

YONCALLA HIGH SCHOOL

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October 25, 2026

Hello Yoncalla Middle and High School Students and Families,

Welcome to Week 10 at YMS/YHS!

We have officially made it to the final week of Quarter 1! As a reminder, **all student work must be submitted no later than 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29**, unless teachers have established an earlier deadline. We encourage students to check their grades, communicate with their teachers, and make sure all outstanding assignments are completed before the end of the quarter.

With the end of Quarter 1 also comes **Parent-Teacher Conferences!** Individual conferences are available by appointment Monday, November 2, through Wednesday, November 4. Families are encouraged to contact teachers directly to schedule an appointment. We will also offer informal, drop-in style conferences on **Thursday, November 5, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.** No appointment is necessary for Thursday evening.

As a reminder, while Yoncalla Elementary School will have a half day on Thursday, November 5, **Yoncalla Middle and High School will have a FULL day of school.**

Lastly, students participating in extracurricular activities, including FNRL and athletics, who have a GPA below 2.0 and/or a failing grade are expected to attend After School Homework Help to work on improving their grades. Homework Help is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30–4:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get additional support, complete missing assignments, and work toward improving their academic standing.

Let's finish Quarter 1 strong, Eagles!

Students of the Month – October

I want to give another shout-out to our awesome October Students of the Month! Yoncalla Middle and High School staff were proud to recognize Jules Niko (MS), Jill Smith (HS), and Lucy Rape (HS) for their hard work, leadership, and strong commitment to our school's Core Values.

Middle School Boys Basketball

Middle School Boys Basketball has officially kicked off its season! We have approximately 16 student-athletes in grades 6–8 participating this year. Woo-hoo!

As a reminder, all student-athletes must have their **\$20 Student Body Card/Sports Fee paid before their first game.**

Practices will be held at Yoncalla Elementary School, with one exception: Thursday, October 29, practice will be held at YHS.

Additionally, student-athletes should plan to bring a separate set of clothes to change into for practice. Students will not be allowed to practice in jeans or pajama pants. Mr. Elkins recommends bringing a separate shirt, basketball shorts, socks, and athletic shoes.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Elkins at holdem.elkins@yoncalla.k12.or.us or Mr. James at peter.james@yoncalla.k12.or.us.

Annual Canned Food Drive – October 19 through November 16

Yoncalla Student Leadership kicked off its annual Canned Food Drive on Monday, October 19! The drive will continue through November 16, and students and families are encouraged to donate nonperishable canned and dry goods.

All donations collected will go directly back into our local community to support families in need. This is a great opportunity for our students to give back and make a difference, especially as we head into the holiday season.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Halloween Costumes and Dress-Up

Although Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, several students have asked about wearing their costumes to school on Thursday, October 29.

Students are welcome to wear costumes to school as long as they follow these expectations:

1. Costumes must follow Yoncalla's Student Dress Code Policy (Student Handbook, Pages 31-32).
2. Full-face masks are not permitted.
3. Weapons or costume weapons are not permitted.
4. Students must be able to fully engage and participate in the school day (ie – blow up costumes)

Upcoming School & Athletic Events

Monday, October 26

- Mentor Monday – Craig from Douglas ESD will be on campus to meet with students in the program.

Tuesday, October 27

- Vision Screenings with the Lions Club, Grades 7–8.
- After School Homework Help with Mrs. Rausch, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- MS Robotics with Mr. McHaffie, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the YHS Shop.
- Dungeons & Dragons with Mrs. Cameron, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

- Pumpkin Carving Contest (During Success.)
- After School Homework Help with Ms. Wilde, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons with Mrs. Cameron, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

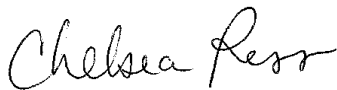
- Last Day of Quarter 1!
- End-of-Quarter Assembly, 7th Period.
- Elementary Fall Family Night, Beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Yoncalla Elementary School (A Title I Event).

Looking Ahead

- **11/2** – MS Boys Basketball vs. Elkton at YES.
- **11/2–11/4** – Parent-Teacher Conferences by Appointment.
- **11/4** – MS Boys Basketball at Oakland.
- **11/5** – Quarter 1 Attendance Celebrations.
- **11/5** – MS/HS Drop-In Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00–7:00 p.m.
- **11/10** – Picture Retake Day.
- **11/11** – No School – Veterans Day.
- **11/13** – Student School Day.
- **11/16** – High School Winter Sports Begin (Basketball and Wrestling).

Key: MSBBB – Middle School Boys Basketball | FNRL – Future Natural Resource Leaders | YES – Yoncalla Elementary School | YHS – Yoncalla High School

Here is to another lovely week ahead,



Chelsea Ross, Principal/Superintendent

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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Week 10 Activities

OCTOBER 26 – OCTOBER 29

MONDAY
OCTOBER
26



Mentor Monday

Craig with Douglas ESD is here to meet with students.



TUESDAY
OCTOBER
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Vision Screenings with the Lions Club Grades 7–8

After School Homework Help
with Mrs. Rausch, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

MS Robotics
with Mr. McHaffie, 3:30–5:00 p.m. in the YHS Shop.

Dungeons and Dragons
with Mrs. Cameron – 3:30–4:30 p.m.



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER
28



Pumpkin Carving Contest during Success

After School Homework Help
with Ms. Wilde, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons
with Mrs. Cameron, 3:30–4:30 p.m.



THURSDAY
OCTOBER
29



Last day of the quarter!

End of Quarter Assembly
7th Period

Fall Family Night
Starting at 5:30 p.m. at Yoncalla Elementary
(a Title I event)



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SAVE THE DATE!

FALL

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

YONCALLA MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



Monday, November 2
Tuesday, November 3
Wednesday, November 4

DROP-IN CONFERENCES



Thursday, November 5
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
No appointment necessary!



For conferences on November 2–4, please contact your student's teachers directly to arrange an appointment.

This is a great opportunity to connect with teachers, discuss your student's progress, and work together to support their success.

Mark your calendars!

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Yoncalla Middle School Boys Basketball
2026 Season – Parent & Player Information Letter

Dear Parents and Players,

I hope this message finds you well! I'm excited to announce the start of our **middle school basketball season**, and I'm looking forward to working with our athletes to build not only skills on the court, but also teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

Practice Information

- **Start Date:** Monday, **October 19**
- **Time:** Daily practices from **3:45 – 5:45 PM**
- **Location:** Yoncalla Elementary School Gym (games will be played here too)
- Players should come prepared with proper basketball attire, a water bottle, and a positive attitude ready to work hard.

Game Schedule Overview

- **Home Games:** 11/2, 11/9, 11/17, 11/30, 12/10
- **Away Games:** 11/4, 11/12, 11/19, 11/23, 12/1, 12/3
- **Tournaments:** We will participate in **tournaments** throughout the season (details will be sent in advance).
- **Any games changes will be told to players and parents**

A full game schedule will be provided.

Parent Contact – Please Reach Out

To help me stay organized and communicate effectively throughout the season, I'm asking all parents/guardians to **send me a quick message** confirming that your student is participating.

Please include:

1. Your student's **full name**
2. **Best method of contact** (phone/text or email)

You can reach me via **text or email** (listed below). Thank you in advance for helping me keep everyone in the loop!

Let's Make It a Great Season!

I'm committed to creating a positive and competitive environment for all of our athletes. With your support, we can make this a memorable and rewarding season for every player on the team.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or information throughout the season. I'm here to support our players and families every step of the way.

As a reminder – all student athletes are required to have a current Sports Physical. This must have been done in the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 school year and be on file with the YHS office before students are able to participate.

I look forward to a fantastic season!

Go Eagles!

Thank you,

Holdem Elkins

Head Coach – Yoncalla Middle Boys School Basketball

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Yoncalla MS Boys Basketball '26



Day	Date	Opponent/Event	Location	Time	Dismiss	Depart
November						
Monday	2nd	Elkton	Yoncalla	4:30	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	4th	Oakland	Oakland	4:30	3:00	3:15
Monday	9th	UVC	Yoncalla	4:30	N/A	N/A
Thursday	12th	Crow	Crow	4:30	2:00	2:15
Tuesday	17th	North Douglas	Yoncalla	4:30	N/A	N/A
Thursday	19th	Days Creek	Days Creek	4:30	2:00	2:15
Monday	23rd	Elkton	Elkton	4:30	2:45	3:00
Monday	30th	Oakland	Yoncalla	4:30	N/A	N/A
December						
Tuesday	1st	UVC	UVC	4:30	2:30	2:45
Thursday	3rd	North Douglas	Drain	4:30	3:15	3:30
Saturday	5th	LFL B Tournament	Drain	TBD	N/A	TBD
Thursday	10th	Days Creek	Yoncalla	4:30	N/A	N/A
Saturday	12th	LFL District Championships	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD

Updated on 9/29/2026