



Duke News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL —

New paraprofessionals join the YHS team

We have two new paraprofessionals at YHS. Nancy Machado is working with resource and English language learners this year while Gary Heironymus is working in our SUCCESS program. We are still looking for another night custodian to help us out. Please contact the District Office for more information.

YHS Homecoming

Homecoming 2023 "A Night in Hollywood" was a great time for our students and staff. The classes of 2024-2027 decorated their hallways in different Hollywood themes and the students showed their creativity with dress-up days. The Spirit March paraded our candidates and athletes past downtown businesses and the Bonfire allowed our students and community to showcase their Duke Pride! The dance was held Saturday night and proved to be a fun time for our students!

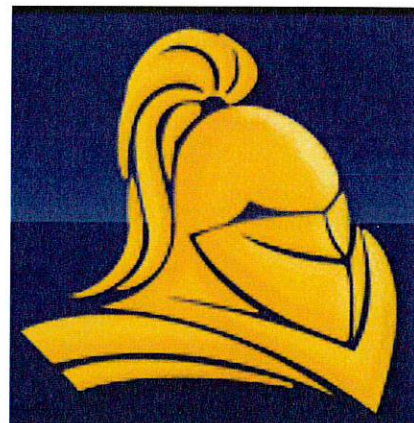
Manufacturing Day, October 6

On Friday, October 6, a number of YHS students are attending community tours as part of Manufacturing Day. Stops will be at Champion Home Builders, Cornerstone Building Brands, and Klute Steel.

RAD Tickets at YHS - Respectful - Accountable - Disciplined

Our students at YHS are learning about what it means to be Respectful, Accountable, and Disciplined throughout the day. Our staff members recognize our students in the act by giving them RAD Tickets and complimenting them on their behavior. Students will bring the ticket to the office and be in the drawing for prizes throughout the school year.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE —

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first quarter already. We've had a good start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our fall activities are beginning to wind down and if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to come out and watch all of our talented students. Here are a few reminders:

Eligibility

The eligibility report is sent out every Monday at 8:00 am. If a student is failing two or more classes, they are not eligible to participate in activities for one week. They will also be required to attend a one hour study hall that week to receive extra time and support. The ineligible period lasts from Monday through Sunday regardless of whether their grades are improved during the middle of the week. A student's first time on the list is a "grace period" and they are not required to miss activities.

Attendance

In regards to activities, if a student misses any part of the day that is not pre-arranged through the office, they are not allowed to play or practice that day. Appointments and other things that come up should be communicated to the office as soon as possible.

Also, this is a reminder that a student will lose credit for a class if absent more than eight times in a semester without notes from a doctor or other professional excusing the absences. This is a time of year when students miss a lot of class time due to activities. Many events occur during the school day. It is vital that students communicate with their teachers and stay organized about receiving the assignments they've missed.

Go Dukes!!

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SENIOR PICTURES FOR CLASS OF 2024 - COLOR PHOTO REQUIRED

REMINDER: Senior pictures for the 2024 yearbook, "The Duke," must be submitted to the journalism department by **Friday, October 27th**.

The Duke needs:

- an INDOOR picture against a NEUTRAL background
- a headshot that is head and shoulders only; it cannot include hands or be a close-up or profile shot
- a portrait style photo with no watermark is preferred
- a COLOR photo
- the selected photo by **October 27**

Your yearbook photo will be used for the 2024 Duke yearbook as well as printed in school programs and the local newspaper. Please ensure that your photographer has released your photo for the listed purposes.

To submit your photo, have your photographer email your picture to: levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org

If emailing the photo is not an option, please bring in a printed photo.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of York Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age, or national origin in its educational programs, administration, policies, employment, or other district programs.

NO SCHOOL

School will NOT be in session on
Monday, October 9th (Comp Day)
and Tuesday, October 10th
(Teacher Professional Development Day).

END OF 1ST QUARTER

The first quarter will end on Friday, October 20th.

YORK CORNERSTONE KINGS

**Anyone interested in playing York
Cornerstone Kings Legion Baseball
in 2024 who has not received a
registration letter, should contact
Jean Vincent at 402-362-6609 for more
information. The registration
deadline is Monday, October 9th.**

ACES CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



This year's ACES Induction Ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the theater. Please plan to attend to help students celebrate this high achievement.

Mark your calendar!

**Mini Cheer Clinic is scheduled for
Saturday, November 11
9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Mark you calendar!

**Mini Dukettes is scheduled for
Saturday, December 16
8:00 am to 12:00 noon**

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CORRESPONDENCE

York High School will be updating email addresses. If your email address has changed or you have not yet given us your email address for grade reports, please contact the school at 362-6655. These addresses will then be made available to those teachers who want to use this technology to communicate with parents.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS & BUSINESSES -- COMMERCIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Each year at about this time, many commercial operations contact our student's parents and businesses about fund raising opportunities. In the case of students and parents, you may be contacted about opportunities for student recognition in commercial publications at an expense to the student or parent. In other instances, businesses may be contacted about purchasing ads for athletic or activity schedules. These businesses charge a great deal of money and sometimes serve little benefit for our schools.

If you are contacted by an outside agency or individual, please make sure that the individual/business with whom you are talking has contacted the York Public Schools and is endorsed by them as an approved fund raiser. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school.

2023 Yearbooks are in!

Check in the main office or with Mr. Loofe to pick up your order. If you ordered a yearbook with a name stamp, you will have to see Mr. Loofe in room D6.

2024 Yearbook is for sale!

The cost is \$55 until April 14, 2024, then the price increases to \$65. If you would like to purchase one, stop in the main office or see Mr. Loofe. There is a link on the school website at [yorkpublic.org](https://yearbookforever.com) or go to <https://yearbookforever.com> buy to order online!

For those who want a name stamp or icons, we suggest using the online store to do so. They are an amazing touch of personality that anyone can add to their book!

TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The York Public Schools provide transportation for all participants to school activities. **All participants are required to ride to and from school-sponsored activities on school district transportation.**

If important family or personal situations require that a student return home or go to an activity with a parent, special exceptions may be allowed **if the parent submits a written request to the high school office 24 hours in advance of the activity and the parent speaks directly to the head coach/sponsor of the activity before taking the student home.** A **Special Activities Transportation Request form** may be picked up in the high school office or you may also find the form on the school webpage.

An activity sponsor may allow the student to ride with his/her parent if the sponsor determines that the situation is an **emergency** that would not allow the parent to make such a request in advance of the activity. The parent should make the request **personally** to the **head coach/sponsor** and, at that time, provide the sponsor with a written request that the head coach/sponsor will forward to the principal upon returning from the activity.

In all decisions about transportation of students, the primary concern of the Board of Education is the safety of students. Whenever unusual circumstances develop that might require a student to go or return from a school sponsored activity with anyone other than a parent, a special appeal for consideration may be submitted in writing to the high school office 24 hours in advance of the activity. The transporting person must be at least 21 years of age. In these unique situations, an administrator may authorize a student to utilize some other means of transportation; however, the person responsible for the student's transportation must personally speak directly to the head coach/sponsor of the activity before taking the student home.

YORK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

YHS Fall sports are in full swing for the 2023 season and the YHS Athletic Booster Club is **excited for the success** each team will have.

The York Athletic Booster Club would like to thank all the **businesses that purchased ads for the YHS program and rosters** this year! This is one of our largest fundraisers for the YHS Athletic Booster Club and this year was no exception.



Thank you to all that have or WILL become a York Athletic Booster Club member for the 2023-2024 school year. Your support for YHS athletics helps each and every athlete we have at YHS. If you would like to **become a member, complete the form at YHS or on our Facebook page, "York High School Booster Club"** or talk to Amanda Peterson.

A Big Thank You to everyone that made the YHS Athletic Booster Club **hamburger feed a great success** during the first York Duke home football game! The sponsors, helpers and community came out and made it a great one. A big shout out to Barb Ivey for all her work! Thank you Barb!!

The **2023 Greg Holoch Memorial Golf Tournament** was also a great success! Check out pictures from this year's event on the York Athletic Booster Club Facebook page. Thank you Scott Koch and the many dedicated volunteers for your hours of service. What a great way to honor Greg, continuing his generosity by giving to YHS in his name.

It was great to see our Homecoming spirit come alive! We are proud to be supporters of this awesome staff and student body, and love to see the school spirit that surrounds the homecoming festivities! What a great community for us all to call home! We wish the best of luck to our fall athletes as they finish out their seasons!

GO DUKES!!

York Athletic Booster Club

YORK HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Special Points of Interest:

- UNL Men's Honor Choir Day
- Fall Choir Concert
- Winter Concert
- Band Competitions



UNL MEN'S HONOR CHOIR DAY

The young men involved in choir have the opportunity to be part of the UNL Men's Honor Choir Day on October 2nd. The event takes place at the St. Paul Methodist Church on M Street in Lincoln. This is an all day event full of rehearsals with the concert in the evening at 6:30 pm. Any parents who have children involved are welcome to attend. This event is free of charge for participants and those who go to the performance at 6:30 pm.

FALL CHOIR CONCERT

The York High School Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, and Dukes & Duchesses will be performing their first concert of the year in the York High School Theater on Monday, October 16th at 7:30 pm.

The York Middle School Concert will begin at 6:30 pm that same night.

WINTER CONCERT

For the Winter Concert, things will be done a little differently this year. Mark your calendars for December 11th at 7:00 pm at York High School. Be sure to watch for more information and details in future newsletters!

BAND COMPETITIONS

The Marching Dukes are entering into our Fall competitive season. We received 1st Place at the Yorkfest Parade and are excited to continue our great success! The band is hard at work perfecting our field show entitled "Motown Favorites" which includes Rockin' Robin, I'll Be There, and Papa Was A Rolling Stone. Our final home football halftime performance will be Friday, October 6th.

The band will be participating in the Harvest of Harmony Parade and Field Competition on Saturday, October 7th, as well as the Minden Bandfest Competition on Saturday, October 14th, and the NSBA State Marching Band Festival in Kearney on Saturday, October 21st.

We finish up our marching season with our Marching Band Highlights Concert on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm in the High School Theater. Come out and support the band during our competitions and our highlights concert. Go Dukes!



Report Cards / End of Quarter

Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

This year at York High School we will **ONLY** be printing and mailing report cards at the conclusion of the 4th quarter. On or around the end of the first quarter (October 20) we will be providing you with information on how you can access and print your student's quarter grades. This change will allow YHS to save money on postage and staff hours.



Fall Clothing Exchange

East Hill Church of Christ
1122 Delaware Avenue, York
(use South entrance)

Saturday, October 28, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Lincoln Food Bank Free Food Distribution

East Hill Church of Christ
1122 Delaware Avenue, York
(South Parking Lot)

Last Tuesday of Each Month, October 31
10:30 am to 11:30 am

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are starting to come in and students should check the daily announcements for new scholarship information. The announcements are also on the school website every day. You will find a listing of current scholarships on the school website www.yorkpublic.org under Schools, High School, Counseling Center.

Susan T. Buffett Scholarship requires students to be Nebraska residents and have at least a 2.0 GPA or 77%. Applications will be available Nov. 1 at www.buffettscholarships.org. The essay and application deadline is February 1 at 5:00 pm. This scholarship is need based. The Student Aid Report (SAR) ... being renamed the FAFSA Submission Summary ... (which you will receive after completing the FAFSA) must be submitted by March 15. The value of this scholarship is over \$44,000 for universities, over \$35,000 for state colleges and over \$10,000 for community colleges.

The UNL Honors Program deadline is February 15; however, the early notification deadline is November 15. UNL has told us the sooner the students apply, the better. Students need to apply to UNL online first to be able to get to the Honors application. There is a \$45.00 application fee (which covers UNL, UNO and UNK). If students qualify for free or reduced lunch, this fee can be waived. Come to the Counseling Center if you need help with this process.

The KHOP (Kearney Health Opportunities Program) and RHOP (Rural Health Opportunities Program) are due December 1!! This is for full tuition to attend UNK (for KHOP) and/or Chadron, Peru or Wayne (for RHOP) and a guaranteed spot at UNMC. This scholarship also requires three letters of recommendation, and shadowing in a medical facility is recommended.

Similar, but for students interested in pursuing a law degree, there is RLOP (Rural Law Opportunities Program) with a deadline of December 1 for Wayne and November 15 for Chadron, and KLOP (Kearney Law Opportunities Program) with a deadline of November 15.

Students interested in ROTC scholarships should start their online application process now. Students can visit with the Counseling Center if they have questions about this.

OCTOBER 12 – BUSY DAY AT YHS – FINANCIAL AID MEETING AND APPLY TO COLLEGE

On Thursday, October 12, all seniors are encouraged to be part of Apply2College Day. In their classes, seniors will plan to complete at least one college application and one scholarship application with the help of counselors and teachers. This is a state-wide event encouraging seniors to look toward their next step of education.

Also on this date, **seniors will be required to attend** and **parents are encouraged to attend** the Financial Aid meeting held in the YHS Theater during 5A (11:19-12:04) and again 5B (12:08-12:53) periods. Lunch will be provided. EducationQuest personnel will be joining us to provide current information and helpful advice when planning for the years ahead.



COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS:

American College Test (ACT) – Grades 11 and 12 (Cost \$68.00– fee waivers available):

This test is given six times a year. York College is not a host site this year; some area schools are if you register early enough to get a spot. Registration is done online at www.act.org. If students cannot afford the \$68.00 fee and qualify for free/reduced lunch, they should come to the counseling office for a fee waiver.

ACCUPLACER TEST – Required for community colleges (No Fee):

This test is given at Southeast Community College or Central Community College and you must make an appointment with the college where you plan to take the test. The ACCUPLACER test is also given at the high school for students who sign up. Sign-up is first come, first served (seniors will be given priority). The Accuplacer test at YHS is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26**. There is no fee.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) (No fee):

This test was developed to motivate students to learn more about themselves and occupations they might find rewarding. The program can help students see how their interests, abilities, and personal preferences match civilian and military career opportunities. The ASVAB test will be given on **Wednesday, November 15**, to all sophomores as well as any juniors or seniors who sign up in advance in the Counseling office. There is no fee for this test.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

COUNSELING OFFICE COMMUNICATION

We want to be supportive to students and parents and keep communication a high priority. Please check the daily announcements on the school website www.yorkpublic.org. Our twitter account is @yhsguidance. We also post information in Google Classroom for students. We invite and encourage students and parents who work at YPS to sign up for this. Please text as follows:

9th graders/parents: Text @mdxxkci to 81010
11th graders/parents: Text @q7pcjix to 81010

10th graders/parents: Text @nhh4gl to 81010
12th graders/parents: Text @4uh4kun to 81010

EDUCATIONQUEST – A GREAT RESOURCE – IT’S FREE!

EducationQuest truly is a helpful and FREE resource for college preparation steps, FAFSA guidance, scholarship information and so much more! We are delighted to once again have an on-site representative to help, and more information will be shared soon about her time dedicated to in-person appointments at York High School. You are also invited and encouraged to reach out to their offices in Lincoln, Omaha, or Kearney to make an appointment for assistance if you wish. Virtual appointments are available.

FAFSA – START NOW!

The FAFSA will be opening in December, and it's time to start NOW, senior students and parents!



Below are some important steps:

1. Create an FSA ID. You and a parent must each create a username and password at fsaid.ed.gov that will serve as your Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will each need your own email address to create an FSA ID. This must be done at least 72 hours prior to submitting your FAFSA, so start NOW!!

2. Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after the opening date in December - yet to be name. The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The colleges you list on the application will use that information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid they will award you.

Get FREE help from EducationQuest

> Attend an EducationQuest Financial Aid Program on October 12 at YHS to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA. By attending, you can register to win a \$500 scholarship! [Click here](#) for details.

> Find free FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org to help you prepare for and complete the FAFSA.

> Call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment for free personal help: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745 (ext. 6654).

PLANS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

In mid-October, we will begin registering 11th graders for their upcoming senior year of high school. Although it seems early to begin these conversations, we are excited to talk with them about their plans for their future and which classes might fit best to explore these dreams and goals.

DUAL CREDIT PAYMENTS DUE

Dual credit classes' tuition for SCC was due by September 20. The bills are found in the student's HUB account in their SCC email. This tuition must be paid before students can register for second semester classes, so please make sure that has been completed for your child.

Payments for Peru dual credit classes are due by November 1. You can pay online or mail a check to Peru State College, Box 10, Peru, NE 68421. Contact Mrs. Stuhr if you have questions.

Materials fees are charged by York High School for these on-site dual credit classes. Mrs. Stuhr emailed this information to the student and parent. Payment was due the end of September (checks payable to YHS) and turned in to Mrs. Stuhr in the Counseling office.

CAMPUS VISITS

We are so excited for our campus visits this year! These are very valuable opportunities for students to see firsthand what a community college, state college and university look like and "feel" like. Campus visits will be scheduled during the months of November and December for grade-level visits.

There are a few other visits being scheduled for students to register for who are interested in seeing a particular campus. Students will be informed of this information as it is available. Freshmen will also possibly have a campus visit in the spring.

York FBLA / FFA Canned Food Drive

The York FBLA & FFA chapters will be hosting a canned food drive to support the Living Water Mission in York. The canned food drive is an important project for our community as the Living Water Mission serves countless people who are in need of food and shelter. We all know people who may be in need of these products, so please join us in helping support the York community.

The products in most need are canned food of any kind, pastas, mac & cheese, bottled water, etc. as well as hygiene products. Any product that is long lasting would be appropriate for the drive. Monetary donations are also accepted as the mission can use that money where they most need it.

The York FBLA & FFA canned food drive to support the Living Water Mission will be October 2nd through October 6th during your 4th period class. The class with the most lbs of food/product through the end of the day Thursday will be served breakfast pizza during 4th period on Friday. **WE ARE CAPPING CASES OF WATER AT 6 CASES PER CLASSROOM.** Cash donations are also accepted, but don't count toward totals.

Wednesday we will count double your donations (2 lb can of food counts for 4 lbs in the contest), and we have a school wide goal of 1,000 lbs that would result in an extra blitz day. The double count is not in effect for this goal; we must get an actual 1,000 lbs of food and product. We would take food on Friday to help reach the goal if necessary.

FBLA & FFA members will be collecting the food from the classrooms during 5A/5B, and we will be recording the product's weight listed on the packaging. We will be giving daily updates over the intercom on the current classroom leaders. So, let's be active stewards for our community and be ready to compete vs each 4th period class for the week.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sep 27 - Careers in Ag Day (Jr&Sr)

Oct 2 - Make Lunch for Student Teacher Tour

Oct 5 - CDE Contest in NWMS

Oct 6 - Concessions

Oct 7 - BOO @ Wessels

Oct 11 - Farm Lunches

Oct 13 - Farm Safety Day

Oct 15 - Haunted Hay-rack Ride & Chapter Pictures

Oct 18 - District Livestock Judging

Oct 25 - Hearthstone Petting Zoo

Oct 31-Nov 4 - National Convention

Nov 12 - Harvest Moon

CHAPTER MEETING

Oct.
12






Sunday, October 15th

Meet on east
side of YMS at
7:00 pm !

HAUNTED HAYRACK RIDE



Snacks and a spooky walk !!

Students will be transported from YMS to haunted
Forrest and back to YMS after the haunt

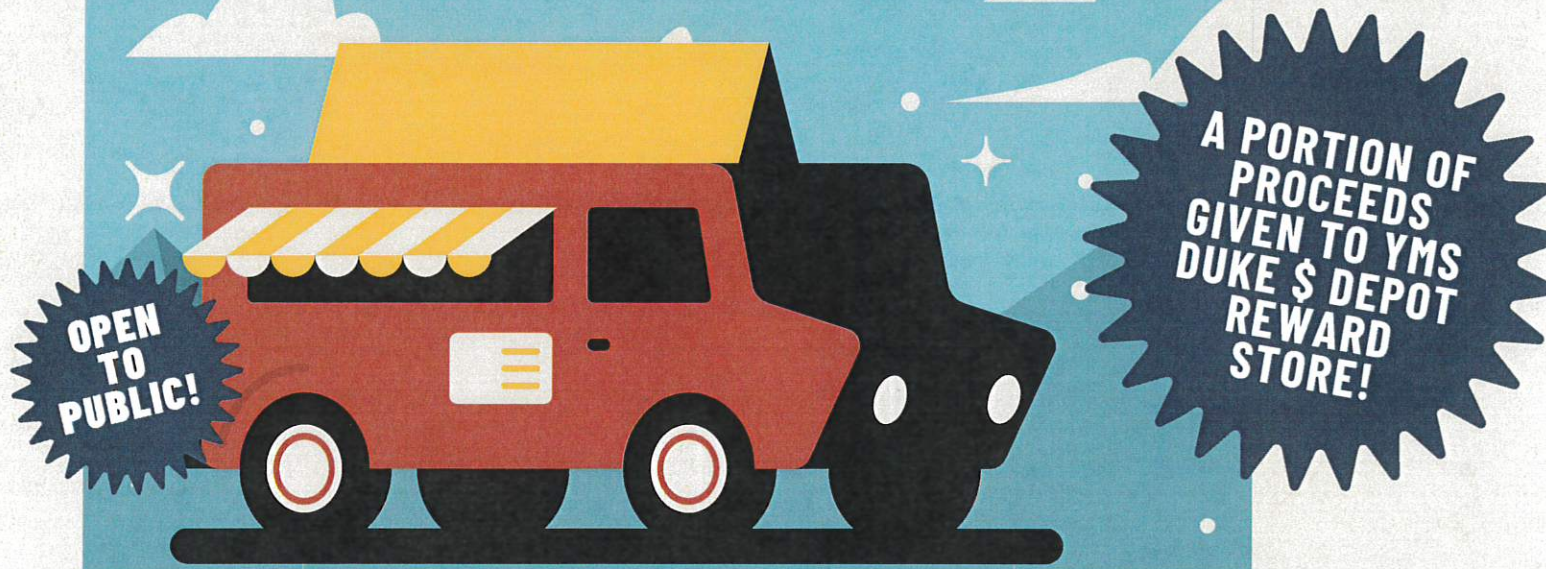
All York High School and Middle School
FFA members are welcome to join us !!

COME & GRAB SOME EATS AT THE

FOOD TRUCKS

AT
YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL

(IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES)



WED., OCT 4TH ✨ THURS., OCT 5TH

4:30 - 7:30 PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT!

WEST SIDE OF YMS IN FRONT CIRCLE DRIVE



OPEN TO PUBLIC



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October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 UNL Men's Choir Festival Girls Golf Districts (V) York Country Club - 10:00 am Softball Sub-Districts (V) @ Lakeview vs Aurora - 5:00 pm BT-Home vs Waverly (JV/V) - 3:00 pm	3 BT @ Ralston Invite (JV) - 9:00 am BT @ Hastings (V) - 4:00 pm VB @ Adams Central Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm	4 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm YHS School Pictures YHS Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm	5 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm BT @ Crete (JV/V) - 4:00 pm Central Conference Cross Country Meet @ Seward (V) Concordia University G-4:45 / B-5:15 VB-Home vs Milford Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm FB-Home vs GINW (Res) - 6:00 pm	6 YHS Full Day of School Softball District Finals (V) - TBD FB-Home vs Seward - 7:00 pm	7 Softball District Finals (V) - TBD YHS Band @ Harvest of Harmony, Grand Island
8	9 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day) Board of Education Meeting State Girls Golf Tournament (V) Scottsbluff Country Club - 10:00 am CT	10 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Professional Development Day) VB @ Lincoln Christian Res-5:00/JV-6:00 pm FB-Home vs Aurora (Res) - 5:30 pm	11 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm YHS PSAT Test 8:00 am - 12:00 pm State Softball Tournament (V) Hastings Softball Complex - TBD	12 Central Conference Volleyball Tournament (V) - TBD Cross Country District Meet (V) - TBD YHS Apply to College Day EducationQuest Financial Aid Informational Meeting @ YHS Theater Session 1 - 11:20 - 12:00 pm Session 2 - 12:10 - 12:50 pm State Boys Tennis Tournament (V) Woods Tennis Center - 9:00 am	13 FB @ Lincoln Northwest (V) - 7:00 pm	14 YHS Band @ Minden Bandfest Central Conference Volleyball Tournament (V) @ Seward - 10:00 am
15	16 State Softball Finals (V) @ UNO Anderson Field - TBD YMS/YHS Fall Choir Concert YMS-6:30 / YHS-7:30 pm @ YHS Theater	17 FFA District Livestock Judging Setup @ York Fairgrounds VB-Home vs GINW Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm PINK OUT!	18 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm FFA District Livestock Judging @ York Fairgrounds	19 VB @ Schuyler Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm FB @ Waverly (Res) - 6:30 pm	20 END OF 1 ST QUARTER State Cross Country Meet (V) @ Kearney Country Club—TBD FB @ GINW (V) - 7:00 pm	21 YHS Band @ NSBA State Marching Band Festival, Kearney VB @ Seward Invite (Res) - 9:00 am
22	23 YMS/YHS Marching Band Highlights Concert @ YHS Theater - 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting Red Ribbon Week	24 Volleyball Sub-Districts (V) - TBD	25 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Duke & Duchesses Peru State Show Choir Competition	26	27 YHS Senior Pictures Due For the Yearbook Football Playoffs (V) 1st Round - TBD	28 Volleyball District Finals (V) - TBD
29	30	31 National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis, IN Halloween				