

WELCOME**BACK****Principal's****Welcome**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Taylor High School. I am honored to have this opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of educational excellence. I have worked with a variety of students ranging in age from kindergarten through college age. My most recent administrative experience was in Cincinnati Public where I served as Principal of a preschool to grade 6 building. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to the Three Rivers School District. Together we will partner to ensure your child's educational success.

Along with the teachers and staff, I will personally work hard to continue the legacy of excellence established by Taylor High School. A top priority is to continue building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. We will focus on character education initiatives. Common Core skill development will provide consistent, rigorous implementation of the curriculum to strengthen our students' academic growth. Our teachers and staff will use data to drive instruction based on students' needs. All of us at Taylor High School are eager and excited to continue to provide a top-notch academic experience for our students. We are ready for the challenge of providing a rigorous, relevant, academic environment that helps build positive relationships, while enabling students to make real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors (teachers, staff, students and parents) are welcomed and excited! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, dynamic, and nurturing environment. I have an open-door policy and am always interested in speaking with you to hear your concerns, input and feedback. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to our partnership which will enable each student at Taylor to meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Cear J. Baggett**Principal**cbaggett@trlsd.org**513.467.3200****ext.1138****GREAT PAGE TO PRINT & PUT
SOMEWHERE VISIBLE!****Important Dates**

Aug 4	Schedules available on ProgressBook
Aug 10	Back to School Ready Fest
Aug 11	Meet the Team Athletic Night/Fall Sports pictures
Aug 11	Freshman Orientation
Aug 13	Movie Night on the Field
Aug 14	First day for Teachers
Aug 15	Open House
Aug 17	First Day of School
Aug 23	HS Picture Day
Sept 4	Labor Day/No School
Sept 6	Senior Application Boot camp
Sept 23	Taylor Band Premiere
Oct 5	Homecoming Parade & Powder Puff Game
Oct 6	Homecoming Football Game
Oct 7	Homecoming Dance
Oct 11	Plan for the Future Day—PSAT & Pre-ACT
Oct 13	End of the 1st Quarter
Oct 16	Teacher Records Day/No School
Oct 17	Conference Day/No School
Oct 18	Plan for the Future Night
Oct 24	Choir Concert
Oct 24	Picture Retake Day
Nov 7	District PD/No School
Nov 10	Veterans Day/No School
Nov 17-19	K-12 Drama Performance
Nov 20-24	Fall Break
Dec 11	Choir Concert
Dec 12-15	1st Semester Exams
Dec 18-Jan 1	Winter Break

*Please note that all PTO meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

For all dates, times, and locations, please view our THS Google calendar on our website and feel free to link it to your own!

WELCOME NEW STAFF



We are welcoming four new staff members to Taylor High School this school year! We are so excited to welcome them and we know they are going to help contribute to our success!

Tiffoney Picklesimer	High School Secretary
James Holland	Educational Aide
Alex Richmond	District Nurse
Alex Ritterhausen	Physical Education Teacher
James Whittaker	Technology Instructor



YELLOW JACKET FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Taylor High School offers the “Yellow Jacket Freshman Orientation” as a transition experience to all incoming freshmen. We believe that in understanding the culture of Taylor High School that all freshmen participants will have a positive head start. Our research indicates that participants in these types of programs earn higher grades, are more likely to be involved in extracurricular opportunities, and have fewer disciplinary situations than those who do not participate. The day promises to be both informative and fun. We urge all incoming freshmen AND their parents to attend our “Yellow Jacket Freshman Orientation 2017.” Please visit the Taylor High School webpage where more details can be found.

Fee: \$8 (cash or check—made payable to Taylor High School)

Includes: spirit pack with pen, pencil, back pack, T-shirt, lunch, drink and an outstanding program. ***If you registered your child after the deadline of July 25th there is no guarantee of receiving a t-shirt or spirit pack***



Join the PTO!

Taylor High School PTO needs some new board members ASAP for the 2017-18 school year. Several positions are open. Please contact Angie Bayer at 467-1940 or taylorhighschoolpto@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the incredible team!

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23 for grades 9-12. Picture forms will be distributed the first day of school. Please be sure your child brings their form on picture day if they would like to place an order. All students' pictures will be taken for the yearbook and their Student ID. Students IDs are required to be shown to attend athletic events.

STUDENT FEES

Reminder that student fees have been posted to the student accounts. Student fees must be paid in full or a current payment plan in place for students to be able to participate in athletics, extra-curricular events, dances, Prom, purchase a parking pass, and walk in the graduation ceremony. A current fee bill with more details should be attached.

Please contact Tiffoney Picklesimer at 513-467-3200, ext. 1136 with any questions or to setup a payment plan.

OPEN HOUSE: TUESDAY AUGUST 15

Please plan on joining us Tuesday August 15 for Taylor High School's Open House. The evening will begin at 4:30 in the cafeteria where we will have an Activity Fair displaying all of the extra curricular activities available at Taylor. There will be a Principal welcome at 5:15, along with a presentation by the PTO. Beginning at 5:30pm, **parents** will follow their child's schedule. Below are the times:

Activity Fair	4:30—5:30
Principal's Welcome	5:15—5:25
Advisory	5:30—5:35
1st Bell	5:40—5:46
2nd Bell	5:51—6:07
3rd Bell	6:12—6:18
4th Bell	6:23—6:29
5th Bell	6:34—6:40
6th Bell	6:45—6:51
7th Bell	6:56—7:02

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[Taylor High School PTO](https://www.facebook.com/TaylorHighSchoolPTO)—<https://www.facebook.com/TaylorHighSchoolPTO>

FORMS

Please make sure you have accessed Final Forms and complete the beginning school year paperwork for each child. Forms must be completed by Friday August 25. The link can be found on the website.

- Registration Update Form
- Emergency Medical Form
- Internet Acceptable Use Form
- Student Handbook Agreement
- Athletic forms

***Free/Reduced Lunch forms can be found online or requested in the main office**

If you do not have access to a computer please stop by the middle school office. There are computers set up for parents to access their student's account.

RIVERSIDE CAFÉ

A large selection of both breakfast and lunch items are offered daily.

Below is the pricing for the 2017-2018 school year:

Breakfast	\$1.50 (starting at 7am)	
Lunch	\$2.70	
Premium Lunch	\$3.60	Milk .50

Every student will receive a student planner the first day of school that includes the student handbook. Parents and students are responsible for reading the handbook and being familiar with the policies and procedures of the school. This handbook can also be found on the Taylor High School webpage.



Counseling Corner

New Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond

AIR EOY Assessments—18 points needed for graduation

7 Assessments:

English 9
English 10
Algebra 1
Geometry
US History
US Government
Biology

Performance Level	Grad Points
Advanced	5
Accelerated	4
Proficient	3
Basic	2
Limited	1

Math: 4 of the 18 points must be earned from the 2 math tests

English: 4 of the 18 points must be earned from the 2 English tests

SS/Science: 6 of the 18 points must be earned from the 3 SS/science tests

The THS Counseling Department is proud to announce a new initiative of college & career advising called Plan For Your Future. Throughout the year, your children will participate in a variety of activities that focus on college and career readiness. We have several events planned for the parents and guardians and will be welcoming several professionals throughout the year to guide and educate our Three Rivers' families.

One exciting piece to our Plan For Your Future calendar is called Lunch with the Pros! Each month your child will have the opportunity to hear directly from the experts in various career fields. Students will be exposed to some up and coming careers in our area and gain invaluable information to help them prepare for their next chapter.

Seniors- are you ready for the craziness of college applications?! The THS Counseling Department is here to help! On September 6, you will spend your entire school day in our first annual THS College Application Bootcamp. Mrs. Heckman and Mrs. Ryan, along with several other excellent educators and college representatives will be guiding you step by step through the college application process. Begin thinking now about your list of colleges and don't forget to utilize your Naviance account. Information can be found in the Counseling section of the Taylor High School website.

Naviance is a wonderful college & career resource that our students have been using for the past year. This year we are excited to roll the program out to all THS parents & guardians. Information will be coming soon as to how to access your Naviance parent account. If you are curious now, ask your students to log on to their Naviance account. Instructions can be found on the counseling section of the Taylor High School website.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE CALENDAR

This year the counseling department has organized a Plan for the Future calendar of events that will help your student prepare for their next steps in life. Events include a College Application Bootcamp for seniors, a Parent Informational Night, presentations by local experts on test prep and college readiness, as well as several classroom presentations and meetings. Parents will be introduced to Naviance, a premier college and career readiness tool used by the Three Rivers School District. Each parent will have an account and gain access to invaluable tools and resources as your student navigates through the post secondary process. Stay tuned for some exciting things in the Taylor High School Counseling Department!

Scarlet Oaks Important Dates

August 10 - Prepare Day (11:00-7:00)
August 16 – New Student First Day
August 17 – First Day all students

2017-2018 ACT & SAT DATES

ACT DATE	Registration Deadline
Sept 9	Aug 4
Oct 28	Sept 22
Dec 9	Nov 3
Feb 10	Jan 5
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4

SAT DATE	Registration Deadline
Aug 26	July 28
Oct 7	Sept 8
Nov 4	Oct 5
Dec 2	Nov 2
March 10	Feb 9
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 3

College Credit Plus

Ohio's College Credit Plus can help you earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course from a public college or university is free. That means no cost for tuition, books or fees. If you choose to attend a private college or university, you may have limited costs.

CCP Courses at Taylor
Engineering Foundations
Honors Pre-Calculus

Contact your counselor with any questions!

Diamond Oaks Important Dates

Current students:

Open House—Thursday, Aug 31
Parent Teacher Conference Night - Thursday, Oct 26th.

Prospective students:

Sophomore Visit Day is scheduled for Friday, January 19.

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 25 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

New Student and Parent Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, May 3 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

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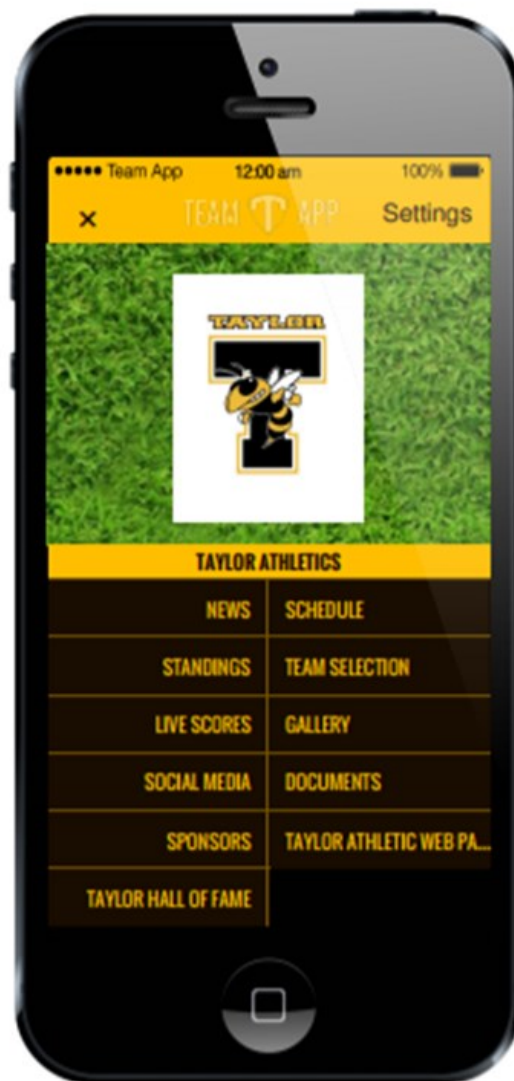
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Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.



2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Taylor Athletics".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to taylorathletics.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



Need help?

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