

# YMS



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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, 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.

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 6th, 7th, and 8-grade years some of the best years of their life.

Kenny Loosvelt  
YMS Principal  
Go Dukes!



## YMS Fall Choir Concert

The first concert for the middle school ensembles is just around the corner. The concert will be on Monday, October 17, at 6:30pm at the York High School Theater. This is a concert consisting of York Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir and Expressions. 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.  
(High School ensembles will have a concert beginning at 7:30pm)



## Congratulations! Expressions 2022 – 2023



Cora Becker  
Devyn Dunham  
Lauren Ecklund  
Joshua Hartley  
Carter Heath  
Fiona Houston

Kinslee Kern  
Kealey Kirkendall  
Mylie Linder  
Calleigh Lones  
Miley Lopez  
Zoe Luft  
Mishaela Lute

Kadence McManigal  
Lily Miller  
Kelsie Prince  
Alexis Putnam  
Abi Real  
Zari Rochard  
Gladis Rodriguez

Hanna Rutten  
Riley Snider  
Annabelle Suhr  
Mia Villarreal  
Peyton Wetter  
Felice Woodburn



## Marching Band Highlights Concert

**Monday, October 24**

Our first concert will be on October 24, at York High School. This year's 6th-grade band's first performance, and the 7th and 8th grade Marching Band and Drumline will perform. The Senior High Band, Drumline, and Flag Squad will be featured at this concert in the high school gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Please, plan to come out and see all of York's band members in action!

Notices will be sent out regarding the concert. Please check in with your student to make sure they have received and shared the information with you. We also have a Remind account for the bands, where information is shared about events. Thank you for your continued support of the band program.

## FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



**Wednesday, October 5**    **4:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Thursday, October 6**    **4:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Friday, October 7**    **8:00 - 3:00pm**

Attending parent-teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. Please take the time to schedule a conference through Signup genius to find out how your son/daughter is doing academically so far this school year.

## Loading and Unloading of Students Before and After School

Parent drop off and pick up is on the west (Delaware Avenue) side of the building. Stay to the right and follow the signs.

**Please pull forward to the blue parking line.**



Pulling forward will keep the traffic flowing and will reduce the waiting for other parents dropping off their son/daughter.

Before and after school the streets surrounding York Middle School will become very congested, and at times, can be dangerous. We need your assistance to please be patient during this time and help to ensure the safety of our students!

## 2022-2023 Student Senate Members

Congratulations to the YMS Student Senate Members!

### 6th Grade

Crue Eimermann  
Kyler Kern  
Kolston Lee  
Andi Winterrowd

### 7th Grade

Rosie Kennedy  
Rachel Holthe  
Glorie Musungay  
Avery Enninga

### 8th Grade

Colt Eimermann  
Troy Schmid  
Rylan Gilliland  
Calleigh Lones



## YMS School Pictures

YMS will have school pictures taken on Wednesday, October 5, by Jack Martin Studios. You now have the convenience to place an online order for School Pictures!

The online site is available for 2 days after picture day.

Please use the link below if you would like to place an order.

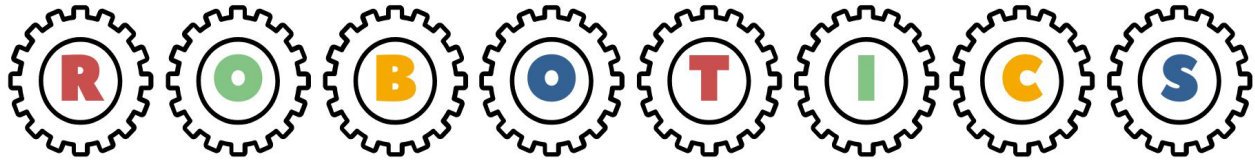
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## Scholastic Book Fair October 3 - 7



Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. **Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.**

# YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL



Applications to join the YMS Robotics Team are now available in the YMS office.

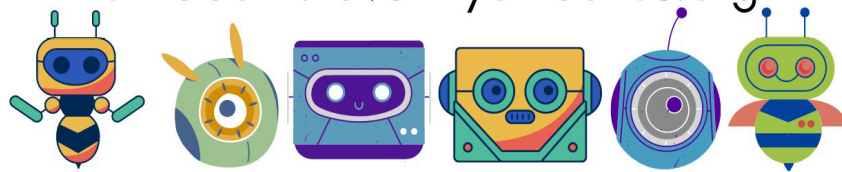
**Applications are Due October 11**

Practices will begin Tuesday, October 18 and will be every Tuesday after school until 5:00 pm

Regional Qualifier is Saturday, February 4

Email Mrs. Kavan with any questions

[elizabeth.kavan@yorkdukes.org](mailto:elizabeth.kavan@yorkdukes.org)



## YORK FFA

- PET PARADE 10/05
- 5K RUN 10/08
- SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL 10/15
- BARN DANCE 10/22
- HAUNTED HAY RIDE 10/23
- NATIONAL CONVENTION TRIP 10/25-10/19

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- SIGNUP FOR 5K RUN/WALK
- PREORDER POINSETTIAS BEFORE 10/15





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	Visit the YMS Book Fair from October 3 - 7.					
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9	10 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day Board of Education Mtg.	11	12 2:00 Dismissal B	13 8 FB @ Aurora 4:30pm G	14 End of 1st Quarter G	15
16	17  YMS Fall Choir Concert @ 6:30pm YHS Theater B	18 G	19 2:00 Dismissal B	20 8th grade U.S. President's Fair 6:00pm  G	21 B	22
23	24  YMS/YHS Fall Marching Band Highlights Concert 7:00pm - YHS Main Gym Board of Education Mtg. G	25 B	26 2:00 Dismissal G	27 B	28 G	29
30	31  Halloween B		..... Red Ribbon Week October 23 - 28 .....			