



Duke News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK —

ACT Test Day - March 25, 2025

Testing season is quickly approaching! Much like in the past, all YHS juniors will be taking the Nebraska State ACT test on March 25th. This test is paid for and administered through the Nebraska Department of Education so parents do NOT need to sign up. **All 9th-11th grade students will need to report to YHS by 8:00 am.**

Please read below for activities for each class on Tuesday, March 25th:

- ⇒ 9th Graders - Traveling to York University for a campus tour, followed by PreACT 8/9 at YHS.
- ⇒ 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. Breakfast will be provided. Lunch will NOT be served that day, but breakfast will be available in the morning. Bussing will run as normal.

Career Fair - April 2, 2025

This year's YCDC Career Fair is scheduled for the morning of April 2nd, at the Holthus Convention Center. We will be taking a number of junior students and the keynote speaker will be Johnny Quinn. This event is put on by York County Development Corporation with several other students from York County participating.

LOOKING AHEAD

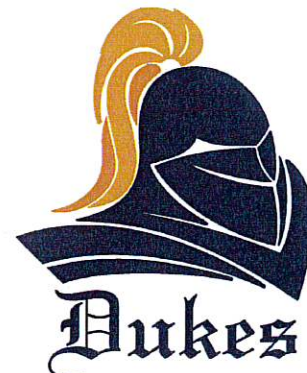
YHS Honors Night is scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.

YHS Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at the Holthus Convention Center.

GRADUATION is right around the corner! Graduation is set for Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 pm at the City Auditorium.

GO DUKES!

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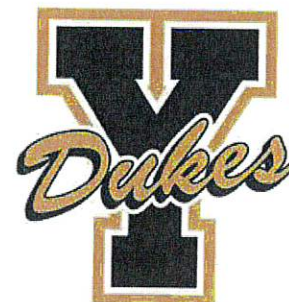
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE --

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 Parent Meeting** - Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm
- ◇ **Spring Break** - March 6th through March 10th
- ◇ **No School** - March 11th due to Teacher Professional Development Day
- ◇ **Spring Sports Photo Day** - Wednesday, March 12th in the Aux Gym



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SPRING SPORTS PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, March 4th

6:30 pm

Enter through
the Activities Entrance
Track in Aux Gym
Girls Soccer in Cafeteria
Boys Soccer in Main Gym
Girls Tennis in Room C2
Boys Golf in Room C4
Baseball in the Media Center

SPRING SPORTS PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, March 12th
Aux Gym

Picture forms are available in the
YHS Office!

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

Boys & Girls Soccer at 2:15 pm
Boys Golf at 2:30 pm
Girls Tennis at 2:30 pm
Boys Baseball at 3:00 pm
Boys & Girls Track at 2:45 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 2025 "A European Soirée"

York High School invites all Juniors and Seniors to Prom 2025, "A European Soirée" on Saturday, April 12th. Prom will be held at the Holthus Convention Center. All tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in the High School Office starting on Friday, March 14th through Friday, April 4th.

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.



2024/2025 YEARBOOKS

The 2024/2025 Yearbooks are for sale for \$60!
They must be purchased online, go to www.yearbookforever.com.

2024/2025 YEARBOOK PARENT ADS

Parent Ads are designed especially for parents who wish to openly congratulate their graduating seniors. It is preferred that you email your pictures and message to levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org by Monday, March 31. 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 24. No late payments or pictures will be accepted. A flyer is attached to this newsletter!

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.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

YMS MUSICAL - MARCH 27 & 28

Come see the York Middle School production of *Dear Edwina Jr.* on Thursday and Friday, March 27th and 28th at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater! Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. We hope to see you there!



BAND NOTES

The York Middle School Honor Band performance will be on Saturday, March 15th at 6:30 pm in the YHS Theater. Tickets are \$3 for adults and no charge for students.

The YHS Band has been hard at work. Several students were selected to the Central Conference Honor Band. Katelyn Ecklund, Lauren Ecklund, Danny Burgess, Naomi Renner, and Ike Colburn will perform alongside their conference peers at Grand Island Northwest High School on Monday, March 24.

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.

BIG AND IMPORTANT DAY AHEAD

On Tuesday, March 25, each grade level will be following a different but very important plan. Please help support your child by encouraging them to be well rested and prepared.

- 9th Graders - Tour York University in AM / Pre-ACT 8/9 in PM
- 10th Graders - Pre-ACT in AM, concluding approximately 11:30 am
- 11th Graders - ACT State Testing, concluding approximately 1:00 pm
- 12th Graders - College / Career exploration independently

There will be no regular classes for any York High School students on this day.

FAFSA - SENIORS

Just a reminder to all seniors and parents about the **STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** 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 Thursdays to give FREE assistance with this process. Contact Mrs. Stuhr to set an appointment. March 13 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

April 5
June 14
July 12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 28
May 9
June 6



ACCUPLACER TESTING

Upperclassmen who are interested in taking the Accuplacer test at YHS for community college admission are welcome to sign up in the Counseling office. This is set for Wednesday, April 16. 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 Honors Night 2025. This is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 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 all 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 and 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:

SCC - Bills were emailed to students in late January. This is the email through the SCC account. Tuition payment was due February 20. We are fortunate that students receive a reduced rate due to legislative actions.

Peru - 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) are due March 4.

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.

York High School SUMMER 2025 DRIVER'S EDUCATION

We are offering three sessions
of Driver's Education this summer!



Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th
Tuesday, June 10rd through Friday, June 13th
Monday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 26th

See the attached flyer for more information!!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

A few words from the Booster Club...

Thanks to the volunteers that helped with concessions this year! We appreciate everyone stepping up when asked. Our funds continue to grow because of your efforts, which 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 12th 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 2nd at 6:00 pm! A meal and program will be held in the gym and gym commons at York High School. Tickets will be 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 2024/2025 Season!!

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 26th. Workers will be needed all day! It's a great way to get outdoors and get involved! Contact Nicky Eimermann at 402-363-1939 or email her at progressivechiropractic@yahoo.com 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 2025-2026 school year will be Tuesday, March 18 
(aux gym) and Friday, March 21 (main gym) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
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 Horne, brooklyn.horne@yorkdukes.org
if you have any questions!

EVENTS 2025

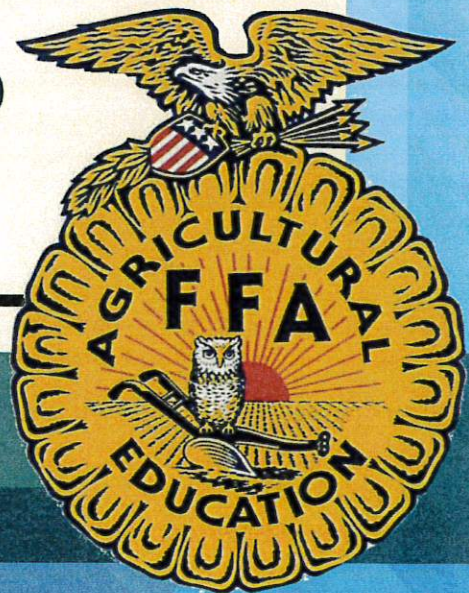
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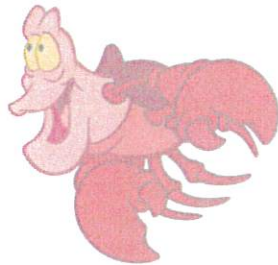
APR **STATE**
1-4 **CONVENTION**

APR **BLOOD**
22 **DRIVE**



York High School Musical Tryouts For:

The Little Mermaid



Tryouts

Tuesday, April 1 and
Thursday, April 3
7 pm
YHS Theater

PERFORMANCES WILL
BE MAY 15 AND MAY 16
AT 7 PM.



Everyone Is Welcome!
No Experience Necessary!



JOIN YORK CHEERLEADING TEAM!

Friday, March 28th at 7pm

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TALENTED AND MOTIVATED
STUDENTS TO JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

Mandatory parent meeting: Sunday, March 23rd, at 7pm

Practice: March 24th, 25th (Wed. the 26th from 3:45-5pm
and 27th from 7 to 8pm

Tryouts on Friday, March 28th at 7pm

***Pick up an information packet at your school office**

**Contact Coach Allison Ecklund with any
questions at: allison.ecklund@yorkdukes.org
402-730-8119**

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Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th

Tuesday, June 10rd through Friday, June 13th

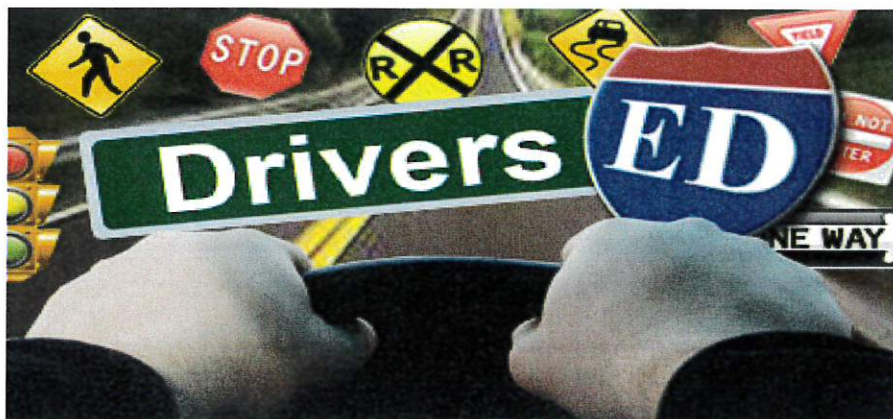
Monday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 26th

The classroom portion will be held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm each day in the choir room at York High School. If you would like to participate, please call YHS as soon as possible.

There is a driving portion also. Students must have a Learner's Permit (LP) or School Learner's Permit (LPE) 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 16th.**

Call the YHS Office at 402.362.6655, option 2, to sign your student up.



Yearbook Parent Ads 2025

One of the graduate's greatest treasures is his or her senior yearbook. To help make the 2025 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 **Monday, March 31st**. 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 **50 words**. You may purchase an additional ad if you wish to have more pictures and/or text.

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 24th.***

****Don't forget to purchase your child's Senior yearbook! Yearbooks can be purchased online by following the link from this QR Code:**



Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Senior's Name: _____

Parent Ad with pictures and copy -- \$45

Message to be included:

Please make checks payable to York High School.
Pictures can be emailed to levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org
No late payments or pictures will be accepted.

COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT **FOR YORK ATHLETICS**

14th Annual York Lift-A-Thon

When: Tuesday, March 18th

Freshman and sophomores 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Juniors and seniors 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Where: York High School weight room

Why: Your pledges for these lifts allow York athletes to attend summer camp. A percentage of the money also goes toward weight room equipment and football equipment. **We will also donate a percentage to a charity of the football team's choice!**

What is it? York football players will be performing max lifts on four core lifts: Squat, Bench Press, Hang Clean, and Push Press

We invite you to attend this max out session to witness and support the work of your York High athletes. Public seating will be provided as well as a summarization of the program. We will share with you why we do what we do.

How can you provide support? If you are interested in donating, you may fill out a pledge sheet for any athlete and return it to any athlete or coach. Venmo is an option @York-Football or please make checks payable to York Football. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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, 2025.***

Athlete's Name _____

Grade this year _____

**If there were any mistakes regarding your information in last year's booklet, please indicate that so we may correct it for this year.

Example:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Lettered</u>	<u>Awards Received</u>
<u>Tennis</u>	Y N	<u>State Qualifier, State Medalist (4th),</u> <u>NCA All-State Selection, 1st Team</u> <u>LJS Academic All-State, NSAA</u> <u>Academic All-State</u>

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Lettered</u>	<u>Awards Received</u>
_____	Y N	_____

*more on back if needed

Sport

Lettered

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Info missed in past years booklets:

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ Girls Basketball District Final @ York York vs Gross Catholic - 1:00 pm Central Conference Speech @ GINW - 8:00 am
2	3 YHS Start of Spring Practices SC, BG, GT, TR, BA Boys Basketball District Final - TBD	4 Boys Basketball District Final - TBD Spring Sports Parent Meeting - 6:30 pm	5 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Girls State Basketball Tourney @ Pinnacle Bank Arena	6 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	7	8 Speech @ David City
9  Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Board of Education Meeting	11 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day	12 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Spring Sports Photo Day Boys State Basketball Tourney @ Pinnacle Bank Arena	13	14	15
16 District Speech @ Raymond Central St. Patrick's Day  YHS Hope Week	17	18 Dukette Auditions @ Aux Gym - 6:00 to 8:00 pm	19 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm	20 TR @ Concordia University Invite - 2:00 pm BA-Home vs Holdrege V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC-Home vs Kearney Catholic V-G/B 5:00 pm	21 BA @ St. Paul V-4:00 / JV-6:00 pm Dukette Auditions @ Main Gym - 6:00 to 8:00 pm	22 SC-York Invite V-G/B - 10:00 am
23 Board of Education Meeting	24	25 ACT Test for YHS Juniors, Sophomores, & Freshmen GT-Home vs Lincoln Christian (JV, V) - 4:00 pm BA-Home vs Hastings V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC @ Lexington V-G/B 5:00 / JV-G/B 6:30 pm	26 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Class B State Speech @ Kearney HS GT-Home vs Lincoln Southwest (V) - 2:00 pm GT-Home vs St. Paul (JV) - 4:00 pm	27 GT @ GICC Invite (V) - 10:00 am BG-Home vs GISH (JV, V) - 1:00 pm SC @ Beatrice JV-G/B 4:00 / V-G 5:30 / V-B 7:00 pm	28 BA-Home vs Aurora V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm	29 TR @ Fairbury Invite (V) - 9:30 am BA @ Fairbury V-11:00 am / JV-1:00 pm SC @ Crete JV-B 12:00 pm
30 Senior Yearbook Parent Ads Due BG @ Pius X Invite (V) (Firethorn GC) - 10:00 am SC-Home vs Schuyler V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm	31 BG-Home Quad (JV, V) - 1:00 pm TR @ Beatrice Invite (JV) - 2:00 pm BA @ Standing Bear V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm YHS Spring Play Tryouts State FFA Convention @ Lincoln	1 ACT Test for YHS Juniors, Sophomores, & Freshmen GT-Home vs Lincoln Christian (JV, V) - 4:00 pm BA-Home vs Hastings V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC @ Lexington V-G/B 5:00 / JV-G/B 6:30 pm	2 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm	3 GT-Home Invite (V) - 10:00 am BA-Home vs Adams Central V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC-Home vs GINW V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm YHS Spring Play Tryouts	4 TR @ Platteview Invite - 11:00 am	5 