



## Welcome Letter and Information

The Taos Academy Governing Council, Administration, and TA Faculty would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families back to school! We are looking forward to an amazing year with exciting additions to our student body, faculty, curriculum, programming and facility. Thank you for joining us as we continue to grow and innovate!

## **THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

Please find the attached 2018-2019 calendar and supply list. *Check out our website with this information as well as much more* at [www.taosacademy.org](http://www.taosacademy.org). Below is an overview of the month for you to plan. More information will follow next week. Please feel free to contact Amy Lucero if you have any questions or need further help at 575-751-3109 or [alucero@taosacademy.org](mailto:alucero@taosacademy.org)

### **Parent Orientation:**

Taos Academy will be hosting a **New Parent Orientation** on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm. All new families are asked to attend this training. In addition, if your student is on Academic Probation, we ask that both parents and student make time to attend. If you are unable to make it, please contact Elizabeth LeBlanc at [eleblanc@taosacademy.org](mailto:eleblanc@taosacademy.org) to schedule a time to come in and receive your TA login information and mini-orientation. Please RSVP at [alucero@taosacademy.org](mailto:alucero@taosacademy.org) or call us at 575-751-3109.

### **School Starting Dates and Times**

## **HIGH SCHOOL ONLY (Including College Link):**

### **SCHOOL STARTS THE WEEK OF:**

**Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**School starts at 8am and ends at 4pm**

**Monday 8/13** - School starts at 8am and concludes at 4pm for **High School only** this week. Students will participate in orientation activities and begin coursework. (CL Seniors only; sign up for CL labs.)

**Tuesday 8/14** - School starts at 8am and concludes at 4pm for High School Only this week. Students will participate in orientation activities and begin coursework. (CL Juniors only; sign up for 3 CL labs.)

**Wednesday 8/15** - **This is a TENTATIVE schedule and subject to change. Schedule will be confirmed in the August newsletter.**

- **Grade 9** will be participating in the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp Challenge Course (8am - 3:30pm at Taos Academy Campus) **BRING WATER & LUNCH**
- **Grade 10** attendance at TA for online coursework.
- **Grade 11-** attend Taos Academy campus from 8-11am. They will meet at 12:30pm at the Rio Grande Visitor's Center in Pilar for lunch and rafting on the Rio Grande. **Parents and/or students will be responsible for transportation and LUNCH**
- **Grade 12** - 1pm to 4pm attend Taos Academy to get set up in classes



**Thursday 8/16**

- **Grade 9** attendance at TA for online coursework.
- **Grade 10** will be participating in the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp Challenge Course (8am - 3:30pm at Taos Academy Campus) **BRING WATER & LUNCH**
- **Grade 11** - 1pm to 4pm attend Taos Academy to get set up in classes
- **Grade 12-** attend Taos Academy campus from 8-11am. They will meet at 12:30pm at the Rio Grande Visitor's Center in Pilar for lunch and rafting on the Rio Grande. **Parents and/or students will be responsible for transportation and LUNCH**

**Monday 8/20 – Thursday 8/23 – High School students only** will NOT be attending TA campus this week. However, they are required to stay current with their pacing calendar for online coursework. Students may and are encouraged to attend the Student Success Lab at Taos Academy Monday through Thursday from 8-12, if needed.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY:**

### **SCHOOL STARTS THE WEEK OF:**

**Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

## School Starts at 8am and ends at 4pm for Middle School only this week.

**Monday 8/20** - School starts at 8am and concludes at 4pm for **Middle School Students only** this week. Students will participate in orientation activities and begin coursework.

**Tuesday 8/21** - School starts at 8am and concludes at 4pm for **Middle School Students only** this week. Students will participate in orientation activities and begin coursework.

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8/22, 8/23, & 8/24** - Proposed camping site at Agua Piedra Campground in La Junta, Carson National Forest, if forests are open to the public. Directions to come. Alternative activities will be sent in the August newsletter pending closing of the national forests. The schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 22**
  - 8am- 4pm - 7th and 8th grade students at Taos Academy for orientation and academics.
  - 1:30pm - 2pm - 5th & 6th grade students arrive at Agua Piedra camp area
- **Thursday 8/23**
  - 1pm - 5th & 6th graders are picked up from Agua Piedra campground
  - 2pm - 7th and 8th grade students are dropped off at Agua Piedra campground
- **Friday 8/24 (7th & 8th grade only)**
  - 2pm - 7th and 8th grade students are picked up from Agua Piedra campground



**More detail information to come soon.** Parents will be responsible for all transportation and Lunch the first day.

### ALL STUDENTS:

Beginning the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>, students will attend TA on their regularly scheduled days. Middle school students attend campus on Monday and Wednesday; high school students attend Tuesday and Thursday. College Link will be scheduled around UNM schedule.

September 3rd is Labor Day and the school is closed. This week only, Mid School Students will attend Wednesday and Friday.



- College Link students will be required to attend at least TWO Taos Academy Lab sessions per week. Sign up is required.
- Mid School Plus Program will be offered from 8-4 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sign up and fees are required. Fees are \$20 per quarter or \$40 per semester.
- SSL or Student Success Lab will be offered from 8-12 Monday through Thursday, starting August 28th.

- Friday Math tutoring will be offered from 8 - 12 starting Friday, September 1st.
- Probationary Enrollment: All students with a GPA lower than 2.0, having failed two or more core academic classes and/or not meeting proficiency in any academic area will be placed on probationary enrollment and attend SSL Monday through Friday.
- STEM+Arts Institute classes will begin the week of September 4th. Schedule TBA. Material fee is \$10 and required upon sign-up.

All schedules will be announced at orientation on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Signups will be required and on a first come first serve basis, based upon payment of the materials fee at the front desk.

## GET INVOLVED

Parent  
Meeting

Advisory/Foundation Board



**8/28/18** - Parents interested in joining the parent advisory council or foundation board, please attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

If you have any questions feel free to call or email the contacts below:

Amy Lucero - Administrative Secretary: 751-3109 [alucero@taosacademy.org](mailto:alucero@taosacademy.org)

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**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!! Look forward to seeing you all!!**