



GRIFFIN GAZETTE

3/26/2021 -4/5/2021

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WELCOME BACK

As a friendly reminder:

- Universal and correct use of [masks](#)
- [Physical distancing](#)
- [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#)
- [Cleaning](#) and maintaining healthy facilities
- [Contact tracing](#) in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the health department

Please be a model of behavior by wearing your mask, using distancing, and encouraging handwashing, use of sanitizer, cleaning of desks and accurate seating charts in case we need to follow contact tracing.

Please know that there is a "pause" in changing your selection from Virtual to F2F. If you are still listed as a Virtual student, you may not be on the high school campus during regular school hours (unless you have an appointment).

During arrival, dismissal, and events, please refrain from entering and/or parking in the bus lane. Cars may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Dear Taylor School District Families,

The Taylor School District is required to administer specific state assessments each year. Due to COVID, the Michigan Department of Education has requested a waiver for Spring 2021 testing. However, our state is awaiting final approval. As a result, the Taylor School District is planning to administer state assessments for students in Grades K through 11.

The tests are as follows:

- WIDA ACCESS test for English Learners Grades K-12
- MSTEP testing Grades 3,4,5,6,7,8, and 11
- SAT with Essay- Grade 11
- ACT WorkKeys- Grade 11
- PSAT 8/9- Grade 8
- PSAT 8/9- Grade 9
- PSAT10- Grade 10

These tests will be given in person, at individual school buildings, following social distancing guidelines. There is not an option for virtual or remote testing from home. We understand that some families may have health concerns and may be uncomfortable with their child participating in this testing. As a result, parents have the option to opt out of any Spring 2021 assessments.

We plan for all students who are currently attending school in person to complete the test at school as part of their regular school day. We are offering the option for virtual families to come to school to test. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transportation for virtual students due to social distanced bus guidelines.

We are asking ALL families to select their options by completing building-specific form for your child.

[Taylor High School Testing Request Form](#)

Please complete this form no later than April 5, 2021. Your input will help us plan accordingly.

Please reach out to Dr. Richard Klee richard.klee@taylorschools.net , Principal at Taylor High School, Chris Burnett christophe.burnett@taylorschools.net , Asst. Principal at Taylor High School or

Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, at cynthia.nickel@taylorschools.net with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Klee, Principal

Cynthia Nickel Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

FROM MRS. MACH

Attention freshman,

Make sure you are checking your student connect daily.

Your grades should be updated often, and it is important for you to know how you are doing.

Remember, in order to move on to 10th grade you need at least 6 credits, which means you cannot fail more than two classes over the course of the entire year. Be sure to keep up on your classwork. Reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Don't wait until it's too late.

SENIOR CALENDAR

****DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID****

Day	Time	Event & Place
Thursday May 20th	7pm	Prom @Crystal Gardens

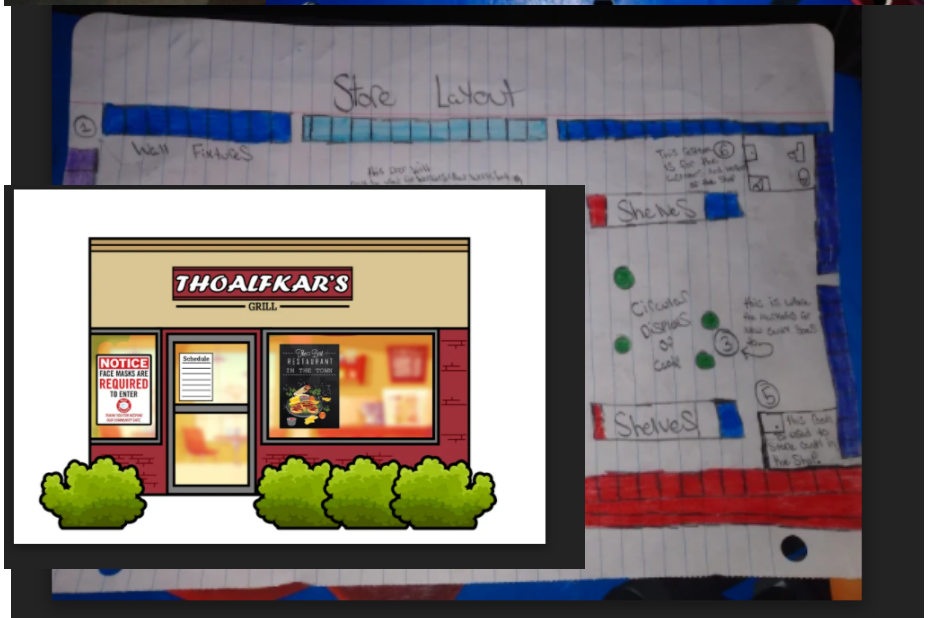
Contact Mrs. Phillips for information regarding Prom. Ticket sale information is not available at this time.

jennifer.phillips@taylorschools.net

More Senior event dates are forthcoming.

DECA

This week marketing students were busy designing their store front and store layouts for their businesses. DECA competitors are busy getting ready and preparing for the international career development conference in April. School store students are enjoying work experience and having fun creating new displays this week. Our visual merchandising unit is going great.



POSITIVE IMPACT

Ms. Ramos-Quiroz

Jovanna came to Taylor mid-year after completing her Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Since joining the Taylor team she has been a valued collaborator, team member, and student advocate. She led a very large team, including parents, to review a behavior plan and supports we are implementing for the student.

Ms. Marion

Marie has worked hard to keep the THS athletics page up to date for our Taylor High School students and families! She goes above and beyond to represent athletics in a professional and positive manner, often after regular school hours.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks can be purchased upon delivery from the company in June for \$75. Be sure to show for picture day to have your portrait included! Any senior quotes must be submitted this week. The form is available through your senior ELA class. If you do not have a traditional class, contact shelbyrsabol@gmail.com with your quote (or any questions!)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On March 22, 2021 the Taylor Griffins girls varsity basketball team defeated Southgate Anderson 57-33 in the first round of the MHSAA district basketball tournament.

Leading Performers for the Griffins were as follows:

Amiah Thomas 14 points

Kursten vonHoffman 10 points, 8 rebounds

Alyssa Williamson 9 points, 5 assists

Jasmine Soles 8 points, 3 steals

TaNeicea Burleigh 8 points, 7 rebounds

Virginia Cole 3 points

Jordyn Leidecker 3 points

Madison Vance 2 points, 4 rebounds

The win improved the team's record to 11 wins and 6 losses overall and established a school record for wins while also marking the first postseason victory in school history for the girls basketball team.

BOWLING

Congratulations goes out to Senior Azuzena Gonzalez as she qualified this past weekend for the Division 1 State Singles Finals for bowling.

Azuzena placed 9th overall of the group of 96 girls to advance.

She now moves on to the finals as 60 remaining participants are left to compete for the Division 1 State Singles Championship. Azuzena will compete at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park on March 27.

Program

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls soccer team still has a few spots to fill! For information, join the Remind 101 group!

Text: @thsgs2021

To: 81010

GOLF

Boy's Golf practice will start next week in the gym at Hoover Middle School. Practice will be Monday, Thursday, Friday from 3:30 - 5:30.

CAREER CENTER

Taylor Career and Technical Center has launched a new website for students and families! Visit www.taylorcareercenter.org to learn more about the programs offered.

CHOIR

Our Online Choir Solo Concert is this Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00pm. It will be live streamed on the YouTube channel called "Renee Kuczeski."

WORLD CULTURE CLUB

NHS member meeting Tuesday, March 9, at 2:30 virtually and in room 109.

Congratulations to our officers: President Jamaal Gold, Vice President Kaycee Khuatte, Secretary Gia Cook, and Publicist Devin Pen.

BAND

Marching Band

Upcoming Important Dates

Drum line:

April 22 & 29- 3:30-5pm THS Band Room

Color Guard:

April 26 & May 3- 3:30-5pm Outside THS Band Room

Wear tennis shoes and clothes you can move in.

Come learn to spin the color guard flag- no experience necessary

Marching Band Google Classroom Code: uxanhqc

This is the best place to find updated information.

(for current 8-11 grade students only)

NHS

For all Seniors in National Honor Society: Please check our Google Classroom page for information about ordering graduation stoles. The deadline is Friday, March 26. See Mrs. Metz for more information.

CLASS OF 2022

The Class of 2022 would like to thank all the people who ordered Honey Baked Ham gift cards for our fundraiser! Thank you for your support! Enjoy!

COUNSELOR LUNCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAYS + THURSDAYS
IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Louwers

<https://meet.google.com/lookup/cfy6so6rpr?authuser=0&hs=179>

Rush

<https://meet.google.com/lookup/dyb6o4pr5p?authuser=0&hs=179>

Santiz

<https://meet.google.com/lookup/gztvgae3q4?authuser=0&hs=179>



FROM THE DESK OF MRS. KLUK

If you know someone who could use some help with food or clothing needs, please see me in room 155 or by email: Sandra.Kluk@taylorschools.net.

Your information will be confidential.

Our School Based Therapist's Mrs. Newby & Mrs. Mitchell are back in the building Monday & Tuesday's.

MEDIA CENTER

Use the QR code and check out great reads on Sora.

Happy Reading!

Our next book club meeting will be Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 am. See you then!



Dear Parents & Students

Senior announcements delivery date has changed to April 12th during lunch. If you would like to pick up your senior announcements before April 12th please call Graduate Service Detroit to schedule an appointment for pick up in Canton.

Thank you, Class of 2021

Graduate Service Detroit – 734-725-5743

Email - Blancaster@herffjones.com

SENIOR INFORMATION

Graduation is going to be June 3, 2021

Details about location of graduation coming soon.

Prom update:

Prom will be on Thursday, May 20th at Crystal Gardens @ 7pm. The 20th is a 1/2 for seniors with 1st-3rd hour exams.

Tickets will go on sale for \$60 when we return from spring break. The first 2 weeks tickets will be \$60 and then go up to \$65. We're still working on a way to collect payment virtually, cash is accepted, NO checks or credit cards and NO REFUNDS.

Prom contracts (available after spring break) need to be completed, signed and turned in before a ticket can be purchased.

Any questions can be sent to me via Remind or through email to jennifer.phillips@taylorschools.net

Caps, gowns, announcements, etc:

All graduates participating in graduation must have a cap and gown.

Early Bird Pricing has been extended to January 22, 2021

Most orders can be done online; some custom orders (rings and jackets) may need to be done over the phone.

Herff Jones can accept cash payments in their office by appointment.

Flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aBPD_n26T62GoqTN3xspHj2YZGpdw-t0/view?usp=sharing

Now:

The Scholarship Bulletin can also be found online at:

<https://www.taylorschools.net/taylor-high-school/counseling/october-scholarship-bulletin/>

Do what it takes to be successful in all your classes. I will see you at graduation.

Any questions:

Amy McCalister amy.mccalister@taylorschools.net

Chris Burnett christophe.burnett@taylorschools.net (not spelled wrong)

Mr. Burnett

Asst. Principal

SAVE THE DATE

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID

Date	Time & Location	Event
April TBD DATE CHANGED DUE TO TESTING		Academic Awards
TBD	TBD	Prom Tickets On Sale!!! Price: TBD
TBD	TBD	Prom Pledge
Monday, May 3rd	8 am	AP Government Exam
Tuesday, May 4th	8 am	AP Calculus A & B, AP Human Geography
Mon, Tue, Wed, May 3,4,5	TBD Gym or Football Field	Decision Day Information forthcoming
Tuesday, May 11	6 pm High School Gym	Senior Honors Convocation
Monday, May 17th	During School	Senior Exam (4th hour only)
Tuesday, May 18th	During School	Senior Exams (5th, 6th & 7th hours)
Thursday, May 20th	During School	Senior Exams (1st, 2nd & 3rd hours)
Thursday, May 20th	7pm TBD	Prom Ticket Sale and other information to
Tuesday, June 1st	8 am High School Gym	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal Rehearsal Note: You must be on time and attend all graduation rehearsals to participate in the graduation ceremony. Rehearsal lasts about 2 hours.
Wednesday, June 2nd	TBD	Farewell Parade
Thursday, June 3rd	5 pm Taylor Sportsplex	Graduation Doors Open: 5 pm Ceremony Starts: 6 pm

ATHLETICS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MARCH 29

Dates and start times for games and/or events are subject to change due to weather and/or COVID19 related issues.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Morgan Cikalo

Daisy Campos-Gonzalez

Nevaeh Morrison

Angelica Balint

Matthew Richardson

Joshua Bryant

Elizabeth Garcia

Manuel Macias

Melody Adams

