

## Alumni Association

*Keeping Ties with Our Alumni*



**TAYLOR**  
School District



*Enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District for both the graduates and the school district.*

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## **GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Taylor School District is proud to present the new Taylor High School and Wall-to-Wall Academies that will provide an individualized learning experience for every student. The goal is for every student to begin to focus on their future career interests and goals.

All students will select a theme-based academy. The students will enter into an academy where they will gain a sense of belonging by being part of a smaller leaning community of students with

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similar interests. They will be engaged and supported by a core group of teachers within their academy.

The four academies are as follows"

#### **S.H.A.P.E**

**Safety, Human Services, Athletics and Public Health Education.** Career Examples; Firefighter, Public safety Officer, EMT, Public Office, Nursing, Home Health Care Worker, Sports/Coaching/Officiating

#### **B.E.L.I.E.F.**

**Business, Education, Leadership, IT, Entrepreneurship and Finance.** Career Examples; Entrepreneurship, Manager,

Banking, Marketing, Administrative Assistant, Information Technology and Teaching

### **P.L.A.C.E.**

**Performance, Language, Arts and Culinary Education.** Career Examples; Culinary Arts, Restaurant Owner/Manager, Photographer, Graphic Artist, Language Interpreter, Newspaper Writer/Editor and Performing Arts

### **S.T.E.A.M.**

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Automotive, Math and Manufacturing.** Career Examples; Construction, Welding, Electrician, Plumber, engineering, Manufacturing, Automotive and Aeronautics

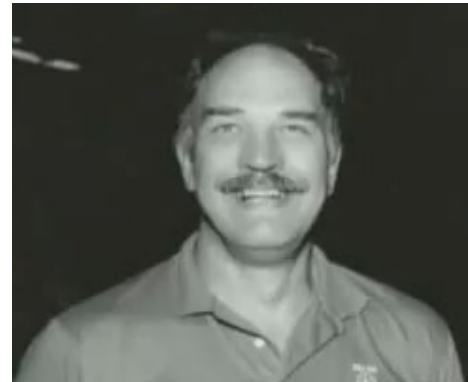
### **ALSO OFFERED**

- **Dual Enrollment** – This program allows students to take college courses at the college of their choice and receive both High School and College credit.
- **Advanced Placement Courses** – offered at Taylor High School.
- **Government-Geography-English Composition-English Literature, Calculus, Chemistry and Biology.**
- **Early College Program** – Students can take two college courses per semester at Wayne County Community College. These courses apply to their high school transcripts and

counted toward high school graduation as well as applying to requirements for almost 70 colleges and universities within Michigan. ✍️

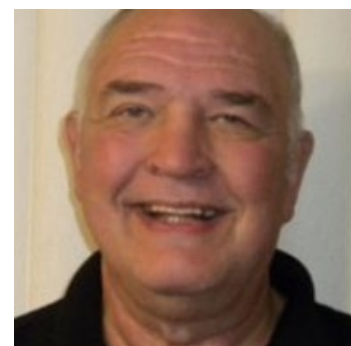
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## **IN THE NEWS**



Coach Fred Thomann

A column in the News was honoring local coaches. One of the Coaches was Fred Thomann, TCH 1960. He coached boys and girls basketball for over 40 years winning more than 700 games. His teams won 6 regional Championships, 20 District Championships, 21 league Championships while coaching at Plymouth Salem. In 1968 , he won the Class B boys basketball State Title as head coach of Ypsilanti Willow Run. Fred died in 2013 but will be long remembered as one of the greatest high school coaches.



## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TAYLOR

### New Businesses

The Fitness USA building on Pardee Road is



coming down and in it's place will be a "Dog Haus" and a "Taco John's". The Dog Haus is a specialty hot dog and sausage eatery.

**TACO JOHN'S**

Taco John's will offer Mexican food.

Contributed by Caroline Patts.

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### WE HEARD FROM

- Another request for contact information for instructor Bob Walters. This time from Wendy Jamula Morin TCH 1990. We contacted Mr. Walters and he is anxious for the opportunity to talk with his ex-student.
- Ken Renner asked about the JFK Varsity

Club. Roger Bechtol was contacted and provided us with the answer below.

The JFK Varsity Club was established in the Spring of 1966. Each inductee was required to have a notebook that contained a list of all original and future members and additional information such as the words to the fight song. Inductees were required to know all the words to the fight song and be ready to sing them when asked by a member. Members were very proud to wear their Varsity Sweaters and or their Varsity Jackets. The proudest must have been those whose Varsity Letters stated State Champions. JFK in the seventies won four consecutive State Championships in men's gymnastics. Also had 26 All-staters and 4 All-Americans. Bob Sclater was the sponsor assisted by Roger Bechtol.

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## ALUMNI NEWS!

### Milestones

We are introducing a new column where we can post anniversaries, weddings, promotions, etc. Here is our first posting

- Judy White Warner, TCH Class of 1958, and husband Charles Warner recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

## REMEMBERING PAST PRINCIPALS

### Harry S Truman

James Zimmerman (by Ken Nelson)

When Mr. Zimmerman was appointed Principal of HST, I had the good fortune to be appointed his Assistant Principal.

Working with Jim on a daily basis I learned much about the man. He spent much of his early years in a Catholic Seminary preparing to be a Priest. Jim changed his mind and having had extensive training in English and Latin he pursued a teaching degree and later taught these classes at both Taylor Center and Truman High Schools. He was also accomplished in the knowledge of humanity which made him very understanding and kind to others. He had remarkable priorities. His first allegiance was to the God of his faith, second to his family (wife Helen, daughters Mary Therese and Christa) and then to the mentoring of students as they developed academically and personally.

As you can see, I greatly admired Jim, appreciated his example and was grateful for his support and friendship. I have always said Jim was the most Christian man I'd have ever known.

Jim Zimmerman passed, much too soon, January 16, 2003. I am certain his presence and educational contributions to the Taylor School District and Truman will

be remembered and appreciated by all he encountered and influenced.

### John F Kennedy's 3rd Principal

Wayne Hamilton

Wayne followed two excellent Principals, James Maley and Carl Bargamian. From all who knew him as a man and a Principal he too was viewed as excellent.

Mr. Hamilton had a great resume for the position of Principal, having spent 22 years in the Taylor School District. He taught at all three levels, Elementary, Jr. High and High School. Wayne coached Basketball, Football and Baseball and had great success at all three. He was coaching Basketball at TCH and his team reached the Regional Finals. His baseball teams at JFK had outstanding records including a trip to the Michigan State High School Finals. Three of many great athletes signed professional contracts. The three from his outstanding baseball program were, Steve Avery, Ray Graph and John Olson.

Wayne was Principal at John F Kennedy from 1994 to 2007 and has very fond memories of the school, students and staff.

Mr. Hamilton is still active in Taylor, bowling and golfing in the Taylor Teachers Leagues. He is a highly regarded Basketball referee, being chosen for State Tournaments.

The Taylor Alumni Association Congratulates Mr. Wayne Hamilton on a great career and wish him the best in all future endeavors. 📝



March 3rd

The "Dueling Pianos" event held this past year drew high praise from those attending. "Great Entertainment", "Really Enjoyed the Evening". So the Taylor Foundation is bringing back the "Dueling Pianos" 7 pm March 3, 2018. The show will be the chief fundraiser of the year. Tickets are on sale and the \$25 price includes pizza, soft drinks and a cash bar will be available. Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets. Full bar available at discounted prices. Table sponsorships are available, call Linda Newsome at 313-971-8440 for more information.

April 13th

Euchre Tournament Alumni Association fundraiser will be held at the American Legion Hall on Brest Road. Please mark your calendars. Tickets will be on sale soon, but only 100 tickets will be sold.

August 18th

JFK Class of 1978 40th reunion. Masonic Hall 23263 Goddard Road- Dinner and Dancing followed by a picnic in the park on Sunday, August 19th. The cost is \$35, please send check to "JFK Class Reunion" c/o Kathy Davis 11141 Westpoint, Taylor Mi 48180. For more info email Kathrynquiel12017@gmail.com.

October 6th

JKF Class of 1968's 50th Reunion. If planning to attend the cost is \$40. Please make checks to John F Kennedy Class Reunion and mail to Nancy Strong 35626 Pinecrest New Boston Mi 48164, If you have question please contact Nancy McVay Strong at 734-654-8395, Mary Burgraph Baugh 734-512-7272, or Lynn Carson Boughton at 517-902-4406.



## 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.*

### **Truman High School**

Mark Robert Lange, class of 1981, (passed December 11, 2017)

### **Taylor Center High**

David Boik, class of 1958, (passed December 18, 2017)

Steven Sexton, class of 1978, (passed January 9, 2018)

### **John F Kennedy High**

Kenneth T Hagen, class of 1976, (passed January 21, 2018)

### **STAFF**

Charles Stallman, HST Counselor, (passed January 2, 2018)

Lucille Theodore, taught at JFK and Brake (passed January 2018)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) and click on "In Memoriam".