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April 2016 Alumni Newsletter

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GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Kennedy High School

- ▶ High Advanced Placement Biology students had the opportunity to use DNA fragmentations and gel electrophoresis to simulate the presence of genes that cause disorders such as cystic fibrosis.
- ▶ The Forensics class welcomed Channel 4's Paula Tatman for their mock crime scene activity. Students were learning about analysis of finger prints, blood, hair and fiber. 📷

DOWN MEMORY LANE!

The ups and downs of Taylor Public School’s enrollments in September of 1953, the area now known as Taylor, resulted in opening it’s first secondary school—Taylor Center High School. Before that time, students living in Taylor Township attended surrounding high schools in Dearborn, Detroit, Melvindale, Romulus and Wyandotte.

The new secondary building started with 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Due to a fast growing population in the township the new school was already overcrowded by 1955 causing students to be scheduled in two sessions, 9th, 10th and 11th graders in the morning and 7th and 8th graders in the afternoon. The first graduating class of 294 students graduated in 1957.

Attempting to keep pace with the growing population, additions were made to Taylor Center High School and in 1958 Taylor Junior High was opened. Several other schools were opened including John F Kennedy High School and Harry S Truman High School. The student population reached it peak in 1970 when 22,250 students were enrolled.

The student enrollment started to decline causing the closing and consolidation of schools. In 1977 the decision was made to

close Taylor Center High School. It was a sad time for the over 14,000 graduates of that school. In 2011 the school was demolished. There are several videos of the demolition on youtube.com this one was uploaded by Frankie Tortonesi.

The current student enrollment for Taylor Public Schools is under 8,000 causing discussions on further closures and consolidations. 📌



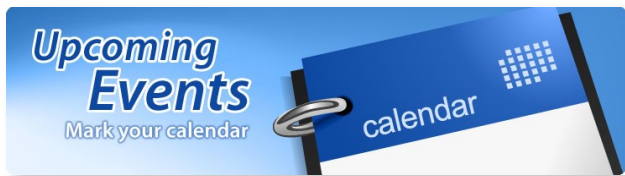
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John F. Kennedy.

February 6, 1963 during the Taylor School District Board of Education Meeting, Board Member Mr. Trolley moved and supported by Mr. Delp to rename the new senior high school the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Senior High School”. Roll call vote showed all yeas except Iverson who voted no. Motions carried.

Prior to that motion the new high school was to be named “Charles Brake Senior High School”. 📌



- April 13, 2016 Taylor Foundation Fundraiser — Have dinner at the Texas Road House in Taylor and 10% of the dinner will go to the Taylor Foundation Fundraiser to benefit the students of Taylor Public Schools. You will need a flyer to present—they are available at all schools. Flyers can also be downloaded from Alumni website, School district website, or just show it on your phone when ordering.
- April 16, 2016 Flag Football to Tackle Cancer—Kennedy vs Truman in an Alumni Flag football game with the proceeds going to “Angels of Hope and Christy’s Legacy of Hope”. For more information contact: A.J. Webb at AJWebb32FD@yahoo.com or Courtney Osborne at courtney.osborne@taylorschools.net or Victoria Mach at victoria.mach@taylorschools.net.
- June 11, 2016 Ken Wood Memorial Golf Outing—The 8th Annual Memorial Outing will be held at the Lake Erie Metro Park Golf Course at 1 pm. For questions, please call Rod Fadoir at 734-735-0082 or email him at rfadoir@gkcorp.com.
- June 10, 2016 March in Gold—50 years after their first graduation ceremony 20 graduates of the JFK Class of 1966 will again take part in a graduation. The following 1966 graduates have been fitted for gold caps and gowns and will march with the 2016 graduates June 10th in the current graduation ceremonies: Paula Adkins, Rita Barnard Feitel, Fred Baugh, Chuck Bloomer, Linda Brown Colstrom, David Burkeen, Marilyn Pannanen Devore, Alice Fredricks Juszko, Richard Gorski, David Harrison, Penny Fiske Harrison, Gerald Marcis, Fred Phail, David Reid, Nancy Rimar-Howard, Charlene Roberts Ansel, Linda Robinson Marcis, David Schuck and Larry Wright.
- June 18, 2016 JFK 1966 50th Class Reunion. 3 - 9 p.m., Taylor Conservatory, 22314 Northline Road. Cost is \$50 per person and covers traveling food stations and live band. Please mail check or money order to: JFK 66 50th, 11539 Syracuse, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Contact Paula Adkins 734-771-7871, email adkinspd@ameritech.net or Linda Milne 313-585-1198.
- June 22 - 26th Taylor Summer Festival at Heritage Park. 📍

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.

John F Kennedy High

Steve Falzon, Class of 1975, (passed February 27, 2016)

Mark Bone, Class of 1969, (passed March 8, 2016)

Herman (Buddy) Adkins, Class of 1968, (passed March 19, 2016)

Taylor Center High

Albert Paris, Class of 1971, (passed August 14, 2015)

Sharon Filek, Class of 1963, (passed March 4, 2016)

Bill Wencel, (passed March 14, 2016) He was the husband of Sylvia Crowley Wencel a 1967 TCH graduate.

Harry S. Truman High School

Recruit Raheel Siddiqui, Class of 2014, (passed March 18, 2016). He died while attending Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, SC.

Other

Ellen Kyte, (passed February 14, 2016). Ellen was a district employee from 1966- 1982. Survived by daughter Sandra Kyte, 1962 graduate of Taylor Center High and Taylor teacher 1970-2002. Sandra was also the Alumni Association's secretary from 2004-2015.

Vincent Petitpren, (passed March 17, 2016). Vincent was Superintendent of Taylor Schools in the 1970's.

Frederick Gene Pedley, Taylor Teacher, (passed February 2016)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH!

I've learned that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile. 📌