



DUKE NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL —

QUARANTINES

As you know, YHS has had several students who have been sent home due to quarantine orders (from Four Corners Health Department). It seems confusing sometimes, but the number of days that students are absent (due to the timing of the symptoms, timing of the tests, timing of the exposures, etc) range from just a few, to as many as 10 school days (14, counting weekends). We even have cases of students who are quarantined more than once, due to several different factors.

Things that STUDENTS can do during quarantines (extended absences):

- ** Check google classroom
- ** Check their email (and RESPOND to emails!)
- ** Reach out to teachers via email....stay in touch!

Things PARENTS can do while your student(s) are on quarantine:

- ** Stay in touch with us...reach out to teachers
- ** Have your son/daughter show you how they check google classroom
- ** If your student is not sick, make sure they are staying as "caught-up" as possible

Our teachers are working very hard to make sure the students have access to material while they are absent. Unfortunately, some students are not taking advantage of this, and returning to school with very little being done during their absence.

Starting MONDAY, November 2, any student who has been on quarantine in the past will be staying after school until at least 3:50 every day (except Fridays). This will allow students time to catch-up on missing work, and to work directly with teachers.

*****ALSO...as you've heard, we have an "academic intervention" day on November 13. Students who are not caught up on school work (likely due to extended absences) will come to school that day. This will give students the opportunity to work directly with teachers and get caught up after being absent for several days. Students who are caught up, or have not had extended absences will have no school that day. If your child will need to attend on November 13, you will be notified by Friday, November 6.***

MADRIGAL DINNER CANCELLED (BUT YOU CAN STILL SEE THE PERFORMANCE)

The YHS Choir "Madrigal Dinner" scheduled for December 5-6 has been cancelled. HOWEVER, parts of the performance (which the students have begun practicing) will be inserted into the Christmas Concert, scheduled for December 15. Again, there will be no dinner/gathering at the Methodist Church for the Madrigal event. More details to come about the Christmas Concert.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE —

Winter Sports

The winter sports season officially begins on Monday, November 16th. If you did not compete in a fall sport, make sure you turn in the following forms to the main office before the first day of practice: Physical, NSAA Consent, and Insurance verification. For this school year, physicals only need to be completed by incoming freshmen and those students new to YHS. If you have any questions or need these forms, please visit the main office at the high school.

This is the time of year where students are involved in multiple activities. Please remember to communicate early and often with your coaches if you know of a conflict. While we make every effort to allow kids to participate in multiple events, there are times when students must choose one or the other.



2020-21 NSAA Winter Season Guidelines

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and the circumstances vary from community to community. Difficult decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The health and safety of students, staff, and local communities remain the priority of the NSAA as we provide opportunities to participate in the winter sports season.

Additionally, the NSAA is requiring the following of host schools for all winter season contests:

- Participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition.
- Coaches and non-active participants are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- **Spectators are required to wear face coverings at all times while attending indoor events.**
- Host school requirements must be the same for all schools, officials, judges and spectators

District Hosts

We are always excited to host NSAA District events at York High School. On Friday, December 4th, we will be hosting the B-4 District Play Production competition. Performances begin at 9:00am. In addition to York High, the other schools participating are Seward, Central City, David City, Columbus Scotus, Chadron, Raymond Central, and Milford.

Go Dukes!!

Tyler Herman
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Winter Sports Pictures

Friday, November 20 — Aux Gym

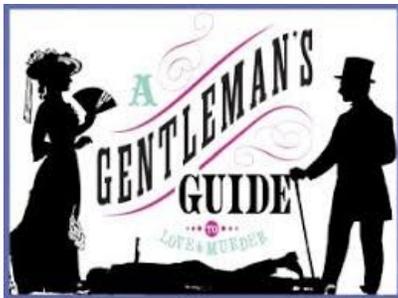
Boys' Basketball — after school
Girls' Basketball — after school
Wrestling — after school
Dukettes — after school
Unified Bowling — after school

WINTER SPORTS MEETING

Our Winter Sports Meeting for athletes involved in winter activities will be on **Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 pm.** Mr. Herman will send out a Loom video discussing rules, regulations, and philosophies. From 7:00-7:30 p.m. parents will meet with the coach(es) of the sport that their son/daughter will be participating in to discuss any further information that pertains to that sport. Face coverings are encouraged.

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

York Public Schools has been approved to offer free breakfast and lunch to all K-12 students through the COVID relief fund. This started back on Thursday, September 24th. You are allowed 1 free breakfast & 1 free lunch. Students do not have to take the free meal and can PURCHASE ala carte items if they choose. Second meals or any extras are not approved under this waiver and are the parent/guardian's responsibility. No application is needed for the free meals as all students automatically qualify.



ONE-ACT PRODUCTION

Set in London in 1907, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* centers on Monty Navarro (Jake Schmid), a penniless clerk who is informed after the death of his mother, Isobel (Lauren Thomas) that he is ninth in line to inherit the earldom of Highhurst, controlled by the wealthy D'Ysquith banking family. After the imperious ruling Lord dismisses Monty's claim of being a relative, the eight D'Ysquiths (Drew Baldrige) ahead of young Mr. Navarro begin dying in natural and unnatural ways. (Drew Baldrige plays all the not-so-nice D'Ysquiths, adding to the merriment.) Meanwhile, Monty is trying to woo money-minded Sibella Hallward (Tory Cobb) who is married to Lionel Hallward (Sam Heitz) - until he finds himself drawn to young Phoebe D'Ysquith (Sophia Chavanu). With the help of Mrs. Shingle (Kirsten Fike) and Ms. Shanty (Hattie Chavanu), will Monty get away with murder? Will the inspector (Eric Yim), the magistrate (Cole Schmid), and the high steward (Jackson Schmid) catch the culprit? Come to the show and find out!

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, a dark musical comedy, opened on Broadway in 2013. The book and lyrics are by Robert L. Freedman and music and lyrics by Steven Lutvak. The show is based on a novel by Roy Horniman with special arrangement approved by Musical Theater International. The directors are Becky Stahr, Andee Felber, Bob Soderholm, and Elias Dallmann. Live musical performances, an original score and lyrics are composed by Sophia Chavanu, Evan Fraser, Sam Heitz, Piper Dallmann and Jacob Howe. This show does contain a strong subject matter, simulated weapons, and strobe lighting. It will be thirty minutes long.

The one-act program could not be more excited to start our competition season in November. The cast and crew has already learned a lot by studying this historical time period and have been working hard since August. They can not wait to bring this story to life on the stage! The one-act team would love to have the York community come out and support our team members at every contest and performance. Thank you all for your continued support of this program. Go Dukes!

One-Act Dates

- November 5 - Public Performance @ 8:00 p.m.
- November 7 - Norfolk Competition - York performs at 4:30 pm.
- November 13 - York K-DUB Competition
- November 14 - York K-DUB Competition (York performs at 8 am.)
- November 17 - Gothenburg Competition (York performs at 12 pm.)
- November 21 - Triangular at York
- November 24 - Conference at Aurora High School
- December 1 - School Performance @ 2:30 p.m./Public Performance @ 8:00 p.m.
- December 4 - Districts at York
- December 11 - State at Norfolk (York must qualify.)
- December 14 - Clean up night

Director - Becky Stahr
Technical Directors - Andee Felber, Bob Soderholm and Elias Dallmann



PICTURE RETAKES

If your child did not have his/her school picture taken or if he/she is not satisfied with their picture, retakes will be on Tuesday, November 10th Starting at **7:30 a.m.** on the gym deck.



POST-PROM

The Post-Prom Committee needs your help!

Please call Kelly Hornbacher at 402-631-8209 if you would be able to help with this year's Post-Prom.

**Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL!**



NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break
will be

Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving Break!

BAND BOOSTER NOTES

The Annual Band Booster Soup Supper will not take place this year. We appreciate all the support from everyone the previous years and hopefully we will have the Band Booster Soup Supper next year.



Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of York Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age, or national origin in its educational programs, administration, policies, employment, or other district programs.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

IMPORTANT DATE: ACT TEST - December 12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - November 6

NOTE: Seniors, this may be the last ACT test you could take to have scores available in time for freshmen scholarship consideration offered by MOST colleges. Of course some of these circumstances have changed due to COVID 19. Check with your college choice to determine their scholarship deadline and requirements. Registration online at www.act.org

When registering for the ACT test it is VERY IMPORTANT to include:

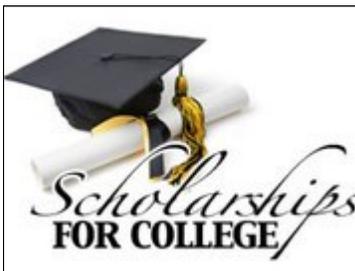
- **The York High School code (282-590) to ensure we receive the score for the transcript and your file.**
- **UNL or UNO as one of your choices if they are in your plans at all. UNL and UNO have changed their admissions policy to only accept scores directly from the testing center (ACT or SAT). UNL ACT College Code is 2482 and UNO ACT College Code is 2464.**
- **The NCAA or NAIA as one of your college choices if planning to play college sports. NCAA code is 9999. NAIA code is 9876.**
- **The codes for FOUR colleges you may be interested in. Failure to record these codes will mean you will have to order scores later, directly from ACT, and pay a fee for each score that is sent per college.**

SCHOLARSHIPS WITH NOVEMBER, EARLY DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DEADLINES

Nov. 2 UNL CBA Honors Academy
Nov. 15 Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarship
Nov. 15 Kearney Law Opportunities Program (KLOP)
Dec. 1 Rural Health Opportunities Program RHOP and KHOP (Chadron, Peru, Wayne and UNK)
Dec. 1 Rural Law Opportunities Program RLOP (Wayne and Chadron)
Dec. 1 Wayne and Peru State College Freshman Scholarships
Dec. 1 Governor's Opportunity Half-Tuition Scholarship (Wayne, Peru or Chadron)
Dec. 10 UNL Honors Program (Early Notification Deadline – **RECOMMENDED**/February 15 – Final)
Dec. 10 Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management (formerly the J.D. Edwards Honors Program) (This is the **ONLY** deadline)
Jan. 15 Board of Trustee's Full-Tuition Scholarship (Wayne, Peru or Chadron)
Jan. 15 Chadron State College Freshman Scholarships
Feb. 1 UNL Freshman Scholarships
Feb. 10 UNK Honors Program
(You may want to double check any particular date with your preferred college as they sometimes do updates on the due dates.)

NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP

Students planning to attend Peru, Wayne or Chadron State Colleges should plan to apply for the Board of Trustees Full-Tuition scholarships if they score at least a 25 on the ACT and can provide one letter of recommendation. The Governor's Opportunity Half-Tuition Scholarship is also being offered again for students with ACT scores from 21-24. The deadline for these scholarships is December 1. (Students must apply AND be admitted by December 1 at Wayne and Peru for these. At Chadron they just have to have applied by this date.) The Davis/Chambers Scholarship is offered for students with financial need. Deadline is February 1.



TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Various two and four-year colleges and universities in Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, and Missouri participate in the Midwest Student Exchange Program which reduces tuition to in-state cost. Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, offers the Western Neighboring State Scholarship which provides in-state tuition scholarships to students from Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois or Iowa. Seniors may pick up information in the Counseling Office if interested in either of these programs.

WAITING LIST REMINDER

Some community and vocational/technical schools may have waiting lists for students who wish to enter certain programs. Some programs could have up to a one-year waiting list. To be placed on a waiting list, a student must take the Accuplacer test, apply for admission, and be accepted into the program. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are interested in vocational and technical areas are encouraged to visit the Counseling Office as soon as possible to begin this process and/or check with your college to ask about the related time frame for interests. Remember when applying to still select your preferred starting date as there are sometimes last-minute cancellations by others ahead of you.

PSAT TEST RESULTS

Results will be sent home in December, along with their test booklets if they wish to check their answers with the test questions. This provides each student with an excellent opportunity to learn from the results of the test. Please review the results with your son/daughter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Counseling Office.

SENIOR COLLEGE VISITS

Your senior has two exempt absence days to use for college visits. We encourage students to use these days to step foot on campuses in which they are interested to get a true feeling of life there. Most of the colleges have a page on their website to set up the visit yourself. Many of the colleges are doing individual visits, just not group visits. If you need assistance setting up these visits, please call Mrs. Stuhr in the counseling office. We'll be glad to help make this happen.

SUSAN T. BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP

The Susan T. Buffett scholarship application opens November 1. This scholarship can be used at any Nebraska community college, state college or university. Seniors must have a 2.5 GPA and have financial need. Check it out at buffettscholarships.org Deadline is February 1, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

FAFSA HELP IS HEREAT YHS!

Just a reminder that we have Amanda from EducationQuest to assist parents in completing the FAFSA and/or answering any college financial or scholarship questions. Appointments may be set up through Mrs. Stuhr in the Counseling office. She will be available for appointments on November 13, December 4 and December 18. More dates will be set for 2021. Obviously these appointments are virtual, but this is working very well, so please have confidence she can still assist you to meet your "senior year" needs. You may also schedule an appointment to have conversations about colleges or scholarships. Amanda is a wealth of knowledge in many related topics!

TENTH GRADERS REGISTERING

Tenth graders will work individually with their counselors in November and early December to get registered for their junior year classes and review their four-year plans. Current freshmen will follow. Prior to this, each student will receive a list of classes from which to choose. Ask your child about this and have a conversation or two about their plans and interests. It would be a sheet you can and should review and complete together.



A few words from the Athletic Booster Club...

Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YorkHighSchoolAthleticBoosterClub/>

Parents Winter Sports meeting (virtual or in person, stay tuned) is **November 19th**.

Fall Accomplishments:

 **Ladies Golf** - CONFERENCE & DISTRICT CHAMPS!! The Dukes came in 5th at STATE!! Thank you to the seniors for your dedication and commitment to the girls' golf program

 **Boys Tennis** – teamwork has lifted 2 to finish 5th at STATE!! Coaches Malleck and Loofe held them together for another winning season.

 **Football** - Freshman were undefeated!! JV finished strong with a 3 game winning streak and Varsity showed a lot of grit and battled through injuries/illness but continued to play hard. They showed great effort every game finishing with their heads held high.

 **Softball** - Kent Meyers has taken over the reins leading the girls to finish a 15-16 record. Great effort all year long by the team. Lots of hard hitting out there. Thanks to the seniors for your leadership.

 **Volleyball** - they are still going strong! Finishing as Central Conference Runners-up. District Champs. Headed to State to play Elkhorn on November 4th. Way to work girls!

 **Cross Country** - this team conditioned together and working hard, they managed to lift the boys AND girls' teams to finish 3rd place at Districts and fantastic finishes at the STATE competition!!

Coming Up:

 **Unified Bowling** will compete November 16th at Sunset Bowl. Come support our bowlers!

 **Girls Hoopla basketball tournament at YHS - volunteers needed** for this November 21st event. Contact Chad Phinney (ch.phinney5@gmail.com) or Angie Kroger (angie.kroger@yorkdukes.org) if you can work.

More volunteer opportunities (message Sara Erwin 402-366-2677)

- ⇒ December 18th -- donations of baked goods for bake sale/raffle
- ⇒ January 7th -- shift at concessions at YHS basketball home game
- ⇒ January 23rd -- Boys Hoopla basketball tourney held at YHS

GO DUKES!!

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HARVEST MOON UPDATE

Sunday, November 8th
2:00pm-6:00pm at the Holthus
Convention Center Lobby
Silent Auction Only

We welcome you to come walk through and view our silent auction items in the lobby of the convention center. Masks are required and all bidding will take place online. All info for online bidding will be posted on our social media and available at the event.





YORK FFA

2020 Talent Show

All acts will be pre-recorded and judged by a panel of judges.

Acts will be posted on social media on Sunday, November 8th.

Winners will be selected based on judges score AND public votes. You can vote for your favorite act by purchasing a vote for \$1 online at yorkffa.com

ALL proceeds from public votes will be donated towards the Parker, Peyton, Lane Playground fundraiser. Public will be allowed to vote through November 14.

Winner will be announced on November 15 via York FFA social media. The winner of the show will receive a \$500 prize provided by Cornerstone Bank!



YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA
PARTNERS WITH KILEY
PALMERTREE

Cupcakes: Split The Pot

**PURCHASE TO-GO CUPCAKES AT THE HARVEST
MOON EVENT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CASH IN A
'SPLIT THE POT' STYLE WINNING. IF YOU GET THE
CREME FILLED CUPCAKE YOU ARE THE WINNER! THE
OTHER HALF OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE BEAUTIFICATION OF DOWNTOWN YORK.**

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 Begin 10th Grade Registration for 2021-22 school year	3 ACES Induction 7:00 pm - YHS Theater	4 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 FFA Livestock Selection @ York County Fairgrounds - 8:00 am State Volleyball Tournament (V) @ Pinnacle Bank Arena	5 One-Act Public Performance - 8:00 pm	6	7 One-Act Competition @ Norfolk Unified Bowling @ Norfolk Invite (V) - Kings Lanes - Norfolk 10:00 am
8 FFA Harvest Moon Silent Auction only walk through @ Holthus Convention Center 2:00-6:00 pm	9 Board of Education Meeting	10 School Picture retakes	11 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 Veterans Day	12	13 Academic Intervention Day/Teacher Workday York 2020 K-DUB One-Act Competition	14 Unified Bowling Tournament @ Northwest (V) - Westside Lanes-Grand Island - 1:00 pm
15	16 Start of Winter Practices WR, BBB, GBB Unified Bowling - York Invite (V) vs. Centennial, Ralston, Wahoo, Waverly @ Sunset Bowl - York 3:00 pm	17 One-Act Competition @ Gothenburg	18 Early Student Dismissal 2:03	19 Winter Sports Parents Meeting - 7:00-7:30 pm	20 Winter Sports Pictures after school - Aux Gym	21 One-Act Triangular @ York Unified Bowling @ Norfolk Tournament (V) - 10:00 am Kings Lanes - Norfolk
22	23 Board of Education Meeting	24 Conference One-Act @ Aurora High School	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 Begin 11th Grade Registration for 2021-22 school year	 <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>				