

"A" Week

Interim Reports Issued – December 14

ATTENDANCE

There is a significant relationship between student attendance and student achievement. We want students to be successful at York High School and in order to achieve that goal, we need your student to attend school and be on time every day unless they are ill.

If your student is ill, please send in a note or email our attendance secretary, Allison Martinez at <u>amartinez@ycsd.york.va.us</u> within 24 hours. Legitimate reasons for absences are illness, death in immediate family, doctor or dental appointment (not possible to be scheduled on non-school time), and or exceptional circumstances as determined by the building principal.

Absences occurring on those pre-determined test dates should be avoided and will only be considered excused under extreme extenuating circumstances. For any other reason, the absence is unexcused. If the student accumulates excessive (10 or more) absences, a physician's note may be required. (YCSD Student Handbook, page 1)

AP POTENTIAL/PSAT NIGHT

York High School will be hosting an **AP Potential/PSAT night** on Thursday, January 10th. Please join us to learn more about your student's PSAT scores, Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities at York High School, and view samples of student work from various courses. Teachers and students currently enrolled in AP classes will be available to answer any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

PSAT SCORES

PSAT scores will be released on December 10th. In order for students to view their scores, they will need to have a College Board Account. Please view the YouTube link below for directions on how to set up your student's account. Please have students save their log-in information in a safe place (in their phone). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=116f51n3-dc&feature=youtu.be

FALCON BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Falcon Band holiday concert will be on Thursday December 13th at 7:00pm in the YHS Auditorium. It is free to the public. Reception to follow in the band room.

BOYS AND GIRLS LACROSSE

First meeting will be held 6:00pm in YHS KIVA on December 12, 2018 for parents and players. Please try to have your player registered and also any coach candidates. Voting for the Board will also be held.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

JUNIOR RING DANCE INFORMATION

Date: Saturday February 2rd Theme: Masquerade Colors: Gold, Black, & Purple Place: Fort Eustis Officers Club Time: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

PLEASE READ THIS FLYER VERY CAREFULLY!

- 1. YOU MAY STILL COME TO RING DANCE EVEN IF YOU DID NOT PURCHASE A CLASS RING.
- 2. IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A RING FROM THE HERFF JONES COMPANY <u>AND HAVE NOT PAID</u> <u>FOR YOUR RING:</u>
 - ** Your ring must be paid for in full before the dance or you will not receive it at the dance
 - a. you will receive a postcard from Herff Jones telling you how much money you owe
 - b. if you have not received a postcard , call this number to inquire about your balance (1-804-598-0971)
 - c. **** a representative will be here from Herff Jones on FRIDAY, February 1st during lunch blocks to collect your money bring a check made out to Herff Jones
 - d. ** if you are not going to be at school on Friday bring me (Mrs. Eckstein Room 304) your money by Thursday and I will deliver it to Herff Jones on Friday
- 3. If you have purchased a ring from Herff Jones and it is PAID for, you are fine. You will receive your ring at the dance.
- 4. If you have purchased a ring from Herff Jones and <u>WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE DANCE</u>: Come and see Mrs. Eckstein on Monday after the dance and I will issue you your ring, provided you have paid for it (if you have not paid for it, bring the money with you).

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE during lunch blocks Monday Jan. 14th thru Friday Jan. 18th

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. NO EXCEPTIONS!

What to do if your date is NOT from York High School:

- 1. Fill out a Guest form
- 2. Location: Room 304 (Please do NOT disturb class), in the main office, or on the school website.
- Return completed form to Mrs. Eckstein (Please do NOT disturb class) no later than Wednesday February 1st.

Ticket Prices \$25.00 PER PERSON (cash or check – made payable to YHS)

Directions to The Fort Eustis Club

From Route 17 (Yorktown);

- 1. Turn onto Fort Eustis Blvd (located between the Bojangles and McDonalds).
- 2. Continue on Fort Eustis Blvd. Stop at the main gate to check in.
- 3. Continue onto Washington Blvd.
- 4. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Lee Blvd.
- 5. Turn left onto Madison Ave.
- 6. Turn right onto Pershing Ave.
- 7. The Fort Eustis Club will be on the left in Building 2123

*Please note that your GPS will not work on the military base.

Dress Code for Girls

- 1. No excessively low cut or revealing dresses.
- 2. Fingertip length dresses.
- 3. No mid-drift showing.
- 4. Shoes must be worn at all times. (Flip Flops are fine)

Dress Code for Boys

- 1. Semi-formal or Formal Attire (No Jeans, Collared Shirt, Tie).
- 2. No sneakers or tennis shoes allowed.
- 3. Keep your shirt on and buttoned at all times.

Rules for Dancing

- 1. Both feet on the floor.
- 2. Upright dancing only. No hands on the floor or your knees.
- 3. Keep your skirt down.
- 4. No chains of back to front dancing.
- 5. No kissing or making out at the dance.
- 6. No inappropriate touching.
- 7. If the administration believes that the initial behavior is severe enough to justify removal from the dance, the student and/or guest will be asked to leave immediately.
- 8. All decisions are at the discretion of the administration.

Rule Enforcement

- 1. Wristbands will be put on when entering the dance.
- 2. At first warning, the wristband will be cut off.
- 3. At second warning, students will be dismissed from the dance and parents will be contacted immediately.
- 4. Photographer will be able to cut the bands for pictures and then wristbands will be reissued.
- 5. Re-admittance to the dance is NOT permitted.

PTSA NEWS

Upcoming 3 Amigos Spirit Night 5 to 8 pm – December 10th PTSA Meeting 6 pm KIVA – December 17th Arby's Spirit Night 4 to 8 pm – December 17th Cookies and Cocoa Staff Hospitality Event – December 18th (sign-up below)

COCOA AND COOKIES FOR STAFF! The PTSA is hosting a hospitality event for our teachers and staff on December 18th at 10 am. If you can help by donating goodies, let us know here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ea8a82fa02-cocoa1

Our 2018 PTA Reflections Winners have been announced and honored for their hard work. Congratulations to:

Literature

- 1 Lauren Dunbar
- 2 Mikayla White
- 3 Colin Billings
- Film Production

1 – Anna Boyarinova

Music Composition 1 – Jeong Lee Visual Art 1 – Taryn Simmons 2 – Jordan Gillis 3 – Ryan McKnight HM – Zoé Succi HM – Rebecca Petry

Photography 1 – Erin Murray 2 – Kayla Serwon 3 – Emily Lopez HM – Sylmarie Melendez HM – Mehgan Mangrum

We are SO EXCITED to kick off a new endeavor: Personalize Your Parking Space! As a yearly fundraiser for the Senior Send-Off, we will be painting decals on parking spaces that showcase athletics, clubs, band, drama, chorus, ROTC, and more! Download the flyer here:

<u>https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/YHS</u> or email <u>YHSseniorsendoff@gmail.com</u> or call 757-817-1103. Decals are \$40 and we will paint them for you! Forms are also available in the main office.

For those who have already joined PTSA, thank you! If you have not yet joined, you can do so using this link: <u>www.mkt.com/yhs-ptsa</u>. If you were unable to pick up your membership card, we sent an email with an electronic version of the card last week. We started drawing a Student PTSA Member of the WEEK! The winners are announced each week on Twitter and afternoon announcements and will receive a \$5 gift card to Tropical Smoothie. Follow us @yorkhighptsa on Twitter!

Falcon Flocking is our exciting fundraiser that allows you to surprise someone with a flock of blue falcons in their yard along with a sign. To sign up for a date, email <u>shelmactolbert@yahoo.com</u>. Once you sign up, we will send you the form and options for payment. You get the flock for a day for \$25 and all funds go to PTSA programs.

Don't forget to join our York High PTSA Facebook Group!

York High has created a Comfort Closet to help some of our student population who are homeless or need help. PTSA is proud to be able to help with this endeavor and you can help as well! Items needed right now are: granola/breakfast bars. Items can be dropped in the main office!

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: A Committee has formed for the 2019 Senior Send-Off! If you are interested in serving on this committee to help create an amazing event, email Courtney at <u>YHSseniorsendoff@gmail.com</u>.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Clifton Harmon School Counselor Students A-G (Grades 10-12) <u>charmon@ycsd.york.va.us</u> (757) 898-0506 **Mrs. Michele Williams** Director of School Counseling Students H-O (Grades 10-12) <u>mwilliams@ycsd.york.va.us</u> (757) 898-0505

Mrs. Kara Hogge

School Counselor Students P-Z (Grades 10-12) <u>khogge3@ycsd.york.va.us</u> (757) 898-0507

Mrs. Heather ProVorse

School Counselor (*part-time between YHS and YMS*) Students A-Z (Grade 9) <u>hprovorse@ycsd.york.va.us</u> (757) 898-0589

Ms. Tiffanie Rosier

Career Coach York High School/Thomas Nelson Community College trosier@ycsd.york.va.us

TESTING DATES

YHS School Code: 472-505

March 9	February 8
May 4	April 5
June 1	May 3

Register on-line at <u>http://sat.collegeboard.org</u>.

SAT Fees

• \$64.50 (with essay); \$47.50 (without essay)

For more information visit <u>http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org</u> 2018-19 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

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February 9	January 11
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3
July 13	June 14

Register on-line at <u>www.act.org</u>.

ACT Fees

- \$62.50 (with writing)
- \$46.00 (without writing)

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION

Sending application materials to a college/university will be a smooth process, if you follow the steps outlined below.

- Pick up a Transcript Request form from the School Counseling Office or download it from the YHS website (School Counseling link). You will need to complete the Transcript Request form only <u>ONCE</u>. You will be given this form in your senior meeting, as well.
- 2) Bring your signed Transcript Request form and a completed <u>Senior Information Sheet</u> to the School Counseling Office. In order for your counselor to complete his/her portion of your college applications, it is <u>REQUIRED</u> that you complete and submit your Senior Information Sheet in a timely fashion. Please notify your counselor of any electronic application submissions so he/she can check to make sure electronic requests have been received.

*Your counselor must receive notification at least **<u>two weeks</u>** before your application deadline.

*When requesting **letters of recommendation** from teachers, it is important you give them **<u>plenty</u>** of notice. It would be helpful if you could provide them with a copy of your activity sheet/resume, as well as something letting them know the deadlines and how to submit your letter to your requested school(s).

COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application is accepted by a growing number of colleges and universities. It allows a student to complete an application once and have that information used by multiple institutions. You will access The Common Application at <u>www.commonapp.org</u>. The first step is to invite your counselor and teachers to submit information on your behalf. It is important to make sure you have correct names and email addresses to complete this process. Once you have completed this step, you will want to follow up with your counselor and teachers to confirm they received an email from The Common Application site.

PARCHMENT

The majority of colleges and universities are now accepting transcripts via **Parchment** (www.parchment.com/register), an electronic transcript exchange service. In order to create your account with Parchment, you must have a registration code. Please see your school counselor for this code. You will also receive this code at your senior meeting. <u>Please note</u>: Parchment <u>will not</u> be used for any Common Application colleges or universities, as transcripts will be uploaded to The Common Application site for those schools.

If the school(s) to which you are applying does not use **The Common Application**, **Parchment Exchange**, **Coaliton**, **or SENDedu**, see your school counselor for instructions on how to have your transcripts and supporting documents sent.

Admissions Terminology

- **<u>Regular Admission</u>**. You apply by a mid-winter deadline, hear from colleges in early April, and make your decision by May 1.
- **<u>Rolling Admission</u>**. You apply and usually receive an admissions decision within two to six weeks from the time you submit your application.
- <u>Early Action</u>. This is a nonbinding plan that requires you to submit your application in early fall. The college lets you know by early January (or earlier), but you have the right to wait until May 1 to make a final decision.
- <u>Early Decision</u>. This is considered "<u>binding</u>." You submit an application in early fall. Colleges notify between December 1 and January 1. If accepted, you have surrendered your right to wait until May 1 to make a decision. <u>Never apply to more than one college/university under the Early Decision agreement</u>.

Useful Web Addresses

<u>sat.collegeboard.org</u> – Register for the SAT, practice the SAT, research colleges and scholarships.

www.actstudent.org – Register for the ACT, practice the ACT.

<u>www.fastweb.com</u> – Research scholarships, search for colleges.

<u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (form and information).

<u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> – Register with the Clearinghouse to play varsity sports at a Division I or Division II college.

<u>www.nacacnet.org</u> – Site for National Association for College Admissions Counseling. Click the Students and Parents section. Loaded with tons of accurate information and resources.

<u>https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/Page/4320</u> -YHS School Counseling Webpage: Make it a favorite so you can keep updated on scholarship opportunities, upcoming events, college information, etc.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 10, 2018

4:00pm Scholastic Bowl: Varsity District Match vs. Bruton, Lafayette, New Kent, Poquoson, Smithfield, Tabb @ Poquoson High School

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

5:30pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Lafayette 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Lafayette @ York High School

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

5:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Tri vs. Jamestown, Smithfield @ York High School
5:00pm Wrestling: JV Tri vs. Jamestown, Smithfield @ York High School
5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Lafayette @ Lafayette High School
7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Lafayette @ Lafayette High School
7:30pm Swimming: Girls Varsity Meet vs. New Kent, Tabb @ WISC Aquatic Center
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Thursday, December 13, 2018

5:30pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Jamestown @ Jamestown High School 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Jamestown @ Jamestown High School

Friday, December 14, 2018

5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Jamestown @ York High School 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Jamestown @ York High School

Saturday, December 15, 2018

12:30pm Swimming: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Tabb, Warhill @ WISC Aquatic Center

Please visit the York Sports Calendar to view upcoming events and current updates! <u>http://www.bayriversdistrictva.org/public/genie/355/school/10/.</u>