



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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Thank you to everyone for their commitment and effort in contributing to this year's excellent start. Compared to last year's first-quarter performance, I'm pleased to report tremendous growth in a few key areas, including a collectively stronger performance in the classroom, with **nearly 86% of almost 14,000-course grades at or above 70% (C or better)**. Our **strongest start in almost a decade!**

Moreover, our **daily attendance rate is 94.6%**, with the **average number of absences per student falling to 2.6**. Our first quarter rate of attendance is **1.0% higher than last year**. A **1.0% increase represents gaining over 6,500 more hours of instructional time!**

Fewer absences per student correlate to students' enhanced engagement and commitment to their academic journeys, contributing to a positive school culture where regular attendance is a shared expectation.

Last week, families received the nine-week progress report—our midpoint marker in the semester. As you review your student's current progress, we encourage an approach grounded in supportive expectations. Progress reports provide insights for academic monitoring and nurturing growth, accountability, and resilience.

To maximize the benefits of this progress report, please consider the following steps:

1. **Monitor Academic Performance and Patterns** ~ use the recent progress report and Canvas to look at performance trends across courses: review assignment completion, quizzes, test scores, or project outcomes. Identifying patterns allows for timely intervention or reinforcement in areas needing improvement.
2. **Evaluate Balance and Time Management** ~ assess how your student manages school and personal time. Are they dedicating enough to academics while balancing extracurriculars and personal interests? The demands of a high school schedule can be challenging, and a healthy



balance between academics and other pursuits is essential. As a family, consider how best to support productive routines and habits.

3. **Expect Effective Use of School Resources** ~ At YHS, we've established various support avenues, including FlexBlock and ACCESS time, designed to help students strengthen their understanding and performance. Soon, our student services support teams will shift from a posture of encouraging students to utilize these resources to increased expectations of active/routine commitment of time outside of the classroom. By reinforcing these options now, we help students establish a proactive approach to seeking academic support.
4. **Promote Self-Advocacy** ~ support your student in developing self-advocacy skills. Asking for help, engaging in re-learn sessions, and scheduling regular teacher check-ins can make a significant difference. Remind them that their teachers and support staff are here to help and that taking the initiative is a positive step towards success.
5. **Emphasize Consistent Attendance** - attendance remains one of the strongest predictors of academic success. By attending every class, every day, your students are actively positioning themselves for a strong finish to the semester.

Our continued growth illustrates the power of a strong home-school partnership, continuous support, and the drive within our Foxes to excel. With continued focus and support, I am confident we'll see a strong finish to this semester. Thank you to all for a great first quarter.

Included in this update:

- October ~ November Monthly Calendar - **new item**
- 62 Foxes inducted into Tri-M Music Honor Society - **new item**
- YHS Athletics and Activities raise \$2,000 for Breast Cancer Research - **new item**
- Boys Soccer season ends in Regional final - **new item**
- Cross Country competes at Conference - **new item**
- Fall Play ~ November 1 & 2 - **new item**
- YHS Fall Music Performance Calendar - **old item**
- Boys Swim & Dive Parent meeting 11/13 - **new item**
- Parent Teacher Conferences registration opens 10/7 - **old item**
- Hey Yorkville Parents ~ Kiddie Kampus is back - **old item**
- Follow your Heart ~ NonProfit & Entrepreneur Fair 11/2 - **new item**
- How to earn College Credit Night - 11/6 - **new item**
- YEF Holiday Craft Fair 11/10 - see you there - **updated item**
- Halloween Costume Reminders - message from the Deans - **new item**
- Winter Athletic Registration now available - **old item**
- Smile Illinois (Dental Service) at YMS 12/2 - sign-up today - **new item**
- Hey Seniors ~ National ACT/SAT test dates - **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 school year! **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 or (630) 553-4380 ext 4241

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YHS BELL SCHEDULE

"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
9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25
10 (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
9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25
10 (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
9 (Lunch/ Access)	11:55-12:20	25
10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:24-12:49	25
7	12:54-1:41	47
8	1:48-2:35	47
Total Instructional Minutes		331

Monthly Calendar - October ~ November

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

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - **October** 28, & 30; **November** 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, & 25.
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - **October** 29, & 31; **November** 6, 12, 14, 19, 21, & 26
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - **November** 1, 7, 15, 22
- **Election Day November 5, Parent Teacher Conferences November 7 (11:00 am dismissal) & 8; Thanksgiving Break November 27 - 29.**

Oct-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
LSH	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Oct. Attendance: 20/52

Nov-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	LSH	NIA

Nov. Attendance: 16/68

STAY CONNECTED



Student & Staff Salute

62 Foxes inducted into Tri-M Music Honor Society

Congratulations to the 62 Foxes who were inducted into our Tri-M Music Honor Society! The new class brings up our total number of current Tri-M Music Honor Society membership to 153, which is our largest chapter to date!

New Inductees: Mahlet Bemnet, Luke Brosted-Gajewski, Morgan Browning, Ella Cassa, Madison Ciardullo, Taylor Corrado, Marcos Corral, Andrew Diercks, Lizzie Doucette, Christopher Easley, Isabella Edwards, Mia Evans, Evan Fals, Zoe Famera, Liam Fortier, Erza Fulkerson, Sophia Galloway, Analiese Garretson, Emily Gaul, Abigail Goins, Caden Hall, Logan Hart, Dakota Holbrook, Marcus Hosu, Sean Humpage, Niah Kallan, Aubry Knutson, Joshua Kuntz, Ethan Lapato, Natalie Lechowicz, Lila Leo, Sidney Maly, Izzy Martinelli, Korissa Martin, Carly Martinek, Graham May, Abigail Molaro, Kathryn Nabours, Michael Nabours, Mark Olson, Isabella Palacios, Arianna Perez, Vanessa Perez, Brynn Pheney, Lexi Podzimek, Alexia Poidomani, Lillian Rhody, Olivia Schwartz, Devin Seaton, Brianna Sefah, Scott Shula, Nicole Sikora, Haylie Sloniker, Chloe Stevens, Taylynn Stewart, Paige Timm, Clementine Uhlenhopp, Mason Walter, Danika Watson, Gianna Watts, Olivia Wehner, Kenley Weidner.



YHS Athletics and Activities Work Together for a Great Cause!

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to the incredible support from our Yorkville community, the YHS Key Club and Football Program, along with multiple athletic teams, raised \$2,000 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation during our Pink Out event. Your continued generosity and support has made a meaningful impact in the fight against breast cancer. Thank you for standing with us and helping to make this event a tremendous success!



Boys Soccer Season Ends in Regional Semi-Final!

The Varsity Boys Soccer Team had a successful season finishing 10-4-3 in a very competitive conference and sectional. Hard Work, a selfless work ethic, and team above self led the team to their success this season. Midfielders Lukas Kleronomos, Mizael Terrazas, and Joey Kallan along with defender Jonathon Gleason were honored by being selected as part of the all conference team. The Foxes finished with a +24 goal differential this season

which was attributed to Kyle Nadler's and Wyatt Panczuk's efforts on the offensive third of the field. Congratulations to the team on a great season!

Cross Country Competes at Conference!

The boys and girls cross country teams competed at the SPC conference invite on Friday, October 18th. The boys varsity placed 4th and was led by Owen Horeni with a 9th place finish. Ryan Rotramel placed 23rd, Lukas Summers 27th, Brody Greyer 28th and Adam Klemm in 34th rounded out the top 5 varsity scores. The girls varsity team placed 2nd overall and was led by Ashley Schraeder's 3rd place time. Liliana Camargo placed 11th, Mia Evans 13th, Sophia Keeler 16th and Anita Werderich came in 22nd. The JV boys placed 2nd led by top 10 finishes by Carter Reichert and Nicholas Sanchez. The JV girls placed 2nd led by individual top time Rachel Rotramel. 4 JV foxes placed in the top 10 with Nicole Kraus placing 3rd, Tess Muth placed 7th and Anya Janovjak placing 10th. The Foxes are back at Channahon Park this Saturday, October 26th competing in the IHSA Regional!



Upcoming Events

Fall Play November 1st and 2nd!

The cast and crew of Cheaper by the Dozen have been hard at work on the fall production and are excited to share it with the community. Set in the 1920s, the play tells the funny and heartwarming story of the large Gilbreth family with their efficiency-expert father at the helm. Cheaper by the Dozen


celebrates hard work and empathy and is appropriate for all ages. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.



Yorkville High School Fall Play
November 1 & 2, 2024
7:00PM

MUSIC EVENTS

FALL 2024



YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

OCT 23	7TH GRADE, CONCERT, ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIRS & MADRIGALS 6:30 PM, YMS AUDITORIUM
	8TH GRADE, TREBLE, VARSITY CHOIRS & MADRIGALS 8:00 PM, YMS AUDITORIUM
OCT 24	7TH GRADE & PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRAS 6:30 PM, YMS GYM
	CONCERT ORCHESTRA & CHAMBER STRINGS 8:00 PM, YMS GYM
OCT 30	7TH GRADE & SYMPHONIC BANDS 6:30 PM, YMS GYM
	CONCERT BAND & WIND SYMPHONY 8:00 PM, YMS GYM
NOV 6	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INVITATIONAL 6:30 PM, YHS GYM
	WIND ENSEMBLE INVITATIONAL 8:00 PM, YHS GYM

For more info visit www.yorkvillemusic.com

Boys Swim and Dive Informational Parent Meeting

All students interested in participating in boys swimming and diving should plan to attend the pre-season information meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 4:30 p.m. in the YHS Cafeteria. Please enter door 20 for the meeting and email Luke Engelhardt at lengelhardt@y115.org with any questions.

Parent Teacher Conferences

As a reminder, this year's fall parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, November 7th from 12:00 - 7:00 PM** and **Friday, November 8th from 7:10 - 11:10 AM**. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teachers for a ten-minute conference.



You can schedule appointments online using the PTC Wizard System from October 7th at 7:00 a.m. through November 5th at 7:00 p.m. This opportunity is available at any time of day or night. We have been assured that as many as 6,000 families could schedule simultaneously without overloading the system.

You may make appointments with as many or as few teachers as you wish. Please understand that we built in a **5-minute transition between conferences to keep our teachers on schedule**. Also, for those new to this process, all conferences are held in the YHS gymnasium.

Keep in mind that, in some instances, ten minute conferences are not adequate. If you find yourself in that situation, you may make an appointment with that teacher for a follow-up conference or a phone conference at a later date. If one of the teachers has a full schedule, you may contact the teacher through email and arrange a time to talk about your child's progress in a particular class.

This year's conferences will offer our families the option to conduct their conference in-person or virtually. Families interested in an virtual conference should include a note stating "Virtual Conference" in the comment section when you schedule your student(s) conferences. If no note is added to the comment section indicates the conference will be "in-person". Individual teacher zoom links will be sent out the week of November 4th.

You can access the PTC Wizard website by following the steps below. Once you have completed registration, you will be guided through a step-by-step procedure which allows you to choose from your child's teachers' available time slots. If you do not know the names of your child's teachers, I encourage you to retrieve that information from the [ParentVUE](#).

In order to register on the PTC Wizard parent website, please proceed with the following:

- Open the link <https://app.ptcwizard.com/yorkville> and click on *Create Account!* button. Previously registered parents should use their credentials, or forgot password option.
- Fill out the form you are redirected to. Type in your first name, last name, email address and a password you would like to use to log in to PTC Wizard.
- Once you click on *Register*, you will be redirected to *Add A Child* for. Fill it out and hit *Save*.
- *In case you would like to add more than one child, you will be able to do so in Account settings once you log in (right top corner of the screen).*
- After you hit *Save*, you will be prompted to give your consent to receive letters from the system via email (schedules, notifications about appointments being booked/canceled, etc.)
- After creating a log in, you can view the [video tutorial](#) for more assistance.

After you create a conference schedule for yourself, the details of your schedule will automatically be emailed to you. If you do not have internet access, please contact Mrs. VanDenBosch 630.553.4380 extension 4375. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Hey Yorkville Parents ~ Kiddie Kampus is back!

Are you in need of child care so you can attend parent-teacher conferences? Would you also like this childcare to be educational and fun for your kids? If the answer is yes... then Kiddie Kampus is right for you!

Please see attached [flier](#) for more details and to register your child. You can also register using this [link](#).

Educators Rising and Introduction to Education (EDU 200) students are proud to offer Kiddie Kampus during this year's parent-teacher conferences.

Best news of all, it is **FREE of charge!** (Although donations to the Educators Rising Club are gladly accepted!)

What we offer:

- Storytime
- Crafts
- Fun with Math
- Movies
- Games
- Homework Help

Thursday 11/7

First drop off time: 11:30am

Latest pick up: 8:30pm

Friday 11/8

First drop off time: 6:45am

Latest pick up: 12:00pm

Kiddie Kampus will be held in the Early Childhood Education room at YHSA. Drop off will be at door 11 (around the back of the Academy, near the football field). You will need a valid form of ID for drop off and pick up.

Although *there is no age minimum to attend Kiddie Kampus, all children need to be potty trained* .

The children will be supervised by members of Educators Rising and students enrolled in EDU 200. There will be an adult Campus Monitor present at all times.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | 9AM-3PM

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND MARKET

PRESENTED BY THE
YORKVILLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Entry Fee \$5 Adults
\$3 Seniors & Children (5-12)

(Under 5 Free)

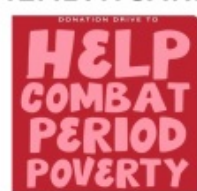
Yorkville High School Gymnasium

797 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, IL





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Saturday, November 2
12pm – 3pm



**FOLLOW
YOUR HEART**
NONPROFIT &
ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

ATTENDEES CAN ...

- LEARN HOW HAVING A HEART TO HELP CAN BECOME A NONPROFIT
- MEET WOMEN WHO TURNED A PASSION INTO A BUSINESS

YHS Cafeteria Door 21
797 Game Farm Road Yorkville, IL 60560
Concessions will be available from 12-3pm.



**"How to Earn College Credit Night" on
Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 pm in the
Yorkville High School Library. Enter through
Door 27.**



AP allows students to take college-level courses while still in high school. Taking AP courses can help students achieve their college goals. Not only do the challenging courses better prepare students for college, but after taking an AP course, students can take the corresponding AP Exam, which could earn them valuable college credit and placement, and reduce college costs.

Additionally, we will discuss Dual Credit opportunities available to all YHS students through Waubonsee Community College (WCC). Dual Credit courses are taught both on YHS' campus by YHS staff and online by WCC staff. Come join us to hear about the nuances between AP and Dual Credit.

Halloween Costume Reminders:

With the upcoming Halloween holiday on Thursday, October 31st, the Deans want to share a few reminders regarding students' choice to wear any costumes to school. Please see the reminders below:



Any costume worn to school on Halloween...

- must follow all school guidelines regarding the dress code.
- must be school appropriate and not directly violate the dress code's explicit statement regarding inappropriate, illegal, or harmful images.
- cannot limit a staff member's ability to recognize a student in the school building.
- cannot include props, hats, or other elements that impede or interfere with the learning environment.
- cannot include masks, or face paint or coverings that interfere with a staff member's ability to see a student's face.

Please understand that the Deans will directly address any concerns regarding costumes worn to school, and the Deans will ask a student to remove the costume if it interferes with the learning environment or violates the dress code. We appreciate your support in keeping our school a safe space and for supporting our District 115 guidelines.

Winter Sport Registration is Open

Winter Sport registration is open online. All students interested in participating in a winter sport must register [online](#) and have an updated physical on file with the athletic department. Winter sports offered are: boys/girls basketball, boys/girls wrestling, boys/girls bowling, competitive cheerleading, competitive dance, and boys swim and dive.

Hey Students!

The Smile Illinois mobile dentist program will be at Yorkville Middle School on **Monday, December 2nd**. Students who sign up for this program will be transported during the school day to YMS on December 2nd. Please complete [this form](#) if you are interested in your student taking advantage of this FREE program! You can also sign up online by going to www.myschooldentist.com. **All 9th-grade students are required by the Illinois State Board of Education to have a dental exam on file in the nurses' office by May 15, 2025.** This is a great opportunity to get your student's dental exam completed at no cost to you! If you have any questions, please contact Bryn Martinek, the health services coordinator at 630.553.4380 ext. 6267.



Hey Seniors...

Seniors, we encourage you to take the SAT or the ACT to expand your post-secondary options and merit-based scholarship opportunities. If you have any questions about the test options or college admissions, please consult your house counselor. The senior counseling lessons will also provide a detailed insight into the testing experience to support your decision. Don't forget, the test registration dates are just around the corner!

National SAT Test Dates in Early/Late Fall 2024

Test Dates:

- November 2, 2024
- December 7, 2024

*Go to www.collegeboard.org for test day registration information

National ACT Test Dates in Early/Late Fall 2024

Test Dates:

- October 26, 2024
- December 14, 2024

*Go to www.act.org for test day registration information

Good Luck!

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