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USHERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY CONCERTS

Ushering is a quick and easy volunteer opportunity! Simply arrive about 45 minutes before the concert, stand at the auditorium doors, and hand out concert programs. You are welcome to stay and enjoy the performance! We need ushers for the upcoming jazz, choral and band concerts. [Sign up to help online](#) or contact Joanna Gusich (jigusich@att.net) for more info. Thank you!

Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendar for upcoming York music events:

2/13	Thu	Winter Orchestra Concert	7:30pm	Auditorium
2/19	Wed	Winter Choir Concert *Stop by Chipotle on Rt 83, 4-8pm, for our York Music Boosters fundraiser!	7:30pm	Auditorium
2/27	Thu	Winter Band Concert	7:30pm	Auditorium
3/2 - 3/6	Mon - Fri	Fine Arts Week		Students will enjoy activities throughout the week!
3/5	Thu	Jazz Ensemble Concert	7:30pm	Commons
3/6	Fri	York Live *York's annual talent showcase!	7pm	Auditorium
3/7	Sat	St Patrick's Day Parade *Cheer on our marching band!	Noon	Spring Road
3/9	Mon	Band Solo Night	5pm	Classrooms
3/10	Tue	Orchestra Solo Night	5pm	Classrooms
3/11	Wed	York Dance Company, Advanced Dance Performance	7:30pm	Black Box Theater
3/12	Thu	All District Band Concert	7:30pm	Field House

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



Eat at Chipotle AND Support Music Students

It's a win-win!

YOU don't have to think about what to do for dinner and YMB earns important funds that directly support York music students and music department activities.

When?

2/19 (Wed), 4pm - 8pm

This is also the night of the Winter Choir Concert

Where?

Chipotle (Route 83 in Elmhurst)

How does it work?

Show [this flyer](#) (either printed or on your smartphone) or tell the cashier you're supporting YMB when placing your order. When you do, 33 percent of the proceeds from your order will go to YMB.

To learn more about YMB fundraising efforts, visit our [website](#).

Winter Orchestra Concert Details

On Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 PM, the York Community High School Orchestras will present a Winter Concert, including performances by the York Cadet, Concert and Symphony Orchestras, conducted by Ray Ostwald. The orchestras will offer a variety of repertoire including celebrating the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth by performing the powerful second movement of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*. Also on the program is Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*, music from Georg Frideric Handel's opera *Julius Caesar*, music from Franz Lehar's opera *The Merry Widow*, John Rutter's *Suite for Strings* and music of Giovanni Gabrieli. Featured student soloists include violinists Sophie Panahon and Liz Yu.



Thanks to a generous grant from the Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, special guest cellist Matt Turner will perform with the students on two of his own compositions, *Stargazer* and *Moonlight Odyssey*. Mr. Turner and York's own Director of Bands Michael Pavlik will also be featured on a Symphonic setting of Thad Jones' jazz standard *A Child is Born*. The concert will be in York's Merle E. Baker Auditorium. Admission is free.

Additional information on our guest:

Matt Turner is regarded as one of the world's leading improvising cellists. Strings magazine says, "Turner dazzles with his own improvisational excursions and displays his expansive cello vocabulary." JAZZIZ magazine describes his cello playing as "rich-toned and inventive." Equally adept as a pianist, Turner performs everything from jazz standards and twentieth century new music to alternative rock and improvised avant-garde. Turner completed his undergraduate studies at Lawrence University and his Master of Music in Third Stream Studies at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Dave Holland, Geri Allen and Joe Maneri, and where he was the recipient of a Distinction in Performance Award. Turner has performed at several music festivals, including the International Cello Festival in Montreal, the New Directions Cello Festival and the Chicago Asian American Jazz Festival as well as with CUBE, Present Music and Dadadah. Turner teaches jazz piano, jazz strings and improvisation at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music as a lecturer in the Jazz and Improvisational Music Department. He has presented workshops for string teachers and string players of all ages across the country. He is featured on more than 40 recordings on Meniscus, O.O. Discs, Asian Improv, Geode, Cadence, Music and Arts, Accurate, Tautology, Crouton and other labels. Turner has recorded with Marilyn Crispell, Joseph Jarman, Bill Carrothers, Bill Stewart, Scott Fields, Myra Melford, Jeff Song and others.

Thank You YMB Members

Your generous membership dollars helped fund a special guest speaker in January. Internationally

renowned Czech classical guitarist [Vladislav Blaha](#) visited York on January 28 to perform for Orchestra, Choir, Band and Music Production students. Vladislav Blaha also performed at York High School in 2014, as part of his Carnegie Hall recital tour, and again in 2018. This year his wife, Tanja Drobys of Belarus joined him in performing as a duo on some pieces.

ILMEA All-State Musicians Travel to Peoria

Congratulations to the York Music students who were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra, and to those who placed in the All-State Song Writing competition. These students went through a rigorous, multi-step selection process that requires significant individual effort outside their normal coursework. They attended the Illinois Music Education Conference in Peoria, IL last weekend to rehearse, perform and be honored as some of the best high school musicians in Illinois. We are so very proud of you!

- Austin Brown, 2019 grad, 1st place, Rock Band category
- Arianna Caveney, Junior, Honorable Mention, Rock Band category
- Bridey Costello, 2019 grad, 1st place, Singer/songwriter category
- Paolo Favuzzi, Senior, All-State Chorus
- Matt Hauser, Senior, All-State Chorus
- Grant Heinberg, Junior, Trombone, Orchestra
- Camden Hildy, Senior, Trumpet, Band
- Sam Jensen, Senior, Bb Clarinet, Band
- Rylan Johnsen, Senior, Viola, Orchestra
- Lauren Makinney, Senior, Double Bass Orchestra
- Ben Pavlik, 2019 grad, 2nd place, Singer/songwriter category
- Reese Pavlik, Sophomore, Tuba Band
- Nicholas Pintozzi, Senior, Bb Clarinet, Band
- Emma Rogers, Senior, Honors Chorus
- Danny Sanders, Sophomore, Bb Clarinet, Band
- Gabby Walker, 2019 grad, 3rd place, Singer/songwriter category
- Elizabeth Yu, Junior, Violin, Orchestra

Summer Music Scholarships

Summer will be here before you know it! Many students are trying to decide what they will be doing over the summer months. Interested in a summer music camp? Touring nationally or internationally with a summer youth program or headed to Drum Corps camp somewhere? Wherever your student decides to go, they can apply for and may receive a scholarship from York Music Boosters to use toward the cost of summer camp tuition. You can find a list of summer camps and download an application on the [York Music Boosters website](#). The deadline to apply is April 20. Contact [Leah Gleason](#) if you have any questions.



Marching band members who had their picture taken at the last home football game can purchase copies online!

Go to [FritschPhotography.com](#) > 2019-2020 > Marching Band.

There are more than 70 beautiful photos to browse and buy, including senior photos. Enjoy!

Speaking of photos... We are in search of new York music photos for our website. If you have photos to share, please send to [Kris Hanley](#). Photos should be in JPEG format, and you must have permission to post publicly from all people included in the photo.

Jazz Fest at New Trier

Select York jazz ensemble musicians will take the bus north this Saturday (2/8) to participate in the 37th annual New Trier Jazz Festival. This year's headliner is the internationally renowned DIVA Jazz Orchestra. Check out the [website](#) for more information.

Crazy Uncle Fest This Weekend

Don't miss York Drama's celebration of Anton Checkov this weekend (2/6 - 2/9)! Visit the [Drama Club website](#) for show times and more info about the festival.

Concert Recordings

[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.

Proud to be a York Music Booster

We're all looking forward to the upcoming six weeks filled with concerts, special events, and fine arts! YMB is happy to promote and support these activities, and help fund some of them, too. Please help us keep the inspiration going by joining YMB today. It's not too late in the year to do so. 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.

Interested in learning more about YMB?

You can always visit our [website](#). Even better: Join us in person for our next meeting on March 2, 7pm, in the Music Production Room. All are welcome. Contact [Jenn Toffler](#) if you have any questions.

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.

Go Dukes!



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

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