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Greetings YMS Parent(s):

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences on February 8-10. 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](http://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 *Newsies Jr.*

Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this new Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, (*Brody Mattox*) a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer, (*Carter Heath*) raises newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right.

Please join us for the performance on Thursday, March 16 & Friday, March 17 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.

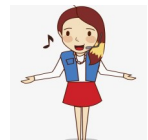
*Please note that a mandatory dress rehearsal for **ALL** cast will be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the YHS theatre from 2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. This allows them time to work with light, sound and stage crews from YHS.*



## YMS Talent Show



The final performance for the YMS Choirs will be the annual Talent Show. It will take place on Thursday, May 4. Auditions will be held on April 4 & 5. 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 2, 3 and  
Monday, March 6!!

## A Note from the School Nurse



Vision, hearing and dental screenings continue for 7th and 10th grade students. If a student does not meet the screening guidelines set forth by the state, a letter recommending further evaluation will be sent to the parent/guardian. If you have concerns regarding your child's hearing, vision or dental health, please follow up with a physician/eye doctor/dentist even if you do not receive a letter of referral.

## Middle School Band



The bands are all Marching Forward this month. We have seen continual growth and are excited to spring ahead with our musical growth. We have a busy month of performances, and I just want to share and remind you of a few items we have coming up.

The YMS Honor Band will be on Saturday, March 18, in the York High School Theater. We will have around 150 students performing in 2 separate bands that day. If your student is performing in the honor band, the music and a schedule will be available next week.

The 6th-grade band will play on March 23, for the 5th-grade as the demonstration band. We are currently working on our music to present to the 5th graders. I hope you're seeing or hearing the music at home as well.

The 8th-grade jazz band will be hitting the road and heading to Norfolk for the Northeast Jazz Festival. Information will be sent home as soon as we receive our performance times.

Thank you for supporting the band program at YPS! It's a great day to be a DUKE!

### 2023-2024 Varisty Dukette Try-Outs



Dukette tryouts will be held Friday, March 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For any 8th grade girls interested at York High School next year. Information packets are available in the office.

## March 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://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/college/2023/contest-announcement/>

If your child would like to participate in the sweepstakes, please read the instructions carefully. If you want to enter and would like Mrs. Badura to submit your application, please print it off and give it and the cover sheet to Mrs. Badura by March 27. If you would prefer to send the essay in on your own, it must be postmarked by April 3, 2023.

### YPS Transportation Communication



All students that are currently signed up for bussing for the 2022/23 school year, will automatically be signed up for bussing for the 2023/24 school year on the same route, bus and stop. If students are **moving to a different** address or **not** riding next year, please contact the bus barn at (402) 362-1988.

If your student **does not** currently ride the bus and will need to ride the bus next year, please fill out this form: [bit.ly/YPSbus23](https://bit.ly/YPSbus23)

### 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 Monday, March 13.

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



# Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!

## March 6–10, 2023

### PARENTS:

**Did you know?** Your child can **DIG IN** to healthy breakfast options at school!

# DIG IN TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

**Be a School  
Breakfast  
Builder!**

**WAFFLE  
CROSSING**

Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- ✓ Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- ✓ Score higher on standardized tests
- ✓ Have better concentration and memory
- ✓ Be more alert
- ✓ Maintain a healthy weight

**BREAKFAST  
ZONE**

**STOP**

**EAT SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST**

**BREAKFAST  
FUEL  
STATION**

Follow SNA and #NSBW23 on Social Media to learn more about #schoolbreakfast!



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## Transportation Request

### Solicitud de Transporte

**Do you need to register your child  
for bus transportation?**

¿Necesita registrar a su hijo para el transporte en autobús?

**You can register them at: [bit.ly/YPSbus23](https://bit.ly/YPSbus23)**

**Puedes registrarlos en: [bit.ly/YPSbus23](https://bit.ly/YPSbus23)**

**or follow the link using the QR code below:**

**o siga el enlace usando el código QR a continuación:**



**For any other transportation questions, please call the Transportation Office at (402)362-1988**

**Para cualquier otra pregunta sobre transporte, llame a la Oficina de Transporte al (402) 362-1988**

# March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2:00 Dismissal	2  NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	3	4
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5	6 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	7	8 2:00 Dismissal 8th grade College Visit 	9	10 End of 3rd Quarter	11
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12 	13 Track Practice Starts  Board of Education Mtg.	14	15 2:00 Dismissal	16 YMS Musical 7:00 pm - YHS Theater 	17 	18  YMS Honor Band YHS Theater 12:00 - 8:00 pm
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19	20  First Day of Spring	21	22 2:00 Dismissal	23	24	25
	..... YMS Hope Week .....					
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26	27 7 & 8 Coed TR @ Westridge Quad vs Central City, GICC, Wood River 2:00pm  Board of Education Mtg.	28	29 2:00 Dismissal	30	31	
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