

Alumni Association

Keeping Ties with Our Alumni



TAYLOR
School District



May 2018 Newsletter

School Consolidation Information

We are still getting questions about the need to

consolidate into one high school. Here are several reasons given by the board:

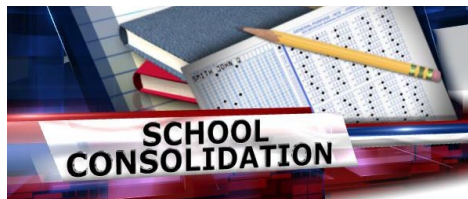
- ✓ Ongoing concerns about declining enrollment. District enrollment has declined from 20,000 total students to 7,000.
- ✓ JFK and HST individual low enrollments presents a challenge to offer all of the courses the district wishes to offer.
- ✓ JFK has two stories and if improvements were to be made they would have to install elevators for

handicapped students at a huge expense.

✓ JFK has a failed pool heater and pump and, a compromised boiler system.

A second question asked is why JFK and not HST?

✓ As mentioned above, Kennedy is the older of the two schools, has two stories without an elevator for wheelchair-bound students and has less functional capacity that Truman. 📖



EUCHRE

The Taylor Alumni Association would like to thank all who attended the Euchre Fundraiser April 13th. We have talked to many who attended and everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to what will be the 3rd Annual Euchre Tourney. Judy Barnhart LaFleur, TCH Grad class of 65, put together a fun evening for all.

What is Euchre? Euchre is a card game, popular in the Midwest United States, the United Kingdom and parts of Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



WE HEARD FROM

Brian Louis HST grad of 1995 wants information on a few of his many favorite elementary teachers. Can those of you who attended Blair Moody provide us with any information you have regarding Ms. Quinlan, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Greenhill & Mr. Clark. Your help will be appreciated.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JFK Farewell

➤ Committee Chair Ken Renner provided the following schedule of events for the upcoming JFK Farewell gathering:

Friday, June 22nd - American Legion Hall on Brest Road in Taylor from 6 - 11 pm. Food and discounted drinks available. This is an informal gathering of graduates and staff from the past. We have commitments from over 30 teachers, coaches, counselors and administrators . We also have heard from many graduates from all over the country that plan to be there.

Saturday, June 23rd - At the JFK building and grounds 3 pm - 10 pm. Live music (provided by Kennedy alumni), food trucks, classic car and bike show. The baseball fields can be used for pick up games.

Sunday, June 24th - 9 am - 12 noon, pancake breakfast—all you can eat pancakes, sausage, beverages all for \$7. At noon we will play and sing the JFK Alma Mater for the last time. This is not an event to be missed

➤ The Taylor Alumni Association has not heard of a Truman Event, if one is being organized please inform us. 📧



IN THE NEWS



Cooper Marody, star hockey player with the University of Michigan, was signed by the Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League. Cooper is the grandson of Jess Marody a 1963 graduate of Taylor Center High.

SENIOR CALENDARS



Harry S Truman

- May 1th** Prom tickets go on sale
- 10th Senior Honors Convocation 6 pm
- 17th Senior Prom – The Bentley Banquet Center 7 pm - 11 pm
- 23th-24th Senior exams
- 24th Seniors last day—they are dismissed after exams
- June 6th** Farewell Assembly 8:20 am
- 7th Graduation 7 pm at the Taylor Sportsplex

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John F. Kennedy

- May 2nd** Decision Day 8 am—Seniors march through the halls bearing signs signifying the University, College, Trade School they will be attending. Senior pancake breakfast to follow. Community invited to watch parade.
- 15th Honors Convocation 7 pm
- 31st The Bentley Banquet Center 6 pm-11pm
- June 7th** Farewell Assembly 8 am
- 8th Graduation 7 pm Taylor Sportsplex

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Taylor

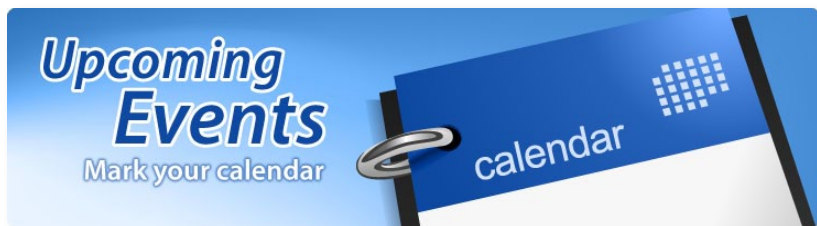


Caroline Patts & Mark Wahlberg

➤ The second Michigan, first downriver, Wahlburger restaurant opened on April 19, 2018 at 21200 Penn Street, off Eureka near I-75 in Taylor. Their burgers and especially their fries are delicious! If you haven't been to a Wahlburgers yet come try it out in Taylor. As the Wahlberger's sign on the restaurant wall says, "Taylor capital of the downriver area".



➤ Annette and Jack Aronson, co-founders of Garden Fresh Gourmet, celebrated the grand opening of the Great Lakes High-Pressure Processing Food Innovation Center April 5th. The operation aims to extend the shelf life of food products and serve as an incubator for local food companies. High-pressure processing uses a cold pasteurizing technique in which already packaged food is subjected to extremely high water pressure to kill pathogens and make food safer and fresher longer without artificial preservatives. Aronson has a 15 year lease on the 45,000 square-foot building at 21740 Trolley Industrial Drive, but said he plans to buy it and expand to nearly 250,000 square feet.



- May 6th Taylor Community Chorus Spring Concert at the William D Ford Senior Activity Center at 4 pm. \$8 can be paid at the door.
- May 8th Monthly Taylor Alumni Association Board Meeting. We were informed that some Alumni did not think they were invited to attend. The board would welcome any Alumni to attend the monthly meetings (every 2nd Thursday of the month at the School Board office on Northline). Your input would be greatly appreciated.
- May 12th The Taylor Griffin Football Booster Club is hosting a golf outing at Westburn Golf and Country Club to raise funds for the new football team. They are looking for golfers and hole sponsors. For more information contact Head Football Coach Jeff Morrow at 313-608-1639.
- May 17th Several graduates of the 1960 TCH class meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month for lunch. Anywhere from 12 to 20 attend and have a great couple of hours. Any 1960 Grads of TCH that would like to join for lunch should contact Barbara Garner Belcher at 313-292-6629 so she can advise the restaurant how many will be there.
- August 11th Truman High School Class of 1978 will be celebrating their 40 year reunion at the Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, 22314 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM EDT. All classes are welcome to attend. The cost is \$50 and includes: Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert from Alvi's BBQ, Music, Bonfire & Tons of Reconnecting, Reminiscing and Fun. 1978-era Music and Dance Floor. \$\$ Cash Bar \$\$\$. Please wear comfortable attire for an outdoor garden party. Note - heels may be challenging in the grass. Purchase tickets via the Eventbrite link, click [here](#).
- 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 Kathrynquiel2017@gmail.com.
- October 6th JKF Class of 1968's 50th Reunion will be held at the Taylor Meadows Golf Course, 25360 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, MI 48180 from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. If planning to attend the cost is \$40 per person for dinner and dancing and must be paid by June 30, 2018.

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There will be a cash bar. Please make checks payable to John F Kennedy Class Reunion and mail to Mary Burgraph Baugh, 8320 Stephenson Rd., Ousted, MI 49265. We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, Southgate, MI, 734-283-4400 (please mention JFK Reunion). Rooms cost \$99.99 king bed or \$109.99 for two beds. Please direct questions to Nancy McVay Strong at 734-654-8395, Mary Burgraph Baugh 734-512-7272, or Lynn Carson Boughton at 517-902-4406. headcount is needed please email nmcstrong@charter.net if you plan to attend.

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.

Taylor Center High

Sandi Sharp Zabielski, class of 1960 (passed April 12, 2018)

John F Kennedy High

Richard Runions, class of 1992 (passed April 10, 2018)

Denise Bryant Kothas, class OF 1977 (passed April, 2018)

Staff

Nancy Volk, taught at Taylor Center High & Harry S Truman, (passed April 3, 2018)

Joseph Buono, Band Director in TaylorDistrict (passed April 11, 2018)

Monday May 28 is designated Memorial Day. To remember classmates, friends or teachers go to the Memoriam Tab in The Taylor Alumni Website tayloralumni.org

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

Let us close with this wish...

**May your troubles be less, Your blessings more,
And may nothing but happiness come through, Your door.**