



The Eagle Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year of school has begun! I honestly feel that my job is much more fun when the students are here. I love their energy and enthusiasm! Welcome back!

I'd like to discuss the ABCs a student should develop, with help from their parents.



A: Attend faithfully. Students are expected to be consistent and punctual. We have an attendance policy that emphasizes this. Each semester, we strive for students to be in class 96% of the time. That means missing only 3 1/2 days each semester. That is the goal. We do realize sometimes there are health or family complications, which will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

If there are more than eight absences, students will lose credit and have to repeat a grade or class. Only four absences per semester can be made up through Saturday school. Please use PowerSchool to track absences and remain aware of where you stand.

Tardies are also a concern. When students arrive late, they disrupt the educational process. Please strive to make sure all students arrive on time! When they do come in late, report to the front office prior to going to class to get a tardy slip. For Junior High and High School students, penalties are attached to tardies in excess of two. Please refer to the online student manual for more details.

B: Be courteous. Another way parents can support our school and eliminate disruptions is to be courteous during teachers' instructional time. We ask that all parents report to the office to get a visitor's badge before walking to any classroom or cafeteria. If you do need to discuss something with a classroom teacher, please call ahead and make an appointment. Parents without a previous appointment will not be allowed to go back to the classroom. This will help teachers focus on what they do best—teaching your children! We love communicating with parents, and we encourage email and phone calls to be used often. Teachers will get back with you before or after school.

C: Cooperate. We stress cooperation with and respect for adults when we are at school. I'd like to encourage parents to model similar cooperation. One way we can cooperate is to be respectful of our neighbors in the area surrounding the school. We promised when we built our school here that we would direct traffic to the Lincoln Road entrance on Wood River Drive. Please make this the ONLY road you use to access the school.

As each student develops faithful attendance, courtesy, and cooperation this year, they will be better prepared for a bright future. We know we have the best students anywhere thanks to you, our awesome parents! Have a great year!

To Do List:

- Set up a parent Power School login. Check your notification preferences (text, email, or phone).
- Check the updated bus routes and times.

SYNC YOUR CALENDAR:

Sept. 21-25 — High School Spirit Week

Sept. 23 — Picture Day

Sept. 25, 8:30 a.m. — Elementary School Citizen of the Month assembly

Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m. — Homecoming Dance

Oct. 1-2 — No school, fall teacher in-service days

Oct. 5-9 — No school, Fall Break

For busing concerns, please call Teton Stage Lines: 529-8036

School Lunch Pricing

Elementary: \$2.65

High School: \$2.70

Adult: \$3.75





Top: A crackling bonfire greeted students at the year's first activity. Below: Students enjoy watching a movie.



Photos by Sam Foreatti

WELCOME BACK BONFIRE

The student council held a super back-to-school activity on Sept. 4. They were hosted by the Weber family for a huge bonfire gathering. Over 100 students showed up to participate in food, games, and movie watching. Even with a little rain, the kids had a ton of fun! Thank you to our hosts and chaperones for helping us out this night!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spirit Week

- September 21-25

Homecoming Dance

- September 25, 7:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Jennie Bohrer is our new Social Studies teacher at Taylor's Crossing High School. "I am so excited to be at this school. I graduated from Utah State University, and taught at Fremont High School in Ogden, Utah. All of my kids have attended Taylor's Crossing and that is why I am so excited to be here."



Jennie loves running, camping, backpacking, and cooking. She is married to Steve, who is a chemist, and has five children and a dog. She loves reading, especially to her kids. "If I could have one wish, it would be for more time so I could read lots of books—or for a maid. Okay, I want both!"

Mike VanDyke is our new math specialist. He is an army veteran, and was a civilian air traffic controller for five years before deciding to pursue a college education. He recently graduated Idaho State University, having majored in Mathematics and minored in English.



"I love to help students grasp the fundamental aspects of mathematics that are sometimes glossed over, in order to understand why things work the way they do. I enjoy writing as much as I enjoy math, and I'm currently wrapping up my first novel. I am approaching my ten-year anniversary with my wife Jamie, and I have two awesome sons, Phillip and Daniel."

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

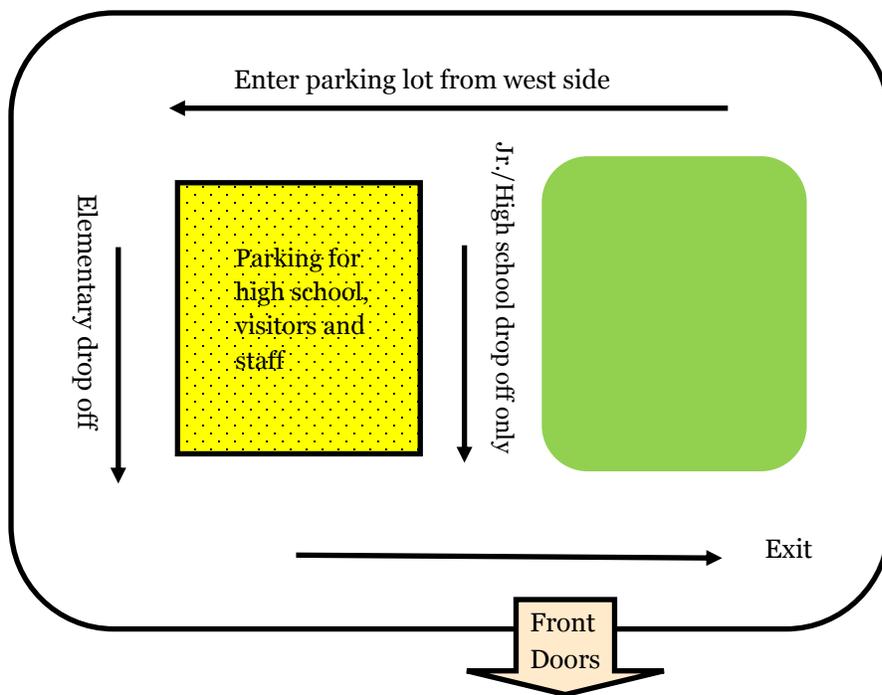
This summer a lot of improvements were made to our school, thanks to the efforts of five different Eagle scouts!

If you noticed the grounds are spruced up, you can thank Isaac Weed, a junior, and his volunteers. They mowed, removed weeds, reseeded grass, and placed river rock at the shoulder of the road by the exit.

We also had a new shed built by the combined effort of three Eagle Scouts. First, the cement pad was poured by Ryan Weber and his volunteers. Next, we had two brothers team up to build the shed. Tyler and McKay Shippen, sons of a former board member and neighbors to the school, framed the shed and helped complete the exterior. We appreciate the service that they have provided the school. Their efforts will be remembered for years!

Another Eagle scout project was organized by Shane Acheson, a senior, to collect books for our library. Mrs. George, our librarian, was able to add hundreds of books to our shelves for students to enjoy. We appreciate Shane's drive to make this happen.





Please be patient as you drop off students before school. If parents will observe the above flow chart, traffic will move quickly and efficiently.

PICKUP AND DROPOFF PROCEDURES

As we begin a new school year, the front office staff would like to remind parents of the appropriate drop-off, pick-up, and parking procedures.

When you arrive in the morning to drop off children, please use the southernmost lane to drop off elementary age children. Wait until you are one to two car lengths from the front sidewalk before letting your students exit the vehicle. Do not park in the drop off area. If you need to enter the school, pull into a parking space and walk with your student into the school building.

If you are dropping off only junior high or high school age students, you may pull through the middle lane of the parking lot nearest the center grass median. This will allow you to quickly pull up to the front entrance and let your high schoolers exit.

If you have both age groups, first drop off elementary age students, then pull forward to drop off high schoolers.

Please be patient as students exit vehicles. Watch carefully for other vehicles approaching as you pull away from the curb.

Picking up students after school should be done in the same orderly fashion. If students are late showing up to your vehicle, please pull out of the carpool line and into a parking spot to wait for them. We have great staff who strive to know every student and their carpool, so feel free to ask if you have any questions about your student.

Thank you for your cooperation!

PICTURE DAY!

Get ready for picture day! Lifetouch photographers will be coming to the school on Wednesday, September 23. They will take pictures of all students that day, to make sure each student has a class or yearbook picture. Order forms will be coming home soon! Please make sure your child has a clearly marked form if you are ordering pictures, or go online to order. Use Picture Day ID: UM445417QO

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is a service and scholarship club that has been operating at Taylor's Crossing for three years. Mrs. Kaufman is the advisor.

The NHS will be inducting new members in October. New application materials will be handed out next week, and will be due after Fall Break. The induction ceremony will be held in October.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

NJHS will begin having after school meetings every other Monday. The first one will be Monday, September 14th. It will last until 3:15. Mrs. Empey, the faculty advisor, will be discussing service projects for this semester.

PFA NEWS

Our new PFA board is hard at work, getting ready for a fantastic year of supporting our students and teachers. The PFA meetings are scheduled on the following Wednesdays in the high school commons.

September 16

October 28

November 18

December 16

January 20

February (none scheduled because of Auction)

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 8 (10 am)

The Halloween Carnival will be held October 23 at 6 p.m.

Watch for ways you can get involved and help it run successfully!

NEW BIKE RACK

Our school has a lot of students with-in biking distance. Now they have a safe place to store their bikes! We received a wonderful donation of a bike rack, which you can find under the southwest corner of the school, in front of the windows. Students need to provide their own lock or chain if they want their bike locked up.



NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

A big hello from the kitchen! We are glad to be back at making healthy meals for your children.

Here are a few housekeeping notes.

- The lunch prices have gone up again. Elementary meals cost \$2.65, High School costs \$2.70 and Adult costs \$3.75. This is due to the Healthy Hunger Free Act of 2010 that will be attached to the web site if you want to read it.
- We want all parents and guardians to be aware of the no charge procedure that the kitchen has, also attached to the web site. If there is a problem with your child's balance and you can't get it paid up, please don't be afraid to call and talk to me. I'm sure we can make arrangements. We don't want anyone to go without food.
- I really need doctor notices in my records for any child that goes to Taylor's Crossing that has a food

allergy or a food disability. The office has a form that is approved by the USDA that you can request. Please get them filled out by your child's physician and return them to the school as soon as possible.

- If you haven't filled out a Free or Reduced Application and feel you will qualify please get one from the office and get it filled in. I have processed all that have been turned in, and notices have been sent out to advise those who qualify.

My staff and I are happy to serve your children and do appreciate the good manners they have. We are looking forward to a great year. We are planning on trying some new recipes and hope to get student feedback. We really want to make their school lunch a great experience. Thanks again for letting us serve you and your children.

— Beth Long and staff

BOARD UPDATE

Taylor's Crossing's Board of Directors has been reappointed as follows:

Matt Cardon—Chairman

Scott Gruwell—Vice Chairman

Jared Taylor—Treasurer

Erica Radford—Secretary

David Montgomery—Member

Cameron Taylor—Member

(Open Seat)—Member

There is a seat available for anyone wishing to apply to join the board of directors. To apply, visit the school's homepage and go to *Documents and Postings* under the *Board of Directors* tab. You'll find the link to the application on this page.