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Hello YMS Parents!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year. We have a group of adults at YMS who are dedicated to helping your student(s) succeed. I am continually blown away by the commitment and dedication that our staff gives to their students. This is a great school district and I believe we have the best middle school in the state!

Students have been very busy this first part of the year. In the classroom I see students creating, collaborating, and critically thinking. Many students are involved in activities such as FFA, FCA, TeamMates, Robotics, Student Senate, Band, Expressions, Cross Country, Volleyball, and Football just to name a few! Parents, please continue to encourage your child to become active at YMS. Students who are involved in an activity feel a connection to the school and in turn, their learning improves.

Our ICU system at YMS is in full effect and what we are seeing is certainly positive. One of the core foundations of ICU is that we stop focusing so much on grading and homework and focus on learning. You might notice that your child has fewer grades in the grade book, which is intentional. We want to focus our time on teaching and learning. There will be a measurement of your child's ability to learn the standards and that will be reported in the grade book. At YMS each teacher has a restudy retake policy so if a student feels like they can improve their score on an assessment they can do that. Each teacher might have a slightly different way they handle these situations so if you are ever curious please set up a time to talk with that teacher.

Here are a few guidelines for the ICU philosophy:

- ICU provides extra time and extra help it doesn't allow students to fail and expects all students to complete all quality assignments.
- ICU develops a culture of learning in which teachers take responsibility for student learning and students returning to active engagement in school.
- ICU teaches students responsibility by not "letting them off the hook" and allowing a zero in the grade book or allow them to not connect with the learning.

Thank you for your support with our ICU process and for helping us partner together to ensure your child(ren) is getting the best education possible.

Have you heard your student talking about MAP's testing? What is MAP's testing? MAP is a Measure of Academic Progress which is a state-aligned computer-adaptive assessment test. Once teachers receive students MAP's scores they are provided with information that can develop targeted instruction and improve teaching and learning in the classroom. Basically, teachers have a better idea of where each student "is" and "where they need to go". These scores were shared and discussed with you at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Speaking of PTC. Thank you for your attendance at conferences and talking with teachers about how your student(s) are doing so far this school year. Conferences were Sept. 25, 27 and Oct. 2nd. If you missed conferences for any reason please feel free to schedule a time to meet with your child's teachers by calling the school 362-6655. Kids and teens do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives.

Thank you for working with your student to make sure they are not only getting their schoolwork finished but also enough sleep, food, and love so that together we can make the 6,7, and 8-grade years some of the best years of their life.

Go, Dukes!
Kenny Loosvelt
YMS Principal

Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Making an entrance

Teach your child to enter a room confidently. Have him practice walking into the kitchen or living room with his back straight and head high, then greeting you while looking you in the eye. He'll make a good impression on others and feel more self-confident.

Count on counselors

Remind your middle grader that her school counselor is there to help her in all kinds of ways. She might ask the counselor about opportunities that match her interests, such as an engineering competition or a writing workshop. Her counselor can also listen if your tween needs help with issues like stress or relationships.

Proofing around town

Here's an easy way to show your child why proofreading is important. Together, look for signs on highways or buildings that contain punctuation or spelling errors or confusing wording. *Examples:* "Sport's Store." "Tables for eating customers only." Who can find the funniest example—and then tell how to fix it?

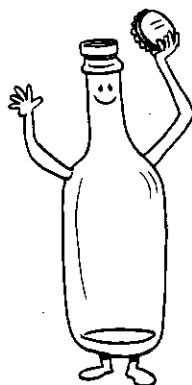
Worth quoting

"We will be known by the tracks we leave behind." *Dakotan proverb*

Just for fun

Q: I have a neck but no head, and I wear a cap. What am I?

A: A bottle.



Brain-friendly studying

Active study strategies like drawing, moving around, and teaching information to others help to cement material in your tween's brain. They also make studying more fun! Share these techniques.

Make a meme

Encourage your middle grader to create memes inspired by topics she's studying. For Newton's laws of motion, she could draw herself as a soccer goalie blocking a shot. This shows that an object in motion (the ball) stops when a force (the goalie) acts upon it. Her caption? "Thanks for the win, Newton!"

Get moving

Combine fitness with studying. Have your tween list six movements, such as lunges, burpees, and toe touches, and number them 1–6. As she finishes studying each page or section, she can roll a die and review out loud while doing the matching exercises (describe the three branches of government as she does three lunges).



Record a podcast

If your child can teach a concept to someone else, that means she really understands it. Suggest that she record a podcast explaining an algebraic formula and share it with a classmate, for example. *Idea:* She and her friends might make a group podcast interviewing each other about a historical event or science lab. 🍷

A successful juggling act

Middle graders juggle classes, responsibilities at home, and activities. Help your tween keep all those balls in the air with this system.

Sort tasks. Each week, have your child create a three-column chart for School, Activities, and Home. Then, he could list obligations: "French essay due Thursday" under School, "Get supplies for cross-country car wash Saturday" under Activities, and "Do laundry" under Home.

Use time wisely. Your tween can choose tasks to match his pockets of time. For instance, if you say you'll take him to buy car-wash supplies in 10 minutes, he might sort his laundry in that small time slot. Then, maybe he'll start on his essay when he gets home and has an hour before dinner. 🍷

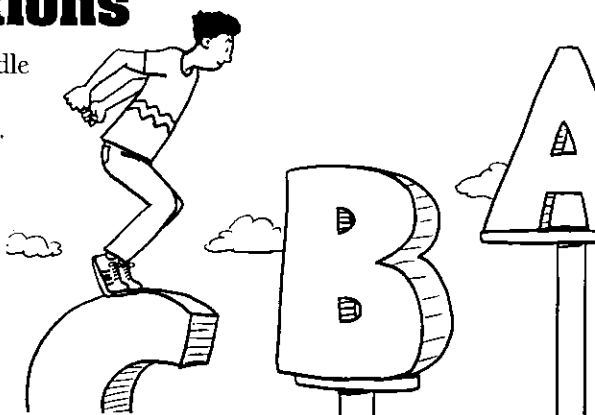


Effective expectations

Setting a high achievement bar for your middle schooler will inspire him to leap high. Follow these steps to put realistic expectations in place.

1. Decide what's doable. Perhaps your child got a C in English last year. Rather than expecting him to earn an A this year, tell him you expect him to bring up his grade.

2. Focus on what matters. Keep communication clear by saying exactly what you mean. If your middle grader wants to quit the debate team, you might say, "I expect you to stick to your commitments" rather than "You have to do debate." That means he'll need to finish the competition



then make a plan to raise it. Or he could plan to spend extra time practicing for his next debate. 🍌

season, but he can switch activities next semester if he still feels the same way.

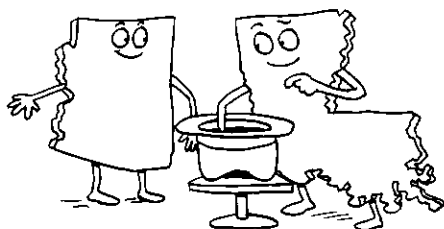
3. Handle setbacks.

Part of meeting expectations involves making adjustments. Let your tween know not to be discouraged by one low grade or one challenging debate. Have him ask his teacher how a low score will affect his average,

Are we there yet?

Arizona, Missouri, Louisiana... does your child know where each state is located? Help her explore geography by playing this game.

Materials: large U.S. map, paper, pencil, scissors, hat, game tokens, die



Ask your middle grader to list all the states' names on a sheet of paper (she can refer to the map) and cut them apart to make 50 slips. Put the slips in a hat, and let each family member pick one.

Place the U.S. map on the floor, and have each person put a token on the state you live in. Then, take turns rolling a die and moving that number of states—with the goal of reaching the state she drew. The first player to land on her state wins. 🍌

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The importance of integrity

Q I've heard that some students cheat on tests by looking up answers on their phones. How can I keep my daughter from doing something like this?

A Tweens may not consider "e-cheating" to be as serious as copying from a classmate's paper. Explain to your daughter that any type of cheating is wrong and that you consider honesty more important than high grades.

Role-play what to say if a classmate asks her to cheat, perhaps by texting answers. For instance, she could say, "I like to do my own thing" or simply "No thanks." She'll feel good about doing what's right.

Also, remind her to obey school rules for technology use like leaving her phone at home or in her locker. This will help her avoid the temptation to cheat and make it easier to resist pressure from others. 🍌



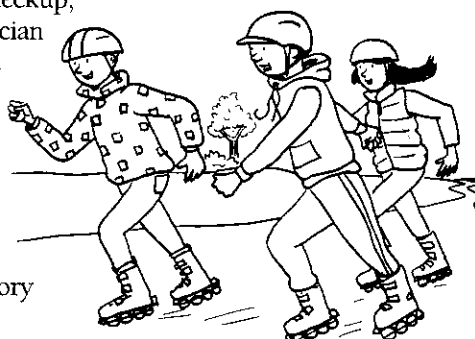
Parent to Parent On the move

When my son Rory was younger, he'd spend hours playing outside with his friends. Now that he's older, he and his buddies would rather play video games.

At his annual checkup, I asked the pediatrician how much exercise Rory needs. The doctor said children—and adults—should be active at least an hour a day. He suggested that when Rory has a friend over, I

encourage them to do something active. And he recommended that we stay active as a family, maybe by going for walks or bike rides.

Rory must have been paying attention to the doctor, because he recently invited some friends to go Rollerblading. And this Sunday after dinner, we're going to ride our bikes around the neighborhood. I'm looking forward to being more active, too! 🍌



YMS After School Clubs

We are still accepting applications for our afterschool clubs. Sign up for a favorite club or come join the fun every day! In addition to the club activities homework time is provided as well as a snack. For more information and to sign up, stop in the YMS office or go to yorkpublic.org, choose links and click on Afterschool Programs, Choose After School Enrollment and the grades your signing up for. Print, fill out the form, and drop it off at the YMS office.

Clubs Offered This Year Description

- **Monday Create Your Heart Out** – Express your creativity as you make pieces you can display or give as gifts. Students will create pieces using wood, paint, canvas, string, the Cricut Machine and so much more.
 - **Tuesday Consumer Sciences**- From cooking to banking to creating economical homes, students will learn some basic adulting skills!
 - **Wednesday Think Make & Create**- Use science, robotics, engineering and much more to solve problems and create answers!
 - **Thursday Gamers** – Kick back and relax while spending time playing all sorts of games with your friends. Learn new games, teach old games, and compete with friends. Good sportsmanship is a must in this club.
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The first concert for the MS ensembles is just around the corner. This concert will be on Monday, October 21, at 7:00 pm at the York High School Theater. This is a concert consisting of York Middle School's 6th grade choir, 7th & 8th grade choir and Expressions. Also performing on this concert will be the High School Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and Dukes & Duchesses. Please mark your calendar! This will be a great opportunity for you to hear what they have been working on throughout the first quarter. All choir students are required to be at this performance.

Mark your calendar for other important concert dates for 2019-2020

Monday, October 21 – 7:00 pm – YHS/YMS Fall Choir Concert

Monday, December 16 - 7:00 pm – YHS/YMS Christmas Choir Concert

Thursday & Friday, March 19 & 20 - 7:00 pm - YMS Musical

Monday, May 7 - 7:00 pm – YMS Talent Show

2019 - 2020 STUDENT SENATE MEMBERS

Congratulations to the YMS Student Senate Members

Ike Colburn

Martha Huskins

Tatum Holthus

Logan Davis

Zander Madole

Ethan Montgomery

Ava Goodwin

Benjamin Otoupal

Makai Schwarz

Cooper Lones

Charlie Van Gomple

Kassidy Stuckey



Yorkfest Marching Competition Ratings

An Excellent (I) Rating from each judge and a "2nd Place Class A" trophy at Yorkfest was an excellent beginning for our York Middle School Band's marching season.

The band also enjoyed performing for this year's Homecoming Spirit March in downtown York. Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade marchers on a successful season!



Marching Band Highlights Concert

Monday, November 4

Because of a high school schedule conflict we have to reschedule our "Marching Band Highlights Concert" to Monday, November 4th. Please mark your calendars!

This year's 6th grade band's first performance, the 7th and 8th grade marching band and drumline along with the senior high band, drumline, and flag squad will all be featured at this concert in the York High School Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss the 6th grade band parents' selection—we'll find out how well the students are able to teach their parents. Please plan to come out and see all of York's band members in action!



Congratulations! YMS Expressions 2019 - 2020



Boe Fraser
Bryson Hornbacher
Landon McConnell
Ethan Montgomery
Parker Mundt
Makai Schwarz
Elizabeth Beauchamp
Kinley Combs

Leah Davis
Hadley Eckert
Emory Flynt
Tatum Holthus
Lily Houston
Beth Kennedy
McKinlee Legg
Mary Lloyd

Melbee Nickels
Ellie Peterson
Riley Phillip
Kiersten Portwine
Lillee Post
Angelina Shaw
Keegan Spencer
Senae Walker
Hope Woods

October

School Counselor Connection

School is the place where students encounter the bulk of their social interactions, challenges, and opportunities for personal growth. Research shows that providing consistent, purposeful, and robust Social Emotional Learning programs can benefit students in multiple ways.

At York Middle School, our students participate in the Second Step program every Tuesday during Family time. This curriculum helps build a culture of connectedness and empowers middle school students with the skills to succeed socially and academically.

We have started with the unit **Mindsets and Goals**. During this unit, students will be learning about brain development, making mistakes, growth mindset and goal setting. The other units throughout the year include:

- **Values and Friendships:** Students learn to identify their personal values and use those values to make good decisions and build strong, positive relationships.
- **Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions:** Students learn the positive role emotions play in their lives, how to handle unhelpful thoughts and strong emotions, and specific strategies for calming down.
- **Serious Peer Conflicts:** Students learn how to identify and avoid serious conflicts, resolve conflicts that can't be avoided, think about other people's perspectives, and help stop Bullying and harassment at school.

Students who receive social-emotional interventions early and throughout their learning careers demonstrate impressive and measurable benefits later in life. At YMS, we are excited to provide students with social-emotional learning opportunities. Every Tuesday evening, be sure to ask your child what they are learning during the Second Step lessons!

-Jennifer Badura
YMS School Counselor
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Harvest Moon

November 10, 2019 5:30 PM

Holthus Convention Center

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 York School District
 2019-2020 Lunch, Grades 6-8
 October 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 Lunch Entree * French Toast Sticks & Sausage * Breaded Beef Patty Sandwich * Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Turkey Combo Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	1 Lunch Entree * Creamy Macaroni & Cheese * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Beefy Pizza * Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub * Fajita Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	2 Lunch Entree * Cheese Quesadilla with Beef Enchilada Soup * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich * Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips * Turkey & Cheddar Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	3 Lunch Entree * Mini Corn Dogs * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Breakfast Pizza * Fresh Baked Italian Sub * Sweet Pepper Vegetarian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	4 Misc. No School
7 Lunch Entree * Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll * Fresh Baked Combo Sub * Cheeseburger * Grilled Chicken Sandwich * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	8 Lunch Entree * Taco in a Bag * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked BBQ Chicken Pizza * Chicken Caesar Deli Wrap * Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	9 Lunch Entree * Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll * BBQ Rib Sandwich * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Fresh Baked Italian Sub * Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	10 Lunch Entree * Hot Pepperoni Sub * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Sausage Pizza * Fresh Baked Roasted Chicken Sub * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	11 Lunch Entree * Crunchy Fish Tacos * Spicy Chicken Sandwich * Breaded Beef Patty Sandwich * Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter
14 Misc. No School	15 Lunch Entree * Corn Dog * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Taco Pizza * Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub * Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	16 Lunch Entree * Chef Demo: Chicken & Roasted Tomato Pasta * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich * Fresh Baked Italian Sub * Fajita Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	17 Lunch Entree * Baked Spaghetti with Garlic Breadstick * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheeseburger Pizza * Fresh Baked Roasted Chicken Sub * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	18 Lunch Entree * Mexi Tots with Dinner Roll * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * BBQ Rib Sandwich * Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter
21 Lunch Entree * Buffalo Ranch Macaroni & Cheese * Cheeseburger * Grilled Chicken Sandwich * Fresh Baked Combo Sub * Roasted Chicken & Cheddar Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	22 Lunch Entree * Super Nachos * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Pepperoni Pizza * Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub * Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	23 Lunch Entree * Nosh'n But Brunch: Smothered Burrito * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich * Fresh Baked Italian Sub * Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	24 Lunch Entree * Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Veggie Taco Pizza * Fresh Baked Roasted Chicken Sub * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	25 Lunch Entree * BBQ Hot Dog * Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich * Cheeseburger * Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter

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Lunch Entree * Spicy Thai Chicken over Rice * Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Fresh Baked Combo Sub * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	Lunch Entree * Mini Corn Dogs * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Supreme Pizza * Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub * Grilled Chicken Deli Wrap * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	Lunch Entree * Loaded Hash Browns with Dinner Roll * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Fresh Baked Italian Sub * Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	Lunch Entree * Chicken Ranch Pasta with Dinner Roll * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Cheesy Pizza * Pizza Station: Fresh Baked Thai Chicken Pizza * Fresh Baked Roasted Chicken Sub * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter	Lunch Entree * Taquito Grande with Dipping Sauce * Cheeseburger * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Uncrustable & Cheese Platter

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6	7	8 7 & 8 FB - Home vs Northwest 4:30/6:00pm G	9 2:00 Dismissal B	10 8 VB @ North- west (Chapman School) 4:30pm 7 VB-Home vs Northwest @ YMS - 4:30pm G	11 End of 1st Quarter YMS Food Drive Starts  B	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL  Board of Education Mtg.	15 8th grade Presidents Fair 4:45 - 7:30pm @ YMS G	16 2:00 Dismissal B	17 8 FB -Home vs Aurora 4:30pm G	18 B	19
20	21  Choir Concert 7:00 pm - YHS Theater G	22 B	23 2:00 Dismissal YMS Food Drive Ends G	24 B	25 G	26
27	28 Board of Education Mtg. B	29 G	30 2:00 Dismissal B	31 Halloween  G		