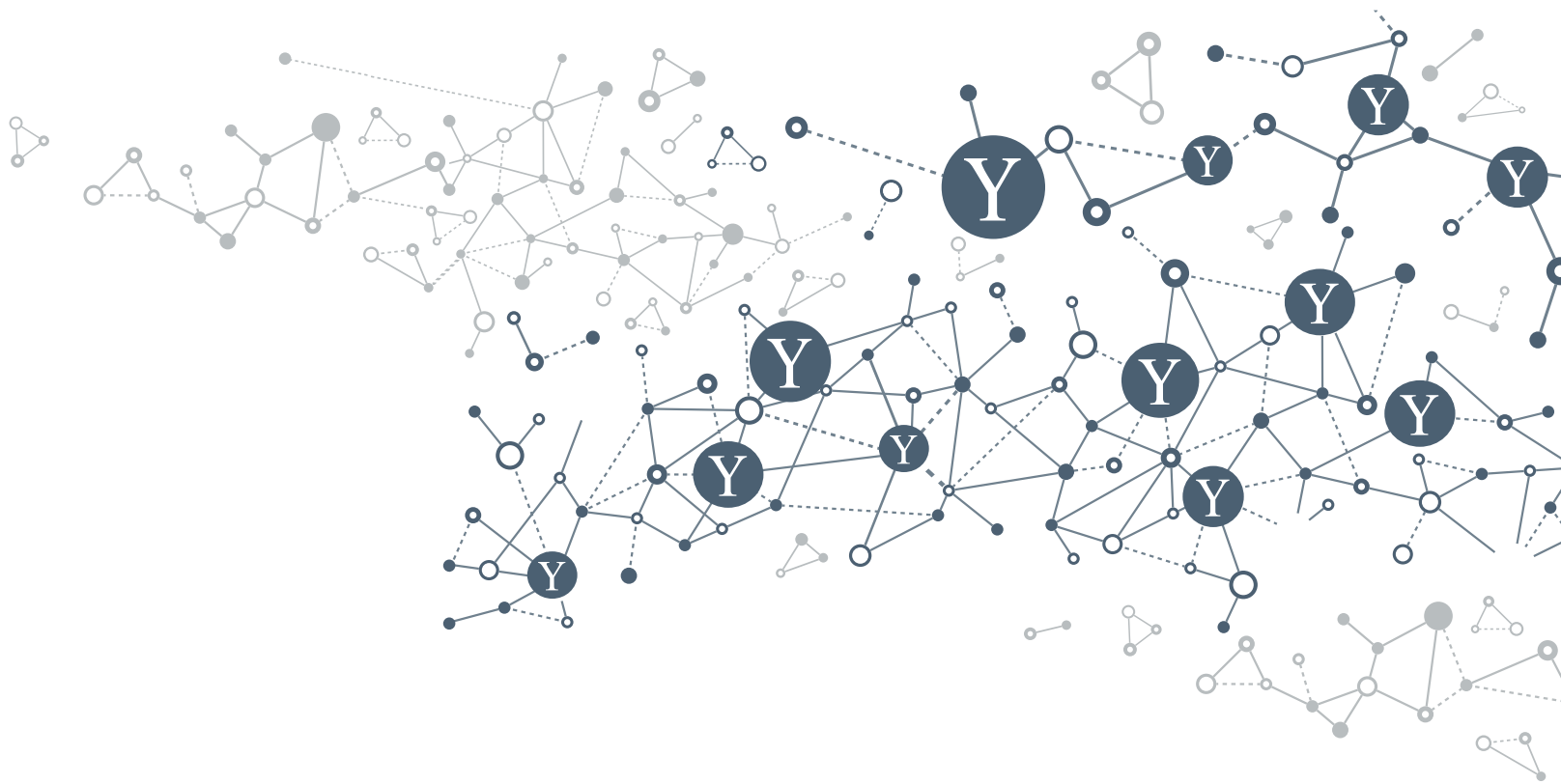


# Yorkville High School

# Clubs & Activities



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# ACADEMIC CLUBS

## Art Club

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Art Club is for anyone interested in art. There are no requirements to join. The club's primary goal is to offer art for the student who is unable to schedule an art class. The club offers free guidance and materials to create art in a supportive environment.

Meets	Weekly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Mr. McCulloch
Location	Room C206

## Educators Rising

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Educators Rising (EdRising) is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers. EdRising helps students develop the skills and strong leadership traits that are found in high-quality educators. Its main goal is to provide students interested in careers in education the knowledge and experience needed to be successful. This is done by working side-by-side with teachers, listening to guest speakers from different fields in education, making teacher appreciation treats, and participating in local activities and competitions.

Meets	Bi-Weekly
Time	Before School
Sponsor	Ms. Renda
Location	Room 2004

## Future Business Leaders of America

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FBLA is an YHS Business Club open to any student interested in a career in Business, is considering starting a business someday, or who plans to major in a business related field in college. The activities for student participation include attending meetings, running a school supplies business, assisting with the Career Fair in the Fall and College Palooza in the Spring, learning about investing, and participating in the Business Olympics at NIU in the Spring.

Meets	Monthly
Time	Before School
Sponsor	Ms. Marino
Location	Room D224

## German Club

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German Club is open to any student who is interested in the German language and culture. Cultural activities are scheduled throughout the school year. Activities include movies, parties, crafts, charities, and other cultural activities.

Meets	Monthly (activities every-other month)
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Roessler
Location	Room 2003

## Math Team

Students both work competitively and cooperatively in different mathematical written competitions that vary by grade level. Students are expected to attend three competitions and may compete at state level.

Meets	Practices: Monday and Thursday
	September - March
Time	Mr. Bannon
Sponsors	Ms. Procopas
	Room D211
Location	

## Spanish Club

Spanish Club is open to students who are interested in Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Cultural and community activities are scheduled throughout the school year. Activities include trips to restaurants and performances, movies, parties, crafts, charity work, or participation in various school events.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Olsen
Location	Room 2001

## Medical Club

Medical Club is a student-led group of future doctors, nurses, and other medical specialists working together to promote knowledge of science and the various pathways toward a career in the healthcare field. Medical Club members participate in science labs and activities and participate in presentations made by medical professionals.

Meets	Bi-Weekly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Kinsella
Location	Room 2002

## Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl is a fun, fast-paced academic "quiz bowl" competition for students. It is a competitive IHSA activity that consists of several meets at the conference level.

Meets	Winter Season
Time	After School
Sponsors	Ms. King
Location	Room D223

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## National Honor Society

*Grades 11-12*

NHS is composed of students who excel in four different and equal categories: scholarship, leadership, character, and community service. Each year junior and senior students are invited to apply for membership, based on grades. During the course of the school year, active membership is an expectation as members participate in numerous service projects.

Meets	Monthly
Time	Before School
Sponsors	Ms. Fishbeck Ms. Pacetti
Location	L.G.I.R. at the Main Campus

## National Social Studies Honor Society (RHO KAPPA)\*

*Grades 11-12*

RHO KAPPA, the Social Studies Honor Society, is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of social studies. Membership in RHO KAPPA is an honor bestowed upon a student by a local chapter for accomplishments in the field of social studies, overall academic achievement, and civic engagement.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Ms. Apantenco Ms. Mishevich Ms. Vriezen
Location	Room D104

## National Art Honor Society\*

*Grades 10-12*

NAHS is a student organization created to recognize individuals who have shown an outstanding ability in art. Members participate in school and community oriented volunteer projects throughout the school year. Sophomore, junior, and senior art students are invited to apply for membership based on grades and achievement in art.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Donohue
Location	Room C206

## National English Honor Society\*

*Grades 11-12*

NEHS is composed of students who excel in English courses and are involved in an English-related activity. Each year, junior and senior students are invited to apply for membership. Active membership is an expectation throughout the year.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Zoepfel
Location	Room 1013

Students must be invited to apply for membership to Honor Societies.

### National Math Honor Society (MU ALPHA THETA)\*

Grades 10-12

Mu Alpha Theta's purpose is to stimulate interest in mathematics. Colleges and major universities recognize membership in Mu Alpha Theta as an important part of a student's academic resume. Topics presented during club meetings, participation in our free mathematics competitions, and the interest generated by these activities help members gain a greater understanding and enjoyment of mathematics. One of our main service activities is to provide math tutoring to students at YHS.

To become a member, you must have a math GPA of 4.0 and overall GPA of 3.0. You will also be asked to list a math teacher as a reference.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Ms. Procopas
Location	Room D212

### Spanish Honor Society\*

Grades 10-12

Spanish Honor Society is an organization created to recognize student achievement in the Spanish language. Members participate in district and community events that specifically benefit the Spanish-speaking community. Students who are currently enrolled in Spanish III/Heritage II or higher are invited to apply for membership based on their academic achievement in Spanish and other courses.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Ms. Crowell Mr. Wunderlich
Location	Room 2001

### Tri-M Music Honor Society\*

Grades 10-12

Tri-M Music Honor Society is a national music honor society of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Tri-M provides student leadership opportunities to make a difference in the community through music-based service. Students in Tri-M have excelled academically, musically, and are the future leaders in music education and music advocacy.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Mr. Smith Mr. Vriezen
Location	Room 1044

### Science Honor Society\*

Grades 10-12

The purpose of Science National Honor Society is to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought. It is to advance the student's knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, and to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science. It is to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Ms. Hellwig Ms. Marczewski
Location	Room C215

\* Denotes Departmental Honor Society

# PERFORMING ARTS

## Color Guard

Color Guard is the group within the Yorkville Marching Foxes marching band that visually represents the music the band is performing. To do this, the color guard members use flags in conjunction with dance to interpret the music's melody and mood. The color guard season starts at the end of the school year in late April or early May when spin sessions are held. Color Guard meets again at the end of July and runs through October, when the season typically ends. Throughout the season, the color guard performs at all home football games and competes at local marching festivals.

Meets	See Description Above
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Wilusz Ms. Walsh
Location	Varies

## Music Ensembles

The YHS Music Department offers the following extra-curricular ensembles: Acapella Choir, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Handbell Choir, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and various student-Lead Chamber Ensembles.

Meets	Varies by Group
Time	Varies
Sponsors	Mr. Anderson Ms. Gyssler Ms. Morton Mr. D. Smith Mr. Vriezen Mr. Makropoulos Ms. Procopos
Location	Rooms 1044, 1046

## Musical Theater

*Actors selected through audition.*

Students may audition for a stage role or the pit orchestra, or sign up to be on the stage crew. As a pre-requisite to audition, students must attend a workshop to help them build basic auditioning confidence and etiquette as well as learn some of the materials (such as dance and vocal numbers) for the show.

Meets	Spring
Time	After School
Sponsors	Mr. R. Martinez (Director) Ms. Morton (Director) Mr. M. McHugh (Vocals) Ms. Melvin (Pit) Ms. Eaton
Location	Cafetorium / YMS Auditorium

## Speech Team

Speech Team is a competitive IHSA activity that consists of 14 events including acting, public speaking, writing, radio broadcasting, and poetry reading, among others. Speech team is an excellent way to practice skills needed for the future. Tryouts are normally held early in the school year. Students have the opportunity to earn varsity letters and compete in the state series.

Meets	Tryouts: Fall Practices: Twice a Week, November-February Competitive Meets: Saturdays December-February (except over winter break)
Time	After School
Sponsors	Mr. Fuerst Ms. Steben Mr. Tabler Ms. Crawford
Location	D Wing, Lower Level Classrooms

## Step Team

The YHS Stepping Foxes are a competitive team, asking students who tryout to commit to the practice it takes to perform a dance form in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds. The team performs for school events and travels to perform in regional competitions and step shows. Students make a commitment to giving back to the community through a community service project and summer camp each year.

Meets	Tryouts: First week of school Season: Fall-Spring
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. W. Rodriguez
Location	Academy Café

## Theater

*Actors selected through audition.*

The fall and spring plays may be any genre from comedy to tragedy. Audition styles vary from director to director and sometimes show to show. Crew applications may be collected during audition times or at a later date.

Meets	Fall and Spring
Time	After School
Sponsors	Fall: Ms. Zoephel Mr. Tabler
Location	Spring: Mr. Hellman Cafetorium

## Marching Foxes

The Yorkville High School Marching Foxes is a co-curricular ensemble composed of winds, percussion, and colorguard. The Marching Foxes create music and pageantry for pregame and halftime at all home football games, community performances, and away marching band field show competitions. The organization prides itself in being inclusive and welcoming and training any student who wishes to be a part of this award-winning ensemble. The Marching Foxes primarily rehearse and perform during the first quarter of the school year. Recruitment and sign-up for this activity occurs annually in April.

Meets	Fall Season
Time	3-5 PM Daily
Sponsors	Mr. Anderson Ms. Rice Mr. Vriezen Mr. Makropoulos Ms. Procopos
Location	Rooms 1044



Denotes Competitive Club/Activity

# SERVICE CLUBS

## Circle of Friends

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Circle of Friends helps foster friendships between students and their peers who have disabilities through games, crafts, and just hanging out.

Meets	Weekly
Time	Access Period
Sponsor	Ms. Cooper
Location	Room C140

## Key Club

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Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership skills. As a student-led service club focusing on school and community service, projects vary from year-to-year.

Dues: \$15 to Kiwanis

Meets	Monthly
Time	Before School
Sponsor	Mr. Gyovai Mr. Korbelt
Location	Room D113

## Student Ambassadors

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Student Ambassadors is designed to help new students get acquainted with YHS/YHSA. Members take on the role of being a student leader by providing tours, fundraising, and attending extra-curricular events with new students. Student Ambassadors help facilitate the Freshmen Experience.

Meets	Once per month
Time	Before School
Sponsors	Mr. Holubetz Ms. Bryne
Location	L.G.I.R.

## Student Council

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Student Council is one of the largest clubs designed to offer leadership experiences for members who design, plan, and organize activities for the community and the YHS student body.

Meets	Every Thursday
Time	7:00 A.M - 7:15 A.M.
Sponsors	Ms. Sims Ms. Peck
Location	L.G.I.R. at the Main Campus



## Students Acting for the Environment (SAFE)

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Students Acting For the Environment is a service-oriented group that works to help the environment by participating in activities with community and campus clean-up and recycling projects.

Meets	Weekly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Kachlic
Location	Room 203

## Teens Reaching Youth (TRY)

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Teens Reaching Youth is a club that focuses on teen and youth outreach. The club sponsors the Student Leadership Initiative Program in which sophomores are extensively trained in leadership. In addition, Teens Activating the Language of Kindness focuses on raising awareness and bullying prevention, Red Ribbon Week, Suicide Prevention Week, and more.

Destinations and prerequisites may vary.

Meets	Bi-Weekly
Time	After School
Sponsors	Mr. Howland Ms. McMahill
Location	L.G.I.R.

# SPECIAL INTERESTS

## Literary Festival

The Literary Festival is a conference event that is held each spring. Students may submit creative works based on their grade level. The works will be evaluated by the festival judges. Each judge has real-life experience as a writer, editor, reporter, etc. Every student who submits a work is invited to attend the festival. On the day of the festival, students participate in workshops presented by the judges and attend an awards ceremony. Prize categories include Critic's Choice, First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention. Students' writing is then published in the literary magazine.

Meets	Monthly
Time	After School
Sponsor	Ms. Rominski
Location	Room 1022 (YHS)

## Newspaper

Fox Tales Newspaper is open to any student interested in writing, reporting, and photography. It provides students with authentic writing, reporting, and editing experiences throughout the year. Students gain experience and submit articles and photographs for publication in the paper.

Meets	Once a week
Time	During FLEX Block (Please check the schedule or reach out to Mrs. Calder directly)
Sponsor	Ms. Calder
Location	Room 1026

## Robotics Club

Robotics Club is an opportunity for students to work together with mentors and experts in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and compete in the FIRST Robotics Series and VEX Robotics competition

Meets	Practice and Meetings Vary
Time	Varies
Sponsors	Mr. Alaniz Mr. Ejavec Mr. Pierce Mr. Howland
Location	Room C125 and Robotics Room

## First Robotics Club

First Robotics is a non-profit student organization devoted to STEM Technology education. The mission is to inspire student members to prepare for careers in a technology driven economy. Students will work with adult mentors who are engineers, college professors, and designers. Students will work in teams to design and build a robot to compete at the regional and national level.

Meets	Monday - Thursday
Time	6 - 9:00 PM
Sponsors	Mr. Pierce Ms. Pickett
Location	YHS Robotics Room

## Video Game Club

The Videogame Club hosts two tournaments a year. All YHS students are invited to attend the tournaments as well as the two planning meetings at which it is decided what games will be played. For more information about this year's tournaments and meetings please contact the sponsor listed below.

Meets	Every Other Thursday
Time	After School
Sponsor	Mr. McKenna
Location	YHS

## World Class Travel

World Class is a travel-abroad program. Participants travel to exciting destinations throughout the world, experiencing first-hand famous sites and cultures, making the classroom curriculum come alive. Admission is granted through an application process.

Destinations and prerequisites may vary.

Meets	Several Travel Meetings / Travel Once a Year
Time	Varies
Sponsors	Ms. Juarez
Location	Abroad

## Yearbook

Yearbook staff members design and layout yearbook spreads, edit stories and pages, photograph images, interview individuals, and write for the publication.

Meets	Once a week
Time	During FLEX Block (Please check the schedule or reach out to Mrs. Calder directly)
Sponsor	Ms. Calder
Location	Room 1026

## You Choose Student Book Club

Book Club is open to any student/faculty member who is interested in reading and discussing award-winning literature. It provides an opportunity to choose among a wide variety of books ranging from fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi, graphic novels, romance, etc. Book Club students conclude the year with a field trip to Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville as well as Barnes & Noble.

Meets	YHSA: Third Thursday of the Month YHS: Third Friday of the Month
Time	Before School
Sponsors	Mr. Eichhammer
Location	Library

# NOTES

## What I'm Interested In

Club / Activity

Meets

Time

Sponsor

Location

Club / Activity

Meets

Time

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