



## Every Fox Needs a Den. **Welcome to Yours!**



### A message from your principal, Dr. Travis

I hope this update finds you well.

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We are looking forward to seeing the students and staff return next week. I would like to share my appreciation to our custodial and maintenance teams, support staff, and administrative team for their efforts to prepare for the 23-24 school year. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of caring professionals serving our community.

I can't wait to see our students return this **Thursday, August 24th for the first day of school!**

Included in this update:

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- FOXES Football Opens at PSHS - **new item**
- Save the Date: Homecoming 2023 - **old item**
- Freshmen Transition Program - August 23 - **old item**
- Main Campus (Upperclassmen) - Open Campus Visit - August 23 - **old item**
- Change in Practice - no outside food deliveries - **new item**
- Congrats to the 578 junior/senior Foxes who earned Off-Campus Privileges - **new item**
- Pre-Order your 23-24 Yearbook Now! - **old item**
- **Hey Seniors** - purchase your Senior Yearbook Ads! - **old item**
- Did you order a 22-23 Yearbook? - **old item**

In addition to my weekly email updates, I encourage everyone to follow us on [Twitter](#) and "like" our [Facebook](#) page to learn about all the great things happening at YHS. We have so many great things happening—so don't just FOLLOW but SHARE our FOX PRIDE within our community—help us build our following!

As always, if this update raises questions, please ask. Thank you for all that you do—it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Have a great day and a fantastic summer! **GO FOXES!**

With **PRIDE**,  
Dr. David S. Travis



Estimados padres hispanohablantes, Aquí en Yorkville High School queremos que todas nuestras familias tengan la información necesaria para apoyar y ayudar a sus hijos. Si necesita información sobre nuestros procesos, nuestra programación, o las oportunidades disponibles para sus hijos o si tiene alguna pregunta se puede comunicar con las siguientes personas en español. Sra. Noemi Terrazas – Consejera escolar de Yorkville High School @ [nterrazas@y115.org](mailto:nterrazas@y115.org) or (630) 553-4380 ext 4241

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"A" Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:31-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:53	88
3 Advisory	9:00-9:35	30
3 FLEX	9:35-10:28	
5	10:35-12:03	88
Lunch/ Access	12:08-12:33	25
Access/ Lunch	12:37-1:02	25
7	1:07-2:35	88
Total Instructional Minutes		294

"B" Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:31-7:18	47
2	7:25-8:53	88
4	9:00-10:28	88
6	10:35-12:03	88
Lunch/ Access	12:08-12:33	25
Access/ Lunch	12:37-1:02	25
8	1:07-2:35	88
Total Instructional Minutes		352

"C" All Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:28-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:12	47
2	8:19-9:06	47
4	9:13-10:02	49
5	10:09-10:56	47
6	11:03-11:50	47
Lunch/ Access	11:55-12:20	25
Access/ Lunch	12:24-12:49	25
7	12:54-1:41	47
8	1:48-2:35	47
Total Instructional Minutes		331

### Key Important Dates for Release of Information

As a means to ready our families for the start of the school year, listed below are some tentative dates that we will release the following information:

- Parking Permit pick-up in the YHS Sports Lobby on **August 22nd** from 12-3 pm.
- First Day of IVVC Attendance - **August 21**. *Families participating in IVVC programming should expect direct communication from IVVC the week of August 14*
- First Day of Student Attendance - **August 24**.

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### Don't Forget that ID!

One of the most important ways that the YHS administrative and security teams ensure the safety of our students is through use of student IDs. All YHS students will be issued a new student ID for the 2023-2024 school year. All student's will have a new student ID prior to the end of the day on Friday, August 25th. It is an expectation that all students carry their physical student ID

and present it to staff when they enter both academic buildings. Since many of our students travel between campuses, make use of their Off-Campus Privileges, and leave campus to participate in opportunities in the community like IVVC and Field Experience, it is imperative that campus security is able to quickly identify students as they enter and exit. We ask that students make it a habit to have their student ID readily available to show to staff each day and as they travel between campuses. We appreciate our student's' help making YHS a safe place to be!

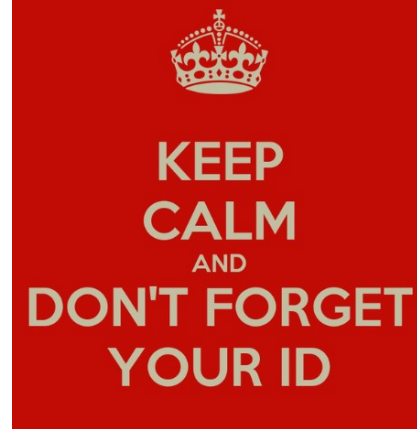
Please note that when a student is unable to present an ID when entering the building, the following steps are taken:

**First occurrence:** Staff will print the student a temporary ID to use for the day.

**Second occurrence:** staff will print the student a temporary ID to use for the day. Additionally, students will be charged \$1 to their student account.

**Third and all future occurrences:** Staff will print students a permanent ID and the student's account will be charged \$5.

**NOTE:** Any student that loses their ID can request a new ID to be printed for \$5.



## Special Schedule - Thursday (8/24) and Friday (8/25)

For our new YHS families, I preview a monthly daily schedule at a glance each Friday in my weekly community update for your use ([see below](#)). During the first two days of school, we plan to conduct an all-school review each period to *go over expectations and processes of the various facets of our schedule with our students*. Our plan is to "zoom" into all classrooms across both campuses to provide a common message and understanding for all.

### Thursday, August 24 - B DAY

- **Period 2** - 8:38 - 8:53 (Principal's Address)
- **Period 4** - 10:13 - 10:28 (Dean's Meeting - Earned Privileges, Student Expectations, Tardies,...)
- **Period 6** - 11:48 - 12:03 (Lunch/Access Expectations)
- **Period 8** - 1:07-1:22 (Getting Connected - Why, How, What, and Expectations)

### Friday, August 25 - A DAY

- **Period 1** - 8:38 - 8:53 (Advisory - Why, How, What, and Expectations)
- **Period 3** Advisory/FLEX Block - 9:00-9:15 (FLEX Block - Why, How, What, and Expectations) (9:15-9:30 - followed by 15 minutes of Advisory)
- **Period 5** - 11:48 - 12:03 (Student Support - ACCESS, DEN Testing Centers - Why, How, What, and Expectations)
- **Period 7** - 1:07 - 1:22 (How can I get involved?)

This will allow us to roll out our expectations and procedures in a digestible manner while still providing the opportunity (73 minutes/period) for teachers to start building positive relationships with your students.

## Attendance Matters

Parents as reminder attendance and connectedness is a top indicator for a student's success during their high school experience. Your child's Dean of Students is here to support your child in both of these areas. To that end it is important that there is an open line of communication with the school when your student will not be in attendance. Please see the following parameters for excused vs. unexcused absences.

**Excused vs. Unexcused Absences** - An unexcused absence is defined as an absence from school for a reason other than those listed as an excused absence and/or an absence not authorized by school personnel. **If the main office has not received a phone call from the student's parent/guardian prior to 9 a.m. on the day of the absence, the student will be considered unexcused. Please call the main office for YHS at 630-553-4380; or YHSA at 630-553-4385.**

YHS considers the following reasons as examples of an unexcused absence. This list is not exhaustive. It includes but is not limited to:

1. Oversleeping
2. Car trouble

3. Missing the bus
4. Giving rides to the airport
5. Babysitting
6. Shopping
7. Traffic
8. Vacations (family or otherwise) - The district believes that students should take family trips during scheduled school breaks and should be in school when school is in session. The district actively discourages the practice of students being taken out of school for family trips as vacations are recorded as unexcused absences.

**Following Up after an Unexcused Absence or Tardy** - YHS deans will send home information regarding unexcused absences from class as well as tardiness to class. In the event that your child is unexcused or excessively tardy to school or class, consequences may occur. We expect that students arrive to class and school on time. Any tardiness or late arrivals beyond 5 minutes will generate a referral to the dean's office.

Please reach out to your students Dean if you have any questions or concerns regarding student attendance:

- Joe Fornell - 9th grade A-Z - jfornell@y115.org
- Megan Steben - 10th-12th grade A-Lop - msteben@y115.org
- Joby Bodi - 10th-12th grade Loq-Z - jbodi@y115.org

## The Purpose of Advisory

Noted director and producer Steven Spielberg wrote that, "the delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves". As a major aspect of our schedule, all students are assigned to a twice weekly advisory (30 minutes) that focuses on engaging in and connecting to school culture and climate.

Additional goals of our student advisory will be to connect students to peers, to adults, and to Yorkville High School, provide them opportunities to build on their aspirations, and support the whole-child's health and well-being.



Each advisory block will have two adult mentors assigned to a group of approximately 26-28 students that will meet on A Days. Periodically, the advisory time will be allocated to deliver developmental guidance activities and to develop executive functioning.



## The Purpose of FlexBlock

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

– Mark Twain

A primary function of high school is to help our students discover their interests, passions, and purpose. Each full week, students will have two dedicated FlexBlocks (55 minutes). The FlexBlock serves as an opportunity for students to engage in activities, service based opportunities, pursue personal enrichment or interest, or seek help or assistance. FlexBlock will operate as an on campus experience based on a system of earned privilege. Staff not engaged in weekly collaboration will be available to support targeted interventions, provide academic assistance, and/or deliver case management support during the FlexBlock. Students will also have access to DEN Testing Centers, Open Labs (STEM, Art, Science, Food, Wellness Center), and Enrichment/Interest (for example, performance rehearsals) activities. As Twain stated above, our hope is that students use this time to explore, dream, and discover!

## Lunch/Access - how it works!

All students will have a 25-minute lunch period opposite a 25-minute assigned ACCESS period.

Students will have Lunch and Access from 12:08 - 1:02 on A Days (after 5th Block) and B Days (after 6th Block). On C Days, when students will attend all of their scheduled classes, Lunch and Access from 11:55 - 12:49 (after 6th). It is important to understand that some students have lunch first, then Access while others will have Access first, then lunch. We will review lunch periods with students in the first couple of days.

This configuration means that during Lunch and Access, approximately one half of our student body is at lunch with the other half assigned to Access. Student attendance will be taken in Access each day and unexcused absences are subject to disciplinary consequences. Students needing academic support must obtain a pass from the teacher providing the academic support prior to attending Access. Students must report to Access for attendance and present the pass to their Access teacher prior to departing for academic support.

**Students with off-campus privileges must leave campus or report to their assigned Lunch and Access class.** Junior and Senior students who have approved off campus privileges may leave during Lunch and Access provided they properly check out of the building at either Door #1 or Door #19. **Students are expected to leave their student ID with the adult supervising that door. Students who do not follow those procedures will receive a consequence and lose those privileges for a determined amount of time.**

Students may only eat in designated lunch areas while on-campus. All students will be assigned a designated Lunch time and space to eat.

Teachers' scheduled Access location/time will be posted on their individual Canvas pages. If a teacher's available Access time does not align with a student's, the teacher can work with the Dean's office to temporarily switch a student's Lunch and Access period to provide academic support.



### Monthly Calendar -August - September

Provided for our families is a month-at-a-glance summary.

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - August 25, 28 & 30; September 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27.
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - August 24, 29, & 31; 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28.
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - September 1, 15, 22 & 29
- September 4 - Labor Day (yellow)

Aug-23				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
1	1	1	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Aug Attendance: 6/6

Sep-23				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
LSH	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Sep. Attendance: 20/26



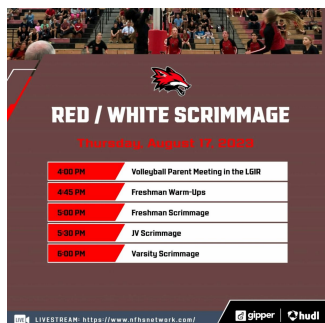
## Upcoming Events

We hope to see you at one of the following home events to kick off the 22-23 year!

Friday, August 18th

Red/White Soccer Scrimmage 4pm

Red/White Football Scrimmage 6pm



## Foxes Football to Open the Season at Plainfield South on Friday, August 25th!

As a new fall season is upon us, we would like to remind all of our students and families of the expectations at school events.

- Students need their school ID to enter the game. YHS students with an ID get in for free to home events.
- Students are not allowed to bring in bags or backpacks into the stadium (this includes away games).
- Yorkville students must stay on their designated side of the field. Students are encouraged to sit/stand in the student section, although not required.
- Students must be dressed in school appropriate clothing.
- No use of any prohibited items (artificial noisemakers, unauthorized signs, unauthorized flags).
- No throwing of objects in the stands or onto the field.
- No abusive or unruly behavior.

We appreciate the support with these expectations to ensure student safety and give all the opportunity to enjoy supporting our teams with great sportsmanship. Thank you for demonstrating good sportsmanship the Yorkville way.

**Athletic All Sports Passes on Sale Now:** YHS Season Passes are on sale out of the Athletic Office for **\$75.00 per pass**. Passes are sold directly out of the Athletic Office (cash or check only). Please contact Jen Dickson at [jdickson@y115.org](mailto:jdickson@y115.org) if you are interested in purchasing a **season pass**. Go Foxes!

## Save the Date for Homecoming 2023!

Mark your calendars as the homecoming football game is scheduled for Friday, September 29th against Minooka High School. The dance is set for Saturday, September 30th!

## Hey Freshmen...

We are hosting our annual Freshmen Transition Experience (for students only) on **Wednesday, August 23, 2022, from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM at our freshmen campus (YHSA)**. All incoming freshmen are expected to attend this event, which allows students to familiarize themselves with the high school and discover what it takes to succeed as a high school freshman. 9th-grade students in the Life and Academic Skills Program are welcome to attend as well! Please note that we will share specific information and expectations for the event as we get closer to the date. Unfortunately, we don't provide a bus service, so families must provide transportation. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Joe Fornell at [jfornell@y115.org](mailto:jfornell@y115.org). Don't miss it!



## Hey Upperclassmen...

We didn't forget about you. The YHS main campus will be open on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** to give our upperclassmen the opportunity to find their classrooms, walk their schedules, meet their teachers, and check out the building. We hope this helps!





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## Notes to Note

**Change in Practice** ~In order to drastically reduce the amount of visitors and security risks to our campuses, Yorkville High School (YHS) Administration will prohibit all outside food vendor deliveries for staff and students for the 2023-2024 school year. The rationale for this plan is to enhance the security and safety of our building by limiting the number of outside visitors to the main entrance of both the YHS and YHSA campuses. We understand that this may create some inconvenience to students and staff, so we appreciate your support. Please refer to [this communication](#) that will be emailed to families next week .

### Congratulations on Earning Off-Campus!

Congratulations to our **578 Juniors and Seniors** that met all required qualifications and are eligible to start our academic year with Off-Campus Privileges! The Dean's Office is proud of our student's commitment to excellence with regard to their **attendance, behavior, and academic success**. Students that qualify for Off-Campus Privileges not only **maintain a 70% or better in all of their academic coursework, they also must have a 95% or higher attendance rate, fewer than 6 tardies for the semester, no unexcused absences, and no major disciplinary infractions.** **Way to go, Foxes!**

As the year continues, Mr. Bodi, Mr. Fornell, and Mrs. Steben regularly monitor students' academic progress, attendance, and disciplinary records. Though the Deans regularly review grades and Off-Campus Privileges can be pulled at any time, we also check that all students continue to qualify approximately every four weeks. As formal Off-Campus Privilege Checks approach, we will publish those dates right here in our community update!

Finally, please refer to our [Off-Campus Privilege Information for the 2023-2024](#) school year to review expectations for the year. Our Sophomore students can qualify for Off-Campus Privileges at the end of Quarter 1 and our Freshman students can qualify at the end of Quarter 2.

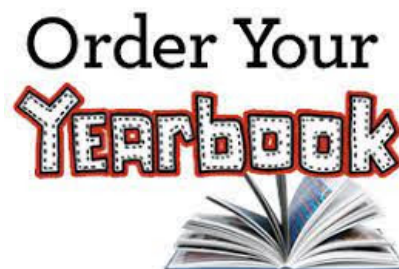
### Hey Parents, **PRE-ORDER your 2024 YHS yearbook now!**

Pre-orders are available from August 4, 2023 until June 1, 2024 OR until we sell out. Books cost \$65 UNTIL NOVEMBER 1.

Guarantee a book for your student by placing your order early!

You can pre-order in one of TWO ways this year:

1. Visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) and search for "Yorkville" -- we are listed as Yorkville Community High School. Here, you can place an order for a book and other add-ons, including personalization of your book with a Namestamp or iTag. This site also allows you to purchase a senior ad.
2. Visit the Y115 payment portal to order your yearbook. [Use the link here](#), and make all of your Y115 payments at once! No personalization or senior ads will be sold through the [Y115 payment portal](#) -- this is for books ONLY.
3. **We SOLD OUT of 2023 yearbooks and have a wait list for extras -- CONSIDER ORDERING YOUR BOOK NOW so that you guarantee a copy!!**



2024

### **SENIOR parents - Celebrate your student with a personalized ad! Makes a great gift!**

Are you interested in commemorating your student in a unique way this year? **Consider purchasing a senior ad!** Senior ads allow you to select a 1/8 or 1/4 page slot in the yearbook and feature your own photos and message to your senior. Please [check out this four minute video](#) to learn more about senior ads! **Senior**

**ads are available for purchase until June 1, 2024.** Reach out to Mrs. Calder at [kcalder@y115.org](mailto:kcalder@y115.org) for more info. Senior ads MUST be purchased through [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com).

## Did you order a 2022-2023 yearbook?

Books will ship in mid-September and be available for student pick-up at Yorkville High School. 2023 graduates may pick up their books from the main office once books arrive. Please have your student listen to announcements and watch for fliers with info about yearbook distribution. NO BOOKS will be available for purchase if you missed out on a pre-order -- you MUST contact Mrs. Calder at [kcalder@y115.org](mailto:kcalder@y115.org) to be added to the wait list, and being on the wait list does NOT guarantee you a book.



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