



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

MARCH 2022

Greetings YMS Parent(s):

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences on February 2-4. Your attendance proves that you are making your child's education a priority. If you were unable to attend for any reason and would like to speak with your child's teacher you can call the school at 402-362-6655 option 1 or you can find the teacher's e-mail by searching www.yorkpublic.org

In my office, I often get student issues with social media. Parents, here are some tips on how you can keep your child safe and a responsible social media user from the National Crime Prevention Council and Parents.com

- Keep your home computer in a busy area of your house.
- Set up email and chat accounts with your children. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles.
- Tell your children not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. However, do not delete any of the messages. Instead, print out all the messages, including the e-mail addresses or online screen names of the cyberbully.
- Regularly go over their instant messenger "buddy list" with them. Ask who each person is and how your children know him or her.
- Talk regularly and specifically with your children about online issues. Let them know they can come to you for help if anything is inappropriate, upsetting, or dangerous.
- Build trust with your children. Set time limits, explain your reasons for them, and discuss rules for online safety and Internet use. Ask your children to contribute to establishing the rules; then they'll be more inclined to follow them.
- If there are threats of physical violence or the bullying continues to escalate, get law enforcement involved.
- Tell your children that you won't blame them if they are cyberbullied. Emphasize that you won't take away their computer privileges - this is the main reason kids don't tell adults when they are cyberbullied.

With these few simple tips, you can help your child be safe and responsible users of social media. If you would have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Badura or Mr. Loosvelt.

Mr. Loosvelt
YMS Principal

YMS MUSICAL

Coming soon to the YHS Theatre..... the annual YMS Musical!

This year's production is *High School Musical Jr!*



It's summer break and the kids of East High are out for some fun in the sun. Unfortunately, they are all broke and must get jobs in order to be able to afford to enjoy themselves. Troy played by Brody Booth thinks his problem is solved when he gets a job at Sharpay's family resort, but doesn't realize Sharpay, (Kinslee Kern) has an ulterior motive for hiring him. Luckily, some of his fellow Wildcats have jobs there too.

Please join us for the performance on Thursday, March 17th & Friday, March 18th in the YHS theater at 7:00 p.m. A great cast of many YMS students promise a fun evening of entertainment! Admission is \$3 for students and \$4 for adults, no passes accepted.

*Please note that a mandatory dress rehearsal for **ALL** cast will be held Wednesday, March 16th in the YHS theatre from 2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. This allows them time to work with light, sound and stage crews*



YMS Talent Show



This final performance for the YMS Choirs will be the annual Talent Show. It will take place on Thursday, May 5th. Auditions will be held April 5 & 6. More details will be made available to the students during class time. We are looking forward to another great show!!



Happy Spring Break

NO SCHOOL

**MARCH 10TH, 11TH &
MONDAY, MARCH 14!!**

March Newsletter School Counselor Connection

Writing Sweepstakes Opportunity for 7th and 8th Graders

The Omaha Storm Chasers and the Nebraska State Treasurer are offering a "Why I Want to Go to College" writing sweepstakes.

Prizes will be awarded to twelve winners in 7th and 8th grades who will receive contributions to the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) college savings accounts—including \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place. Three winners will be chosen from each of Nebraska's three Congressional districts and three winners will be chosen from outside Nebraska.

Each Nebraska winner will also receive four tickets to an upcoming Storm Chasers game in Papillion where they will be recognized during a brief ceremony.

More information about the sweepstakes can be found by visiting the website
<https://www.milb.com/omaha/community/wiwtgtc>

If your child would like to participate in the sweepstakes, I will be collecting the typed essays until March 15. If you would prefer to send the essay in on your own, it must be postmarked by April 4, 2022.



Read Across America

Wednesday, March 2



NEA'S Read Across America Day takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and YOU CAN TOO! On March 2, the National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult. We encourage all of you adults to read with your children!

Buy a YMS Yearbook!

- Preserve great memories!
- Remember fun events!
- The YMS yearbook is loaded with school experiences, quotes, and candid photos.



Track season begins
on Tuesday, March 15.

Students must have
a physical, and a parental
consent form on file in
order to participate!





Twentieth Annual York Middle School Honor Band Day

Middle School Honor Band Day

We are hosting our twentieth “York Middle School Honor Band Day” on Saturday, March 19th. John Jacobs and Bobby Jacobs from Grand Island Public Schools will direct the Honor Band. We are expecting 135 area 7th and 8th grade band students to participate in this year’s Honor Band Day. Students rehearse in the afternoon to prepare for a final concert which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the York High School Theater. Admission is \$3.00 for adults with no charge for students.



Your child may be gearing up to take standardized tests soon. It is very important that your child be at school on testing days and prepared to do their best. Here are ways to support your student so he/she can do their best.

Plan ahead. Have your child post the school testing schedule on the refrigerator and highlight dates for the ones they will be taking. Then, try to be sure your child gets 9-11 hours of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on test day and every day.

Ease nerves. Talk calmly and positively about the tests to reassure your middle grader. Explain that effort is what matters most. Also, your student will feel well prepared if they’re in class each day leading up to the tests, since teachers often review material or give practice tests.

Follow up. After each test, ask your child how it went. Which parts did they find easier, and which were more difficult? Reflecting on a test can help your student do better on the next one.



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Be sure to check
yorkffa.com and
stop by the
greenhouse to
buy plants!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 2:00 Dismissal Read Across America  Ash Wednesday B G	3 B	4 G	5
6	7 B	8 G	9 2:00 Dismissal End of 3rd Qtr. B	10 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	11 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	12
13 	14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break Board of Education Mtg.	15 Track practice starts  G	16 2:00 Dismissal B	17  YMS Musical - 7:00 pm YHS Theater  G	18 YMS Honor Band YHS Theater 12:00-8:00pm  B	19
20  First Day of Spring	21 G	22 B	23 2:00 Dismissal G	24 8th grade class on a college Visit  B	25 G	26
27	28 7 & 8 Coed TR Home Quad vs Central City, GICC, Westridge MS, Wood River 2:00 pm - YHS Track Board of Education Mtg. B	29 G	30 2:00 Dismissal B	31 G		