



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

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



I hope this update finds you well.

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As we quickly approach Winter Break, I wanted to remind the YHS community that the last day of 1st semester is Friday, January 19th. While **January 19th seems so far away**, we **only have 18 instructional days left before the semester concludes**. With that end in mind, I encourage each family to take some time this weekend to review your student(s) academic progress and to work collaboratively with your student to create a plan to reach a successful conclusion to the semester. For those families looking to see some improved performance or just to verify how your student is doing, here are some recommended next steps you can take.

- Collaboratively review with your student their graded assignments in Canvas or through Home Access Center to ensure all assignments are complete.
- Verify with your student and their teacher(s) to determine if there are any missed retake opportunities and/or missed assignments.
- Collaborate with your student's teachers to understand the relearning process for any potential retake opportunities.
- Reach out to your student's teacher(s) to understand what steps you can take to support your student in any upcoming class work.
- Make a commitment with your student to participate in ACCESS daily (see [link for teacher ACCESS daily availability](#)) or FlexBlock (see [link for teacher FlexBlock availability](#)) with their teachers.
- Please note that teachers have the ability to temporarily flip a student's ACCESS/Lunch to align to their availability.
- ACCESS requires a "pass" from the teacher in advance; FlexBlock does not require a "pass" unless noted by special school-wide announcement.
- Students have 18 ACCESS opportunities (25 minutes each) and 8 FlexBlocks (55 minutes) between now and the end of the semester to seek improvement. **Don't wait ~ the time is now!**



As I shared at the onset of this semester, the collaborative partnership between the home and school is paramount to our collective success. We are absolutely blessed with an amazing staff of caring professionals who will do whatever they can to help our students succeed. I counsel all of our students

to use the precious remaining days to take full advantage of the available resources and services to reach a successful conclusion to their semester.

Included in this update:

- Monthly Calendar December - January - **new item**
- Course Selection 24-25 is underway - **new item**
- **Student & Staff Salute**
- **Athletics Update**
- Boys & Girls Bowling host Teacher Appreciation Night - **new item**
- **Activities Update**
- Speech takes 1st place at Morris Invitational - **new item**
- YHS WInd Ensemble performs at UW-Madison - **new item**
- Spirit Week - December 18th through the 21st - **new item**
- Holiday Coat Drive 11/13 - 12/15 - **new item**
- Annual Student Council Blood Drive 12/6 - **new item**
- **Upcoming Events**
- 30th Annual Madgrigal - 12/9, 12/10, & 12/11 - **old item**
- PRISM 2023 tickets on sale November 24th - **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 11, 13, 18, & 20; January 8, 10, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29 & 31**
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - **December 12, 14, 19, & 21; January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30**
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - **December 15; January 12**
- **December 22-29; January 1-5** - Holiday Break; **January 15** - MLK Day; **January 22** - Teacher Institute Day

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

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

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## Course Selection Process for 24-25 School Year

Starting on November 29 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)

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**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

### Athletics Update



#### Boys and Girls Bowling Host Teacher Appreciation Bowling Tournament!

The boys and girls bowling programs hosted the first annual teacher appreciation tournament on Thursday, November 30th. Each member of the bowling teams selected a staff member to bowl with them in a 3 game, alternate frame tournament. Congratulations to Gavin Rainey and Mr. Nick Leonard for placing 1st in the tournament!



### Activities Update

#### Speech Takes 1st Place in the Morris Invitational!

The YHS Speech Team competed at the Morris Invitational this past Saturday, placing first overall as a team! Individual award winners are: the team of Yasmine Ajaj and Colin Malley, Top Novice in Dramatic Duet Acting, the team of Izzy Martinelli and Lilia Paetzold, 6th in Dramatic Duet Acting, the team of Leonidas Neel and Shadan Rediger, 2nd in Dramatic Duet Acting, Shadan Rediger, Tournament Champion in Dramatic Interpretation, Lily Smogor, Tournament Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking, the team of Jack Smogor and Ethan Lapato, Top Novice in Humorous Duet Acting, the team of Nola Tellone and Paige Madej, Tournament Champions in Humorous Duet Acting, Nola Tellone, 5th in Humorous Interpretation, Abigail Goins, 4th in Humorous Interpretation, Isaac Iga, Tournament Champion in Humorous Interpretation, Dria Sandoval, 4th in Impromptu Speaking, Skyler Butts, 2nd in Impromptu Speaking, Christopher Shellhart, 6th in Informative Speaking, Cam Duran, 4th in Informative Speaking, Emily Hart, Tournament Champion in Informative Speaking, Tessa Snicker, 6th in Original Oratory, Olivia Morton, 5th in Original Oratory, Ellie Fapp, 3rd in Original Oratory, Peyton Genenbacher, 5th in Poetry Reading, Paige Madej, Tournament Champion in Poetry Reading, Leonidas Neel, 5th in Radio Speaking, Emma Sygnator, 5th in Special Occasion Speaking, Reese Nelson, 4th in Special Occasion Speaking, and Luke Brosted-Gajewski, Tournament Champion in Special Occasion Speaking.

#### YHS Wind Ensemble Plays at UW-Madison!

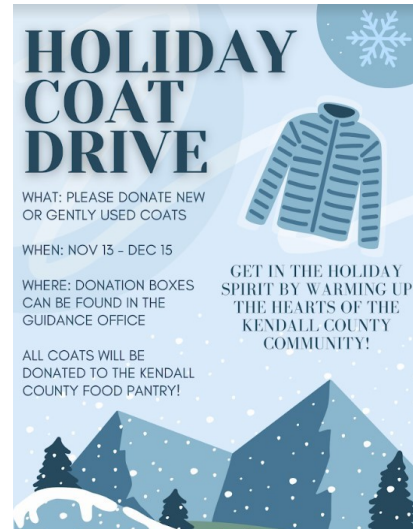
YHS wind ensemble playing at Hamel Music Center Mead Witter Concert Hall at the UW-Madison on 11/30/23 in a shared concert with UW-Madison Wind Ensemble. Our



band was invited to share this concert and treated extremely well as honored guests!

## Holiday Coat Drive!

The Student Council is organizing a Holiday Coat Drive. Please consider donating a new or gently used coat to the donation boxes found in the YHS Guidance Office from November 13 - December 15th. All coats will be donated to the Kendall County Food Pantry.





# 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)



Upcoming Events

THE YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS:

30th Annual

## Madrigal Dinner

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.YORKVILLEMUSIC.ORG](http://WWW.YORKVILLEMUSIC.ORG)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6:00 PM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6:00 PM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 4:00 PM





## 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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