



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 our incredibly talented performers for making our 16th annual PRISM performance a truly memorable celebration of the holiday season. We loved sharing the joy and holiday spirit with our amazing community last weekend!

As a reminder to our families, today will have a **one-hour early release**. The weekly update will resume on **January 10th**. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday break--I look forward to everyone's safe return!



Friday, January 10th marks the end of our first semester. That means we have **5 instructional days left** before the semester concludes. For those families looking to see some improved performance or just to verify how your student is doing, here are some recommended next steps you can take.

- Collaboratively review with your student their graded assignments in Canvas or through Home Access Center to ensure all assignments are complete.
- Verify with your student and their teacher(s) to determine if there are any missed retake opportunities and/or missed assignments.
- Collaborate with your student's teachers to understand the relearning process for any potential retake opportunities.
- Reach out to your student's teacher(s) to understand what steps you can take to support your student in any upcoming class work.
- Make a commitment with your student to participate in daily ACCESS or FlexBlock with their teachers.

I counsel all of our students to use the precious remaining days to take full advantage of the available resources and services to reach a successful conclusion to their semester.

Included in this update:

- December ~ January Monthly Calendar - **new item**
- Friday, December 20th ~ 1:35 pm Early Release - **new item**

- Speech team has strong showing last weekend - **new item**
- 5 Fox Artist showcase at annual JJC invitation event - **new item**
- Girl Basketball - Grow the game event 1/4 - **new item**
- Class of 2025 Grads! Online Order Update ~ deadline 12/20! - **new item**
- Hey Juniors -ACT & SAT Prep Class is filling fast - don't delay, sign up today - **updated item**
- Still looking for a X-mas gift - Yearbooks for sale! - **new 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 - December ~ January

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

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - **January** 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27 & 29
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - **January** 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, & 30
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - **December** 20; **January** 10, 17, 24, & 31
- **Winter Break** - **December** 23 - 31, **January** 1-5, **January** 20

Dec-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Dec. Attendance: 15/83

Jan-25				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

Jan. Attendance: 18/101

Friday, December 20th ~ Early Release Schedule

As a reminder, **student dismissal on Friday, December 20th at 1:35 PM**. I have included the 1:35 Early Dismissal bell schedule for your consideration. Students that attend morning classes at the vocational center (IVVC) will go at the regular time. Afternoon classes at the vocational center (IVVC) will be cancelled. Also, be aware the buses will depart approximately 10 minutes after the final bell. Thanks!

1:35 pm Dismissal "C" All Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:28-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:04	39
2	8:11-8:50	39
4	8:57-9:36	39
5	9:43-10:22	39
6	10:29-11:08	39
9 (Lunch/ Access)	11:13-11:37	24
10 (Access/ Lunch)	11:41-12:05	24
7	12:10-12:49	39
8	12:56-1:35	39
Total Instructional Minutes		273

STAY CONNECTED



Student & Staff Salute

Speech Team Participated in two meets this past weekend!

The YHS Speech Team competed in both the Seneca Irish Invitational and the Naperville Central Tournament of Roses this past Saturday! The team competing at Seneca earned 4th as a team, with individual award winners of: the team of Chloe Nelson and Izzy Martinelli, 6th in Dramatic Duet Acting; Yasmine Ajaj, 5th in Dramatic Interpretation; Quinn Weidner, 4th in Extemporaneous Speaking; the team of Colin Malley and Peyton Genenbacher, 2nd in Humorous Duet Acting; Grace Brown, 5th in Humorous Interpretation; Nick Thomas, 6th in Impromptu Speaking; Lexi Podzimek, 3rd in Oratorical Declamation; Morgan Browning, Tournament Champion in Original Oratory; and Abigail Nameche, 3rd in Special Occasion Speaking.

Speech Individual Award winners from Naperville Central are: the team of Leo Neel and Isaac Iga, 5th in Next-In Dramatic Duet Acting; the team of Emily Hart and Abi Goins, 4th in Next-In Humorous Duet Acting; the team of Merrick Harzman and Paige Madej, 1st in Next-In Humorous Duet Acting; Isaac Iga, Tournament Champion in Humorous Interpretation; Ellie Fapp, Tournament Champion on Original Oratory, and Paige Madej, 3rd in Poetry Reading. Go Foxes!

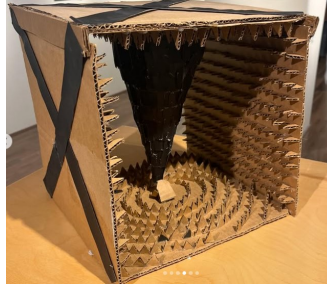
Yorkville Art showcase at annual JJC event!

Earlier this month, Yorkville Art students showcased their work at the annual Joliet Junior College Art High School Invitation. Yorkville was proudly represented by:

Mykenzie Beach
Colby Fox

Emilia Gutierrez
Jack Kozial
Elena Weretka

We're so proud of your hard work, vision, and skill!



Upcoming Events

YHS Girls Basketball to host the Grow the Game Shootout

The YHS girls basketball program is a host site for the Grow the Game basketball event on January 4, 2025. Grow the Game is an organization and event created by women for women. The goal is to raise awareness about the importance of equality and give all girls and women the opportunity to lead, compete, collaborate and honor one another through the game of basketball. YHS will host 10 schools from around the state with the Foxes playing TF North at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on [GoFan](#) or at the gate.



Notes to Note

Class of 2025 Grads! Online Order UPDATE!

Thank you to the families that reached out regarding the issues in attempting to order Cap & Gown for graduation! Herff Jones' website and phone lines were a bit overloaded this last week. In an effort to allow families time to get their orders in because of these issues, the deadline to order their Cap & Gown and Senior Swag has been extended! **The deadline to order has been EXTENDED until Friday, December 20, 2024.** Any orders received after December 20th will incur late fees. **Order Now at www.HerffJonesIL.com OR Call Herff Jones at 815-756-4743.** Herff Jones Office hours are Monday - Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please reach out to the graduation coordinator, Mrs. Steben at msteben@y115.org.



Exciting Opportunity for ACT or SAT Test Prep for Juniors is coming soon!



We are thrilled to announce an incredible opportunity for our junior students to prepare for the Spring State ACT or the National SAT! In partnership with ExcelEdge, we offer a comprehensive test preparation program to equip students with the strategies and skills to perform their best, build confidence, and enhance readiness for college entrance exams. ExcelEdge is known for its proven methods and personalized support, helping students confidently approach college entrance exams. The program will focus on:

- Test-taking strategies
- Review of key components likely to be tested in English, Reading, Math and Science
- Practice with ACT-style questions & format and review previously learned SAT indicators

Registration Details

For information and registration, click [HERE](#) to sign up. The registration deadline is January 6th, so don't miss this opportunity!

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jeannine Pacetti at jpacetti@y115.org. We encourage all juniors to take advantage of this valuable resource as they prepare for this milestone.

If you need financial assistance to participate in this program, please do not hesitate to complete this [form](#). Yorkville High School and the Yorkville Education Foundation are committed to ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to achieve success.

Still looking for that perfect Christmas gift? Why not give a lifetime of memories and purchase your student a YHS YEARBOOK!

Books can be purchased through www.yearbookforever.com. Be sure to search "Yorkville", and we are listed as Yorkville Community High School. **Books are currently priced at \$70, but you can save \$5 on your order with the code HOLIDAYCHEER.** Don't delay! Order your yearbook TODAY!

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