



Taylor High School

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A Newsletter to Parents of Taylor High Students

November, 2010

Dear Parents,

We're off to another great start of school at Taylor High School! Taylor High School has officially been rated EXCELLENT for the ninth consecutive year. We received the necessary quotas for all 12 of our marks—10th Grade OGT (all 5 tests); 11th Grade OGT (all 5 tests); Attendance Rate (93.1); and Graduation Rate. As you can see Taylor's attendance rate stood at 93.1% last year. While this successfully met the State indicator, we are not far from slipping below the 93% which is set by the State as the minimum you need to remain excellent. I ask that you help all the students of Taylor by making sure that your child is in school each and every day and on time. Tardiness to school also decreases our school attendance rate. Thank you for helping us in this process.

Just a reminder that Taylor is "Going Green"! If you would like to receive this newsletter and other important announcements by E-mail, please complete one of the two following options:

1. Send your name, your student's name, and your email address to the Main Office.
2. Send an E-mail with your name, your student's name, and your email address to tbailey@three-rivers.org.

You can add as many E-mail addresses as you wish and students are encouraged to sign-up for E-mail updates as well! We hope that this will improve our communication abilities with parents and students.

Many student-athletes will soon be recognized at their fall athletic ceremonies for receiving league honors. Taylor's Boys Golf team ranked 1st in the city this year and came in 3rd at districts, only missing State Championships by 2 strokes. Congrats also go out to Brad Rapping and Matt Nickoson who both made the 1st team on the Greater Cincinnati All Star Golf Division.

*Taylor High School... Rated EXCELLENT again
Where Excellence is the Expectation!*

Thank you to everyone who participated in raising money for the PTSA pride walk. The walk itself was great and the weather was beautiful. We changed the route this year and it turned out great! We walked from Taylor to just beyond Charles T Young on N Miami Ave. The freshmen continued on and had their picture taken on Cooper Ave, the site of the new school from which they will be graduated. Overall the students raised \$3,800 for the PTSA which goes directly back to programming that helps our students.



The Class of 2014 pictured at the site of the new school.

It is not too late to join the PTSA! The cost is \$5 – money, name, address, phone number, and e-mail may be left in the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office. Also, don't forget Taylor Made decals are still available for only \$10. Your decal is made to order by Taylor students with your students name and sport/club. Order forms may be picked up in the Main Office or call Maribeth Harvey at 941-3251.

The PTSA, through the efforts of a subcommittee called "Because We Care", is also providing a variety of drug test kits free of charge. The kits are available from the Counselor's office. They are being offered to any parent who is concerned that his or her child may be using an illegal substance. The kits are provided in complete confidentiality, and no information will be passed on to the administration unless the parent does so himself or herself. Please take advantage of this opportunity, especially since there are plenty of kits available, and there are expiration dates on them.

CAP (Community Action Program) is still going strong and making a difference locally and around the world! Their Sandwich Project makes and delivers 200 sandwiches each month to Mercy Franciscan at St. John's in Over the Rhine. This has been going on each month for the past 3 years and over 3,500 sandwiches have been made! They will also continue their annual Change for Change event this year on Wednesday, December 1st. Students bring their change to class on that day and as long as teachers are counting change – they can't teach! All the money raised will be used to support Unified for Unifat. Unified for Unifat is a student run high school group by 15 schools throughout the city and they work with the Unifat school in Uganda and sponsor children to attend school. Keep up the great work students – you're making a great impact!

Report Cards will be distributed Friday, Nov. 5th in homeroom. Please review the report carefully with your student and don't hesitate to contact any staff member who might be able to help improve your student's academic performance. Most of our parents and students are accessing Progress Book now—the best way to monitor student progress and assignments on a daily basis. *Now is a much better time to help your child make adjustments than the 4th quarter.*

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 22nd from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM and on Tuesday, November 23rd from 12:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with your son's or daughter's teachers about their progress, grades, and behavior.

To schedule conferences with teachers, register at the Taylor Cafeteria on either Monday, November 8th or Tuesday, Nov. 9th between 4:30 and 6:30 PM. Bring the form provided in this newsletter to the cafeteria on either evening. I will be there to assist you in registering and customizing your conference schedule.

Many of you are logging on to Progress Book to check on grades, assignments, and daily announcements. Our teachers continue to increase their grade and assignment record-keeping efforts to keep you better informed of class progress and obligations. If you still have not received your username and password (a letter was sent earlier in the year), contact us. If you have access problems related to Progress Book, e-mail Gene Peak at gpeak@three-rivers.org. If you have other concerns, either email the teacher or me at tbailey@three-rivers.org. E-mail links for all teachers can be found both on our webpage and in Progress Book.

Unpaid school fees should be sent to Mrs. Kimmi Litteral during school hours, or you may choose to mail your payment to: *Taylor High School, 36 E. Harrison Ave., North Bend, Ohio 45052, Attention: Mrs. Litteral*. Make checks payable to: "Taylor High School." Fee Payment Schedule forms are available from Kimmi if you need to budget your payments throughout the school year. If you have already set up a Payment Schedule, remember that the second payment is due November 9. Also, remember about the new credit card option for school fee payment—EZPay. The link to this site can be found on the district web page. You will need to know your student's ID #, which can be found on the student's schedule, school ID and report card.

All pay-to-participate fees must be paid before the first competition, performance, meeting, or activity. *Students with unpaid school fees are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities or attend school functions such as athletic events or dances.* Pay-to-Participate fees may be paid by check, money order or the EZ Pay on-line service. Please pay extracurricular fees separately from school fees and directly to the coach or advisor—except if choosing the EZ Pay option. The fee schedule for extracurricular activities can be found in the student handbook or on the district website.

Please remember that all medications, even over-the-counter ones such as ibuprofen, must be registered with the school nurse and administered through her. A student cannot possess or take pills of any kind at school without following this procedure. Prescription medication must be accompanied by an authorization form signed by the attending physician, and all medications must be authorized by a parental permission note.

When weather conditions or other calamities dictate, the Superintendent will declare the Three Rivers Schools “closed”, “open with limited bus service”, or “open on a two-hour delay”. Communication with you will occur through radio, TV, the district website (www.threeriversschools.org), or through our automated phone messaging system.

Whenever possible, the decision to close will be made prior to 6:45 AM although there may be occasions when a later decision is necessary. When there is a delay, please do not drop off students at school until 9:20 (two hour delay) since adequate supervision will not be available until then. Also, during a delay, parents should be aware that a “closed” status may still be declared. Once again, the radio, TV, district website, and automated phone system are all ways to receive this news. Finally, whenever there is a delay, dismissal will occur at normal times.

Taylor 10th graders will again be taking the Ohio Graduation Test this spring. Passing all five sections of the OGT is a graduation requirement for all our students. One important statistic included in a school’s report card is the Performance Index. A school or district’s performance index (PI) measures not only the percentage of students who pass all portions of the test, but also how well they score on the tests. Since a school’s PI is a reliable measure of student success, *it is very important that all of our students perform the best they can on all portions of the test.*

The tests will be administered from March 14th-18th. We will again be on a two-hour-delay schedule for all students *not* taking a portion of the OGT. (More information on this schedule adjustment will be provided later.) It is important that our students realize that their success on these tests is dependent on their hard work *on all school days*—not just the week of the test. Please help us emphasize the need for *daily* effort and achievement to ensure that your student scores as well as he or she is capable.

You may assist your son or daughter in preparing for the OGT by logging onto the Ohio Department of Education’s website: www.success.ode.state.oh.us/. All recent tests are included on this interactive website, *and they are automatically graded!* You can also create tests by particular Ohio Standards and Benchmarks! Just visit the site and register for a username and password to gain access.

Another fun and easy way for you and your 10th grader to prepare for the OGT is through Study Island (www.studyisland.com). All 10th graders will be issued a username and password in the next few weeks. Select your subject area and the desired Ohio Standard and Benchmark, and you’re launched into a plethora of OGT questions!

We will again be administering OGT practice tests to both 9th and 10th graders prior to the test to familiarize our students with both the content and the expectations for the writing portions. We are committed to providing the necessary instruction, support and intervention so that *all* of our students will pass *all* sections.

The Three Rivers District and Taylor High School Grade Scale

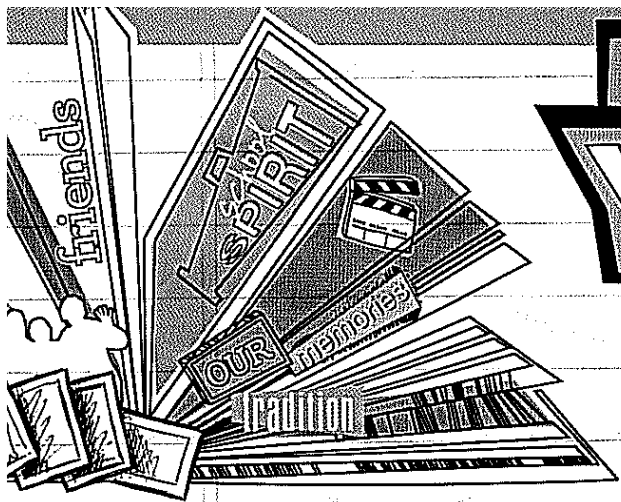
| Numerical Grade | Letter Grade | Non-Weighted Value | Final Avg. Range |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 93.0 - 100 | A | 4.0 | 3.88-4.0 |
| 90.0 - 92.9 | A- | 3.7 | 3.54-3.87 |
| 87.0 - 89.9 | B+ | 3.3 | 3.18-3.53 |
| 83.0 - 86.9 | B | 3.0 | 2.88-3.17 |
| 80.0 - 82.9 | B- | 2.7 | 2.54-2.87 |
| 77.0 - 79.9 | C+ | 2.3 | 2.18-2.53 |
| 73.0 - 76.9 | C | 2.0 | 1.88-2.17 |
| 70.0 - 72.9 | C- | 1.7 | 1.54-1.87 |
| 67.0 - 69.9 | D+ | 1.3 | 1.18-1.53 |
| 63.0 - 66.9 | D | 1.0 | .88-1.17 |
| 60.0 - 62.9 | D- | 0.7 | .60-.87 |
| 0.00-59.9 | F | 0.0 | .00-.59 |

This scale includes pluses and minuses and is similar to most college grade scales. Students receive weighted grades (add-ons) for college prep (.5), honors (.75), and advanced placement courses (1.0). Honor rolls are determined through non-weighted grade averages, but class rank is based on weighted grades. If you have any questions about the calculation of final averages, you can refer to pages 30 and 31 of the student handbook, where there is an in-depth explanation.

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Thank you once again for all your support and involvement in making Taylor such an excellent school.

Sincerely,

Tom Bailey
Principal, Taylor High School



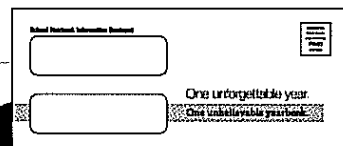
One unforgettable year.

One unbelievable

YEARBOOK

Ordering your yearbook from home is quick, convenient and eliminates the need for your student to bring money to school. In your envelope, you will receive complete details on the yearbook offer, available accessories and ordering instructions.

Watch for this envelope in the mail! ▶



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Attention Seniors:

**Remember to get your
Senior Pictures Taken!!!
Deadline is end of
December!**

**We will have a photo
session at Taylor – Look
for information that
will be sent to your
home from Lifetouch in
the next few weeks.**

**Any questions: Contact Becky Rueve
Taylor High School Yearbook Advisor**

*Did you know Taylor H.S. has a
Bowling Club?*

*By popular demand, Taylor started a Bowling
Club this year and has had over 40 students
participate!*

*Due to the great turnout, they are able to have
a competitive league team (not sanctioned by
OHSAA). There will be a Varsity and JV team for
Boys (15 matches) and a Varsity team for Girls
(5 matches). The season starts November 20.*

TRYOUTS:

November 18 3:15-5 PM



Seniors/Parents Need money for college??

You are invited to Taylor High School's FAFSA Night happening on January 25th at 6:30pm in the Taylor computer lab.

What is the FAFSA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This document is used to gather information needed to determine a student's eligibility for federal student aid. Students must complete a FAFSA to be eligible for aid each year they attend college. This includes grants and student loans. Many scholarships also require a student to have completed a FAFSA in order to be eligible.

Representatives from the College of Mount St. Joe will be coming to complete the FAFSA online with students and parents. Parents who wish to attend should complete the form below and return to Mrs.

Katie Ryan in the Taylor High School guidance department.

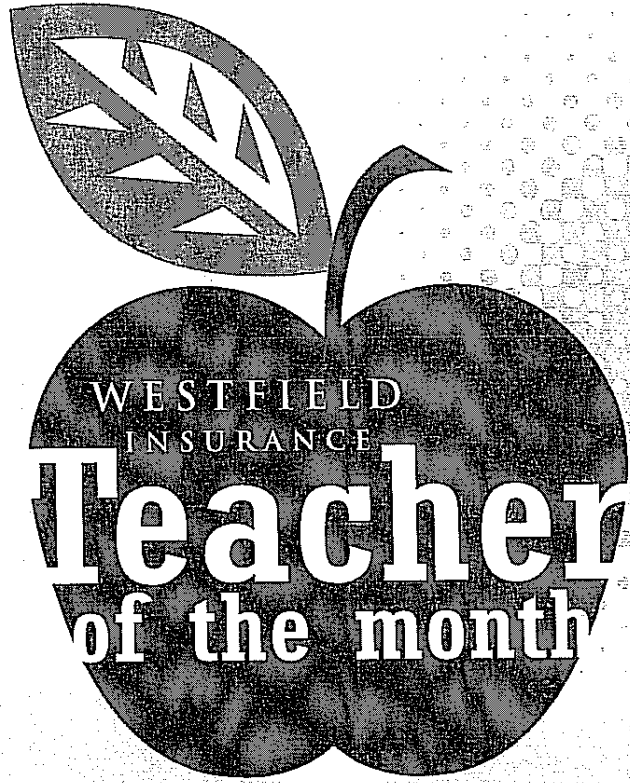
Participants must apply for a pin for both the parent and student signature prior to the event. To obtain your pin go to www.pin.ed.gov

Parents must also bring their completed tax returns OR their W2 forms from the 2010 year. Students should also bring their tax documents for any job they may have worked during 2009. Please contact the guidance department to sign up.

Interested in receiving our list of scholarships that are currently open to apply? Please have your son or daughter stop by the Guidance Office or send Mrs.K an email at kkurzahals@three-rivers.org to be put on an email distribution list.

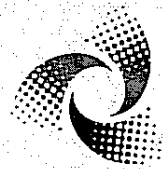
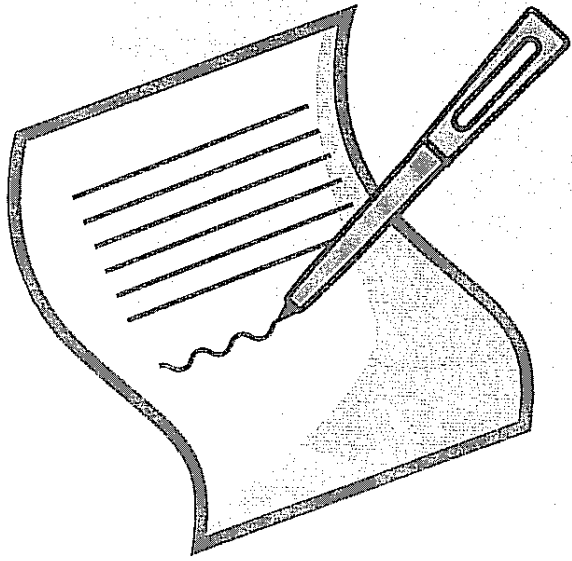
Collecting Homework for your Child that is Absent?

Please remember to access your son/daughter's progress book account for homework assignments. Our policy states that we are unable to collect homework from the teachers for your child unless they have been absent for three or more consecutive days. Once requested the teachers will send any work that was unable to be posted to Progress Book to the Guidance Office. You may also contact the teachers via email. Requests that are received first thing in the morning can be picked up at 3pm.



Nominate a special teacher who makes a difference in your community for the Westfield Insurance "Teacher of the Month" award.

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*Taylor High School Drama
Presents:*

The logo for Taylor High School Drama's production 'Taylor Night Live' is displayed in large, bold, grey letters. The text is set against a dark background featuring strings of blue and white lights, suggesting a festive or theatrical atmosphere. The words 'TAYLOR', 'NIGHT', and 'LIVE' are stacked vertically.

**TAYLOR
NIGHT
LIVE**

Inspired by SNL classic characters and skits

November 19th & 20th, 2010

7:30pm

Taylor High School

36 North Bend, Ohio 45052

Ticket information: 513.467.3200

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Important Dates



Check the website often for updates and meeting times
for the New Building Design!
www.threeriversschools.org

- Early Dismissal November 3 1:36 PM
- Report Cards Distributed November 5 Homeroom
- Board of Education Meeting November 2 7 PM
- Conference Sign Up (Cafeteria) November 8, 9 4:30-6:30 PM
- Fee Payment Plan 2nd Payment Due November 9
- AP History Class Trip November 9-14
- Veterans Day Program November 10 10:20 AM
- No School – Veterans Day November 11
- Fall Play – Taylor Night Live November 18, 19, 20 4:30, 7:30 PM
- No School – Thanksgiving Break November 22-26
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 22, 23 12-8, 12-6:30
- PLAN Test November 23 8 AM
- Early Dismissal December 1 1:36 PM
- Class Ring Delivery December 3 7 AM
- Board of Education Meeting December 7 7 PM
- Class Ring Adjustments December 9 7 AM
- Progress Reports Distributed December 9 Homeroom
- Choir Concert December 16 7:30 PM
- Band Concert December 21 7:30 PM
- Winter Break December 23-January 2
- 1st Semester Exams January 11, 12, 13, 14
- Early Dismissal January 12, 13, 14 12:36 PM
- No School – Martin Luther King Day January 17
- ASVAB January 20 7:45-11 AM
- Report Cards Distributed January 26 Homeroom

Registration Worksheet for 2010 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Bring to Conference Sign-Ups)

Registration for parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 8th and Tuesday, Nov. 9th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Prior to registering, have your child fill out the “Teacher”, “Subject” and “Room” columns on the form below. You will fill out the “Conference Day” and “Conference Time” columns on the evening you register.

When you register, sign-up sheets for each day and teacher will be set out on the cafeteria tables. Choose the day and time slots that work best for you, then record them on the sign-up sheet and this sheet as well.

Make sure to bring this sheet both for registration and on conference day to remind you when and where to meet the teachers. A space for your notes has been provided.

| Period | Teacher | Subject | Room # | Conference Day | Conference Time | Conference Notes |
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