



“Seeking the Truth” - John:6

Welcome! The time has come! We are officially kicking off our school year at the beautiful new Taber Christian high school! In many ways the genesis of this goes back to 1984 and the planning of the original school. The vision and dream help by the planners at that time blossomed into TCS (especially the grade 5 class of which I was a member :) This torch was picked up and carried by current and recent members of the society and board.

There is a saying that goes “if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”. There is still much work to be done, funds to be paid for this school building to truly be “ours”. However, thanks to the efforts of so many, we are well beyond our ‘first step’ and hope to continue to serve God and others in the community of Taber. I would like to invite current and past members of the Society for Christian education in Taber to come to our “Grand Opening” on Wednesday, Oct. 5. This will be a celebration and a chance to give thanks!

Jay Visser Principal
Taber Christian High school

Phone: 403 359 3835. Website: <https://tchs.horizon.ab.ca>

Please call if a student is sick or will be absent!

***Taber Christian High School News and Notes:
 September 05 - September 11, 2022***

- Monday, Sept 5** - Holiday - no school
- Tuesday, Sept 6** - Heather B and Garth - grade 12 presentation @ 8:45am, Tier 1 Practice (5:00-6:30 PM), SV Girls Practice (6:30-8:00PM), JV/SV Boys (8:00-9:30 PM)
- Wednesday, Sept 7** - Parent Athletics meeting (volleyball, golf, cross country) 7:45 pm at TCS, SV Girls Practice (6:30-8:00 PM), JV/SV Boys (8:00-9:30 PM)
- Thursday, Sept 8**
- Friday, Sept 9** -Senior Men’s volleyball tournament @ McCoy (Medicine Hat)
 -Women’s volleyball tournament @ Kings (Edmonton)

School Year Calendar 2022-2023

- Sept 21 - Terry Fox Run**
- Sept 22 - Professional Learning day - no school**
- Sept 23 - Planning for Student Support day - no school**
- Sept 30 - Holiday - no school**
- Oct 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday - no school**
- Oct 18 - School Pictures!**
- Oct 21 - Professional Learning day - no school**
- Nov 09 - Picture Retakes**
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day holiday - no school**

Nov 14 - Division Professional Learning day - no school
Dec 23 - no school (start of Christmas holidays).

Reminders!!

- The office phone number for the High School is **403-359-3835**. Please let the office know if your son or daughter will be absent from school - this includes arriving late or leaving early!
- Our school website is www.tchs.horizon.ab.ca. Check regularly for calendar dates, athletic calendar, TCHS newsletters and much more.



Attention grade 12s!! Heather Brantner and Garth Mouland will be here on Tuesday, September 6 to present to the grade 12 class.

This year Taber Christian High school staff is composed as follows:

- Mrs. Tanya Hoekstra (secretary)
- Mrs. Deb Henry (EA)
- Mrs. Trudy Neufeld (EA)
- Mrs. Zanna Loewen (EA)
- Mrs. Dina Duggan (EA)
- Mrs. Sonia Buhler (Library Assistant)
- Mrs. Tina Wolfe (Custodian)
- Mrs. Juliana Richard (Teacher - Math, Chemistry, Band etc.)
- Mrs. Karli Gatz (Teacher - Social Studies, Sociology, English, Audio visual)
- Mr. Phil Vriend (CALM, Athletics, Gr. 9)
- Mrs. Miriam Bekkering (Learning Support teacher, Biology)
- Mrs. Nikki Ohlman (Math, Science, Foods, Art)
- Mrs. Hailey Astalos (Horizon Family / School Liaison)
- Mrs. Lesliann Griffin (Horizon Counselor)
- Mr. Jay Visser (Principal, English, CTS)

Note from the Band Room:

We are excited to be offering Band for the first time in the history of TCHS! We've got a great bunch of students participating in the first ever TCHS Concert Band. We're going to have a great time playing a variety of pieces and showcasing different instruments. We'll learn and have fun too! Stay tuned for our performance dates!

School Messenger

TCHS uses School Messenger to send out important messages and news through text and email. This can be sent to students and parents. If you are NOT signed up for this, please see the attached paper on the back of this newsletter!!

A note about adding or dropping courses:

It is expected that some grade 10-12 students may want to change some of their classes. The deadline to make switches for any classes will be Wednesday, September 14.

PowerSchool!

PowerSchool is the program we use to schedule courses for students and to input their marks. All students and parents will have access to see this through the PowerSchool App. We will be giving out more information about this in the next couple weeks so stay tuned!! Returning students in grades 11 and 12 should be able to view their PowerSchool already. Because it's a new school year, it may be required to completely sign out of the app and login again. If you forget your password, let Mrs. Hoekstra know and she will help you in the office. Thank you!



Save the date!! We will be having a grand opening open house for TCHS on Wednesday, October 05 at 7pm!! More information to come!!

Athletics: We are thrilled by the start up of our sports programs! This year, we are excited to have a Senior Varsity Girls Program, A Tier 1 Boys Team, a Junior Varsity Team, and a Senior Varsity Team for Volleyball. We are excited that our Senior Varsity girls team will be heading to Edmonton next weekend for our tournament at King's University. Our Senior Varsity Boys Volleyball team will also be competing in Medicine Hat at the McCoy Tournament. We are having a parent meeting for all of our athletes and their parents on October 7, from 7:45-8:15 PM at TCS. Our updated volleyball practice schedule is included below.

Students involved in X Country will soon begin practicing, along with students who are competing in golf. The Golf Zone Meet will take place on Tuesday, September 13 in Magrath.

**TCHS is in need of two people to help out with getting the gym floor ready! If you are interested, please contact Kim Scheurkogel for more information:
403-634-9434**



School pictures are scheduled for October 18!! Retakes will be available on November 09.

Volleyball Practice Schedule

September (@TCS)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:00-6:30	Tier 1 Boys	Tier 1 Boys			
6:30-8:00	SV Girls	SV Girls	SV Girls		Tournaments
8:00-9:30	JV/SV Boys	JV/SV Boys	JV/SV Boys		Tournaments

When New Gym is Complete (@ TCHS)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30-5:30	Tier 1 Boys	Tier 1 Boys	JV/SV Boys		Tournaments
5:30-7:30	SV Girls	SV Girls	SV Girls		Tournaments
7:30- 9:30	JV/SV Boys	JV/SV Boys			Tournaments

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

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