

Duke News

March 2024

Volume XXXVIII Number 7

Brian Gralheer

Principal

Tyler Herman

Assistant Principal/Activities Director

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK —

ACT Test Day - March 26, 2024

Testing season is quickly approaching! Much like in the past, all YHS juniors will be taking the Nebraska State ACT test on March 26th. This test is paid for and administered through the Nebraska Department of Education so parents do NOT need to sign up.

Please read below for activities for each class on Tuesday, March 26th:

- 9th Graders Traveling to York University for a campus tour.
- 10th Graders Pre-ACT test administered at York High School.
- 11th Graders Nebraska State ACT administered at York High School.
- 12th Graders NO SCHOOL for Seniors.

Students in grades 9-11 will be dismissed when their activity is completed. Lunch will NOT be served that day, but breakfast will be available in the morning.

Career Fair - March 28, 2024

This year's YCDC Career Fair is scheduled for the morning of March 28th, at the Holthus Convention Center. We will be taking a number of junior students and the keynote speaker will be April McDaniel. This event is put on by York County Development Corporation with several other students from York County participating.

LOOKING AHEAD

YHS Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the Holthus Convention Center.

YHS Honors Night is scheduled for Monday, April 15, at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.

GRADUATION is right around the corner! Graduation is set for Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 pm at the City Auditorium.

GO DUKES!

Brian Gralheer High School Principal brian.gralheer@yorkdukes.org



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE --

The month of March marks the beginning of the spring activity season. The spring is a busy time of year for activities and end of the year events. Here are a few reminders:

- 1. **Do not rely totally on the printed calendars -** Things happen throughout the year that cause us to change dates and times of events. More often than not in the spring, it's the weather causing a cancellation or postponement. The best resource is the online rSchool calendar which is located on the school website.
- 2. **Follow us on social media -** Schedule changes and announcements are always posted to social media. Follow on Twitter (@YorkDukesAD) and Facebook (York Public Schools).
- 3. **Plan ahead with activity conflicts-** Students that participate in multiple activities may find that they have conflicts between events on the same day. As much as we try to catch those early, we rely on students and parents to communicate and plan accordingly. We do not have a policy regarding which events take priority. Those are handled on a case by case basis.

IMPORTANT ACTIVITY DATES

- ♦ **Spring Sports Photo Day** Wednesday, March 6th in the Aux Gym
- ♦ **Spring Break** March 7th through March 11th
- ♦ No School March 12th due to Teacher Professional Development Day



Go Dukes!!

Tyler Herman
Assistant Principal/Activities Director
tyler.herman@yorkdukes.org
Twitter: @YorkDukesAD

2024-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All students that are currently signed up for bussing for the 2023-2024 school year, will automatically be signed up for bussing for the 2024-2025 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:

https://bit.ly/24-25ypsbus



SPRING SPORTS PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, March 6th
Aux Gym

Pick up picture forms in the YHS Office

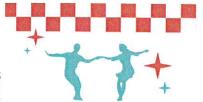
Team pictures will be taken first, followed by individual pictures!

Boys Soccer at 2:15 pm Girls Soccer at 2:30 pm Boys Golf at 2:45 pm Girls Tennis at 3:00 pm Girls Track at 3:15 pm Boys Track at 3:30 pm

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.

Prom 2024 "Shake, Rattle, & Roll"





York High School invites all Juniors and Seniors to this year's prom, "Shake, Rattle, & Roll" on Saturday, April 6th. Prom will be held at the Holthus Convention Center. All tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in the High School Office starting on Monday, March 4th through Monday, April 1st.



Doors will open at 6:30 pm, and students must have their tickets to enter. The meal will be served at 7:00 pm, with coronation following at 8:15 pm. After coronation, the dance will commence until 11:00 pm.

Students will not be allowed to enter the building after 7:30 pm, and once a student leaves prom, he/she may not re-enter the building. Parents will be permitted to attend the coronation starting at 8:00 pm.

2023/2024 YEARBOOKS

The 2023/2024 Yearbooks are now for sale for \$55! After April 29th they are \$65. If you want your name stamped on your yearbook, it is an additional \$10. Stop in the YHS office or Mr. Loofe's room (D6) to purchase. Email Mr. Loofe at levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org if you have any questions.

2023/2024 YEARBOOK PARENT ADS

Parent Ads are designed especially for parents who wish to openly congratulate their graduating seniors. Each ad is \$45. It is preferred that you email your pictures and message to levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org by Thursday, March 28. Each ad is \$45. Make checks out to York High School and drop them off at the High School Office or mail them to York High School. If you only have printed pictures, please drop them off at YHS by Monday, March 25. No late payments or pictures will be accepted. A flyer is attached to this newsletter!

YEARBOOK SALE

Extra yearbooks are for sale!

The following are available for a free-will donation to the yearbook program.

The following are available for \$10 each:

NOTICE FOR PARENTS - COMMERCIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Each year about this time, some commercial programs are contacting our students (SENIORS IN PARTICULAR) regarding the publication of student names for recognition in commercial publications at an expense to the student. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF YORK DOES NOT AND WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION TO ANY BUSINESS OR CORPORATION WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PROFIT FROM THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

A few words from the Booster Club...

Thanks to the volunteers that helped with Concessions this year! Thanks for stepping up, as our funds grow because of your efforts, and that directly benefits our athletes.

Spring sports are gearing up and with that comes new buttons and yard signs. All Spring sports pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 6th after school, beginning at 2:15 pm (refer to page 2 for the time of each sport). Order forms are available in the high school office. If you want buttons or yard signs, please have your student-athlete turn the form and money in when their picture is taken.

This year's Athletic Booster Banquet will be FRIDAY, MAY 3rd at 6:00 pm! A meal and program will be held in the gym and gym commons at York High School. Tickets will be \$20 and available for purchase prior to the banquet, at the High School Office. All seniors and high school coaches will receive a complimentary ticket. Tickets will go on sale in April. This is OPEN to the public and all are welcome to attend and celebrate the success of the York High School Athletics during the 2023/2024 Season!! If you have any pictures you would like to share, please email or text them to Amanda Peterson, 402-710-1554, apeterson72475@gmail.com, before April 1st.

Please remember to turn in your athlete's information for the All Sports booklet to the High School Office by April 1st. Just a reminder that if the information is not received by then, your athlete's information will not be listed in the book. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter or can be picked up in the High School Office.

Please consider being a volunteer for the Yowell Track Meet on Saturday, April 20th. Workers will be needed all day! It's a great way to get outdoors and get involved! Contact Amanda Peterson if you'd like to help out.

Congrats to our wrestlers as they finished out a fantastic season on the mats! Congrats to the boys and girls basketball programs on a successful season as well!

Good luck to all of our athletes as they head into their spring seasons!

GO DUKES!!

Varsity Dukette Auditions

for the 2024-2025 school year will be Friday, March 22^{th} from

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the main gym.

Any girls (8th grade thru 11th grade) who are interested in auditioning need to fill out a try-out form that can be picked up in their school office!

Please reach out to Brooklyn Gierhan,

brooklyn.gierhan Dyorkdukes.org, if you have any questions!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Upcoming Dates
- Auditions for 2024-2025
- YMS Fame Jr.
- Band Notes
- Band Booster Club Notes

UPCOMING DATES!

- March 26th D & D will be competing at the Northeast Jazz Festival, performance time is yet to be determined (tentative).
- April 18-19th District Music Contest at Norris, more information in April.
- May 6 YHS Pops Concert at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater. Auditions for this performance will be held in April.

AUDITIONS FOR 2024-2025

Auditions for students interested in D & D and Chamber Singers will be held in May. Look for more information in the coming months!

YMS - FAME JR.

Come support the Middle School Dukes by attending the musical, $Fame\ Jr.$ on Thursday, March 14^{th} and Friday, 15^{th} at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.



BAND NOTES

The YHS Band is continuing our hard work to improve our performance abilities and building a strong foundation.

We have three students representing York High School at the Central Conference Honor Band on March 18th. Allie Colburn, Ellie Gartner, and Naomi Renner all auditioned and were accepted to the 80 piece honor band. Congratulations on their hard work!

BAND BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

The Band Boosters will have a meeting on Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Email Trevor at trhusker@gmail.com for more information!



COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CREDIT RECOVERY

Summer school classes for credit recovery will be available again this summer. More information will be coming out in April.

JUNIORS STATE-WIDE ACT and SOPHOMORE PRE-ACT

All YHS juniors will take the ACT test at York High School on Tuesday, March 26. All YHS sophomores will take the Pre-ACT on the same day at YHS. These students will report to the lunchroom between 7:30 am and 8:00 am.

MARCH 26

On Tuesday, March 26, seniors will not have classes and freshmen will travel to York University for a campus tour. Freshmen should plan to report to the YHS Theater by 8:00 am.

FAFSA - SENIORS

Just a reminder to all seniors and parents about the importance of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This is critical for any senior attending any type of college as it can affect scholarships as well as federal aid. We are so fortunate to have an on-site EducationQuest representative visit our school on some Wednesdays to give FREE assistance with this process. Contact Mrs. Stuhr to set an appointment. March 6 is her next date to visit YHS. Student and parent must create an FSA ID at least three days prior to the completion of the FAFSA.

ACT TEST DATES:

TEST DATE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE



April 13 June 8 July 13 March 8 May 3 June 7

ACCUPLACER TESTING

Upperclassmen who are interested in taking the Accuplacer test at YHS for community collete3 admission are welcome to sign up in the Counseling office. This is set for Tuesday, April 23. This test is free of charge.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Although our local scholarship application process is over, there are still several other scholarships for which seniors can apply. Check the school website www.yorkpublic.org and go to High School, Counseling Center. Also check college websites for department scholarships or national organizations on FastWeb. EducationQuest is also a fantastic resource.

HONORS NIGHT

We're looking ahead to <u>Honors Night 2024</u>. This is scheduled for <u>Monday, April 15</u>, in the YHS theatre, beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a fabulous evening of celebrating our students. Students, please plan to have this night free on your schedules if you will be receiving recognition / scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

We record <u>all</u> scholarships offered from colleges (whether your senior chooses to attend those colleges or not). *Please submit ALL college scholarship offers to Mrs. Stuhr AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!* ©

DUAL CREDIT (SENCAP) THROUGH SCC

Career Academy classes through Southeast Community College are an excellent option for juniors and seniors to experience a vocational area to see if it could be a potential college interest ... or not! If your child is interested in a dual credit class or two (high school <u>and</u> college credit), now is the time to visit with his/her counselor. Education, health sciences, agriculture, information technology, criminal justice and green energy are just some of the areas covered in this successful program. Some courses are taught at YHS by our teaching staff and others are available online. Registrations will be starting very soon this spring, so NOW is the time to learn more!

DUAL CREDIT - BILLING AND PAYMENTS

According to information received from SCC and Peru State, the following are the dates you need to be mindful of for dual credit billing and payments:

 \underline{SCC} - Bills were emailed to students in late January. This is the email through the SCC account. Tuition payment was due February 29. We are fortunate that students receive a reduced rate due to legislative actions.

<u>Peru</u> - Bills will be mailed in the very near future to the student's home address. They are also accessible on their MyPSC account. Tuition payment is due April 1.

Tuition payments to both colleges should be mailed directly to the college and not to York High School. Paying online through the student's account is also an option. Contact Deb Stuhr in the Counseling office if you have any questions. Also reminder that YHS materials fees (which get turned in to Mrs. Stuhr) were due February 22.

SCAVENGER HUNT

How about a scavenger hunt for a chance to win \$500 for college? Apply by March 15 by completing a profile in ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship as one of the scholarships for which you're eligible to apply. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find the answers to questions in a survey. A winner will be drawn from those who answer all questions correctly and this winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan account.

SUMMER 2024 DRIVER'S EDUCATION

We are planning to offer Driver's Education this summer at York High School. We will be offering **2 sessions**. Both sessions will be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Our first session will run from **Tuesday**, **May 21**st through Friday, **May 24**th . **IF** we have excessive snow dates, this first session will run from Tuesday, May 28th through Friday, May 31st.

The second session will run from Monday, June 24th through Thursday, June 27th.

Students must have a Learner's Permit (LP) or School Learner's Permit (SLP) by July 15 to be able to complete the driving portion of the class. Driver's Education courses will offer classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training.

The cost of Driver's Education is \$375.00, checks payable to York High School. If you are interested, please contact the YHS Office. Sign up is on a first come-first serve basis. The deadline for signing up and payment will be Friday, May 3rd. Call the YHS Office at 402.362.6655, option 2, to sign your



student up.

Upcoming FFA Events

3/19

Cornhusker livestock judging contest

3/22

Barn Dance @ Wessles 7:00 pm 4/3-5

FFA State
Convention

4/21

FFA Banquet TBD

Rise to the Top



24-25 CHEER TRYOUTS

Calling all students interested in promoting school spirit! Do you have what it takes to be a cheerleader? We are looking for students to add to our cheer team!

Not sure? Come check out a cheer practice, no commitment, on March 13th 3:45-

-

Mandatory parent meeting Sunday March 17th 7pm Practices March 18th-21st

York High School AUX gym

> M-6:00-8pm Optional:

T-6:00-8pm W-3:45-5pm Th-6:00-8pm

iii-o.uu-opiii >>>TRYOUTS: Friday March 22nd 6:00pm

Interested?

>pick up packet and teacher recommendations sheets in

your school office >return packet at parent meeting on Sunday March 17th Questions? Contact coach: Allison.ecklund@yorkdukes.org

FOR YORK ATHLETICS

-On March 18th we will be hosting our 13th Annual York

<u>Lift-A-Thon</u> at 6:30 PM for next year's freshmen and sophomores & 7:30 for next year's juniors and seniors.

- -Your York football players will be performing max lifts on four core lifts:
- -Squat, Bench Press, Hang Clean, Push Press
- -Your pledges for these lifts will help York athletes earn money to attend summer camp. Also a percentage of the money will go toward buying weight room equipment to benefit all York athletes as well as football equipment. We will also donate a percentage of our profits to a charity of the football team's choice!

-You are more than welcome to come show your support for our athletes on March 18th in the weight room on the York High School campus.

-If you are interested in donating, you may fill out the pledge sheet for any athlete and return it to Coach Snodgrass or any football coach at 1005 Duke Drive, York, NE 68467, or just give it to any football player or just Venmo!

VENMO IS NOW AN OPTION FOR YOUR DONATIONS! @York-Football

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
YORK ATHLETICS!

2024 YORK FOOTBALL LIFT-A-THON PLEDGE SHEET

	**Any non-business pledge
a Senior:	over \$50 gets a free t-shirt &
200 LBS	any non-business pledge
300 LBS	over \$100 gets a hoodie!! (list size below)
215 LBS	**Any business which donates
185 LBS	\$50 or more will get
895 LBS	noted in next year's
	game program!
	300 LBS 215 LBS 185 LBS

Flat rate donations are all we are accepting this year.

Proceeds will go toward payment of summer camp for football players (50%) and new weight room\FB equipment (40%) to benefit all York athletes. Also a portion of all profits will be donated to a charity of the team's choice. (ask a player about it.)

You will be more than welcome to come and watch the lift-a-thon on Monday. March 18 in the weight room. Next year's freshmen and sophomores will lift from 6:30-7:30 and next year's juniors and seniors will lift from 7:30-8:30.

Thank you in advance for your support of York athletics. Your help will allow students to participate in summer camps who otherwise may not be able to afford it.

Venmo is accepted: <a>@York-Football

Circle One: Person	Business	Name	
I am making the pled	dge for (name c	of athlete):	
Flat rate pledge:	-		
My Address:		MY SHIRT SIZE:	
My Phone #:		NAME OF BUSINESS_	
:Check here	e if paid via	Venmo please	(put name of lifter in memo line)

Information for All-Sports Booklet

Athletes:

Please fill out this form to include all sports you have *participated in* THIS YEAR. (We are accumulating the data each year, so we only need this year's info.) Please include all awards you have gotten either at York High School or at the area, conference, district or state levels.

This information will be used in the awards booklet for the All-Sports Banquet. If this form is not completed and returned to the YHS office, your information may not appear in the booklet. *Please complete this form no later than April 1, 2024.*

Athlete's Name		
Grade this year		
**If there were any mis indicate that so we may		rour information in last year's booklet, please s year.
Example:		
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Lettered</u>	Awards Received
<u>Tennis</u>	ΥN	State Qualifier, State Medalist (4th), NCA All-State Selection, 1st Team LJS Academic All-State, NSAA Academic All-State
Sport	<u>Lettered</u>	Awards Received
	Y N	

*more on back if needed

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Lettered</u>	<u>Awards Received</u>
	Y N	
	V N	
	ΥN	
	Y N	
nfo missed in past y	rears booklets:	

Yearbook Parent Ads 2024

One of the graduate's greatest treasures is his or her senior yearbook. To help make the 2024 DUKE even more special, the staff is again setting aside Parent Ad space. Parent Ads are designed especially for parents who wish to openly congratulate their graduating seniors. This is a way for families to express love, admiration and/or congratulations to their graduates.

If you are interested in honoring your son or daughter in this manner, please submit your picture(s) and personal message by **Thursday, March 28th**. Pictures may include baby pictures, senior pictures, or personal favorites, but there is a **two picture limit per ad**. Your brief, personal message is limited to **40 words**. You may purchase an additional ad if you wish to have more pictures and/or space.

We prefer that you email your pictures and message to levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org

Each Ad is \$45. Please make checks out to York High School and mail checks to YHS.

If you only have printed pictures, please drop them off at YHS by MONDAY, MARCH 25th.

**Don't forget to purchase your child's Senior yearbook! Yearbooks can be purchased online by

clicking the link o	on <u>www.yorkpublic.org</u> or in the main office at the High School**
Your Name:	Phone:
Senior's Name:	
	Parent Ad with pictures and copy \$45
Message to be included:	

York Public Schools

Transportation Request

Solicitud de Transporte

https://bit.ly/24-25ypsbus

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:

https://bit.ly/24-25ypsbus

Puedes registrarlos en: https://bit.ly/24-25ypsbus

or follow the link using the QR code below:

o siga el enlace usando el código QR a continuación:



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*			Girls State Basketball Tournament @ Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln	7-	Speech Triangular @ York w/ Kearney, Malcolm - 8:00 am
3	4	L O	Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm County Government Day Spring Sports Button Pictures End of 3rd Quarter	No School Spring Break Boys State Basketball Tournament @ Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln		6
10 10 10 10 10 8 8 10 A A Baylight Savings Time Begins	District Speech @ David City - 8:00 am No School Spring Break Board of Education Meeting - 5:00 pm	No School Teacher Professional Day	Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm	TR @ Concordia University Invite (V) - 2:00 pm SC @ Kearney Catholic (V) G 4:30 / B 6:15 pm Speech Triangular @ York w/ Fillmore Central, McCool Jct - 6:00 pm	Alumni Volleyball & Basketball (Main Gym & Aux Gym)	SC-York Invite (V) G/B - 10:00 am
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Central Conference Honor Band @ GINW 13th Annual York Football Lift-A-Thon - 6:30 pm	GT @ Lincoln Christian (JV/V) - 4:00 pm SC-Home vs Lexington (V) G/B 5:00 pm / (JV) G/B 6:30 pm	Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Class B State Speech @ Kearney HS GT-Home Tri w/ Lincoln Southwest, St. Paul (V) - 12:00 pm	GT @ GICC Invite (V) - 10:00 am BG @ GISH (JV/V) (Riverside CC) - 1:00 pm SC-Home vs Beatrice (V) G/B 5:00 / (JV) G/B 6:30 pm	22	23 TR @ Fairbury Invite (V) - 9:30 am
24	BG @ Lincoln Pius X Invite (V) (Firethorn GC) - 9:00 am SC @ Schuyler (V) G/B 5:00 pm (JV) G/B 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 pm	ACT Test for Juniors @ YHS Pre ACT Test for Sophomores @ YHS D & D @ Northeast Jazz Festival (Tentative) BG-Home Tri w/ Fillmore Central, GINW (JV/V) - 1:00 pm TR @ Beatrice (JV) - 2:00 pm YHS Spring Play Tryouts	Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm	GT-York Invite (V) - 10:00 am TR @ Platteview Invite (V) - 1:30 pm SC @ GINW (V) G/B 5:00 pm / (JV) G/B 6:30 pm YHS Spring Play Tryouts	NO SCHOOL Easter Break Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday	NO SCHOOL Easter Break April Fools' Day					