



YORK HIGH

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From the Principal's Desk —

Winter Ball Scheduled

The Winter Ball has been scheduled for Saturday, January 13th, 2024 from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm in the CWAC. Students can pick up outside date forms in the office. Admission will be \$5 per person with proceeds going to YHS YAAD.

ICU and Infinite Campus Reminders - LINK - <https://tinyurl.com/yv9ya5av>

York Public Schools has been using the ICU database now for several years. Here are a few reminders for parents now that the year is in full swing:

- We have an ICU lifeguard, Mrs. Johnson, that has been working with students throughout the day in study halls and lunch periods.
- Notifications: Parents should be receiving a text and email when your student is placed on the ICU list. If you would like us to change the cell number or email address, please let us know and we can get it changed.
- Notifications are NOT meant to get the student in trouble with parents. Instead, we are looking to enlist the support of the parents and ICU lifeguard to help keep the student on track.
- Grades and assignments can be checked on Infinite Campus with the parent portal link above. Please contact YHS main office or guidance office for troubleshooting log in issues.

YHS Office Closed Over Winter Break

The YHS Office will be closed from December 23rd, 2023 until it reopens on January 2nd, 2024.

Spring Semester Schedules

Student schedules for the Spring semester are available on the student and parent portals. Students will be able to adjust schedules through the YHS counseling office until Friday, January 12th, 2024.

GO DUKES!

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE —

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION

Once again, participation in extracurricular activities is high at York High School. This is very encouraging due to the many benefits that students receive from being involved in activities. Education based activities serve as an extension of the classroom. Good high school programs focus on the development of the total student. It has been shown that students who participate in activities have higher grade point averages, better attendance, and less disciplinary issues. Education based activities have great educational value and it's encouraging to see how many of our students are involved. At York High School, we truly do have a program for every student to participate in and be successful.

Here's a list of participation numbers for activities offered in the fall and winter:

Boys Tennis = 17
Volleyball = 26
Girls Golf = 17
Football = 61
Girls Cross Country = 9
Boys Cross Country = 7
Softball = 22
Play Production = 99
Unified Bowling = 14

Boys Wrestling = 37
Girls Wrestling = 13
Boys Bowling = 17
Girls Bowling = 10
Girls Basketball = 18
Boys Basketball = 31

GO Dukes!!

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YHS Winter Ball

The Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024. The dance will be from 8:30 to 11:00 pm in the indoor tennis courts. The cost is \$5 per person. All high school students are invited! If you plan to bring an out-of-town date, you will need to pick up a sign-up form in the main office. Dates must be at least in high school, and no older than 20.

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.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Counseling staff will be talking to seniors early in January about the application process for the local scholarships. A list of these scholarships will be available to them. The instructions and the application itself are or will be available on the school website at www.yorkpublic.org and can be downloaded for students to fill out and then print. Handwritten applications will NOT be accepted.

To apply, students must submit scholarship application packets which consist of a cover letter and application. The two recommendation letters that had already been submitted to the Counseling Office will be attached by staff. **These will be due on or before 4 pm on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th. EARLY applications are encouraged.** (Applications turned in early can be reviewed by the counseling staff if asked and the student given the opportunity to correct errors; applications turned in on the deadline date will be accepted as is.) **TO RESPECT THE COMPETITIVE COMPONENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

SENIORS – COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

As of this writing, we await the FAFSA to open hopefully some time later in December. We invite you to contact EducationQuest at 800-303-3745 to make a FREE appointment if you wish to have them assist you with this. We also are so fortunate to have an Education Quest representative visit YHS by appointment on designated Wednesdays. Connect with Mrs. Stuhr if you'd like to schedule FREE assistance with the FAFSA or any other college prep assistance.

A tutorial of how to fill out the FAFSA is available on the EducationQuest website if you need help at www.educationquest.org. Feel free to call with questions at any of their offices: Kearney (1-800-666-3721), Lincoln (1-800-303-3745) or Omaha (1-888-357-6300).

EducationQuest has informed us that colleges and the FAFSA request that you submit your taxes electronically to prevent delays in getting your financial aid package. The FAFSA application now has an "IRS Data Retrieval Tool" that you will click on to retrieve your tax returns and "drop" them into your application. We recommend using this step because colleges' financial aid offices randomly review 1 of every 3 FAFSA applications – this is called verification. Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool reduces your risk of being selected for verification, so it is in your benefit to use this tool. Being selected for verification does not indicate you did anything wrong, the college is doing a random quality control check. Federal money is always first come, first served, so apply early.

NOTE: *Even if you think you won't qualify for a PELL grant, you still need to fill out the FAFSA to receive any federal student or parent loans and college scholarships. This is just part of the financial aid process.*

FEBRUARY 1 REMINDER: The Susan Buffett Thompson Foundation scholarship requires all information be submitted electronically, as well. This scholarship has a deadline of February 1 at 5:00 pm CT. New this year as part of the Buffett scholarship: the FAFSA submission information is due Friday, March 15, 2024. FAFSA Submission Summary (results from FAFSA) are typically ready within 3-5 days after the application is completed.

ACT TEST – Please see the counseling office if you think you may qualify for a fee waiver.

TEST DATE – February 10

TEST DATE – April 13

TEST DATE – June 8

TEST DATE – July 13

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – January 5

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – March 8

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – May 3

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – June 7

****ALL JUNIORS WILL TAKE THE ACT TEST AT YORK HIGH SCHOOL ON MARCH 26th.****

Students have access to ACT prep through Google classroom. Class code is 7ijdzon

SENIORS – FEBRUARY ACT

Seniors are encouraged to take the February ACT test if they have chosen a private college. Check with your private college choice to determine if they will accept them.



COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

ACCUPLACER TEST SCORES

The ACCUPLACER test was given at the high school this fall. Those students received their scores right away and the school received a copy for their files. Students who took the test at York High and have, or plan to, apply at a community college should request a transcript and these scores from the counseling office. Seniors who took this test at a community college need to request their scores from *that* college. The counseling office can help you with this. **REMINDER:** Students need to apply by March 1 to be eligible for scholarships at most community colleges AND take the ACCUPLACER by then.

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES – PERU and SCC

Registration for second semester dual credit classes through Peru State College will be completed in early January. To help you in planning, tuition payment for dual credit classes through Peru State College are \$60 per credit hour for all classes (\$180 for Speech, \$240 for Biology, and \$180 for Intro to Theater). For each Peru and SCC class there is also a \$35 materials fee payable to YHS. The \$35 materials fee per class will need to be paid to YHS (check payable to YHS or cash). Mrs. Stuhr will email each student and parent about the materials fees amount. Peru and SCC both do their tuition billing via email to the student email provided when students register. Just a reminder, first semester tuition must be paid to the college before your student is able to register for second semester classes. Call Mrs. Stuhr with questions.

CAMPUS VISITS

Reminder that senior students have TWO exempted days to make college campus visits. These opportunities are so important for students as they explore and narrow down their college options. Please take advantage of these days. If you need help coordinating these visit days, let Mrs. Stuhr know.

OUTSIDE AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Please remember to bring copies of your scholarship information from colleges or other outside scholarships to Mrs. Stuhr so this can be compiled and announced during Honors Night and at graduation. ANY scholarship awarded, whether you accept/use it or not, is important to us so please share this information!

YORK HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

YHS Band

January will be full of basketball pep band, attending honor bands, and we will be hard at work preparing our new concert music. Several of our students were selected to attend various honor bands across the state that are this month. Jaida Scamehorn and Emily Otoupal were selected to the Kearney High School Underclassmen Honor Band on January 15th at KHS. Katelyn Ecklund was selected to the Hastings Honor Band at Hastings College on January 22nd. Allie Colburn and Lily Houston were selected to attend the UNK Honor Band Festival on January 29th at UNK. Congratulations to our fantastic students for representing YHS at these outstanding honor bands!

YHS Choir

Our focus for the spring semester will be competitions for D & D and the YHS Choir Concert on Monday, February 26th at 7:00 pm.

Many thanks to the Fine Arts Boosters for your continued support!!



Thank You

to everyone for
supporting the
Bands at the
Annual Soup
Supper!

AND

to everyone for
supporting the
Festival of Choirs!

New Band Booster Email → yorkbandboosters@gmail.com

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Winter Driving Tips

Winter tips to help your teen driver to stay safe:

- Be aware of current and forecasted weather conditions.
- Know their proposed route and estimated time of arrival.
- Keep the vehicle in good condition and maintain appropriate fluid levels.
- Check tire tread.
- Maintain a full gas tank.
- Pack a winter emergency kit in case they would become stranded.
 - **cell phone and portable charger
 - **extra hats, coats, blankets, mittens, and handwarmers
 - **booster cables, tire pump, flares, sand/cat litter for traction
 - **flashlight and extra batteries
 - **first aid kit
 - **snacks and bottles of water



Health Screenings

Vision, hearing, and dental screenings will be conducted during the 3rd quarter 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. Normal hearing and vision are vital for learning.

Good dental health improves overall health, decreases the risk of chronic disease, prevents plaque and tooth decay and is necessary for healthy adult teeth. If you have concerns regarding your child's hearing, vision, or dental health, please follow up with a healthcare provider, eye doctor, dentist even if you do not receive a letter of referral.

If you do not want your student to participate in these screenings, please notify the health office by January 12, 2024.

YORK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

A few words from the Athletic Booster Club...

Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YorkHighSchoolAthleticBoosterClub/>

Good luck to all our winter sports teams!! Look for their schedules on the app, rSchoolToday or see the link on yorkpublic.org. Poster calendars and pocket calendars are available at the YHS school office.

Follow:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Wrestling
- Girls Wrestling
- Boys & Girls Bowling

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY --


- ◇ Saturday, January 20th - **Boys Hoopla** Basketball Tourney held at YHS. Please email Nicky Eimermann at progressivechiropractic@yahoo.com to sign up to work a shift at concessions or gate.



Mark your calendar for the **All Sports Banquet on Friday, May 3 at YHS!**

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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>  <p>NO SCHOOL - Winter Vacation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GBB-Home vs Schuyler JV 4:30 / V 6:00 pm</p> <p>BBB-Home vs Schuyler JV 4:30 (Aux Gym) / V 7:30 pm</p> <p>GWR @ Lincoln Southeast (V) - 5:30 pm</p> <p>BWR @ Lincoln Southeast (JV/V) - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Teacher Flex Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SCHOOL RESUMES</p> <p>GWR @ High Plains Invite (V) (CCC Columbus) - 9:30 am</p> <p>GBB @ Lincoln Northwest V 5:30 / JV 7:00 pm</p> <p>BBB @ Lincoln Northwest JV 5:30 / V 7:00 pm</p> <p>9 BBB-Home vs GINW (Aux Gym) - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BWR @ High Plains Invite (V) (CCC Columbus) - 10:00 am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BWR @ Waverly (JV) - 9:00 am</p> <p>BOWL @ Lexington (V) (Strike & Spare) - 9:30 am</p> <p>BWR @ High Plains Invite (V) (CCC Columbus) - 10:00 am</p> <p>BBB-Home vs GINW JV 1:00 / V 2:30 pm</p> <p>Speech Workday 1:00 - 6:00 pm</p> <p>GBB @ Nebraska Basketball Showcase at Kearney High vs Omaha Marian - 3:30 pm</p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>9 G/B BB-Home vs Seward (Aux Gym) G 5:00 / B 6:30 pm</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BOWL-Home vs Seward - 1:00 pm</p> <p>GBB-Home vs GICC JV 4:30 / V 6:00 pm</p> <p>BBB-Home vs GICC JV 4:30 (Aux Gym) / V 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BOWL-Home vs McCool Jct - 1:00 pm</p> <p>9 BBB-Home vs GISH (Aux Gym) - 6:00 pm</p> <p>GWR @ Waverly (V) - 6:00 pm</p> <p>BWR @ Waverly (JV/V) - 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>GBB-Home vs Crete JV 4:30 / V 6:00 pm</p> <p>BBB-Home vs Crete JV 4:30 (Aux Gym) / V 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Speech Contest CNFL @ GISH</p> <p>B/G WR @ GINW Invite (V) - 9:00 am</p> <p>BWR @ Palmer Invite (JV) - 9:30 am</p> <p>BOWL @ GISH Invite (V) (Westside Lanes) - 11:00 am</p> <p>Winter Ball in CWAC, 8:30 to 11:00 pm</p>
14	<p>15</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>MLK In-Service Day</p> <p>KHS Underclassmen Honor Band @ Kearney</p> <p>9 BBB-Home vs Crete (Aux Gym) - 6:30 pm</p> <p>BBB @ Lincoln Lutheran (Res) - 6:30 pm</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BOWL @ Lincoln Northwest w/ Standing Bear (V) (Sun Valley Lanes) - 12:15 pm</p> <p>GBB @ Norris JV 4:30 / V 6:00 pm</p> <p>BBB @ Norris JV 4:30 / V 7:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BOWL @ Hastings (V) (Pastime Lanes) - 4:00 pm</p> <p>BWR @ Aurora Tri w/ Milford (JV, V) - 4:30 pm</p> <p>GWR @ Adams Central Tri w/ Aurora (V) - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BWR @ UNK Duals (V) (Buffalo County Fairgrounds) - 10:00 am</p> <p>GWR @ Lexington Invite (V) - 2:00 pm</p> <p>GBB @ Malcolm JV 4:30 / V 6:00 pm</p> <p>BBB @ Malcolm JV 4:30 / V - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Academic Decathlon Regional Test - TBD</p> <p>Speech Contest @ Lincoln Southwest</p> <p>BWR @ Lexington Invite (V) - 9:00 am</p> <p>BWR @ Centennial Invite (JV) - 9:00 am</p> <p>GBB-Home vs North Platte V 2:00 / JV 3:30 pm (Aux)</p> <p>BBB-Home vs North Platte JV 2:00 (Aux) / V 3:30 pm</p>
21	<p>22</p> <p>G/B BB Central Conference Tournament (V) 1st Round - TBD</p> <p>Hastings Honor Band @ Hastings College</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>G/B BB Central Conference Tournament (V) Quarter-Finals - TBD</p> <p>BOWL @ GISH (V) (Westside Lanes) - 1:00 pm</p> <p>9 G/B BB @ Central City G 6:00 / B 7:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BBB Central Conference Tournament Semi-Finals (V) @ GINW - TBD</p> <p>9 G/B BB-Home vs Hastings G 6:00 (Aux) / B 7:30 (Aux)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm</p> <p>Speech @ Lincoln Northeast Space Race</p> <p>GBB Central Conference Tournament Semi-Finals (V) @ GINW - TBD</p> <p>GWR Central Conference Tournament (V) @ York - 3:00 pm</p> <p>BWR @ Raymond Central Invite (JV) - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>G/B BB Central Conference Tournament Finals (V) @ Aurora - TBD</p> <p>BWR Central Conference Tournament @ York - 9:30 am</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>UNK Honor Band & Choir Clinic @ Kearney</p> <p>Bowling Districts (V) @ Hastings (Pastime Lanes) - 10:00 am</p> <p>9 G/B BB @ GINW G 6:00 / B 7:30 pm</p> <p>BBB-Home vs Aurora (Res) - 6:00 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm</p>	