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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 4th is our YMS talent show at 7:00 pm. Come see some very talented students.
- May 5th 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, the 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.
- On May 5th in the afternoon over 30 careers will be shared with our students as they take part in the YMS Career Fair. We have electricians, meteorologists, engineers, plumbers, website designers, doctors, lawyers, agriculture, and teachers just to name a few.
- May 18th is our annual Almost Anything Goes Day (AAGD).
- On May 19th 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 work 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
Go Dukes!



8th Grade Recognition Friday, May 19

The last day of school is Friday, May 19, 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 9th, 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 4 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 3 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the York High School Theater. This is our one rehearsal with the sound and light crew.*



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, May 19 will be our last day of school with a noon dismissal. The staff and administration want to wish both the students and parents a safe and enjoyable summer.



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 1st, 2023 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. Please refer to the immunization information included in this newsletter and on the school website.
- 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. **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 completed action plan is still needed and must include a physician signature on the asthma/allergy action plan 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/afternoon medication will be administered on the last day of school****

**** If your student has a prescription medication or an over the counter medication remaining in the school health office, please plan to come to the school office to pick the medication up prior to May 26, 2023. Medication needs to be picked up by an adult. Any remaining medication will be disposed of after that date.****

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS & CHROMEBOOK CHECK-IN

There are still some students who have overdue library books to turn in. As we approach the end of the school term, it's important to return all overdue books. Students must have library books and fines paid by Friday, May 12.

Parents, please assist us in seeing that all school books and Chromebooks are returned. Some fines can be costly.



York Middle School

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

On Thursday, May 18 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.

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, 2023.

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](http://www.yorkpublic.org) under the "Health News" tab.

We suggest that you call early to make the appointment after May 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

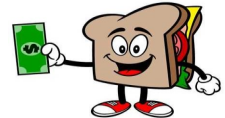
If you have any questions about physicals, please call the middle school and ask for Sue Arnold, RN.



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

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

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 17 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!

Keep learning all summer

- Take up a hobby
- Explore the community
- Attend YPS's summer camps
- Take time to read
- Go fishing
- Plant a garden
- Sign up for Summer Boost
- Pitch a tent
- Fly a kite
- Develop a new skill

YOU'RE INVITED!

YMS

WAX MUSEUM

NIGHT!



Tuesday, May 2nd
6:00 p.m.



Bring your loose change!

As the presenters speak, you may drop your change in their paper sack.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN
TO THE YES PRIDE PACK PROGRAM!

York Middle School ★ 1730 N. Delaware Ave

York FFA Greenhouse 2023 Spring Plant Sale



Hours (Every Saturday)

April 15 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

April 22 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

April 29 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

May 6 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sales will continue until all plants are gone

Rachelle Staehr

402-710-2661

Jason Hirschfeld

402-366-5231

**Stop in to schedule
custom container
planting, purchase
annuals, or just to
enjoy a beautiful day
in the greenhouse!**





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 May 30-June30
- The summer program will be Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 12 PM.
- Students **must** attend a minimum of **five days during the entire summer program.**
- It will be open to the first 30 elementary students per grade level and 45 middle school students registered.
- DROP OFF WILL BE AT YORK MIDDLE
- PICK UP AT YORK HIGH SCHOOL
- 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 after school 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

Sincerely,

Amy Vernon

Amy Vernon, After-School Program Project Director

2023 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: _____ **23-24** 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:

___ **May 30th - June 2nd:** Fun in the Outdoors Camp- We will be playing different outdoor sports & games to build team working skills. All while having a blast getting wet while we do it!!!

___ **June 5th - 9th:** Blast From the Past- ASC will be learning about some of our American history and playing games, cooking, doing crafts, visiting a living history farm, and much more!!

___ **June 12th - 16th:** Worldly Cooking Camp- We will be traveling the world through cooking this year. We will be learning about different cultures and cooking some of the foods from those different countries.

___ **June 19th - 23rd:** Outdoor Explorer Camp- We this year is going to be different then the years past. We will be Rock Climbing, going on a hike and making a snack on the way, fishing and lots more.

___ **June 26th - June 30th:** Space-X Camp- Is a new camp this year. The kids will be making different rockets, trying different astronaut's food, and learning about aerospace engineering!!

Program Description:

The summer program runs from **8:00 AM – 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**. Each day will include free 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:

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| 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

Preferred Communication Method

Our afterschool program would like to stay in contact with you and keep you informed about upcoming events, student highlights, and much more. You can receive this communication by text, email or both.

Please indicate your preferred method of communication.

☐ Text @ _____

☐ Email @ _____

☐ Both

☐ Additional Text and/or email _____



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 May Day  G	2 YMS 5th Grade Orientation 8:30-11:30am YMS 6th grade Wax Museum 6:00pm B	3 2:00 Dismissal G	4 YMS Talent Show 7:00pm YHS Theater  B	5 YMS Career Day  Cinco de Mayo G	6
7	8 Board of Education Mtg. B	9  YMS/YHS Spring Band Concert 7:00pm YHS Theater G	10 2:00 Dismissal B	11 G	12 B	13 7 & 8 Coed State Track Meet @ Gothenburg 9:00am
14  Graduation 2:00pm @ York City Auditorium Mother's Day 	15 G	16 B	17 2:00 Dismissal G	18 YMS A.A.G.D.  B	19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YMS 8th grade Recognition 11:00am End of 4th Qtr. G	20
21	22 Board of Education Mtg.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31			

School Resumes August 16, 2023