

# 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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I want to thank our students, staff, and families for an amazing first three weeks of school. While it is still early, all indicators are that we are on our way to another outstanding semester! Keep up the great work, Foxes!

Early next week, our families will receive their first Academic Progress Report. This report is a crucial tool in our collaborative home/school partnership, providing you with personalized insight into your child's academic journey. We send these reports approximately every three weeks to keep you involved and informed. A couple of things to consider:



- The Progress Report is a grade in progress that includes student course grades in percentage and letter grade format (for example, 97% = A). Parents should check Canvas for a more detailed understanding of their student's course grades.
- While it is early in the semester, I advise parents to<u>maintain a balanced perspective</u>. Avoid overreacting to underperformance or becoming overconfident in early success. Instead, take an inquisitive/supportive approach, seeking to understand your child's progress regardless of whether they are off to a great start or struggling:
- Review assignment completion, quiz, test, or project performance on Canvas- what patterns do you see from course to course? Are they staying on top of their work? Are you seeing low performance in specific tasks (tests)? Is the grade skewed due to only a few assignments/tests?
- **Guage school/life balance** how much time do they have outside school to devote to academics? Too much? Too little? How can you help them manage the time that they have (too little) or build stronger routines or habits (too much)? Time management is a big challenge for many of our students (and adults, too!). Getting involved and staying involved in non-academic pursuits are essential to being well-rounded, so help them find what works for them.
- Time/Resource Use during the school day seek to understand how they use FlexBlock (twice per week) or ACCESS (25 minutes daily). We have built numerous opportunities and removed

barriers for students to seek and get help. Currently, we are in the "nudging stage" with our students, but soon we will enter the "expecting stage" that will eventually move into the "requirement stage."

- Help them Self-Advocate probe to find out if they are taking advantage of re-learn opportunities, schedule routine connections during FlexBlock or ACCESS with their teachers, and help them ask for help or support.
- Work Collaboratively remember that we are on the same team, so your inquiry should always start with your student's teacher. We want your students to succeed, and we know that is what you also want. Seek to understand and work collaboratively with the YHS staff to achieve success.
- Attend school every day the number one thing you can do as a parent is to ensure that your student attends every class every day and is on time. Students with higher attendance rates do better in their classes it is the highest predictor of your student's success or lack thereof.

As I routinely share, the true engine of our success is rooted in the strength of our home-school partnership. Your continued investment in your child's educational experience is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone-students, staff, and parents for your commitment to our children's success.

Included in this update:

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In addition to my weekly email updates, I encourage everyone to follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and "like" our <u>Facebook</u> 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!** 

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 or (630) 553-4380 ext 4241

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# YHS BELL SCHEDULE

"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	
9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25	
10 (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	
9 (Lunch/ Access)	12:08-12:33	25	
10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:37-1:02	25	
8	1:07-2:35	88	
Total Inst	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		
9 (Lunch/ Access)	11:55-12:20	25		
10 (Access/ Lunch)	12:24-12:49	25		
7	12:54-1:41	47		
8	1:48-2:35	47		
	Total Instructional Minutes			

## Monthly Calendar - September ~ October

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

- A Days are highlighted in "Red" September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30. October 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30
- B Days are highlighted in "Gray" September 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.

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Sep. Attendance: 20/32

Oct-24				
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LSH	15	16	17	18
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28	29	30	31	

Oct. Attendance: 20/52

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# 北 Student & Staff Salute

## Yorkville High School's Dual Credit Program: Expanding Opportunities for Every Student's Pathway

At Yorkville High School, we embrace the belief that "**High school** graduation is a Milestone, not a Capstone" to a student's educational experience. We recognize that each of our students



is on a <u>unique path</u>—whether they aspire to attend a two- or four-year college, pursue vocational training through trade schools or apprenticeships, join the military, or enter the workforce directly. Our responsibility is not to dictate their futures but to provide as many viable alternatives as possible to help them realize their goals.

One fundamental way we achieve this is through our **Dual Credit program**, which has **grown exponentially since 2019. What began with five course offerings has expanded to 19 courses for the 2024-25 school year.** These courses provide our students with the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously, positioning them for greater post-secondary success.

#### The Impact on Students and Families

The expansion of Yorkville High School's Dual Credit program has profoundly impacted students' postsecondary options and the financial burden on families. In 2024, **231 students (11% of our total enrollment) participated in Dual Credit courses, with an outstanding 94.8% of those students earning a grade of C or better**. This success translates into college credits, giving students a head start on their **post-secondary education while still in high school**.

The financial benefits are significant. In 2024, our students earned 1,185 college credits through Dual-Credit courses, resulting in an estimated savings of \$1,540,500 for their families. As higher education costs continue to rise, dual credit courses are a crucial advantage as families look for ways to make college more affordable.

#### Graduating Seniors Leading the Way

Our graduating seniors have been some of the greatest beneficiaries of these expanded opportunities. In 2024, **51% of Yorkville's seniors took at least one Dual-Credit course during high school, with 95.8%** earning college credit by achieving a C or better. This means that **227 seniors graduated not just with a high school diploma but with a significant academic head start, earning 1,185 college credits** before they even step foot into a post-secondary experience.

#### A Comprehensive Approach: Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

In addition to our thriving Dual Credit program, I shared the amazing growth and opportunities in our Advanced Placement (AP) program last week. Combined, these two programs have made a remarkable impact on the Class of 2024. An impressive **63% of our graduating class earned college credit through Dual Credit or AP exams.** Collectively, they earned **1,977 college credits, potentially saving \$2,570,100 for our families.** 

This **achievement underscores Yorkville's commitment to offering multiple pathways to success**. Whether students pursue Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, or a combination of both, they are well-prepared for the next steps in their educational journey.

#### Acknowledging Our Teachers and Partners

The success of our Dual Credit program is only possible with the dedication and expertise of our teachers, who provide high-quality instruction and support to ensure students thrive in these college-level courses. We are also grateful for our partnerships with local colleges, whose collaboration has been invaluable in creating and expanding these opportunities for our students.

At Yorkville High School, we are proud to offer our students the tools and opportunities they need to succeed in whatever path they choose. As we expand our Dual Credit offerings and strengthen our commitment to academic excellence, we remain focused on helping every student reach their full potential.

## Boys and Girls Cross Country win home Kailey Fox Cross Country Invite!

Congratulations to the varsity boys and girls cross country teams on capturing team titles at the home Kailey Fox Invite on Tuesday, September 3rd! Leading the way for the boys was Adam Klemm in 11th, James Cherney in 10th, Ryan Rotramel in 9th, Brody Greyer in 5th and Owen Horeni in 4th. The varsity girls were led by Athena Triner in 13th, Sophia Keeler in 10th, Annabelle Reeder in 8th, Liliana Camargo in 6th and Ashley



Schraeder in 4th. Marcos Corral led the Foxes in the boys open race with a 4th place finish while Sydney Seliga led the girls in the open race with a 5th place finish. Congratulations to all of our runners on a great opening meet!

#### **Girls Golf Celebrates Senior Night**



The girls golf team recognized its 4 seniors - Ellery Hyett, McKinleigh Killham, Peytone Levine, and Cassidy Madden on Tuesday, September 4th at the home match against Plainfield Central. The Foxes came away with a win in the match 216-223. Hyett led the Foxes with a low round of 50, Destiny Barton placed 2nd with a 51, Elaina Newman carded a 57 and Madden and Izzy Strausberger shot 58's. Congratulations to the girls golf team on their senior night win!

# 🐉 Upcoming Events

## Patriot Day - Remembering 9/11

On September 11, 2001, a bright autumn day was darkened by the worst attack on the American people in our history. Thousands of innocent men, women, and children perished when mighty towers collapsed in the heart of New York City and wreckage burned in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. They were family and friends, service members and first responders -and the tragedy of their loss left pain that will never fade and scars our country will never forget.



The world we live in today was forever changed by the events of that day. But as we mark the anniversary of September 11th, we remember what remains the same: our character as a Nation,

our faith in one another, and our legacy as a country strengthened by service and selflessness. As we remember the victims, their families, and the heroes who stood up during one of our country's darkest moments. We honor those we have lost, and to help build stronger communities and a more resilient Nation. By joining together on this solemn anniversary, let us show that America's sense of common purpose need not be a fleeting moment, but a lasting virtue -- not just on one day, but every day.



Dear Yorkville CUSD 115 Parents and Guardians,

Yorkville Community Unit School District 115 continually strives to better support your child and their wellbeing. To better understand student engagement and involvement, **D115 will administer a short survey to students in grades 4-12+**. The survey is administered through the Panorama Education, Inc. survey platform. The survey will be taken **during school hours** 

#### between Monday, September 16, 2024 through Monday, September 30, 2024.

If you would like to review a copy of the survey questions, please contact your building principal. If you <u>do not</u> want your child to participate, complete the survey <u>opt out form</u> and return it to the main office of your child's school.

Thank you for making D115 a great place to learn.

#### Homecoming Week!

Homecoming week is **September 23rd- September 28th** and this year's theme is **Disney's Tangled**! Please see below for the spirit week days as well as evening events for the week!

# YORKVILLE HOMECOMING 2024

**Tangled** 

# Monday, September 23

Movie Night: Tangled Gates open 6:oopm Baseball Field behind YHSA Entry: \$2 or canned food Entry for YHS students only with ID

# Wednesday, September 25

Powderpuff Football Game Campbell Field Gates Open 5:30 Entry: \$2 for students \$5 for adults

# Friday, September 27

Homecoming Football Game Campbell Field Sophomore 4:30 p.m. Varsity 7:00 p.m. Free Entry with Student ID

# Tuesday, September 24

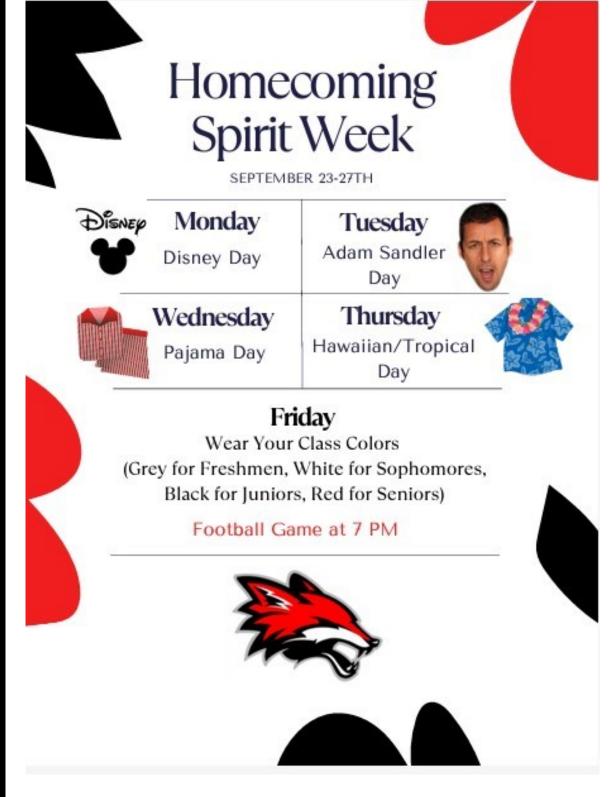
Bonfire 6:00pm-7:30pm YHS Gray Lot Entry for YHS students only with ID \*Food Trucks Available\*

# Thursday, September 26

Parade Line up 4:30 p.m. starts at 5:30 p.m.

# Saturday, September 28

Homecoming Dance 7-10 \$20 Digital Tickets ONLY MUST HAVE STUDENT ID \*Food Trucks Available\*



## Homecoming Dance Tickets On Sale Now!

Dance ticket sales are now open and will end on **Friday September 27th**. All ticket sales will need to be purchased online in advance. There will be NO CASH sales at the door. In order to streamline the check in process a group number will be located on each digital ticket that will be selected by the purchaser at the time tickets are purchased. A confirmation email will be sent to the ticket purchasers email which will contain that group number selected along with a digital ticket. Each student must have this confirmation email, their group number, and student ID in order to check into the dance. If parents are purchasing tickets for their child(ren) please forward the confirmation email to them so they have it for the dance. There is no need to create an account when purchasing tickets so please check out as a guest. If a YHS student would like to bring an outside guest, all guests need to fill out a date request form that can be found in the house offices. The date request form needs to be filled out and then returned to their house office by September 23rd. All YHS students had an advisory lesson on homecoming information on August 28th and were presented a summary of this information in their email. The link to purchase tickets is located here: https://www.msbtickets.com/yorkvillehighschool/event/2024Homecoming

#### Foxes Football Travels to New Trier

The sophomore and varsity football games on Friday, September 6th at New Trier will be played at their Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, IL. Tickets can be purchased on GoFan or at the gate. The games will be livestreamed on HUDL. Sophomore play at 4:45 p.m. and the Varsity at 7:00 p.m.

## **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 <u>Monday, September 16th, in place of Advisory and Flexblock, students will have their 1st-period class</u> 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 <u>Wednesday, September 18th, all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will report to their Advisory/Access</u> <u>location</u>. 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, <u>all</u> <u>12th-grade students and students who take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) will have a late start at</u> <u>10:35 am</u>. 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.

<u>11th-grade students in the RSSP program will be expected to attend school at 7:20 am for a 7:25 test</u> 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 .

# Notes to Note 💐

#### 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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/ytcx96ax</u>





#### 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 amoung 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, II 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





#### Applications for Content Area Honor Societies Are Available!

Content area honor societies are accepting applications now through September 13th! Each honor society has requirements in order to be accepted. Linked here is a document that has all application information in one easy to use location. This document has been emailed to all students and should be an easy way to apply to one or multiple content area honor

societies. An updated transcript is required for all applications and transcripts can be requested and picked up in the house offices.

# Attention Juniors ~ Don't Delay ~ Sign-up for **PSAT/NMS** 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 Oualifying 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!



#### PSAT/NMSQT Test Day is October 22, 2024

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

#### How to Register:

- 1. Register online before 9/13/2024
- Visit <u>www.y115.org</u> > 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.

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#### **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 McMahill (amcmahill@y115.org)

### Hey Seniors...

Seniors, we encourage you to take the SAT or the ACT to expand your post-secondary options and meritbased 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!



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