

# YMS



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**Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**

**MAY 2022**

Greetings YMS Parent(s):

It is hard to believe we have only a few short weeks left of this school year. The students and teachers have been working extremely hard to make this 4th quarter our BEST QUARTER! We have finished with our NSCAS (used to be called NeSA) assessments and we are confident students have given their very best effort and that is all we ask at YMS.

Some great things will be happening at YMS in May to close out an excellent year.

- May 5th is our YMS talent show at 7:00 pm. Come see some very talented students.
- May 6th in the morning will be our Main Thing Day. Students will learn about many different day to day topics that should be a "Main Thing" students learn but often don't. Topics could include- how to make change, knot tying, importance of community involvement, baiting a fish hook, how to tie a tie, how to fill out a job application, yoga, Drivers Education 101, budgeting and more.
- May 6th in the afternoon over 30 careers will be shared with our students as they take part in the YMS Career Fair. We have mechanics, meteorologists, engineers, plumbers, artists, doctors, lawyers, agriculture and teachers just to name a few.
- May 13th is our annual Almost Anything Goes Day (AAGD).
- May 18th at 11:00 am we will have our 8th Grade Recognition in the YMS Gym.

I am very excited to watch our talented students perform and learn at these excellent events. Hopefully, you can come out and see for yourself just how talented our students are.

In my opinion we have the 'Best Middle School in Nebraska'. This is a place where the adults are working hard for kids and kids work hard to learn. This is a school that promotes individual growth and celebrates the "quirkiness" of students as they grow physically, emotionally, socially and academically.

Thank you, parents, for trusting YMS with your child's education. Best of luck to our 8th-grade students as they transition to YHS and WELCOME our new YMS 5th grade students from YES.

We had a fantastic year and we are going to have an even better next year!

Kenny Loosvelt  
YMS Principal

## 8th Grade Recognition Wednesday, May 18

The last day of school is Wednesday, May 18, with a 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL.

We will be honoring our eighth-grade student body at 11:00 a.m.

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend this event.



### SPRING BAND CONCERT

Plan to attend our Spring Band Concert to be held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Theater. The concert will feature performances by the Middle School Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble, Middle and High School Concert Bands and the High School District Contest soloists. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no admission charge for the concert.



### YMS Annual Talent Show



Please join us for the Annual YMS Talent Show! This final performance for the YMS Choirs will be held on Thursday, May 5 in the York High School Theater at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free! We are looking forward to another great show!! We have many great dance, voice, and piano solo's along with some comedy routines. Hope to see you there!

*All students who are involved in **small acts** have a MANDATORY dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 4 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the York High School Theater. This is our one rehearsal with the sound and light crew.*



### York High School Dukes & Duchesses and Chamber Singers Auditions

Auditions for next year's Dukes & Duchesses and Chamber Singers will take place on Wednesday, May 11th, 2:15—4:30pm. Dukes & Duchesses and Chamber Singers will simply consist of a singing audition. Please be watching for more audition information.

# YORK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

**WHERE:** York Elementary School  
1501 Washington Avenue

**WHEN:** June 1 - July 12  
Monday - Friday  
No Service on July 4th & 5th

**TIME:** Breakfast 8:00 am - 8:30 am  
Lunch 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

**COST:** Free to children age 1 to 18  
Adult Breakfast: \$2.50  
Adult Lunch: \$4.00



Kids 18 & Under Eat Free Breakfast & Lunch!

**NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

## PHYSICALS

Nebraska requires *all* seventh grade students have a physical examination by a qualified doctor, Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. Seventh grade physical forms *must be* turned into the middle school office by October, 2022.

Seventh and eighth grade students participating in sports need to turn in their physical and parental consent forms *before the first practice begins*. Forms are available in the office or online at <http://www.yorkpublic.org> under the "Health News" tab.

We suggest that you call early to make the appointment after May 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have any questions about physicals, please call the middle school and ask for Sue Arnold, RN.

## LUNCH BALANCES

Please have your son/daughter check on their lunch account balance. If possible, any negative lunch balance needs to be paid by Wednesday, May 18 and *must be* paid before checking out of school for the summer break. Any positive balances will remain in your child's account and will carry over to next year.

Eighth graders heading to York High School will have their balance transferred to the high school. If you're moving and need the money in your account refunded, please let us know.

Thank you!



Did your child forget to order a yearbook?  
Don't miss out!

You can still order one until the last day of school.



## NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Summer break is almost here! As this school year ends, there are a few details to keep in mind regarding the coming year, and a to-do list that you can work on.

- Students entering 7th grade are required by the State of Nebraska to meet specific immunization requirements and to have a **physical completed by a physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse within 6 months prior to the first day of school.** Please refer to the immunization information included in this newsletter and on the school website. **It is recommended that you schedule the physical appointment and begin the process of updating immunizations within the next few weeks as they are required for 7th grade students to begin the school year.**
- Students that are going to participate in YMS athletic programs will need to have a record of a sports physical completed after May 1, 2022 and prior to the start of practice for the sport. In addition to this, other required information includes: NSAA consent form, medical clearance form, and a health history form. The YMS office has packets available for pick up with the forms listed.
- **Students transferring** to YMS from another state are required by the State of Nebraska to have a physical and an eye exam completed within 6 months of entry, or a signed waiver. These students also need to meet the immunization requirements for the grade they are entering.
- If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, seizures or other health concerns, please provide current information and action plans to the school health office by the first week of August for review. Forms and action plans regarding the above concerns are available through the health office and on the school website. Please call and request these forms if you do not receive one for your student at the end of this school year. **Medical information needs to be updated at the beginning of each school year.**
- If your student has been diagnosed with asthma or a severe allergy and is going to carry an inhaler or epipen, a physician signature is needed on the asthma/allergy action plan that you provide to the school health office stating that the student may carry and self administer.
- If your student has a prescribed epipen, an epipen is to be provided by you for the student to be kept at school or to carry with them at all times.

**\*\*No noon medication will be administered on the last day of school\*\***

**\*\*If your student has a prescription medication or an over the counter medication remaining at school, please plan to come to the school office to pick the medication up prior to May 27, 2022. Any remaining medication will be disposed of after that date.\*\***



*York Middle School takes pride in our community and loves the chance to give back!*

*On Friday, May 13 the students will be participating in a community service project by cleaning up the trash in our parks around town. The students are bussed to our local parks. Gloves and trash bags are provided.. We finish the rest of our day with Anything Goes Day where the Student Families compete in outdoor competitions.*

*Students, please dress and plan accordingly as we never know what our weather will be like.*

# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  <b>May Day</b>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 2:00 Dismissal	<b>5</b> YMS Talent Show 7:00 pm @ YHS Theater 	<b>6</b>  <b>YMS            Career Day</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b>  <b>HAPPY Mother's DAY</b>	<b>9</b> Board of Education Mtg.	<b>10</b> YMS/YHS Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm YHS Theater 	<b>11</b> 2:00 Dismissal	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> <b>YMS AAGD</b> 	<b>14</b> 7 & 8 Coed State Track Meet @ Gothenburg 9:00 am
<b>15</b> Graduation 2:00 pm @ York City Auditorium 	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> YMS 8th Grade Recognition @ 11:00am <b>Last Day of School</b> NOON DISMISSAL	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Board of Education Mtg.	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>  <b>memorial            DAY</b>	<b>31</b> 	 <b>HAVE A NICE            SUMMER            VACATION!</b>			

School Resumes August 17, 2022



Parents/Guardians,

We have some exciting activities planned for the York Public School summer program.

Here are the details:

- The summer program is FREE to students that live in the York Public School Attendance Zone or attend York Public Schools
- The summer session will run from June 1 - July 12, Monday thru Friday
- Holiday - No Program - JULY 4-5th
- The summer program will be Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 12 PM.
- Students **must** attend a minimum of **five days during the summer**.
- It will be open to the first 30 elementary students per grade level and 45 middle school students registered.
- DROP OFF AND PICKUP WILL BE AT YORK ELEMENTARY
- The summer program will provide both educational opportunities and enrichment activities.

Attached, you will find the registration form for the summer program. Enrollment forms MUST be completed in their entirety prior to enrollment. Around the beginning of May, you **will** receive a letter confirming your student's enrollment into the program. Please give the completed registration form to your afterschool teacher or YMS/YES office.

Thank you for enrolling your student in our summer program! It has been a great year and we are looking forward to continuing to serve your student/s in the summer.

If you have any questions about our summer program, please don't hesitate to contact me at [amy.vernon@yorkdukes.org](mailto:amy.vernon@yorkdukes.org)

Sincerely,

*Amy Vernon*

Amy Vernon, After-School Program Project Director

# 2022 York Public Schools Summer Program For Current Grades 5-7

Office Use Only
Received: _____
State ID: _____
All Data Complete: _____
Other: _____

## Student Information:

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ **22-23 School Yr Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attends:  York Public  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Father Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number we can reach you:  Home  Cell  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact (other than parents/guardians):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Each week a different club will take place in the middle school program. You may sign up for one or more clubs.

## Check all weeks that interest your student:

\_\_\_ **June 1st - 3rd:** Fun With Ag & Safety Camp- We will learn about different farms and the History of Farming. We will also be learning about what to do in an emergency with a visit to the Fire Department to learn how to use a fire extinguisher and then a visit from NPPD for Electricity Safety.

\_\_\_ **June 6th - 10th:** Cooking Camp- ASC will be doing bake-off challenges, learning to prep. a healthy meal, and where our Food Comes From.

\_\_\_ **June 13th - 17th:** The Wild Outdoors Camp- We will be investigating what wildlife is around us with the help from UNL visitors, Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo Trunk, and a field Trip to Pioneer Park.

\_\_\_ **June 20th - 24th:** Outdoor Explorer Camp- We will be learning how to set up a shelter, orienteering, and family fishing all with the boy scouts and doing a service project for Recharge.

\_\_\_ **June 27th - July 1st:** Games Camp- ASC will be going to the 4-H fairgrounds to learn Archery and then learn Disc Golfing.

\_\_\_ **July 6th - 9th:** Crazy Summer Fun Camp - Every day we will be doing science experiments and learning how it happens. Playing some water sports games and delivering our Service Project.

\_\_\_ **July 11th - 12th:** We will continue with our Crazy Summer Fun Camp. Then the last day will be a fun swimming day!

## Program Description:

The summer program runs from **8:00 AM – 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**. Each day will include free breakfast & lunch, physical activity, academic work, educational enrichment, and an optional free lunch. Summer program students also get to experience field trips during the summer program.

**Behavior Policy:**

Students at York Public Schools Summer Program must be compliant with rules to provide a safe and fun environment for all students. We operate on a three-strike system. When extreme behavior occurs parents will be contacted and a strike note will be issued. Extreme behavior would include but is not limited to, spitting on others, kicking, hitting, running, or hiding from staff, injury to others, and defiant behaviors that result in an unsafe situation. Upon receiving the third strike the student will be dismissed from the YPS Summer Program.

***I have read and understood the behavior policy.***

**Pick-up:**

If a student does not have a parent available to pick them up by 12:05 PM if your student is not having lunch **OR** 12:45 PM if your student is staying for lunch:

1. A warning will be issued.
2. A second warning will be issued notifying the next time the student will be removed from Summer BOOST.
3. The student will be removed from the Summer Program

***I have read and understood the late pick-up policy.***

**End of Day: Students must be picked up before 12:40 p.m.**

Which of the following will you allow at the conclusion of the day?

My child will stay for lunch       My child will **not** stay for lunch

I will pick up my child.       My child may walk home.

**I specifically authorize the following:**

- |     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | I permit YPS Summer Program to use my son/daughter's photograph on the school website or in promotional material for the program. |
| Yes | No | I give permission to summer staff to take my child off school premises. (Numerous field trips planned for the summer)             |
| Yes | No | My child has a NON-Food allergy. (If YES, please specify) _____   |
| Yes | No | My child has a food allergy. (If YES, please specify) _____   |

***In order to ensure the safety of students with food allergies, proper medical documentation must be provided. Please request this paperwork upon enrollment.***

**Attendance: (Initial beside each statement)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that YPS Summer School Program is grant-funded and only receives funds for students that attend **5 days or more** during the summer program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that enrolling my student says that I value the YPS Summer Program and will plan to meet or exceed the 5-day attendance goal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that YPS Summer Program is not a drop-in/as-needed program.

**Please Mark all that apply:**

This student:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> is a resident of York School District | <input type="checkbox"/> in foster care    | <input type="checkbox"/> is a ward of the court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> is a ward of the state                | <input type="checkbox"/> has a current IEP | <input type="checkbox"/> opts into YPS          |

I grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the YPS Summer Program. I hereby release York Public Schools, its employees, volunteers from any financial responsibility or claims for the sickness and/or accident to my child during the YPS Summer Program. I understand that this program is sponsored by York Public Schools and that my child must follow all school rules set forth by York Elementary and Middle School. I understand that violations of school rules may result in suspension or removal from the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date