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## school division



### ***"Freedom Grows" - Galatians 5:13 - 14 (The Message)***

*"Peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Christ"*

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### ***Taber Christian High School News and Notes: June 13/25***

**Monday, June 16** - Biology 20 Exam, Math 10C/10-3 Exam,

**Tuesday, June 17** - Grade 9 Math PAT Part B, Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam

**Wednesday, June 18** - CALM 20 final interview date (for selected students), Grade 9 Social PAT, Social 20-1/20-2 Exam

**Thursday, June 19** - Social 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam, Social 10-1/10-2 Exam, Grade 9 Science PAT, Gr. 9 trip to MD Part (afternoon)

**Friday, June 20**

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

**June 23** - Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam

**\*For our full calendar - please visit <http://tchs.horizon.ab.ca>**

**June 25** - Report cards sent home/available for pick up.

#### **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.
- Student sign-in for PowerSchool: Please use NHSW as the district code and proceed to login using your school email and password. If parents are not yet signed up for PowerSchool, please contact the school office or email [tanya.hoekstra@horizon.ab.ca](mailto:tanya.hoekstra@horizon.ab.ca)
- The Second Semester Final Exam Schedule is posted on the school website as well as printed in this newsletter.
- **A Note regarding the Grade 9 Exam schedule:** Grade 9s are in regular classes until Friday June 13. June 16, they have no school since no exams are offered on this day. June 17/18, they have a PAT in the morning. They are given free time after they are finished writing the exam, however, they are expected to be here in the afternoon for review for their PAT the next day. On Thursday, the 19th, Grade 9s are writing their last PAT in the morning. In the afternoon, they will be going to Taber MD Park for activities! Please note that this is the last day that they need to come to school!
- Grade 10-12 students only need to come into school on the days that they have scheduled exams.
- Please note that there will continue to be a morning transfer bus from TCS to TCHS but there is NO afternoon transfer bus. Horizon buses will run like normal. The Burdett and Vauxhall bus will also run like normal.

## **TCHS Student Community Volunteer Hours**

*TCHS students in grades 9-11 are required to have 10 hours of community volunteerism throughout the school year. Students are given a mark for this and it is put into their Bible 9 mark, CALM 20 mark (Grade 10), and Christian Studies 25 mark (Grade 11). Most students have handed in their completed forms, but we have quite a few students still missing their hours. These need to get submitted this week in order to count for marks! Students with questions should contact their teachers.*

## **TCHS Closing Assembly**

Our final assembly of the school year took place this past week! We were able to hear from two of our staff members, Mr. James Fuller and Mr. Jay Visser on the fruit of the spirit “self-control”. Both Mr. Visser and Mr. Fuller will be leaving TCHS after this school year and moving onto new adventures. Mr. Visser, our principal, will be starting his doctorate degree in Education at the U of L while Mr. Fuller, social and english teacher, will be teaching at Vauxhall high school. Mr. Visser and Mr. Fuller both extended their appreciation for their time at TCHS and gave a heart-felt message to our student body.

We will miss them both and extend our well-wishes to them! Our assembly also included recognition to students in our fine arts program (see the post below).



## **Students of the Month**

TCHS Students of the Month were awarded for “Reflective Thinking” in the month of June. Our award winners this month are: Travis Scheurkogel Gr. 9, Gabriela Wiebe Gr. 10, Emily Bueckert Gr. 11 and Dawson Giesbrecht Gr. 12. Congratulations to these students!



## **TCHS Fine Arts Awards!**

Our TCHS Fine Arts Program continues to grow every year! We are thankful for the teachers here at TCHS in the following courses: Instrumental band, choir, art, drama and various cts classes. This was our first year offering choir at TCHS. The choir started with three students in our first semester but grew to 17 students in the 2nd semester. Our choir is directed by Mrs. Brenda Kuypers. The instrumental band includes students from grades 9-12 and includes 24 students taught by Mrs. Wendy Peters. Our arts and drama program is taught by various teachers and offered to grades 9-12. Thank you to all involved! The following awards were given out at our assembly this past week to recognize students who have greatly contributed to our fine arts program at TCHS:

### **FINE ARTS MUSIC**

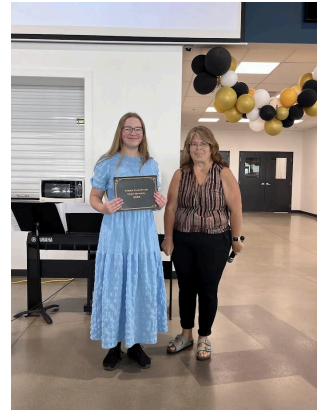
Mastery: Sebastian Hoekstra and Haylie Peters  
Servant Leader: Amanda Unger and Tyler Klassen

### **FINE ARTS VISUAL ART**

Mastery: Micaela Friesen  
Courageous Designer: Nyla De Boer

### **FINE ARTS DRAMA**

Mastery: Haley Roeda and Eric Dyck  
Gracious Collaborator: Jarett Kielstra and Shandeah Stickel





## Lion's Athletics!

TCHS Athletics has finally come to an end for the 2024/2025 school year! Last week Friday/Saturday, we had two athletes attend the ASAA Track & Field Zones in Calgary.

We want to congratulate Chloe Vanderwekken on placing 6th in both the 1500m and 3000m, running her best time at the meet! This is a huge accomplishment to place 6th in the province in these events! We also want to congratulate Naamiya (Iya) Hoekstra on placing first in javelin after throwing a provincial record of 40.47m! Well done ladies!

Our TCHS Lions were able to celebrate athletics by having our annual awards and dessert night this past Tuesday. We had a number of athletes recognized for their contributions to our athletic program! For a full write up, please check out our TCHS website as well as social media! We are thankful that so many students participate in athletics here at TCHS. We had an amazing year and we are excited to see what next year brings! Stay tuned for news about volleyball open gyms and try outs in late August! Have a great summer everyone!



🌟🎉 **TCS & TCHS IS HOSTING A GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE!**

📅 **Date:** June 14, 2025

📍 **Location:** TCS Campus

🎯 **Purpose:** All proceeds go toward supporting TCHS Europe Trip students!

📦 Have gently used items to donate?

🍰 Want to contribute some delicious baked goods?

Drop off your donations at TCS before the event!

🌟 Let's rally together — shop, snack, and support our students' European adventure! 🌟

Don't miss it! 📍

Questions? Connect with Kim Scheurkogel  
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## ***Note from the Principal***

***Dear TCHS School Community,***

***This certainly has been a busy Spring! Between our Celebration of Learning, Outdoor Ed trip, track and field meets, chapels, year end assembly and of course exams! In addition to all of this, we were able to celebrate our third annual graduation exercises which was a significant highlight! In the midst of all of this, I have occasionally been asked “So, what does it feel like to almost be done?” My answer is that I haven’t really taken much time to think about it!***

***Now that we are nearing the end of the school year I want to say thanks. I want to thank all the volunteers that work tirelessly behind the scenes to set the school up for success. I want to thank our maintenance and custodial crew who do such an excellent job in allowing us to take pride in our school. I want to thank our parents, partners in education, for their support. I want to thank the school teaching staff for all their effort in growing and developing the school, and I certainly want to thank the students for their efforts, for their growth and for all the unique ways in which they contribute to the culture of this school.***

***I can say that I had a unique privilege to be a part of a team that started a school. The fact that this endeavor means that there is now a Christian high school in my hometown, is even better! As part of this, I want to express gratitude to Horizon school division and to the Society board for the role I have been able to play in the TCHS start up. It is my prayer that this school outlasts all of us!***

***Stepping away from this is not easy, but I feel God nudging me in a different direction. I continue to be committed to Christian education and hope to support it through doctoral studies. Having said that, I will remain a strong supporter of Taber Christian schools.***

***God Bless and Go Lions!***

***Jay Visser***