



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The bond team at Taylor School District has been working extremely hard for nearly 20 months on moving the 2021 Bond Program forward, including bringing new playgrounds to every elementary school, new classroom furniture throughout the district and increasing the number of security cameras around the district to 431, as well as planning for the new high school and beginning demolition.

“We’re happy to be moving forward with the approved design of the new high school,” says Griff Mills, then Superintendent of Taylor School District. “When we began this process, we knew the end product would be one that our students would enjoy as their place to learn – and that is who this is all for.”

The board-approved plan for the high school includes an experimental theater, new gymnasium, state-of-the-art career and technical education bays, open study areas and more. “We think this design will give our students the environment they need to perform successfully in their schooling,” said then Supt. Mills. “We’re thankful for all the work that has gone into this planning period. We’ve taken into consideration opinions from leadership around the district, other stakeholders in the community, our school board members and more. We believe we’ve landed on a high school that will transform learning at the secondary level in the Taylor School District.”

At this moment, the school is scheduled to be wrapped up for the 2026-2027 school year, barring any delays.

“Our current freshman should be the first class to graduate from the new Taylor High School,” Said then Supt. Mills. “It’s great to see this progressing and the excitement around the district for a new school – something that’s long overdue.”...continued on page 2...

...continued from page 1...While planning for the new high school, the district continued to improve current things where they could with the 2021 bond dollars. One of those things was tearing down the old playgrounds at the elementary schools and replacing them with new, safe and modern playgrounds.

“Thankfully, we were able to wrap up all the playgrounds at our elementary schools at the beginning of this year, which means all our young students were able to enjoy them at the end of last school year, and will be able to for the foreseeable future,” said then Supt. Mills. “They look incredible.”

Another thing creating a better learning environment for our students is the addition of new furniture throughout the district, which will be installed in the schools this year. “The new furniture in our district is something that we chose based on the feedback from many people,” said then Supt. Mills. “We opened pilot classrooms, displayed the furniture at conferences and other events and allowed those who saw it to provide feedback. The new furniture is going to allow our students to work in a more collaborative fashion.”

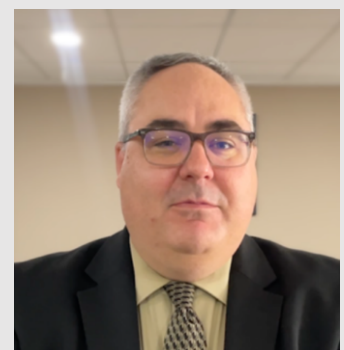
Lastly, the district will be installing 342 new security cameras around all buildings, including entrance cameras and cameras placed to keep students and structures safe from harm, bringing the total number of cameras in the district to 431. “Obviously, when we brought the Smart Boot Security System to our district, we took a stance on safety,” said then Supt. Mills. “These new security cameras are just another step to ensure our students and staff have a safe place to teach and learn.”

Progress on the 2021 Bond Program can be found at taylorschools.net/bond. On that page, the community is invited to fill out a form, asking questions directly to district leadership. The district encourages everyone to visit that page frequently to see bond progress, share their thoughts and get their questions answered.

“I said this last year, and I’ll say it again,” said then Supt. Mills. “We’re excited to go through this process. It’s something that’s long overdue in our district, and it’s going to make coming to school a much more enjoyable experience for both our students and staff.”

LET’S GET TO KNOW OUR LEADER

MICHAEL WEGHER has been selected to be the interim Superintendent of the Taylor Public Schools. Many of you perhaps already know Mr. Wegher as he taught at West and Brake middle schools as well as JFK and HST high schools. In addition, he was an administrator at Hoover & West middle schools and at Kennedy, Truman, and Taylor high school. Mr. Wegher also has had administrative experience in the Wayne- Westland and Dearborn school districts.



When the Taylor Public School Board begins its national search for a permanent Superintendent Mr. Wegher indicates he will be an applicant.

THANK YOU!!!

The Taylor Public School Foundation and the Taylor Alumni Association would like to thank Wayne Hamilton, retired teacher, coach, and administrator, for having established a scholarship available to a student in the Taylor Public Schools.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

JUNIOR WORLD SERIES FOR PLAYERS 12-13 AND 14



Taylor has hosted the event in Heritage Park since 1981. 12 teams from all over the World participate annually. August 14-20, 2023, the following teams played for the Championship.

Taylor North, Elmhurst Illinois, Hillsdale New Jersey, Irmo South Carolina, Lubbock Texas, Honolulu Hawaii, Tao-Yuan Taipei, Perth Australia, Mirabel Canada, Brno Czech Republic, Willemstad Curaçao, Vega Baja Puerto Rico.

To date, teams have come from 29 different states in the U.S., four Canadian provinces, Australia, Aruba, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Curacao, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Guam, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saipan, Saudi Arabia, Netherlands, U.S.

Virgin Islands, Ukraine and Venezuela. Several current or past professional baseball players played for teams in the Junior League World Series before making it as stars in the big leagues.

The win gives Taipei their ninth overall Junior League World Series title, more than any other region in the 41 years of the event. All nine championships have come in the last 12 tournaments dating back to 2010.

Taylor North defeated New Jersey for the American division Championship but the perennial powerhouse from Taipei was simply too much to handle in the World Championship game as the international champions ultimately ended up ousting the locals by a score of 6-0. The loss was the lone blemish in what was otherwise a strong and historic week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Taylor Center Class of 1973 Announces our 50th Class Reunion



Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Reception: 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm
\$50 per person, Cash bar
Arnaldo's Banquet Center: 18275 Quarry Rd. (North of Sibley Rd.)
Riverview, MI 4819
(734) 282-2198
Music provided by Spectrum Sound

For Tickets:

Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/tc73reunion>

Please choose Friends and family

Checks - make checks out to: **Taylor Center Class of 1973**

Ladies please add a maiden name to the check. Contact LuAnn McGowen for an address to send checks.

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TRUMAN CLASS of 83 40TH also invited are all early 80's classes of HST, TCH and JFK
Truman Class of 1983 is sponsoring their 40th reunion. All early '80's classes are invited.
Also, Taylor Center & Kennedy class of '83 are invited!

Come out and celebrate 40 years (or near or over 40) of being 18! We look forward to seeing smiling faces and celebrating those we have lost through the years. We hope you will join us!

Date – September 23rd, 2023

Location – Stone Creek Banquet Hall (inside Flat Rock Community Center) One Maguire, Flat Rock Michigan

Cost - \$125 per person, \$200 per couple (cost includes ticket for Tigers game on September 13th against Cincinnati Reds evening game)

Last Day to RSVP – August 31st so we can give final count to caterer.

Payments can be made at:

PayPal - @LoraCoatsTruman – email Truman8330@gmail.com

Venmo - @Lora-CoatsTruman

CashApp - \$TrumanClassof1983

Questions text Lora Coats – (734)776-8174



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OBITUARIES

The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. Please Note: If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Nancy Rykwald Grunduski, Class of 1958 (passed April 4, 2023)
- Roger Bechtol, Class of 1958 (passed July 25, 2023)
- Ira Slavin, Class of 1960 (passed August 17, 2023)
- Douglas Tapling, Class of 1961 (passed June 19, 2022)
- David Justus, Class of 1963 (passed July 19, 2023)
- Paul Cartwright, Jr Class of 1965 (passed August 7, 2023)
- C. Lynn Wells, Class of 1966 (passed April 18, 2023)
- Dan Warner, Class of 1966 (passed July 22, 2019)
- Vickie Silka Louzon, Class of 1979 (passed January 2000)
- Daniel McKenzie, Class of 1987 (passed August 18, 2023)

JOHN F KENNEDY

- Arthur Baize, Class of 1971 (passed April 1, 2021)
- Ronald “Ron” Lupinski, Class of 1975 (passed June 28, 2021)
- Susan Johnson Staggs, Class of 1977 (passed July 19, 2023)
- Monica “Mona” Storm, Class of 1982 (passed July 31, 2023)
- Kari Morris, Class of 1995 (passed April 7, 2023)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".