IN THE NEWS





Alumni Newsletter July 2022

TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Thirty -two happy students thanking the TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION for the scholarship awards they received at the high school's Honors Convocation. The Foundation is gratified to be able to award thousands of dollars to assist in covering the high cost of continuing education. One of the Foundation goals is to increase the amount of financial assistance to future Taylor High School graduates.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Taylor School District has teamed up with a non-profit organization called Kids Read Now to provide an exciting and innovative way to celebrate reading! This summer, ALL Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students will receive brand new books, delivered right to their mailbox. Imagine the delight of kids receiving their own mail and looking forward to the next delivery! The students receive one book at a time- then a new book is mailed as soon as they complete their current book. Students will receive a total of eight books. The students choose from a variety of genres including fiction, informational, and even bilingual texts. Giving our students choice in what they read makes reading fun and hopefully becomes a daily habit. The intention of the program is for our young readers to enjoy high-quality literature throughout the summer...*continued on page 2*

Parents are also invited to support their child and read together. Each book includes some discussion questions, thinking prompts and conversation starters. The cost of this program is paid for through a grant. The Taylor School District has access to many grants that help pay for additional staff, resources, and materials. The guideline of this grant requires the focus to be on improving school success and encouraging greater parent engagement.

Here's to a great summer filled with reading! For any questions or comments please reach out to Cynthia Nickel at Cynthia.nickel@taylorschools.net.

Taylor School District Holding Summer Mini Athletic Camps for Kids



Taylor School District and the Taylor Athletics department will be hosting summer mini camps for children. The camps will be open to both TSD students and students from outside the district. They will include boys' and girls' basketball, cheer, football, tennis, soccer, swimming and more, and are being offered free of charge.

The camps, which are open to 450 kids, will all take place at Taylor High School except for tennis, which will be hosted at the old Taylor Kennedy site. They will be led by coaches from all different areas in Taylor.

"It's a great opportunity for us to be able to welcome kids into our district," says the Athletic Director, Loren Ristovski. "The more chances we can have for our coaches to interact with these kids, the better."

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Telegraph Cruise coming July 23

Classic car enthusiasts and spectators from throughout Southeast Michigan converge on Telegraph Road for the annual cruise on Saturday, July 23. The cruise is held on the fourth Saturday in July each year.

Many cars and crowds will also gather the evening before for an unofficial kickoff. Official event hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Business owners and operators along the Telegraph corridor make their parking lots available to cruisers and spectators, while others are hosting other cruise-related events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed for the city's 175th anniversary on August 6, 2022, from 12-5pm. We will be selling extra yearbooks and taking orders for those we don't have available. Information will be sent out to everyone in July regarding the alumni tent location and what volunteers need to do. If you would like to volunteer, please email Nancy Mascaro Miller at <u>nancy.mm@comcast.net</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 9 - "Celebration of Life" in remembrance of Gary Villet will be held at Gary's home in Blanchard, MI. The celebration starts with a Memorial at 1 PM. Catered meal at @ 2PM. Gary loved Doo Wop music so a Doo Wop band will perform at 3:30 PM. Evening bonfire, brats and hot dogs, games and visiting. Be sure to notify Gloria Villet at 734-775-6167 if you are attending so they know how much food to have available.

AUGUST 6 - Party time for JFK Classes of 1966, 67, 68 & 69 @ Playoff Sports Grill, 27409 Goddard Road 4pm till ??? casual attire. No ticket needed as there is NO CHARGE TO ENTER-beverages and food available for purchase- Mr. Pantalone will have "Big Ds" personal yearbooks from the 60's available for purchase. The committee has fun things planned. For more info contact Chuck Bonner at <u>Chuck@ChuckbonnerUSA.com</u>

OCTOBER 15 CLASS REUNION

Taylor Center High School Class of 1972 Reunion Committee welcomes our classmates back home to celebrate an historic milestone - 50 years since graduating from TCHS! We are calling all alumni to join us and reminisce with their classmates at the Main Event: Love & Laugh Dinner Dance at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club on October 15th. If you can't make the main event, multiple events are planned throughout the year, check out this <u>link.</u> Classmates from 1970, 1971, 1973 and 1974 are welcome to join us.

THE TCH CLASS OF 1972 HAS AN AMAZING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PLANED THROUGHOUT THE '22 CALENDAR YEAR

- TCHS class of 1972 love & laugh reunion tour 2022.
- Monthly Breakfast with Larry-2nd
 Saturday of every month 8:30am Leo's
 Coney Island 9845 Telegraph Rd, Taylor.
- Taylor Summer Festival Fireworks
 Gathering -Saturday, June 25, 2022, at
 3:00pm -after fireworks Moe's Grill &
 Subs 22697 Northline Rd, Taylor.
- Golf Outing-Friday, July 22, 2022, at 8:30am for sign in & 9:00am scramble start Taylor Meadows Golf Club 25360 Ecorse Rd, Taylor-call Tom Olinzock 313-478-3570 to reserve a spot.
- Telegraph Cruise gathering -Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 9am -8pm Parking lot north of Thrifty Florist 8150 Telegraph, Taylor -look for tents & banner.

- Cocoa Beach Weekend- Wednesday, September 14- Monday, September 19, 2022 - LaQuinta Inn 1 Hendry Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL Pool, beach, dancing, and lots of time to catch up.
- Main Event Dinner Dance-Saturday,
 October 15, 2022, from 5:30PM-11:PM @
 Lakes of Taylor Golf Club.
- Michigan vs Michigan State Football Party- Saturday, October 29, 2022-game time? @ Salute Taverna 22615 Goddard Rd, Taylor- food & drinks available for purchase.



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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

- Michelle R. LeBlanc, Class of 1987 (passed January 22, 2013)
- ↓ Dolores Miller Maudlin Haas, Class of 1963 (passed June 9, 2022)

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

- Stephen "Steve" Das, Class of 1982 (passed May 6, 2022)
- Archie Blevins, Class of 1992 (passed February 11, 2022)
- 4 Karen Reckinger, Class of 1978 (passed April 1, 2022)

HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Nathon Mosher, Class of 1998 (passed February 2, 2022)

<u>STAFF</u>

- William Schudlich, Junior High Teacher (passed September 19, 2021)
- 4 Marcia Wigginton, Truman High School Teacher (passed May 23, 2022)
- Sandra Kalsic, Fisher Elementary Teacher (passed June 7, 2022)
- **4** Robert Keith, Brake Junior High Teacher, and Truman High School Counselor (passed June 9, 2022)