



**Every Fox Needs a Den. Welcome to Yours!**

**A message from your principal, Dr. Travis**



I hope this update finds you well.

Si está interesado en revisar el contenido de esta actualización en español, haga clic [aquí](#).

**Thank you to our amazingly talented performers** for helping us celebrate the holiday season at our 30th annual Madrigal performance last week. **It was wonderful to have our community join us for some holiday cheer!**

As a reminder to our families, next Thursday (12/21) students will have a one-hour early release. Please see our special [1:35 release B-Day schedule](#) for more information.

**Please note that my next update will arrive January 12th --I hope everyone has a safe, restful and blessed holiday break—I look forward to everyone's safe return!**

Included in this update:

- Monthly Calendar December - January - **new item**
- Course Selection 24-25 is underway - **new item**
- Student & Staff Salute**
- 10 Foxes earn All-State Music Honors - **new item**
- 6 Fox Artist show at Joliet Junior College annual Art Show - **new item**
- Athletics Update**
- Indoor Track & Field Registration open - **new item**
- Activities Update**
- YHS Speech performs well at two regional competitions - **new item**
- Spirit Week - December 18th through the 21st - **new item**
- Student Council host successful Blood Drive - **new item**
- Upcoming Events**
- PRISM 2023 tickets still available - **old item**
- Notes to Note**
- SAT Prep Registration is open - don't delay, register your spot today! - **old item**



In addition to my weekly email updates, I encourage everyone to follow us on [Twitter](#) and "like" our [Facebook](#) page to learn about all the great things happening at YHS. We have so many great things

happening— so don't just FOLLOW but SHARE our FOX PRIDE within our community—help us build our following!

As always, if this update raises questions, please ask. Thank you for all that you do—it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Have a great day! **GO FOXES!**

With **PRIDE**,  
Dr. David S. Travis



Estimados padres hispanohablantes, Aquí en Yorkville High School queremos que todas nuestras familias tengan la información necesaria para apoyar y ayudar a sus hijos. Si necesita información sobre nuestros procesos, nuestra programación, o las oportunidades disponibles para sus hijos o si tiene alguna pregunta se puede comunicar con las siguientes personas en español. Sra. Noemi Terrazas – Consejera escolar de Yorkville High School @ [nterrazas@y115.org](mailto:nterrazas@y115.org) or (630) 553-4380 ext 4241

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“A” Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:31-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:53	88
3 Advisory	9:00-9:35	30
3 FLEX	9:35-10:28	
5	10:35-12:03	88
Lunch/ Access	12:08-12:33	25
Access/ Lunch	12:37-1:02	25
7	1:07-2:35	88
Total Instructional Minutes		294

“B” Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:31-7:18	47
2	7:25-8:53	88
4	9:00-10:28	88
6	10:35-12:03	88
Lunch/ Access	12:08-12:33	25
Access/ Lunch	12:37-1:02	25
8	1:07-2:35	88
Total Instructional Minutes		352

“C” All Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.
0	6:28-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:12	47
2	8:19-9:06	47
4	9:13-10:02	49
5	10:09-10:56	47
6	11:03-11:50	47
Lunch/ Access	11:55-12:20	25
Access/ Lunch	12:24-12:49	25
7	12:54-1:41	47
8	1:48-2:35	47
Total Instructional Minutes		331

## Monthly Calendar - December - January

Provided for our families is a month-at-a-glance summary.

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - December 18, & 20; January 8, 10, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29 & 31
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - December 19, & 21; January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - January 12
- December 22-29; January 1-5 - Holiday Break; January 15 - MLK Day; January 22 - Teacher Institute Day

Jan-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
LSH	16	17	18	19
I	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Jan. Attendance: 16/94

Dec-23				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Dec. Attendance: 15/78

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## Course Selection Process for 24-25 School Year

Now through December 13, 2023 students will have the opportunity to submit course requests online through the [Home Access Portal](#). Home Access Center will close on December 13th at 3 pm.

Prior to doing so, we ask all families and students to review [THIS INTERACTIVE TUTORIAL](#) that will take students through our departmental course sequencing as articulated by our Division Chairs. Additionally, there is information as it relates to AP, Dual Credit, IVVC, Field Experience, and work-based learning opportunities.

One-on-one course selection appointments will begin December 11th through January 24th. Appointment times will be sent out via email to students in advance. Students supported with an IEP will have their case manager present at their course selection appointment during their Access class.

Please email your student's counselor at the high school if you have any questions.

**Current 10th-11th Grade Students:** *\*counselor based on student's last name*

**A-Fe:** Alely Nunez [anunez@y115.org](mailto:anunez@y115.org) **Loq-Rod:** Hannah Fishbeck [hfishbeck@y115.org](mailto:hfishbeck@y115.org)

**Ff-Lop:** Noemi Terrazas [nterrazas@y115.org](mailto:nterrazas@y115.org) **Roe-Z:** Nicole Wilk [nwilk@y115.org](mailto:nwilk@y115.org)

**Current 9th Grade Students:** *\*counselor based on student's last name*

**A-D:** Jeannine Pacetti [jpacetti@y115.org](mailto:jpacetti@y115.org) *\*Division Chair*

**E-Z:** Nick Leonard [nleonard@y115.org](mailto:nleonard@y115.org)



Student & Staff Salute



# Yorkville Music 2024 ALL-STATE Musicians:



Jayden Blair  
alto clarinet



Jasmine Doyle  
alto saxophone



Mason Madej  
bass clarinet



Kelsey McGregor  
clarinet



Danny Mokolke  
double bass



Liam O'Connor  
trombone



Ellis Olson  
cello



Felipe Pulgarin  
percussion



Hayden Rutherford  
composition



Sophia Schuster  
flute

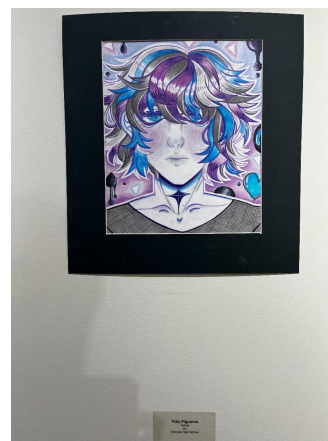
## 2023 JJC Area High School Art Exhibition

Yorkville took first place at the JJC Art Competition this year. **Lauren Saint John's pottery set titled Don't Touch Me won overall.** The JJC competition does not have categories. Just first through third and two honorable mentions.

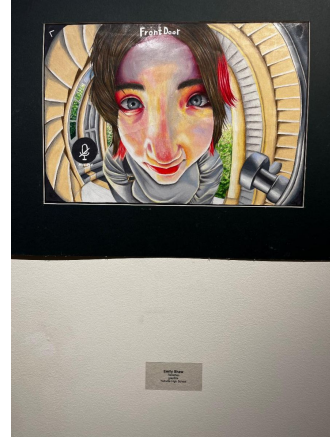
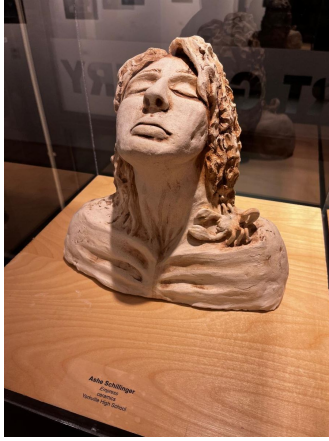
Competing for Yorkville this year were:

- Toby Figueroa
- Caitlin Keith
- Lauren Saint John
- Ashe Schillinger
- Emily Shaw

All our kids brought excellent work this year. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Yorkville Art.







## **Athletics Update**

### **Indoor Track and Field Registration is Open!**

All students interested in participating in boys or girls Indoor Track & Field must register on the [athletic website](#) and have an updated physical on file with the Athletic Office prior to January 15, 2023. Please contact Luke Engelhardt at [lengelhardt@y115.org](mailto:lengelhardt@y115.org) with any questions.

## **Activities Update**

### **Speech competes in two tournaments!**

The YHS Speech Team competed in two tournaments this past weekend! At Seneca, the Speech Team earned 4th place as a team. Individual award winners are: the team of Colin Malley and Yasmine Ajaj, 4th in Dramatic Duet Acting, Emma Biskup, 3rd in Dramatic Interpretation, Dria Sandoval, 6th in Extemporaneous Speaking, the team of Regan Iorfida and Tessa Williams, 3rd in Humorous Duet Acting, Abigail Goins, 5th in Humorous Interpretation, Dria Sandoval, 6th in Impromptu Speaking, Addison Sweeney, 5th in Informative Speaking, Christopher Shellhart, 4th in Informative Speaking, Ben Mendez, 5th in Original Comedy, Tessa Snicker, 3rd in Original Oratory, Emma Biskup, 5th in Radio Speaking, and Emma Sygnator, 3rd in Special Occasion Speaking. Go Foxes!

The YHS Speech Team also competed in the Rochelle Township Invitational. Individual award winners are: the team of Izzy Martinelli and Lilia Paetzold, 3rd in Novice Dramatic Duet Acting Finals, Shadan Rediger, Tournament Champion in Dramatic Interpretation, Lily Smogor, Tournament Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking, the team of Nola Tellone and Paige Madej, 2nd in Next-In Humorous Duet Acting, Isaac Iga, 5th in Next-In Humorous Interpretation, Skyler Butts, 1st in Next-In Impromptu Speaking, Cam Duran, Tournament Champion in Impromptu Speaking, Emily Hart, 4th in Informative Speaking, Cam Duran, 3rd in Informative Speaking, Merrick Harzman, 2nd in Next-In Original Comedy, Olivia Morton, 1st in Next-In Original Oratory, Ellie Fapp, Tournament Champion in Original Oratory, and Luke Brosted-Gajewski, 1st in Next-In Special Occasion Speaking. Go Foxes!

# Spirit Week

MONDAY 18TH:  
HOLIDAY PJ DAY

TUESDAY 19TH:  
WINTER WONDERLAND  
(WHITE OUT)

WEDNESDAY 20TH:  
UGLY SWEATERS &  
FUZZY SOCKS

THURSDAY 21ST:  
SANTAS WORKSHOP  
(SANTA AND ELVES)



## Student Council Hosts Successful Blood Drive!

Yorkville High School Student Council collaborated with the Versiti Blood Center of Illinois to host the first blood drive of the year on Wednesday, December 6th. Yorkville High School students, staff and community members donated a total of 47 units of blood, which saved 141 lives!





## Upcoming Events



*Yorkville High School*  
*Prism 2023*

Ticket sales begin November 24 at 9:00 AM  
[www.yorkvillemusic.org](http://www.yorkvillemusic.org)

## Notes to Note

### Why participate in PSAT/NMSQT & SAT Test Prep?

Historically, students who have participated in test preparation programs have scored higher, on average, than their counterparts who have not taken advantage of a prep program. We believe that all junior students at YHS would benefit from extra preparation prior to the SAT this spring, as well as sophomores who plan on preparing for the fall PSAT/NMSQT test.



A PSAT/NMSQT & SAT score shows a student is prepared for post-secondary education and can open the doors to enrollment at the college or university of your student's choice, as well as increase scholarship opportunities. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your student.

### What is Test Prep?

Starting in January, we will be offering a preparation program that will include 7 workshops – each lasting 2 hours. During each workshop, students will rotate through different sessions (English, Reading, and Math) in order to improve their skills in each of those three areas. All sessions will take place at YHS, and a certified teacher will be administering the sessions. Please see [this letter](#) from ExcelEdge regarding the SAT prep program and how to register at [www.exceledegeinc.com](http://www.exceledegeinc.com). Registration is due January 14th! Don't delay, do it today!

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