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## YMB Newsletter October 2019

### Help Needed: Greens Pickup + Ushers

**Greens:** We need a few volunteers to help distribute Greens Sale products on 11/23 (Sat), 8am - 12pm. Student and adult helpers are welcome for any amount of time you can give. Please contact [Nancy Flanagan](#) to volunteer.

**Ushers:** We need ushers for band, orchestra, and choir concerts throughout the year. This is a quick volunteering opportunity that involves handing out programs to attendees as they enter the venue. Stay for the performance if you like! [Sign up online](#). For more info, please contact [Joanna Gusich](#).

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## Congratulations to ILMEA Selectees

The [Illinois Music Education Association](#) offers a district festival experience for elementary through senior high students in Illinois. This includes general music events, band, chorus, jazz and orchestra ensembles. More than 30 York students were recently selected for ILMEA. Each of these students had winning auditions in District 1, which is one of the most competitive districts in the state of Illinois. Students auditioned from over 75 different schools for the opportunity to go on to participate in the All-District Festival in November. Top scoring musicians may then continue on to be considered for All-State honors which involves a three day trip to Peoria, IL in January 2020. Congratulations to the following musicians who will participate in the All-District Festival:

| Senior Band       |           |             |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Payton Bryk       | Freshman  | Alto Sax    |
| Sam Jensen        | Senior    | Bb Clarinet |
| Rachel Kayman     | Senior    | Flute       |
| Nick Kwentus      | Sophomore | Bassoon     |
| Nathan Lee        | Sophomore | Trumpet     |
| Rose Menichini    | Junior    | Tenor Sax   |
| Reese Pavlik      | Sophomore | Tuba        |
| Nicholas Pintozzi | Senior    | Rh Clarinet |

|                    |           |               |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Danny Sanders      | Sophomore | Bb Clarinet   |
| Emily Steinbrecher | Sophomore | Bass Clarinet |
| Katie Stumpf       | Sophomore | Alto Sax      |

| <b>Senior Chorus</b> |           |            |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Annalise Belzile     | Senior    | Alto I     |
| Erin Butler          | Senior    | Soprano II |
| Arianna Denning      | Senior    | Soprano I  |
| Paolo Favuzzi        | Senior    | Bass I     |
| Haley Grane          | Senior    | Soprano II |
| Matt Hauser          | Senior    | Bass II    |
| Kathryn King         | Junior    | Soprano I  |
| Julie Roberst        | Junior    | Alto I     |
| Emma Rogers          | Senior    | Alto I     |
| Sebastian Rohn       | Senior    | Tenor II   |
| Grace Stewart        | Sophomore | Soprano II |
| Emma Taylor          | Junior    | Soprano II |
| Isabel Velasco       | Senior    | Soprano I  |
| Kristina Velzmar     | Senior    | Alto II    |
| Heidi Ward           | Junior    | Alto II    |
| Maggie Wisniewski    | Senior    | Soprano I  |

| <b>Senior Jazz Band II</b> |        |               |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Mason Lampa                | Senior | Jazz Drum Set |

| <b>Senior Jazz Combo</b> |          |               |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Payton Bryk              | Freshman | Jazz Alto Sax |

| <b>Senior Orchestra</b> |           |             |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Grant Heinberg          | Junior    | Trombone    |
| Camden Hildy            | Senior    | Trumpet     |
| Ava Hollis              | Junior    | French Horn |
| Rylan Hohnsen           | Senior    | Viola       |
| Johanna Johnsen         | Sophomore | Violin      |
| Lauren Makinney         | Senior    | Double Bass |
| Quinn Olson             | Freshman  | Cello       |
| Michael Spurr           | Sophomore | Trumpet     |
| Elizabeth Yu            | Junior    | Violin      |

| <b>Senior Vocal Jazz I</b> |        |                 |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Charlie Kungl              | Junior | Vocal Jazz Bass |

| <b>Senior Vocal Jazz II</b> |        |                  |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Sebastian Rohn              | Senior | Vocal Jazz Tenor |

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## York Drama Presents Twelfth Night

York Drama is ecstatic to announce Twelfth Night, straight from New York City Public Works, as the fall musical! This musicalization of Shakespeare's brilliant comedy is truly a spectacle to behold. This production has been adapted by Shaina Taub, one of the most sought-after composers on Broadway. "The music is infectious, joyful, and deep; the condensing of the multiple plot strands of the play into a musical is astonishingly successful; the emotional power of the storytelling is fully unleashed with a lightness of touch that delights and amazes", says New York director Oskar Eustis. Show dates are Thursday, October 24 through Sunday, October 27. Tickets are \$10 each, available at [ticketpeak.com/yorkdrama](https://ticketpeak.com/yorkdrama).

## GREENS SALE PRODUCT PICKUP

Did your student sell greens this year?  
Please be sure to pick up orders so you can deliver to customers:

**11/23 (Sat)**  
**8am - 12pm**  
**Football stadium locker room**  
**East end of the field**

Adult and student helpers are needed. Contact [Nancy Flanagan](#) if you can help.

## Upcoming Performances!

Mark your calendar for upcoming York performances:

|             |            |                                |         |                                      |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 10/24-10/27 | Thur - Sun | Fall Play – Twelfth Night      | 7:30pm  | Auditorium                           |
| 11/6        | Wed        | Orchestra Concert w/ ISU Orch  | 7:30pm  | Auditorium                           |
| 11/13       | Wed        | Dance Concert                  | 7:30pm  | Black Box Dance Studio (York HS)     |
| 11/16       | Sat        | ILMEA Jazz                     | All day | Hinsdale Central HS                  |
| 11/16       | Sat        | Amateur Musicians Club Concert | 6:30pm  | Jam Lab Recording Studio, Brookfield |
| 11/21       | Thurs      | Holiday Orchestra Concert      | 7:30pm  | Auditorium                           |

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|-------|-----|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 11/22 | Sat | York Chamber Music Concert | 7:00pm  | Elmhurst Public Library  |
| 11/23 | Sat | ILMEA Band/Orchestra/Choir | All day | Oak Park-River Forest HS |

For the full calendar, visit the [Performing Arts](#) web page.

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## Dance Concert

York Performing Arts Department *presents*:

**Dance Concert 2019**  
**Wednesday, November 13**  
**@ 7:30 pm**  
**Black Box Dance Studio (York High School)**  
**Free Admission**

Performances by: Advanced Dance, York Dance Company, and special guest artists.

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## Amateur Musicians Club

### Upcoming Concert

The Amateur Musicians Club will be hosting a concert on Saturday, November 16, at the Jam Lab recording studio in Brookfield. Music will start at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30. This evening of live music will include performances by several York bands including Secondhand, Feng Shui, and Broken Faith. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. All proceeds will go towards the recording, production, and release of the York Album Project. For more information, please contact Mr. Gemkow at [cgemkow@elmhurst205.org](mailto:cgemkow@elmhurst205.org).

### What is the York Album Project?

For months, York student musicians of all grade levels compose original music for the renowned York Album Project. Sponsored and founded by Chris Gemkow in 2014, one of our very own Performing Arts teachers, the York Album Project is a collection of student-created music. Last year, over 40 students contributed to "Open Up," a two-volume album consisting of 31 songs. To read more about the York Album Project visit the student news website ["This Is York."](#) Listen to past albums by searching "York Album Project" in your favorite music streaming service.

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## Past Performances!

**Collage Concert:** Thank you to all students who performed at the Collage Concert - you were awesome! - and all of the volunteers who helped with membership, ushers, and providing us with delicious treats. Did you miss the concert or do you just want to see it again? Check it out on [YouTube](#) or on COMCAST Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, Sundays at 7pm & Wednesdays at 5pm throughout October. Also, be sure to check out [this feature](#) on York's student news website, highlighting the Collage Concert.

**Marching Band:** "This Is York" highlights football game entertainment in a recent feature called "[Lighting Up Friday Night.](#)" Enjoy the video clips, photos and interviews!

**Concert CDs:** [RJ Sound Recording](#) records our concerts. Representatives are available to accept orders at every concert. If you would like to order a CD by mail, please send \$18 (per CD) to RJ Sound Recording (PO Box 302, Geneva, IL 60134) or call 630-232-1932. Specify the concert(s) and the applicable date. Visa, MasterCard, personal check or CD voucher (received as YMB membership benefit) are accepted forms of payment. List your student's name and ensemble with your request. CDs will be delivered directly to the York Performing Arts Department and then to the students with about a one month lead time.

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## Enrichment Grants

Interested in a master class in instrumental music but don't have the funds? Want to record an album but need start-up fees? Have to wait to learn a second instrument because you don't have the money? These are just a few examples of the types of enrichment opportunities that York Music Boosters can help you with as part of its Grant Program. YMB offers grants that can cover either a partial or full reimbursement of the cost of eligible expenses. Check out the details and access the application on the [YMB website](#). Contact [Leah Gleason](#) if you have any questions or need more info.

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## So Many Thank You's!

We can't do what we do without you. Thank you to the intrepid volunteers who recently helped with uniform pickups for all of the band and orchestra students. And, a big thank you to all who donated treats and helped serve at the Collage Concert. You helped make it

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Performing Arts at York is presented as a serious academic enterprise within the total school curriculum. Three areas of emphasis within the department are offered: Performance (bands, choirs, and orchestras), Technical (piano, guitar, music production and dance), and Classroom (music theory). All Performing Arts courses meet the fine arts graduation requirement. \*Dance may be taken to fulfill fine arts or physical education requirements (must be declared in advance).

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## Are You a Music Booster?

Please join us in supporting the Performing Arts at York! We have a variety of membership levels starting as low as \$20 and you can [join online](#). All membership proceeds benefit the York Performing Arts Department and students. Last year, we awarded over \$3,000 in summer camp scholarships, grants and awards to over 20 York students. In addition, we host post-concert receptions, help facilitate department field trips, distribute formal band/orchestra uniforms and support other music initiatives.

## How do I get my YMB membership swag?

Member swag is available in the auditorium foyer before/after select concerts - just look for the York Music Boosters table. Need your swag sooner? Contact [Mary Young](#).

- **Concerto Level Members receive:** YMB Magnet, Window Cling, CD voucher
- **Overture Level Members receive:** YMB Magnet, Window Cling
- **Suite Level Members receive:** Window Cling

**York Music Boosters thanks our 2019/20 members for their support!**

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## Stay Connected

[Performing Arts Calendar](#) - View the full performance schedule for the year.

[York Music Boosters](#) - Find tons of information on things like grants/scholarships, uniforms, summer camp ideas, and more. You can also find us on the Parent and Student Resources tab on York's webpage.

[York Music Boosters on Facebook](#) - Stay up-to-date on the latest music news.

[York Community High School Performing Arts on Facebook](#) - Get inspired with the York Performing Arts Department.

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**Go Dukes!**

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This newsletter was sent to all band/orchestra/choir families.

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