

Taylor High School

"A Learning Community Committed to Excellence"



Jacket Dispatch



(A Newsletter to Parents of Taylor High Students)

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Dear Parents,

Tuesday, Jan 19th marks the end of the **2nd quarter and 1st semester**. Exams will be held over four days (January 13-19). Wednesday, January 13th begins and ends at the regular time, but the next three days will end at 12:10, unless your student chooses to eat lunch and/or take advantage of our Academic Assistance periods from 12:46 to 2:36 each day. An **exam schedule** is included later in this newsletter.

Taylor students continue to grow our reputation as one of the **most caring and generous student populations** in the area. The **Community Action Program (CAP)** raised over \$3,400.00 for World Vision on **"Coin Rolling Day"** organized by Ms. Diemer and Ms. Bowen. Also, the students in **Mr. Haws'** Business classes organized and operated another successful **"Giving Tree"** by providing **over 200 presents for children 12 and under in our communities**. The generosity of our students and staff continues to be remarkable. Students are now busy planning a **"Shantytown"** event for later this year. Selected students will spend a night in makeshift shelters and experience firsthand some of the discomforts and struggles of being homeless.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **"Don't Drink the Water"** who provided audiences with professional quality and hilarious performances. Special congratulations go to Ms. Pulskamp, Mr. Albright and all the parents who helped with another outstanding production.

The ever-improving **Taylor High School Concert Band and Choirs** entertained a crowded house with an impressive holiday concert on December 17 and a student assembly on Dec. 23rd. The drum solos and new choral groups were highlights of the concert.

Fall Sports had an excellent season recording two **CHL Championships: Volleyball and Men's Golf and many individual awards**. Congratulations go out to the following Fall Sport athletes who recently received CHL recognition: **VOLLEYBALL: 1st Team--Sabrina Lemmink, Melanie Corbett; 2nd Team -Allyson Rountree, Karen Getz, Angela Marco; Honorable Mention--Stephanie Bates, Allie Sander; CHL Player of the Year--Sabrina Lemmink; CHL Coach of the Year--Jessica Bates ; BOYS SOCCER: 2nd Team--Justin Merz; GIRLS SOCCER: 1st Team--Tara Joseph; 2nd Team--Stephanie Redding, Cheyenne Redding; Honorable Mention--Gretchen Kolkmeier, Drema Keyer; TENNIS: 2nd Team--Carissa Gandenberger, Sarah Fangman, Kirstin Kempf, Muirisha Lavender; GOLF: 1st Team--Brad Rapping, Matt Nickoson; 2nd Team--Jared Lee; Honorable Mention--Ben Sander, Dylan Lee, Kaleb Sisson; CHL Player of the Year--Brad Rapping; CHL Coach of the Year--Russell Heath; MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: 1st Team CHL—McKenzie McDaniel; 2nd Team CHL—Tayler Godar, Olivia Hardtke, Chris Klaine, Tim Crofford. Look for a schedule and scores of all winter sports on the new Taylor High School Athletic webpage: www.taylorathletics.org.**

Report cards for the 2nd quarter (and 1st semester) will be distributed to students on **Thursday, January 28** in homerooms.

Students with **unpaid school fees** or other outstanding obligations are reminded that **attendance at all school activities where admission is charged will not be permitted unless fees are either paid in full or a Fee Schedule Agreement has been filed** in the Main Office. Contact Kimmi Litteral (467-3200) to make arrangements for payment, or send a check to: Taylor High School, 36 E. Harrison Ave., North Bend, Ohio 45052.

This past spring three graduating students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least “3.5” on all the AP Exams *and* a grade of “3” or higher on five or more of exams: **Deborah Legendre, Alex Reis and Aaron Sykes**. **Hannah Thompson** qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning an average grade of at least “3.25” on all AP Exams taken and a grade of “3” or higher on four or more exams. Seven students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP Exams with a grade of “3” or higher: **Lauren Heitkamp, Brittany Lee, Nicholas Rapping, Ian Sander, Kristin Sauer, Sarah Seyfried and Steven Wise**. Congratulations to all of these graduates and students for their outstanding accomplishments.

This May, **sixty-three students** (37 seniors and 26 juniors) **will take 107 AP Exams** that allow them to gain college credit while in high school. Taylor offers **eight Advanced Placement courses**: English Literature and Composition; English Language and Composition; Biology; US History; US Government and Politics; Calculus AB; and Studio Art: Drawing; and Studio Art: 2D Design. Next year **AP Spanish** will be added.

First semester exams will be administered to all high school students on **January 13, 14, 15 and 19**. **Students are required to attend all exam and review sessions** for courses in which they are enrolled. **Students must have a doctor’s note to be excused from any exam**. Students **may be excused from school during a study hall** but must present a note from a parent or guardian to receive an early dismissal or late arrival. ***Please remember that exams count for 20% of a student’s semester grade, and that semester grades are used to calculate GPA and class rank.***

The scheduling process for 2010-11 will begin at the end of January. Parents should take an active part in the decisions of their children during this important time. A high school diploma and its accompanying transcript should reflect the future plans and ambitions of a student as much as possible.

Ninth-eleventh graders will receive their 2010-2011 option sheets and registration guidebooks at an assembly on Feb 2nd. **All option sheets must be signed by you and turned in to the student’s homeroom teacher by Friday, Feb 12th**. Please make time to openly discuss your child’s future with him/her. A child with goals will almost always outperform a child without them.

Graduation for the Taylor High School Class of 2010 will change venues this year as a result of the Convention Center being unavailable. This year’s graduation will be held at the **Aronoff Center on Thursday, June 3rd at 7:30 PM**. More specific information about graduation and all other events for seniors and their families will be forthcoming at a later date.

There are more noteworthy items in the rest of this newsletter. Please pay particular attentions to the **OGT information, the exam schedule and the “Important Dates” page**.

Sincerely,
Randy Mecklenborg
Principal, Taylor High School

EXAM SCHEDULE (1st Semester 2010)

First semester exams will be administered to all high school students on **January 13, 14, 15 and 19**. Students are required to attend all exam and review sessions for courses in which they are enrolled. On Thursday, Friday and Tuesday, students may leave at 12:10 if they do not choose to stay for lunch or academic assistance.

Students must have a doctor's note to be excused from any exam. Students may be excused from school during a study hall, but must present a note from a parent or guardian.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010—8th Bell Exam

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>BEGIN</u>	<u>END</u>
Admit Bell	7:20 AM	
Warning Bell	7:33 AM	
1 st Period	7:35 AM	8:15 AM
2 nd Period	8:19 AM	8:59 AM
3 rd Period	9:03 AM	9:43 AM
4 th Period	9:47 AM	10:27 AM
6 th Period		
Lunch A		
Lunch	10:31 AM	11:07 AM
Class	11:11 AM	11:51 PM
Lunch B		
Class	10:31 AM	11:11 AM
Lunch	11:15 AM	11:51 PM
7 th Period	11:55 PM	12:35 PM
8 th Period Review/Announcements	12:39 PM	12:56 PM
8 th Period Exam	12:56 PM	2:36 PM

Group A: Bierschenk, Bowen, Burt, DeGroot, Diemer, Grenier, Kohrs, Lanham, Lee, Metz, Moore, McCarthy-Osswald, Pulskamp, Rielag, Voynovich

Group B: Allen, Bates, Haney, Helfer, Jacob, Meyer, Miller, Murphy, Novak, Perlman, Raver, Ross, Sampson, Smith, Staley (2nd Sem.), Voss

Lunch A Duty: Hensley, Heckman, Campbell, Santen

Lunch B Duty: Mecklenborg, Ryan, Dunlap, Macke

Unassigned: Albright, Gerstner, Haws, Huffman, Johnson, Peak, Ryan, Staley

40 Minute Classes

No Homeroom

36 Minute Lunch

1ST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE—JANUARY 2010
(THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 15, AND 19)

THURSDAY, JAN 14TH

1ST EXAM --1ST BELL
 2ND EXAM--2ND BELL

FRIDAY, JAN 15

1ST EXAM --3RD BELL
 2ND EXAM --4TH BELL

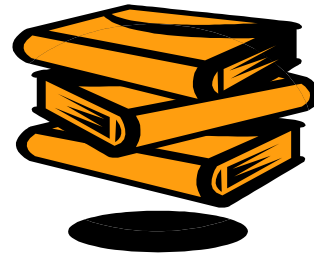
TUESDAY, JAN 19

1ST EXAM --6th BELL
 2ND EXAM --7th BELL



<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>BEGIN</u>	<u>END</u>
Admit Bell	7:20 AM	
Warning Bell	7:33 AM	
1 st Bell Review	7:35 AM	7:55 AM
Exam Distribution/Directions	7:55 AM	8:00 AM
<u>1st Exam</u>	8:00 AM	9:40 AM
5 th Period/HR/Announcements	9:44 AM	9:57 AM
2nd Period Review	10:01AM	10:21 AM
Exam Distribution/Directions	10:21 AM	10:26 AM
<u>2nd Exam</u>	10:30 AM	12:10 PM
Lunch (Optional for Students)	12:14 PM	12: 44 PM
Academic Assistance	12:48 PM	2:36 PM

<i>Review</i>	<i>20 Minutes</i>
<i>Exam Distribution/Directions</i>	<i>5 Minutes</i>
<i>Exam</i>	<i>100 Minutes</i>
<i>Homeroom</i>	<i>13 Minutes</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>30 Minutes</i>
<i>Academic Assistance</i>	<i>108 Minutes</i>



Ohio Graduation Test Information

The **Ohio Graduation Test** will be administered from **March 15th-19th** according to the schedule listed below. The schedule for this year will be the same as the last three years--**all 9th graders and those 11th and 12th graders who have already passed all sections the OGT will be on a two hour delay and begin school at 9:35.**

All 10th graders and those 11th and 12th graders who have not passed all sections of the OGT must report to school at the regular time (7:35) on the following days.

Monday, March 15 – Reading

Tuesday, March 16– Mathematics

Wednesday, March 17– Writing

Thursday, March 18 – Science

Friday, March 19– Social Studies



Students not taking the test but arriving before the end of the two-hour delay should wait in the cafeteria. Breakfast will be available.

Parents wishing to help their student prepare for the OGT's or students wanting to practice can log onto the following sites:

www.studyisland.com

Study Island provides a multitude of questions aligned to the state standards. Simply click on the “OGT Test” link and proceed to the subject area you want to address. All 10th graders are registered. (username: student’s first initial, last name @taylor (e.g., bsmith@taylor); password: taylor08

www.success.ode.state.oh.us/ .

All recent tests are included on this interactive website, *and they are automatically graded!* All you or your student need to do is register for a username and password and choose which test(s) to take.

For Taylor to continue to be an “excellent” high school, each student needs to score as well as possible on each portion of the test. Both of these websites can facilitate that.

Practice tests (a comprehensive common assessment) will be administered to all **9th and 10th graders** in all core subject areas by their classroom teachers within the next month. Teachers will then follow-up with more individualized instruction according to student and class needs.

Weather Delay or Cancellation Information

When **weather conditions or other calamities occur, the Superintendent will declare the Three Rivers Schools “closed”, “open on a one-hour delay”, 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 8:20 (one hour delay) or 9:20 (two hour delay).** Adequate supervision will not be available until those times. 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.

We will continue to use our **automated phone system** to deliver school closings, delays and other important information to you. If you are not receiving messages or would like to use a different phone number please contact Kimmi Litteral at 467-3200 to update your records.

Honors Diploma and Award of Merit Information

Depending on whether a student is completing a college preparatory or career-technical education curriculum, **honors diploma** requirements differ slightly. A student at Taylor High School must meet the requirements for the regular diploma plus eight of the nine criteria for honors listed below.

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY (8 OF 9)

1. Four units of English.
2. Three units of mathematics that include algebra I, algebra II, and geometry or complete a three year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content.
3. Three units of science that develop concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences.
4. Three units of social studies.
5. Either three units of one foreign language or two units each of two foreign languages
6. One unit of fine arts.
7. Either one unit of business/technology and two additional units in (1) through (6) above or earn three additional units, in (1) through (6) above.
8. Maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year.
9. Obtain a composite score of 27 on the American College Testing (ACT) tests or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (9 OF 10)

1. Four units of English which may include one unit of applied communication.
2. Three units of mathematics which should include algebra and geometry or a sequence of courses that contain equivalent content.
3. Three units of science that develop concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences.
4. Three units of social studies.
5. Two units of a foreign language; or two units of business/technology; or one unit of each.
6. Three units in the student's career-technical education curriculum.
7. Two additional units in (1) through (6) above, or in fine arts
8. Maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year.
9. Complete a career passport that reflects achievement of the occupational proficiency benchmark established for the Ohio Vocational Assessment or the equivalent.
10. Obtain a composite score of 27 on the ACT tests or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).

The following is a summary of the eligibility criteria for the **Award of Merit**, presented by the State Board of Education. There are two areas of qualification: curriculum and performance.

College Preparatory Curriculum

- 3 units of math (1 Algebra, 1 Geometry)
- 3 units of science (2 units from Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 3 units of social studies (2 units of history, 1 unit civics or government)
- 3 units of foreign language (3 units of one language or 2 units of two languages)
- 2 units from one or more of the following: Business, Computer Science, Visual or Performing Arts, English, Math, Science, or Social Studies

Performance Criteria

- Above average attendance (standard established by the state)
- 3.25 cumulative GPA or 3.5 GPA for grades 11 and 12, or in top 25% in class rank
- Participation in athletics, extracurricular, or co-curricular of community activities which are available to students during the time they are enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Their participation will be reported to and verified by their counselors when the information form is turned in prior to beginning the 12th grade.
- Students will demonstrate outstanding citizenship/character traits by satisfying criteria (a) below as well as (b) or (c):
 - (a) Students will have no suspensions while enrolled in grades nine through twelve.
 - (b) Students may submit two character reference letters to their counselors, one from a member of the Taylor High School faculty and one from a community member (not a family member or relative).
 - (c) Students may perform twenty hours of community service for a school or community organization. Service must be without remuneration and verified in writing by a letter to be submitted to the counselor from the supervisor of the organizations(s).

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program
(Subject to review by Principal, Counselor and Department Chair)

The post-secondary enrollment options program shall be available to students at Taylor High School. This program provides a high school student the opportunity to enroll at a college on a full or part-time basis and complete nonsectarian courses for high school and/or college credit. Taylor High School shall continue to provide a comprehensive and challenging college preparatory curriculum, including Advanced Placement or other advanced level courses for its students.

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program is intended to provide expanded opportunities for appropriately qualified high school students to experience coursework at the college or university level. Any high school student admitted to a course by an institution of higher education will be expected and required to perform at the same level as that institution's regular students.

Students and their parents will be notified by March 1st annually of the program and the options available. Students must indicate their intent to participate by March 30th to either the principal or his/her guidance counselor. Failure to do so will make them ineligible to participate without permission of the Superintendent.

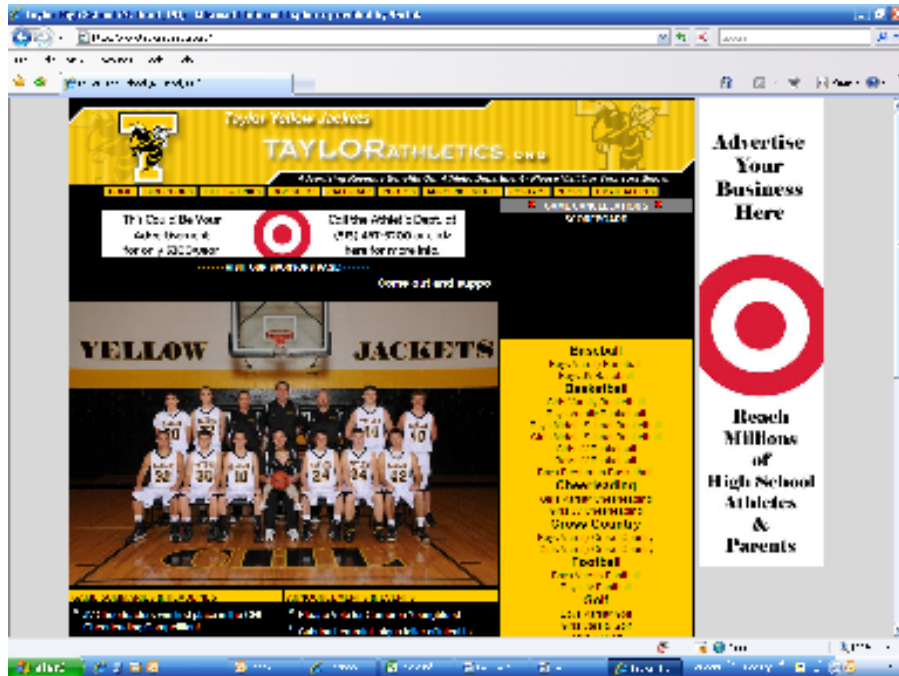
Students and parents who indicate an interest in this program will be provided detailed information. A signed acknowledgement form shall be used for counseled students.

A student who enrolls in and fails or does not complete a course to be counted for high school credit shall have the attempted course included in his or her class rank computation. Participation in the program may cause scheduling difficulties or course conflicts which could adversely affect the student's ability to complete high school graduation requirements.

Conversion to units of high school graduation credit earned through successful completion of college courses under this program shall be accomplished by the following method: college courses for which five semester hours (seven and one-half quarter hours) of credit are earned shall be awarded one Carnegie unit toward high school graduation; fractional Carnegie units shall be awarded proportionately.

If a student fails to complete a college course satisfactorily with a passing grade or otherwise fails to complete a college course by non-attendance other than for reasons generally accepted by the Three Rivers Local School District or formally drops the course, all financial obligations for that course shall default to the student's parents or to the student, if emancipated.

Did you know Taylor Athletics has their own website? Please go to taylorsathletics.org. You will find pictures of the sports teams, scores, cancellations, photos, directions, and a store to purchase Taylor athleticwear.



Under the Tuscan Sun

Taylor HS Prom

April 30th, 2010



Taylor's Junior and Senior Prom will be held at The Woodlands from 8:30-12:30 AM (time could change to 8pm-12am). Tickets will be \$40.00 per person which includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 6 and the last day to buy tickets will be Monday, April 12th through April 16th). Cash or Check payment (made out to "Taylor High School Prom") will be accepted and there will be NO tickets sales after April 17th due to the fact we need to give counts to the hall, caterer, and charter buses. **VERY IMPORTANT** – When buying tickets students will also be put on the bus list. If they want to assure being on the bus with certain friends they need to be in line with those friends when buying their tickets. Permission slips must be turned in when purchasing their tickets (these will be sent home before spring break).

We will also have Prom t-shirts on sale at the end of March. Details to come.

Seniors/Parents Need money for college??

You are invited to Taylor High School's FAFSA Night happening on February 9th 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 2009 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

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.