



**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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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](mailto: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 - October ~ November

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

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" - **September 30. October 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30; November 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, & 25.**
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" - **October 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29, & 31; November 6, 12, 14, 19, 21, & 26**
- C Days are highlighted in "Green" - **October 4, 18, & 25; November 1, 7, 15, 22**
- **Fall Break October 11 & 13; Teacher Institute October 15; Election Day November 5, Parent Teacher Conferences November 7 (11:00 am dismissal) & 8; Thanksgiving Break November 27 - 29.**

Oct-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
LSH	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Oct. Attendance: 20/52

Nov-24				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	LSH	NIA

Nov. Attendance: 16/68

STAY CONNECTED



Student & Staff Salute

## 5 Foxes Named National Merit Scholars!

Congratulations to **Emily Hart, Julia Hosu, Everett Joyce, Benjamin Kozal and Tyler Plank** for earning National Merit Commended Scholar recognition. Over 1.7 million students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last year. Emily, Julia, Everett, Benjamin & Tyler **ranked among the top three percent of more than 1.7 million students who entered the competition.**

Outstanding Job, Foxes!



## Yorkville High School's Career and Technical Education: Empowering Students for Every Pathway

As I shared in prior posts, we firmly believe that **"High school graduation is a Milestone, not a Capstone"** in a student's educational experience. We understand that our students will pursue a variety of post-secondary opportunities. Some may aim for a two- or four-year college, others will explore vocational training through trade schools or apprenticeships, some may serve in the military, and others may enter the workforce directly. Our role is not to choose for them but to provide as many viable opportunities as possible, allowing them to explore their aspirations and find their path. This diverse range of options ensures students' unique ambitions are catered to.



One key avenue through which we achieve this is our **partnership with the Indian Valley Vocational Center (IVVC)**. This dynamic program provides hands-on, work-based learning experiences that prepare our students for various careers by equipping them with practical skills, industry certifications, and real-world experiences. From automotive technology and health occupations to culinary arts and construction trades, **IVVC offers 19 different programs that connect students with meaningful career pathways.**

### Growing Opportunities Through Vocational Education

The numbers tell a remarkable story of growth and success. In the 2024 school year, **220 Yorkville High School students enrolled in at least one course through IVVC, representing 11% of our total enrollment and 22% of our juniors and seniors.** These opportunities allow students to gain classroom knowledge and practical, industry-aligned skills. In 2024, 94.5% were successful in these industry-aligned courses, ranging from Welding to Fire Science to Law Enforcement to Computer Technology. This demonstrates the high student engagement and academic achievement level within our vocational/career-based programs, a testament to our students' hard work and dedication.

Moreover, the number of students earning dual credit through IVVC has grown significantly. In 2024, our IVVC students accumulated 448 college credit hours, an increase of 263 from just the prior year,

positioning them for significant savings on future tuition/certification costs. This initiative supports our broader effort to ease the financial burden on families while providing students with a valuable head start on their post-secondary education. These industry/career based courses, coupled with work-based learning, offer students both the academic foundation and practical experience to transition smoothly into the next stage of their lives, ensuring parents feel financially secure about their children's education.

### Work-Based Learning: Industry Credentials and Career Development

A unique aspect of IVVC's offerings is the opportunity for students to earn Industry Credentials and participate in Career Development Experiences (CDEs). In 2024, **145 students earned 236 industry-recognized credentials, demonstrating proficiency in skills immediately applicable to the workforce.** These certifications allow students to enter various industries directly upon graduation, equipped with the qualifications employers seek. Additionally, **six students earned Career Development Experiences, such as internships or job shadowing, providing invaluable exposure to the working world and helping them make informed career decisions.**

The cumulative impact of these experiences is clear. By the time they graduated, **81% of our seniors had earned advanced placement, college credit, and many had also obtained industry certifications or completed work-based learning experiences.** Combined with credits earned through other avenues, such as AP or Dual Credit offerings, **our recent grads accumulated over \$3.1 in potential savings toward their post-secondary aspirations.** These diverse pathways—whether through vocational training, AP coursework, or dual credit—equip our students with options that align with their unique ambitions.

### Acknowledging Our Partners

We are thankful for the great work of our partners at IVVC. Their expertise, mentorship, and commitment to student success have been instrumental in building these programs into what they are today. If families are interested to learn more about IVVC programming, please consult our [24-25 Curriculum Guide](#) or check out the [IVVC website](#). As we expand our career and technical education offerings, we remain focused on helping every student reach their full potential and enter the next stage of life with confidence and purpose.

### Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating Culture and Contributions

From September 15th to October 15th, we are proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Yorkville High School. This month provides us with an opportunity to recognize the rich history, diverse cultures, and significant contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States. It is a time to honor the achievements and legacy of individuals whose roots trace back to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and who have helped shape our nation.



Our Latinos Unidos Student Organization is organizing a series of special events, recognitions, and activities to engage and educate our community about Hispanic heritage. These activities are designed to highlight the diverse backgrounds, traditions, and accomplishments that have enriched our school and society at large.

We invite our community to help us celebrate ~ activities and events will be shared in greater detail throughout the month. By learning, appreciating, and celebrating together, we strengthen our understanding and foster greater belonging within our school community.

Stay tuned for more information about celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!



### Flag Football Celebrates Senior Night

The Foxes celebrated the flag football seniors before the home game on Monday, September 23rd. Congratulations to the seniors who have led YHS to a successful inaugural Flag Football season. The Foxes came away with a big 40-0 win over Joliet Central led by Brooke Ekwinski with 3 touchdown throws and 1 running score. Annabel West brought in two TDs and Hayden Hodges and Grace Niles each had interceptions returned for touchdown scores!

### Cross Country Celebrates Seniors



Congratulations to the boys and girls cross country seniors that were celebrated after the Minooka Flight Invite on Saturday, September 21st! The Foxes had a great showing in the meet and topped it off by celebrating our seniors!



## Y F O X E S

*proud to celebrate.*  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



### YHS Athletics Recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the athletic department is supporting diversity and unity by recognizing Hispanic student-athletes at YHS throughout the month!



## Upcoming Events

**Friday Homecoming Football Game ~** This Friday, September 27th the Foxes host Bolingbrook. The Sophomore Game is scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. start and the Varsity at 7:00 p.m. The gates will open at 3:45 p.m. Spectators can pre-purchase tickets online on [GoFan](#) or with a credit card at the gate. YHS Students get in free with their student ID. Senior citizens and children under 5 years old receive free entry. Outside food and drink are not permitted in the stadium and any props or noisemakers are not permitted.

**Saturday Homecoming Dance! ~** Doors will open at 6:50p.m. All ticket purchases must be completed by Friday September 27th at 3:00 p.m. **There will be NO CASH SALES AT THE DOOR.** All students must have their ID and know their group number that is located on the email confirmation of the ticket purchased. The group # will be needed to check into the dance. Groups 1-6 will enter in door 20, Groups 7-14 will enter through door 19 and Groups 15-18 will enter Door 18. All YHS students with outside guests will enter through Door 18. Food trucks and concessions will be available for purchase. The dance concludes at 10:00p.m. The link to purchase tickets is located here:

<https://www.msbtickets.com/yorkvillehighschool/event/2024Homecoming>



### YHS Alumni Invited to Homecoming Football Game!

All Alumni are invited to the Homecoming Football game on Friday, September 27th. Alumni will receive free admission and are invited to sit in the Alumni Tent set up in the north endzone!

## Notes to Note



Yorkville Educational Foundation Presents

# BREWING UP A BRIGHTER FUTURE ALE FEST



All proceeds benefit the staff & students of  
Yorkville Community Unit School District 115

✓ Celebrity  
Bartenders

✓ Special  
Foxy brew!

**1:00PM  
TO  
6:30PM**

**OCTOBER 5**

📍 508 Center Pkwy C,  
Yorkville, IL

🌐 [yef115.org/brew](http://yef115.org/brew)

Special thanks to: Flight Tasting Room & Bottle Shop and Noon Whistle Brewing



# AAC Device Parent Training

**WHERE:**

CENTER OF  
INNOVATION

604 Center Parkway,  
Yorkville IL

**WHEN:**

OCT 17, 2024

TIME: 9:00-11:00 AM  
AND 1:00-3:00 PM



SCAN ME TO RSVP!



Learn how to use  
their device  
during these  
activities



**READING  
CRAFTS  
COOKING  
MUSIC**

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 10TH!

## YHS sophomores, juniors, and seniors!

Here's your chance to make a difference – applications are now open for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council! Have your voice heard and help shape the future. See the flyer for more details. Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/ytcx96ax>



Join the new

# Superintendent Student Advisory Council

Service | Leadership | Voice

YHS **sophomores, juniors, and seniors**, join the new Superintendent Student Advisory Council (SSAC) and be a part of the growing innovation of District 115.

As a member of the SSAC, you will help serve the Yorkville community, be a leader among your peers, and have your voice heard on decisions that will shape the district for years to come.

You will be involved with, but not limited to, the following:

*Yorkville Chamber of Commerce  
Student Service  
District Activities & Events  
School Policies  
Facilities Needs  
...and so much more!*

Fill out the application now and return it to the District Office:  
800 Game Farm Road  
Yorkville, IL 60560

**Application Deadline is October 1, 2024**



Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to start your application.  
<https://tinyurl.com/ytcx96ax>

For more information contact Karley Harjo:  
kharjo@y115.org | (630) 553-4382



## 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](http://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](http://www.act.org) for test day registration information

Good Luck!





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