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A message from your principal, Dr. Travis



I hope this update finds you well.

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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 and a fantastic school year! **GO FOXES!**



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 or (630) 553-4380 ext 4241

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YHS BELL SCHEDULE

“A” Period Days			“B” Period Days			“C” All Period Days		
Period	Time	Min.	Period	Time	Min.	Period	Time	Min.
0	6:31-7:18	47	0	6:31-7:18	47	0	6:28-7:18	47
1	7:25-8:53	88	2	7:25-8:53	88	1	7:25-8:12	47
3 Advisory	9:00-9:35	30	4	9:00-10:28	88	2	8:19-9:06	47
3 FLEX	9:35-10:28		6	10:35-12:03	88	4	9:13-10:02	49
5	10:35-12:03	88	9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25	5	10:09-10:56	47
9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25	10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:37-1:02	25	6	11:03-11:50	47
10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:37-1:02	25	8	1:07-2:35	88	9 (Lunch/ Access)	11:55-12:20	25
7	1:07-2:35	88	Total Instructional Minutes		352	10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:24-12:49	25
Total Instructional Minutes		294				7	12:54-1:41	47
						8	1:48-2:35	47
						Total Instructional Minutes		331

Monthly Calendar - September ~ October

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

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - September 4, 6, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30. October 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - September 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26. October 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, & 31
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - September 13, 20, & 27. October 4, 18, & 25.

Sep-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
LSH	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Sep. Attendance: 20/32

Oct-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
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7	8	9	10	11
LSH	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

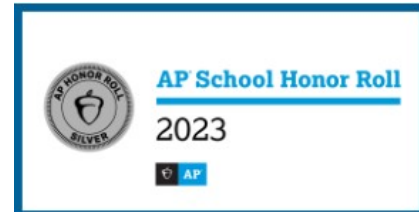
Oct. Attendance: 20/52



Student & Staff Salute

Yorkville High School's Advanced Placement Program: A Model of Excellence and Growth

Yorkville High School is proud to share the remarkable achievements of our Advanced Placement (AP) program, which has seen tremendous growth and success over the past few years. This growth not only highlights our commitment to academic excellence but also demonstrates the profound impact on our students' post-secondary opportunities and the financial benefits to families in our community.



Rising Participation and Exceptional Achievement

Since 2022, our AP program has experienced significant expansion. In 2024, **618 students enrolled in at least one AP course, up from 490 in 2022**. This means that **30% of our total student body is engaging in college-level coursework** while still in high school—a testament to their ambition and the high standards set by our teaching staff.

What truly sets Yorkville High School apart is our AP participation rate. While many schools would be content with an 85% participation rate in AP exams among enrolled students, **Yorkville High School has consistently achieved a remarkable 99% participation rate (one of the highest in the state)**. This demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that nearly all students enrolled in AP courses take the corresponding exams, thus maximizing their opportunities to earn college credit.

Despite this high level of participation, our students' success rates are outstanding. In 2024, **64.1% of our students earned a score of 3 or higher on their AP exams**, which often translates to college credit. This is an increase from 59.2% in 2022, reflecting the effectiveness of our program and the dedication of our students and teachers. The number of **AP exams taken also grew from 779 in 2022 to 977 in 2024, with 64.3% of those exams earning a score of 3 or better**.

A Focus on Graduating Seniors

The impact of our AP program is especially significant for our graduating seniors. In 2024, **38% of our seniors had taken at least one AP exam during their high school careers, with 70% of them earning a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam**. This means that they seniors graduated with valuable college credit already earned, giving them a head start in their post-secondary education.

The financial benefits of this success are substantial. In 2024, **the college credits earned by our graduating seniors potentially save families more than \$1 million in tuition costs**. In a time when the cost of higher education is a growing concern, these savings are a critical advantage, making college more affordable and accessible for our students.

The Power of High Expectations

Yorkville High School's approach to AP coursework is rooted in the belief that high expectations yield high results. By expecting all of our AP students to take the corresponding exams, we ensure that our students are fully engaged in their academic journeys. This philosophy has not only led to exceptional participation rates but also to academic success that matches or exceeds that of schools with lower participation rates. As a result of this work, Yorkville High School received **College Board's Silver Recognition AP School Honor Roll for the 2022-23 school year!** The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success. In addition, Yorkville High School also earned the **AP Access Award**, which honors schools that encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses.

Acknowledging Our AP Teachers

None of this would be possible without the **hard work and dedication of our AP teachers**. Their commitment to challenging and supporting our students has been instrumental in the success of our program. They not only prepare students for the rigors of AP exams but also inspire them to reach their

full potential, setting them on a path to success in college and beyond.

At Yorkville High School, we are immensely proud of the growth and success of our AP program. It is a story of determination, achievement, and the pursuit of excellence. As we continue to build on this success, we remain committed to providing our students with the best possible opportunities to excel and prepare for their futures.

Thank you to our students, parents, and especially our AP teachers for your dedication and support. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students and our community.

Flag Football Wins Inaugural Game!

Congratulations to the girls flag football team on defeating Marist 27-0 in the season opening and inaugural game on Wednesday, August 28th at Campbell Field. Brooke Ekwinski got the Foxes off to a great start throwing touchdown passes to Hannah Halbesma and Annabel West in the 1st half. The Foxes defense led by Gabriela Vega kept Marist scoreless and forced a safety in the win. Congratulations to all of the girls that contributed. The Foxes continue play with home games on Thursday, August 29th against Joliet West and Saturday, August 31st against St. Francis.



Upcoming Events

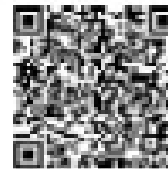
Foxes Football Home Opener Friday, August 30th

The Foxes open the season by hosting Plainfield South on Friday, August 30th. Sophomores play at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity follows at 7:00 p.m. Gates will open at 3:45 p.m. Tickets can be pre-purchased digitally online on [GoFan](#) or by credit card at the ticket gate. YHS students receive free admission by showing their student ID at the gate.



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VISIT [GOFAN.CO](#) & SEARCH
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Kailey Fox Cross Country Invite Rescheduled for September 3rd

The Kailey Fox Cross Country Invite was postponed from Monday, August 26th and is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd. Come out and support our YHS runners in their home invite!

Spectator Expectations!

We hope that all of our students and families enjoy attending our athletic events

this year. Please take a moment to review the spectator expectations that make the events an enjoyable experience!



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Athletic Event Spectator Expectations

Yorkville High School asks spectators to commit to the following positive behaviors:

- 1) Support your team, be encouraging, and have fun!
- 2) Cheer for your team and not negatively against the opponent.
- 3) Take pride in your school and how athletic events are run.
- 4) Help ensure a safe environment for spectators, student-athletes and officials.
- 5) Be respectful with event staff.
- 6) Refrain from engaging directly with opposing players by jersey number or first and last names.
- 7) Refrain from voicing personal insults at opposing players and game officials.
- 8) Refrain from negatively engaging with players, students, or staff from opposing schools on social media.

HEY, SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS

The YHS Guidance team is hosting **COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT** on **Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Main Campus Library**. The in-person presentation will be hosted in the YHS library. This evening is tailored to our senior families, but all are welcome to come. Parents and students will be given a guided tour through the college application and admission process along with providing answers to the most commonly asked questions (and those that aren't so common!) regarding the application process. The presentation materials will be available after the presentation for those unable to attend. **We hope to connect with you!**



YHS moves from SAT to ACT - 1st steps to prepare our students for this important post-secondary readiness benchmark!

We wanted to take a moment to share the fall testing plan and the impact of the ABC schedule. Similar to last year, YHS will conduct a single-day test administration of all three grade levels (9th, 10th & 11th) to support student testing accommodations within the established ACT testing parameters. This will allow our freshmen to take the PreACT 8/9, and our sophomores and

juniors to take the PreACT in the digital format.

On **Monday, September 16th**, in place of Advisory and Flexblock, students will have their 1st-period class they would have attended on **Wednesday, September 18th**. Ultimately, students will attend 1st period for two 90-minute sessions with the usually scheduled 7-minute passing period.

On **Wednesday, September 18th**, all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will report to their Advisory/Access location. Some testing locations have been reassigned due to some Access locations needing to be a more conducive testing environment. Students with testing accommodations will receive a specified testing location. At 10:35, we will resume our usual school schedule starting with the 5th period. Students with approved ACT accommodations will run based on extended time and small group settings.

To provide our students with a comfortable opportunity conducive to a positive test-taking experience, all **12th-grade students and students who take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) will have a late start at 10:35 am.** A second tier of busing for all 12th graders and students who take the DLM to arrive at school by 10:25 am for a 10:35 start.

11th-grade students in the RSSP program will be expected to attend school at 7:20 am for a 7:25 test start time. 12th-grade students in RSSP will have a late start at 10:35.

The **makeup test day for any 9th, 10th, or 11th-grade students will be Friday, October 4th .**

Attention Juniors ~ Don't Delay ~ Sign-up for the NMSQT today!

11th-grade students will have the opportunity to register for a school-hosted PSAT/NMSQT the College Board National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) for Juniors On October 22nd. The PSAT/NMSQT test is the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test co-sponsored by the College Board & NMSQT Corporation. This optional test provides practice and a chance to enter a scholarship competition. Participating will give you an actual test-day experience plus access to college and career preparation tools.

Eligibility to Test: Students must be juniors to qualify as national merit scholars. All juniors are encouraged to take the test, but it is not required.



Attention Juniors!

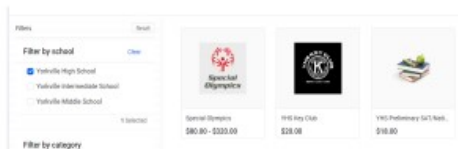
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How to Register:

1. Register online before 9/13/2024
2. Visit www.y115.org > Click parents > Click payment portal> Login to my school bucks> Click store> Check Yorkville High School under the filter by the school on the left-hand side.



Test Day Details

Test Date	Start Time	Payment
Tuesday, October 22, 2024	7:25 am (test runs approximately 3 hours)	\$18 payable to YHS
The main office will excuse students, so there is no need to call in for attendance. This is a DIGITAL exam. A Chromebook & Charger are Required. Students will need an active College Board Account to test.	The students' testing location will be determined after registration. They will receive an email with all testing details before test day. A digital readiness check will be scheduled before test day in the FLEX period.	Pay Online

- AM IVVC students can participate and will be excused from IVVC for the day
- Teachers will excuse students from class due to testing, but students are responsible for making up assignments/tests
- Fee waivers can be requested by students who participate in the Free & Reduced Lunch Program to the student's counselor
- Registration is online. No payment will be accepted at the school
- Contact Jeannine Pacetti at jpacetti@y115.org for test day questions

National Honor Society (NHS) Applications are now being accepted!

What is the NHS?

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Each year students in grades 11 and 12 are invited to apply for membership, based on GPA. During the course of the school year, members are expected to actively participate in NHS sponsored service projects and attend meetings.

Students at Yorkville High School with a cumulative grade point of 3.5 (unweighted) or better, are eligible to pursue membership



in the National Honor Society. However, scholarship is only one of the qualifications that must be met, and it alone does not guarantee membership.

Applications are now open!

This completed [APPLICATION PACKET](#) MUST be printed, completed, and returned to the main office by the end of the day on Monday, September 23, 2024. There are also paper copies of this application packet available in the Main Office. Students with a GPA less than 3.5 (unweighted) will not be considered. Notification of selection will occur following the faculty panel decision. Induction Night for those selected will occur on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6pm (more details to follow for those invited).

Ms. Lindsey Comeau (lcomeau@y115.org)

Mrs. Amy McMahonill (amcmahill@y115.org)

Hey Seniors...

Seniors, we encourage you to take the SAT or the ACT to expand your post-secondary options and merit-based scholarship opportunities. If you have any questions about the test options or college admissions, please consult your house counselor. The senior counseling lessons will also provide a detailed insight into the testing experience to support your decision. Don't forget, the test registration dates are just around the corner!

National SAT Test Dates in Early/Late Fall 2024

Test Dates:

- October 5, 2024
- November 2, 2024
- December 7, 2024

*Go to www.collegeboard.org for test day registration information

National ACT Test Dates in Early/Late Fall 2024

Test Dates:

- October 26, 2024
- December 14, 2024

*Go to www.act.org for test day registration information

Good Luck!

Student Parking Waiting List

YHS has opened up a Parking Waiting List via the Student Payment Portal. Students that have a valid driver's license will be eligible for a space when one becomes available. Once the registration process has been completed, Mrs. Loos will reach out when a spot has been assigned. If a student does not end up receiving a parking spot throughout the year they will be refunded.

In order to park on school property, students must have a parking tag for an assigned parking space. To be eligible for a parking tag, students must complete a parking application and pay the required fees, which can be found in the Student Payment Portal on the Yorkville District #115 Registration Homepage.

All of the following items must be submitted prior to receiving the parking pass:

- Completed application with parent and student signature
- Copy of student driver's license
- Copy of CURRENT insurance.

A copy of the student's driver's license and insurance can be submitted electronically to Dloos@y115.org or in-person during parking permit distribution.



Hey Parents, PRE-ORDER your 2025 YHS yearbook now!

Pre-orders are available from August 2, 2024 until June 1, 2025 OR until we sell out. Books cost \$65 UNTIL NOVEMBER 1.

Guarantee a book for your student by placing your order early!

You can pre-order in one of TWO ways this year:

1. Visit our [Yearbook Forever site](#) and search for "Yorkville" -- we

are listed as Yorkville Community High School. Here, you can place an order for a book and other add-ons, including personalization of your book with a Namestamp or iTag. This site also allows you to purchase a senior ad.

2. Visit the Y115 payment portal to order your yearbook. [Use the link here](#), and make all of your Y115 payments at once. No personalization or senior ads will be sold through the Y115 payment portal -- this is for books ONLY.
3. **We SOLD OUT of 2024 yearbooks and have a wait list for extras -- CONSIDER ORDERING YOUR BOOK NOW so that you guarantee a copy!!**

SENIOR parents - Celebrate your student with a personalized ad! Makes a great gift!

Are you interested in commemorating your student in a unique way this year? **Consider purchasing a senior ad!** Senior ads allow you to select a 1/8 or 1/4 page slot in the yearbook and feature your own photos and message to your senior. Please [check out this four minute video](#) to learn more about senior ads! **Senior ads are available for purchase until June 1, 2025.** Reach out to Mrs. Calder at kcalder@y115.org for more info. Senior ads MUST be purchased through www.yearbookforever.com.

Did you order a 2023-2024 yearbook?

Books will ship in mid-September and be available for student pick-up at Yorkville High School. 2024 graduates may pick up their books from the main office once books arrive. Please have your student listen to announcements and watch for fliers with info about yearbook distribution. NO BOOKS will be available for purchase if you missed out on a pre-order -- you MUST contact Mrs. Calder at kcalder@y115.org to be added to the wait list, and being on the wait list does NOT guarantee you a book.

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