

Duke News

April 2025

Volume XXXIX Number 8

Brian Gralheer

Principal

Tyler Herman

Assistant Principal/Activities Director

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK —

Honors Night

YHS Honors Night is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 7:00 pm. Seniors will be notified in advance that they should attend to receive recognition. This notification sometimes comes within a week of the event. Seniors who will be recognized will meet ahead of time in the choir room, and will be seated on the stage.

Non-seniors who will also be recognized will include the Man and Woman of the Year candidates from each class, and the Most Representative of each class.

8th Grade Orientation

The 8th grade students will be visiting YHS during the afternoon on Wednesday, April 23. Parents of current 8th graders will also be invited to a meeting at the YHS Theater that evening. More details will be sent to families of 8th graders.

Looking Ahead to May.....

ALL-SPORTS BANQUET - Friday, May 2 at 6:00 pm at York High School
FINE ARTS FIESTA - Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at the Holthus Convention Center
LAST DAY FOR SENIORS - Friday, May 9
BACCALAUREATE - Sunday, May 11, at 7:00 pm at York Evangelical Free Church, 2121 N Delaware
YHS FINALS WEEK - Thursday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 20
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YPS - Tuesday, May 20, 12:00 noon dismissal

Graduation

GRADUATION is less than 2 months away! Graduation is set for Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 pm at the City Auditorium. Seniors should arrive at the City Auditorium (and head to the basement) by 1:15 pm. Attire is semi-formal, and seniors should remember to bring their cap, tassel, and gown. More information will be shared in the coming days/weeks.

GO DUKES!

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



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

With the spring sports season underway, we have certainly had our share of rainy and cold days which cause cancellations and postponements. As always, be sure to check the schedules on rSchool (https://www.centralconference.org/public/genie/408/school/9/) to stay up to date on all of the changes to York activities.

It has certainly been an exciting year up to this point with our students and programs achieving a lot of success. There are several events coming up this spring to help celebrate those successes.

Academic Honors Night: April 7th at 7:00 pm - York High School Theater

All Sports Banquet: May 2nd at 6:00 pm - York High School

Fine Arts Fiesta: May 4th at 6:00 pm - Holthus Convention Center

Go Dukes!!

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





Fine Arts Fiesta! Join us for an evening of celebration at the Fine Arts Fiesta, a dinner and awards presentation honoring all YHS Fine Arts activities. This includes Mock Trial, Speech, One-Act Play, Musical, Band / Color Guard, Quiz Bowl, Choir Groups, and Art.

This event is open to coaches, students, AND their families.

2025 YHS Fine Arts seniors and coaches will receive a FREE ticket to the banquet as a thank you for their commitment to the Fine Arts program. Please notify the office so the Fine Arts Booster can plan accordingly. accordingly.

For more details, see the attached flyer. If you have any questions, please contact the high school office or email us at yorkfineartsboosters@gmail.com.

York Future Dukes Football Camp 2025 May 22 & May 23, York High School Football Field Forms Available at All Schools and York Community Center Students going into 3rd thru 5th grade => 8:00 am to 10:50 am Students going into 6th thru 8th grade => 1:00 pm to 3:50 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.

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!!

YORK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

A Few Words from the Booster Club...

Parents remember to fill out the Athletic Banquet form for our program, we don't want to forget anything your child has done for our York sports programs. Please have it turned in to the YHS office NO LATER than **Friday, April 4.** We cannot guarantee the accomplishments of your athletes will be listed if the information is not received by then. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter or can be picked up in the High School Office.

- ⇒ The All Sports Banquet will be held Friday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm at York High School. JW's will be catering a buffet, and we will spend the evening celebrating our amazing athletes. This event is open to the public. Tickets for the Athletic Banquet will be available for purchase in the YHS office starting Monday, April 7th through Friday, April 25th. Ticket prices are \$20. All senior athletes and High School coaches must come to the YHS Office by April 25th to pick up your free ticket.
- ⇒ Just a reminder to email any pictures you might like included in the all sports video to the Booster Club at yorkboosterclub@gmail.com.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ We would like to wish the best of luck to our spring sport athletes! We have no doubt you will finish out the year strong and with great success! You continue to make York proud!

York Duke Stadium Seats
For Sale \$65.00
Purchase at the YHS Office or Contact a
Booster Club Member!!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Special Points of Interest:

- Band Notes
- District Music Contest
- Pops Concert

BAND NOTES

The Band will be performing at the District Music Contest at Norris High School on April 25th (performance time tbd). The Concert Band, Jazz Band, and selected solos and small ensembles will also be performing.

The YMS and YHS Band Concerts will be held on Tuesday, May 13th in the High School Theater. Middle School Band will begin at 6:00 pm and High School Band at 7:00 pm.



DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

District Music Contest will be held at Norris High School April 23 through April 25. When actual dates and times are assigned, information will be sent out to the students and parents.

POPS CONCERT

The Pops Concert will be the last YHS Choir Concert of the year. It is scheduled for Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.

2024/2025 YEARBOOKS

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

Action Needed!

Ensure your eligible student receives Summer EBT grocery card by updating their mailing address.

Students eligible for Free or Reduced-price school meals are eligible to receive a Summer EBT with \$120 per student to purchase groceries during summer break. The SEBT card will be delivered to the address York Public Schools has on file for eligible students. If your student qualifies for SEBT and they have moved, please update their mailing address by contacting the school your child is attending by

April 18, 2025. Providing a current and correct mailing address helps ensure your household can use its SEBT card funds.

The funds are available for only 122 days after their first issuance so issuing to the correct address is important!



COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

York Flori School

Scholarship

Scholarship

This is to certify that

This is to certify that

The foreign annurated the

Stude

Stude

HONORS NIGHT / SENIORS AND PARENTS

Honors Night will be held on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 pm. If your student has received college scholarships and/or is planning to go into the **MILITARY** (**including National Guard**), please let us know so we can include them in our program. Colleges and other organizations do <u>not</u> always let us know about these and we want to honor those students for their accomplishments.

AFTER HONORS NIGHT

After Honors Night, seniors will be sent important information on how to collect their scholarship funds. An email will be sent to each student via their <u>personal</u> email. (If a parent wishes to also receive this email, please notify Deb Stuhr at <u>deb.stuhr@yorkdukes.org</u> requesting this.) Most scholarships are paid per semester, <u>so it's important to hold onto these contacts through second semester because students will be asked to submit information to these committees again.</u> If you do not receive the information in a few weeks, please let the counseling office know.

Students are also required to promptly write a thank you note for each scholarship received. The

notes are provided by the Counseling office, but postage must be handled by your student.

REMINDER: SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CREDIT RECOVERY

Summer school classes for credit recovery will be offered at the Enrichment Center again this year. This is scheduled for May 27 through June 6 (Monday-Friday except Memorial Day) from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon for students who are at risk of not meeting York High School graduation requirements. Space is limited and priority will be given to first semester failures. There is a fee for attending summer school. A letter will be sent out to parents with at-risk students later in April explaining the process to follow if you want your child to take a class. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's counselor as soon as possible.

2025-2026 SENIORS

If you are considering college and plan to apply for scholarships, we encourage you take the June and/or July ACT test. Fee waivers for the June and July tests are available until the regular registration deadline of May 9 / June 6. ACT scores from tests taken in the junior year are used for Regents scholarship competition. Seniors are also encouraged to consider the test dates in September, October and December for college scholarship consideration. Many scholarships have very early deadlines so taking those earlier tests ensures scores will be available when needed.

ACT TEST DATE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Saturday, June 14 Saturday, July 12

May 9 June 6



FEE WAIVERS:

Cost should never be a deterrent when it comes to college opportunities. If this is an issue for your child, please take full advantage of fee waivers available through the ACT, SAT or the NAIA and NCAA. These are available for our students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. If you would like to know if you qualify or just want to pick up a waiver, you or your student needs to come to the counseling office.

NAIA AND NCAA REGISTRATION

If you want to play sports in college, you will need to register with the NAIA (fee is charged) or the NCAA, depending on the college you wish to attend. These two organizations require ACT scores sent directly from the ACT testing center so you will need to include the NAIA code (9876) or the NCAA code (9999) in your choices of where you want your scores sent. If scores need to be sent later, there is a fee for each score sent. Please also be sure Mrs. Stuhr is aware of your college sport participation so your final transcript gets sent to these entities.

DUAL CREDIT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Supnomore and junior parents are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 5:30 pm about scholarships and "what's new" for 2025-26! (This meeting should last about 30 minutes.)

COMING FRESHMEN — PARENT MEETING

We look forward to welcoming eight!

Entation/tour to Mile

INCOMING FRESHMEN – PARENT MEETING

We look forward to welcoming eighth graders from YMS, Emmanuel-Faith and St. Joseph's for an orientation/tour to YHS on Wednesday, April 23, in the afternoon. On that same date, there will be a parent/student meeting at 5:30 pm.

JUNIORS STATE-WIDE ACT and SOPHOMORES PRACTICE ACT

The state ACT junior test results will be mailed directly to each student's residence. Sophomore Pre-ACT and Freshmen Pre-ACT 8/9 results will be distributed at school.

CELEBRATING 2025 SENIORS

We have extremely awesome seniors at York High School! Therefore, we look forward to celebrating them and their future plans with some special recognition on Wednesday, April 30. Seniors are strongly encouraged to wear a t-shirt representing the college / military / post-grad plans he / she plans to attend as a class photo will be taken. We are proud of these hard-working students and future leaders! ©

FAFSA

Senior parents, it's not too late! You can still complete the FAFSA for college for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact EducationQuest for free help or let us know if we can answer any questions. We also have Jasmine from EducationQuest coming TO YORK HIGH SCHOOL to help students prepare and submit the FAFSA. This service is FREE! Please contact Mrs. Stuhr today to set your appointment.

8TH GRADE ORIENTATION



On Wednesday, April 23rd, 8th grade public and parochial students are invited to YHS for 8th Grade Orientation. This will begin at 1:45 pm and conclude at approximately 3:05 pm. Students will meet YHS teachers and learn more about activities, athletics, curriculum and tour the building.

Parents of current 8th graders will be invited to a meeting at the YHS Theater that evening from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Prom 2025 "A European Soirée"

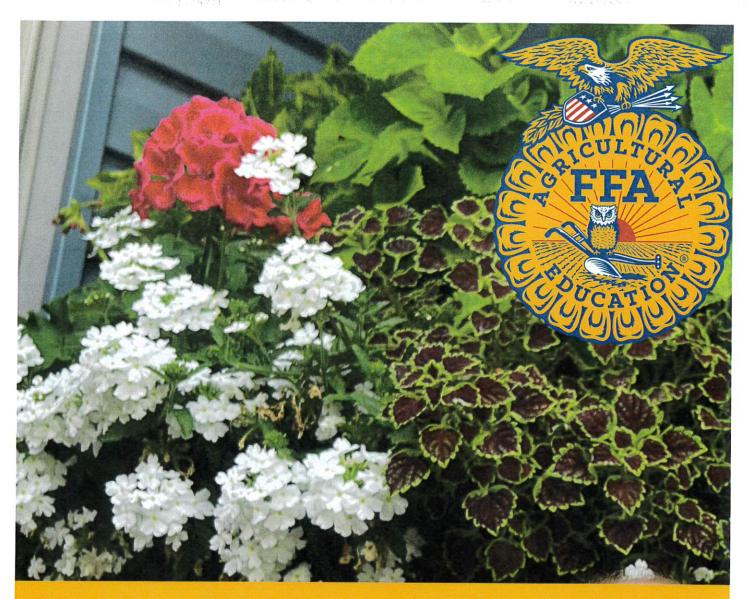
York High School invites all Juniors and Seniors to Prom 2025, **"A European Soirée"** on Saturday, April 12th. Prom will be held at the Holthus Convention Center. All tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in the High School Office starting on Friday, March 14th through Friday, April 4th.

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.





York FFA Custom Container Design We come to you!

FFA members come plant containers at your home or business following the last frost date. The containers are completely custom based on your needs!

Contact Rachelle Staehr @ 402-710-2661 to schedule

SAVE THE DATE

2025 FFA SPRING BANQUET

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2025 YMS-4:30PM YHS-5:00PM STONE CREEK MCCOOL JUNCTION, NE

DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED



YHS FFA Upcoming Events



April **1-4**

State FFA Convention

April
7

Fire Alarms

April 22

Blood Drive

April 23

2025-2026 Officer Interview

York High School SUMMER 2025 DRIVER'S EDUCATION

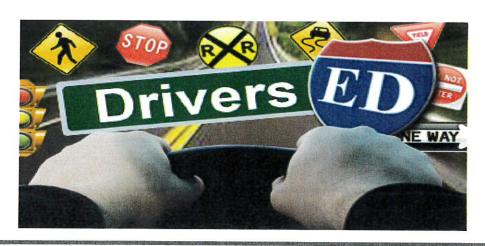
We are offering three sessions of Driver's Education this summer!

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

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.





of the wonderful Fine Arts students!!

Sunday, May 4th, 6:00 pm

Holthus Convention Center: 3130 Holen Ave, York, NE 68467

Tickets:

If you prefer to pay with cash or check please go the High School Office to purchase your tickets.

* NEW THIS YEAR:

If you prefer to pay with Venmo, scan the QR code below to order your tickets



All tickets for Seniors and Coaches are Free!



of York

SENIOR RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY NIGHT

ALL are invited to join us for a night of celebration with our guest speaker, DeMoine Adams, CEO of TeamMates!

28 APRIL 2025

7:00 PM

YORK HIGH SCHOOL THEATER

What distracted driving looks like

If something requires your hands, your eyes or your attention while you're driving, it's a distraction.

Distractions can include:

- · Cell phone use
- Texting (even if you're using voice commands)
- Taking or making phone calls (even hands-free)
- Recording videos
- Using social media
- Checking or sending emails



- Passengers and pets inside the vehicle
- · Events outside the vehicle
- Eating
- Adjusting your GPS, music, podcast or audiobook
- Using your vehicle's touchscreens
- Handling dispatching devices and mobile data terminals

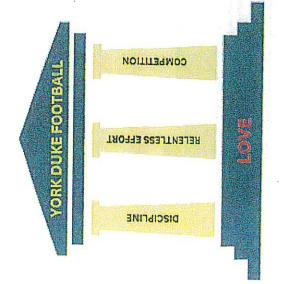


These habits may be common, but they're still distracting and dangerous for you and everyone else on the road.

When you're behind the wheel, your only job is to drive.

Just Drive.





Camp Staff

FEATURING FORMER YORK AND CURRENT COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS
Coach Matt Brackhan
Coach Steven Crane
Coach Chad Schroetlin
Coach Dylan Olmsted
Coach Matt Kern
Coach Matt Kern
Coach Randy Howell
Coach Randy Howell
Coach Garrett Snodgrass
Coach Justin Rodrigues
Coach Blake Mosel
Jr. High Coaching Staff



York Future Dukes Football Camp 2025

WHO: Students entering 3rd-8th grade

WHEN: MAY 22 & 23

Students going into 3rd-5th grade 8:00 AM-10:50 AM

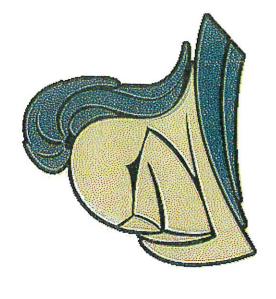
Students going into 6th-8th grade 1:00 PM-3:50 PM

WHERE: YORK HIGH FIELD
*Inclement weather will move camp to
gymnasium

WHAT TO BRING: Shorts, t-shirt, cleats if possible. If not athletic shoes are fine.

COST: \$30 per student athlete

VENMO: @York-Football
CHECK: Make payable to York
Football



What is it?

This is a NON CONTACT football skills camp, focusing on safety, fundamentals, basic football strategy, and rules. This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to develop basic football knowledge and HAVE FUN. This camp will also use terminology, plays and skills that the York High School and Middle School teams employ. This camp will prepare your child to become a Duke in a FUN and SAFE environment. FREE T-SHIRT W/

*FORM ON BACK

Community Center. KEEP FORM FOR RETURN TO YHS/YMS/YES or the CUT THIS SECTION OFF AND

FUTURE REFERENCE OF DATES.

NAME:

SCHOOL:

GRADE ENTERING:

T-SHIRT SIZE: YS YM YL S M L XL

PARENT/GUARDIAN

CELL:

CHECK IF PAID VIA VENMO

Future Duke Camp. We hereby grant permission for him to participate in the camp and acknowledge the fact that he is physically able to participate in camp activities. I will be responsible for all medical bills incurred as a result of illness or accidents for which medical treatment is necessary while the above for any consequences resulting from such injuries. We, the undersigned parents unconditional authority to proceed with diagnosis and treatment as judgment indicates for injuries during camp. The camp staff shall not be held responsible or guardians of the above named minor, do hereby authorize the camp staff or their designee to select hospital facilities and/or physician of his choice and authorize resument of the above named camper on an emergency basis in the event such treatment becomes necessary as a result of the participation in the applicant is at camp. I declare that I am the father/mother/guardian of the I hereby certify that the York Duke Future Duke comp staff has full and above named minor.

Signature:

Date:

**PLEASE HAVE FORMS TURNED IN BY MAY STH TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT.

LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.



April 2025

| | | | | 2 | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| D. | | BG-Home Quad (JV, V) - 1:00 pm BA @ Standing Bear (Densmore Fields) V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm YHS Spring Play Tryouts State FFA Convention @ Lincoln | Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Career Fair @ Holthus Convention Center Spring Quiz Bowl @ Seward | 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 | TR @ Platteview Invite | 5 BA @ Blair JV-12:00 / V-2:00 pm |
| ·σ | BG @ Crete Invite (JV) (College Heights CC) - 10:00 am SC-Home vs Kearney Catholic V-G/B 4:00 pm YHS Honors Night @ YHS Theater - 7:00 pm | TR @ Adams Central Invite (JV) - 1:30 pm BA @ Ralston V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC-Home vs Hastings V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm | Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm Conference Quiz Bowl @ Seward BG @ GINW Invite (JV) (Jackrabbit GC) - 9:00 am Sophomore & Junior Parent Meeting @ YHS Theater - 5:30 pm | BG @ Norris Invite (V) (Pioneer GC) - 9:00 am BA-Home vs Platteview V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC @ Lakeview V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm State Skills USA Convention @ Grand Island YHS FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney | TR @ Waverly Invite 11 - 10:00 am BG @ Kearney Invite (V) (Meadowlark GC) - 10:00 am GT @ Gretna East (JV, V) - 3:00 pm BA @ Wayne V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm | Junior / Senior Prom @ Holthus Convention Center Post Prom @ YHS Aux Gym |
| 6 | BA @ Twin River V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting | TR @ Fillmore Central Quad - 3:00 pm GT @ GICC (JV, V) - 4:00 pm BA @ Seward (Res) (DH) - 4:30 pm SC @ Seward V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm | Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm BG @ GISH Invite (JV) (Jackrabbit GC) - 9:00 am | G/B Central Conference Soccer Tournament - TBD BG-Home Invite (V) - 9:00 am TR @ Central City Invite (V) - 1:00 pm 9 TR @ Columbus Invite - 1:00 pm GT @ Waverly (JV, V) - 4:00 pm BA-Home vs Seward V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm | NO SCHOOL (Easter Break) Good Friday | 19 |
| 20 | NO SCHOOL (Easter Break) G/B Central Conference Soccer Tournament @ Seward - TBD BA @ Aurora vs Omaha Bryan (V) - 3:30 pm | GT @ Lincoln Christian 22 Invite (V) - 8:30 am BG @ McCook (V) (Heritage Hills GC) - 9:30 am TR @ Centennial Invite (JV) - 1:00 pm BA-Home vs Norris V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm SC @ Holdrege V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm | Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm District Music Contest @ Norris High School | GT-Home vs Adams Central (JV, V) - 4:00 pm BA-Home vs Central City V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm | BG @ I-80 Invite (JV) (Meadow Hills GC, Kearney) - 9:00 am | TR-York Yowell Track Invite - 10:00 am GT @ Kearney Catholic Invite (V) (Harmon Park) - 10:00 am |
| PFA Spring Banquet @ Stone Creek, McCool Jct 5:00 pm | BG @ Beatrice Invite (V) (Beatrice CC) - 9:00 am BG @ Platteview Invite (JV) (Platteview CC) - 9:30 am BA @ Crete V-4:30 / JV-6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting | 29 BA-Home Tri vs West Point (V) - 1:00 pm, vs St. Paul/Palmer (V) - 5:00 pm SC @ Aurora V-G/B 5:00 pm / JV-G/B 6:30 pm | 30 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm | GT @ Hastings Invite (V) - 10:00 am TR @ Blair Invite (V) - 1:00 pm SC-Home vs Crete V-B 6:00 pm / JV-B 6:30 pm SC @ Crete JV-G 5:00 pm (Crete HS) V-G 7:00 pm (Doane University) | BG @ Centura Invite (JV) (Centura Hills GC) - 9:00 am All Sports Banquet @ YHS - 6:00 pm | G/B Sub-District Soccer - TBD BA @ Holdrege V-11:00 / JV-1:00 pm |