives this semester, grade 10s were able to attend the EPIC (Exploring Possible Industries & Careers) event put on by Career Transitions in Lethbridge. At EPIC, students were able to connect with industry professionals at interactive exhibits. This was a great opportunity to consider a variety of career possibilities.

Grade 11s were able to visit Lethbridge College in order to explore the programs offered there. They toured the Agriculture facilities, Graphic Design facilities, and Automotives Shops, , as well as a variety of student services buildings. *Left: a wind turbine in the automotives shop.*

STAFFING 2022-2023

NEW TCHS STAFF:

I am Karli Gatz, and I will be teaching Social and English at TCHS next year. I grew up in Bow Island and graduated with my Education Degree from Mount Royal University in 2019. In my free time I enjoy golfing, camping, figure skating, and spending time with friends and family. I look forward to meeting everyone at TCHS!



Hello again! I'm Juliana Richard ... though I'm better known as Miss. Tiberio. I was born and raised in Calgary, though I live in Lethbridge now. While I don't have any children, I do have 2 fat cats, a dog, and a husband. I studied at Mount Royal University for two years, and did three years through the U of L, including exchanges to both Quebec and Mexico, and completed a 6-month Capernwray program in Germany - I love to learn... and travel! I did my first practicum at TCS and then started working there as a Grade One Teacher in 2016. I'm excited to start up the Band program at TCHS next year and to learn more of God's world, along with the students, though teaching Chemistry and Math. I hope you have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

2022/2023 Staffing

Principal: Mr. Jason Visser

Business Manager: Mrs. Kim Scheurkogel

Secretary: Mrs. Tanya Hoekstra

LST & Biology Teacher: Mrs. Miriam Bekkering

Athletic Director, PE, Options: Mr. Phil Vriend

Math, Art and CTS - Mrs. Nikki Ohlmann

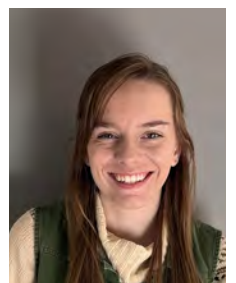
Math, Chemistry and Band - Mrs. Juliana Richard

English and Social - Miss Karli Gatz

Education Assistant - Mrs. Trudy Neufeld

Education Assistant - Ms. Deb Henry

Education Assistant - Mrs. Zanna Loewen



Chapel, CREW & Community



Our TCHS chapels happen once a month. We are thankful for our student worship leaders that help out with the music! We are also appreciative to our guest speakers. Below is a picture of Constable Chris Nygen, Hans Visser, Rob Oudman and Pastor Brian Kuyper who joined us for our chapel during Christian Education Week. They spoke about the importance of serving in our community.



CREW time has continued to be a highlight for many of our students. Students have had the opportunity to choose and select games and activities during some of our community time, and we have continued to explore our theme for this year, *Following the Way*. We have watched parts of Andy Stanley's 'Guardrail Series' which have the importance of setting boundaries in relationships, and the spiritual significance of making wise decisions, and how centering our life on Christ brings true joy and peace. The final focus of CREW has been 'Service in God's Kingdom'.

Third Declaration: You are the light of the world, the son or daughter of your Father, a new creature flowing with more beauty and power than you have dared imagine possible.

Fourth Declaration: You will only see who you are and thus be who you are as you surrender your attachment to all other identities.

Student Voice

Student Reflections on "living a life of service"

"Service is when you give of yourself (time, energy, money, talent, etc.) and use it to Glorify God. In order to serve, the Bible says that we should have a humble heart, be willing to put others' needs ahead of our own, and not seek recognition." (TCHS Gr. 11 Student)

"When I struggle, I have learned to lean on the people around me and go to God in prayer with anything that I am struggling with. Sometimes it also means asking people to pray with me or for me. Another good way to stay encouraged is by reading scripture and reflecting on stories where the character struggled with similar things to what we are struggling with. Ultimately it comes down to trusting that God has a plan and that He is there even if we can't see him." (TCHS Gr. 11 Student)

"God calls us to a life of service because we are called to love others, even our enemies. Service just comes with loving someone. We give our time to help the people we love. When we accept Jesus as our Savior we should want to help others by sharing the joy we find in Him. We serve by living our lives to be the best person we can be for the sake of God and others." (TCHS Gr. 11 Student)



How do you grow in your faith?

"By spending time learning more about God, and spending time in prayer with him. Understanding what we are called to as Christians and doing our best to live that out and to live for God. By showing God through our actions it can help grow my faith." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

"Being someone who reflects the image of God through their words and actions." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

"Learning to look for God in places I didn't think He would be." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

"Helping people and doing what I was made for." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

In your mind, what qualities should a TCHS graduating student have?

"They should be kind, selfless, putting others ahead of themselves, and showing God through their actions in everyday life. 'They should know we are Christians by our love.' They should also be people that build others up". (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

"They should be hardworking Christians that were put to the test and succeeded. They have grown in Christ and in his spirit, and are recognized as Christians by their actions." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)

"They should be fully prepared to enter the world and workforce with a strong sense of their identity in themselves and in Christ. They should obviously fulfill graduating requirements and possibly exceed them, and have the knowledge and skills to be able to live confidently and comfortably." (TCHS Gr. 10 Student)



Lion's Athletics

Many of our students through the winter months participated on our Men's Basketball team, or St. Mary's Women's Basketball team. All of our athletes developed their skill, and grew in their overall team play. Our Men's Basketball team placed fourth in the River Ridge Basketball League, and St. Mary's Women's Basketball team placed second in the River Ridge Basketball League.



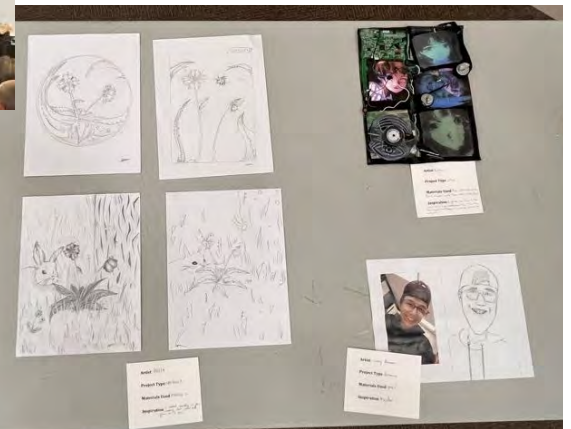
(Right picture - Hudson Kooiker shooting a 3-pointer against Senator Gershaw, middle picture - Corny Banman placed 4th at the 100 meter at zones in Medicine Hat, right picture - the men's basketball team photo)

In the Spring, we have continued to push forward and have offered a few different programs to allow our individuals and teams to grow in their athleticism, skill, and team play. On Tuesday and Friday mornings we have offered the 'High Flyer's Club' which is agility and jump training to move faster and jump higher. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, many girls have come out to our Volleyball Club. On Thursday evenings, we have also offered 'Men's Volleyball Club' and Friday evenings have become 'SCRIM Nights' for those interested in practicing their basketball skills. In the Spring we had a few students represent our school in Track at Field at the Central District Event held by Senator Gershaw in Bow Island! We are looking forward to our Track and Field Program growing in the future!

Our students are very excited to be in the new gym next year, and we are excited by the significant progress our athletes have been making through our Spring Training.

TCHS Celebration of Learning

This year, we were able to have our 1st of many TCHS Celebration of Learning events. This Celebration featured our music, art and drama students and their works. The drama class presented: *"Marco The Mastermind"*. Music students participated by leading some worship songs, performed other songs they have been working on in class and with musical interludes in the performance. Art students displayed some their projects and gave brief descriptions of their works! We praise God for the gifts and talents he has given our students.



New TCHS Building!



The new Taber Christian High School building project is getting closer to completion! Many finishes are in the process of being completed. Such as tiles, painting, T-bar ceilings, cabinetry and flooring. We are excited to share the finished project with the community at our grand opening at the end of August (stay tuned for this date). We continue to covet your support prayerfully and financially. For more pictures, check out our school website: www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca



TCS/TCHS Golf Tournament



On Saturday, May 14, just over 80 people gathered to participate in the 2nd annual **Taber Christian Schools Golf Tournament**. Tee off was at 2 pm and we enjoyed beautiful weather! Best ball scramble teams "competed" for low score and participated in contests on every hole along the way.

At the end of the day the team of Jeremy Riehl, Wayne Qualtieri, Steve Ment and Rob Olsen posted the low score of 31 (-5). Our low net team winners were: Jeremy Campbell, Antonia Campbell, Trina Friesen and Myranda Eckel. Congratulations to all!

The real winner of the day was the Society for Christian Education as over \$20 000 was donated/pledged to go towards the new Taber Christian High school building! Thanks to our generous sponsors (listed below) for making this tournament a financial success and thanks to all participants for making the tournament a community building success! Looking forward to seeing you again next Spring!

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TCHS Registration

Mission Statement

To provide a Christian educational environment in the community of Taber, which uses biblical teaching to prepare all students to reach their full potential, so they can serve God and others with a Christ-like attitude.

We are accepting registration for the 2022/2023 school year - grades 9-12. If you have a desire to be involved in Christ-centered education, please contact us!



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