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### ***Taunton Public Schools***

No School

Friday, March 8th  
Professional Day

Friday, March 29th  
Good Friday

Monday, April 15th  
Patriots' Day

April 16th—April 19th  
Spring Break



"IN MARCH,  
WINTER IS  
HOLDING  
BACK AND  
SPRING IS  
PULLING  
FORWARD.  
SOMETHING  
HOLDS AND  
SOMETHING  
PULLS INSIDE  
OF US TOO."  
— JEAN HERSEY

***THA Shannon Grant Newsletter***  
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**MARCH  
2024**

### ***COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS***

**Cub Scouts** - The Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America holds its Cub Scout school year program for boys and girls in K through Grade 5 on **Mondays** from **3:45 to 4:45 pm**.

**After School Activity**— Kids in K and up can come to the Community Center for organized activities planned for each session. The kids who attend can "borrow" a book from the mini Library then "swap" it for another book the next week. **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm**.

**Teen/Young Adult Job Search** - This program is designed to give teens and young adults the opportunity to access websites that can filter jobs by title, distance, full/part-time and seasonal employment. Those taking advantage will have access to a tablet to identify jobs and be able to apply online as soon as the job is viewed. **Appointment only**.

**Teen Laundry Program** - The THA has installed a washer and dryer in the Community Center for youth ages 13 to 19 to wash/dry their own laundry. **Appointment only**.

**Library** - The Community Center has a small Library with books for school age children. Children can stop by the Center after school on **Monday and Tuesday** to borrow a book. Once returned, they can swap it for another one.

The annual **Basketball Clinic** is tentatively scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 14th. This clinic is for boys and girls ages 8-16. Stay tuned for additional details.

### ***SHANNON GRANT FUNDED BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP***

The Boys and Girls Club of Taunton is continuing with the Shannon Grant funded program to provide free memberships to kids ages 10-17 residing in Riverside Apartments. The kids taking advantage of this opportunity have:

- Free Transportation 3 days per week. (**Wed, Thurs & Fri**) The kids will be transported directly from their schools. An independent van company will bring the kids back to Paul Bunker. Drop off time is 6:30 pm in front of the Community Center at 51 Paul Bunker Dr.
- Power Hour: Provides homework help and tutoring and encourages members to become self-directed learners.
- **STEM** Lab: A chance to explore, engage and marvel at the wonders of **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** in the computer lab.
- Other programming: 21st Century for kids in grades 5-7, free swim, various gym games, music, dance, outdoor play, organized tournaments and more.
- Enjoy a healthy meal nightly.

If you are interested in sending your child, please stop by the Community Center at Riverside Apartments 51 Paul Bunker Drive to pick up an application packet on Monday & Tuesday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm or Wednesday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. If you are unable to come to the office, please call me at **508-315-6194** and I will make arrangements to drop an application off to you.

**\*\*Please note:** children involved in this program can go to the Club on Mondays & Tuesdays as well, but parents must provide transportation from the Club home.



## ***Boys and Girls Club 21st Century Program***

The BGC 21st Century Program is open to Parker Middle School students. This is a teacher-led academic support program. Those enrolled take advantage of:

- Math & Social-Emotional Learning Focus
- All Benefits of Club Membership
- Transportation from School to the Club & from the Club to home Mon through Thurs
- **FREE OF COST! LIMITED SPACES!**

Contact: Audriana Rivera, 21st Century Community Learning Center Coordinator at:  
arivera@bgcmetrosouth.org or 508-824-4341 ext 150 to check if space is available.



## ***Taunton Public Schools***

Superintendents Office  
215 Harris St., Taunton, MA  
(508) 821-1100 tauntonschools.org

Visit the Taunton School District's website for recent news, upcoming events, school calendar and Superintendent's reports.  
Use this website to access the parents portal.



## ***Taunton City Hall***

15 Summer St  
Taunton, MA 02780  
Phone: 508-821-1000  
Website: taunton-ma.gov

Visit the City's website for a listing of Government Departments, Services, alerts and announcements.



## ***Taunton Public Library***

Taunton Public Library  
12 Pleasant St.,  
Taunton, MA  
Main Desk 508-821-1410  
Youth Services 508-821-1412

The Library's Youth Services Department offers a variety of free kids programs each month. You can access each month's calendar and monthly newsletter at [tauntonlibrary.org/events](http://tauntonlibrary.org/events).



## ***Taunton Family Resource Center***

The Family Resource Center is located at:  
37 Main St., Taunton, MA  
Phone: 774 501-2633

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) help families and individuals resolve challenges, strengthen their bonds, connect to others, and engage in their communities. Offerings at the Center include:

- Education programs for children ages 0-18 years old
- Financial and/or stress management workshops
- Support & self-help groups
- Family, arts and cultural calendar events
- Playdate groups
- Information & referral resources
- Assessment services
- Early childhood services
- Parenting and grandparenting programs & workshops

To view the calendar of events and additional info:  
<https://www.oldcolonyymca.org/community-social-services/family-resource-centers>



## ***YMCA Youth Memberships***

The THA's 2024 Shannon Grant has funding available to provide a 3 month YMCA membership to youth ages 12-17. The youth can go to the Y to take advantage of a variety of activities. (Youth ages 12-17 do not need a parent to accompany them.) Please contact Ann Harris for an application or more information. The YMCA/Taunton is located at 71 Cohannet St.

## ***YMCA Teen Nutrition Program***

Teens ages 13-17 can enjoy free nutritious meals and snacks after school at the YMCA in Taunton thanks to the Teen Nutrition Program. Five hot meals and snacks are served from 3:30 p.m. to 8 pm Monday through Friday. There is space for the kids to do homework, socialize and play video games as well. Parents can enroll their child in the Teen Nutrition by calling Louann Davis at 508-823-3320 or emailing her at [ldavis@oldcolonyymca.org](mailto:ldavis@oldcolonyymca.org).

## ***Job Search Websites***

Indeed.com  
CareerBuilder.com  
Snagajob.com  
Glassdoor.com  
Ziprecruiter.com  
LinkedIn.com  
USAjobs.gov



## ***THA Telephone Numbers***

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