

Taylor Park Parent Newsletter January 8, 2021

Registration for September 2021

Applications for students who will be starting at Taylor Park begins February 1st. Students currently attending Taylor Park will automatically be re-registered for September 2021. This includes students attending in person as well as students in our catchment who have chosen the immunocompromised or online learning options.

We are welcoming registration of students born in 2016 for September 2021 kindergarten – [registration is available online as of February 1st](#). Current grade 7 students are automatically being enrolled in their catchment high school. Further information on high school open house via zoom will be sent out in the next week. There will be a student and parent

If you are wanting to attend a school outside your catchment or any of the cross district programs, please note that the cross district form is due in to the office for signature by the principal during the month of February – forms sent electronically are preferred. Acceptance into cross district schools for both elementary and high school as well as for special programs(French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, etc.) is based on school board policy and details are available on the [district website](#). Registration and [cross district forms are available online](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 604-296-9034 or [email the principal](#).

Black Shirt Day – January 15

The Anti-Racism Coalition of Vancouver believe a small action can make a difference. In British Columbia, thousands of students wear pink shirts in support of anti-bullying. Orange Shirt Day has also been introduced across Canadian schools, where students wear orange shirts in solidarity with Indigenous victims of the residential school system. ARC Vancouver is petitioning for Black Shirt Day to be introduced in BC, in recognition of the struggle for civil rights fought by Black and racialized Canadians. A regular Black Shirt Day for January 15th is in the process of being considered as it is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the great civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. We believe this will be an important step in raising greater awareness of the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights faced by Black and racialized Canadians, and help to foster solidarity against all forms of racism and hate.”

FSA Assessments

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Each year BC students in grades 4 and 7 write a set of three provincial tests called the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). This assessment tests students on their abilities in reading comprehension, first-draft writing and numeracy. Like other schools throughout the province, our students will be writing these tests from January 18 – February 26. The Ministry of Education will return the results of this year's tests to school districts by the end of the year and we will, in turn, provide parents with the results for their child. For more information, visit <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/> .

Parent Survey from Ministry of Education

The ministry of education is looking for input on schools from parents and has provided an online survey at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm Parents may access the survey through the Parent Direct Access from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school's name, and language of preference.

Welcome to New Staff!

Please join us in welcoming our new secretary, Mariska Santoso.

PAC Meeting – Thursday January 28 – 7pm via Zoom

At our upcoming January meeting there will be an opportunity to look at and discuss the placement of a second portable at Taylor Park for September 2021. We will also have an update on how we are supporting the development of music at Taylor Park and upcoming performances. The music teachers will be asking PAC for funding for additional instruments.

Next Assembly January 29

Our next assembly will be on Friday, January 29th from 11:00 – 11:45 am. We will send out an additional reminder closer to the assembly time. All participants [need to register](#) and get their own individual link (which can't be shared and will only work for one person at a time). This link will be able to be used for the whole year and is different than the link from last year.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 15th Black shirt Day (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday).

January 18 – February 26 FSA Assessments for grades 4 and 7

Wednesday, January 27th- PJ Day!

Friday, January 29th Assembly on Zoom from 11:00 – 11:45 am (Parents Welcome)

Friday, February 12th-Red white and Pink Day

Monday, February 15 – Family Day Holiday(School Closed)

Wednesday Feb 24th- Pink Shirt Day

February 26, 2021 – District Pro-D Day

March 15 – 26 Spring Break

You have previously provided consent for the school to send you electronic information related to your child's educational experience. To unsubscribe please contact the school office at 604-296-9034.