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8th Annual Red Paw Chili Supper Huge Success!

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The 8th Annual Red Paw Chili Supper was held on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Approximately 600 people came out to attend this music-filled culinary event. In addition to having a record number of attendees, the Yorkville Music Boosters raised over \$5,000. These funds will support the district's music programs benefitting over 1,700 orchestra, band and choir students.

The very talented Yorkville High School music students provided entertainment throughout the evening including performances by YHS's Chamber Strings, Clarinet Choir, Drumline and the Marching Foxes showcasing the music of Beethoven.

The Yorkville Music Boosters greatly appreciate and thank all of those who donated food, equipment, supplies, and their time and talent for this event. These wonderful donations made the supper possible. A big shout out also goes to the volunteer chefs who cooked 23 delectable chili recipes, a variety of delicious cornbread and a spectacular buffet of desserts. There were many outstanding chili recipes. However, based on popular vote, the Schmidt Family debuted their Firestarter chili and won the coveted traveling chili trophy.

In addition to the amazing food, 25 fabulous raffle baskets were given away at the event earning \$1600. The music boosters especially thank the local businesses and individuals who donated money and prizes for the baskets.

Each and every person who came out to the event and those who donated their time, talent, donations and chili tasting skills made this event a great success!! The Boosters thank you and truly appreciate your continued support of music in Yorkville Music.

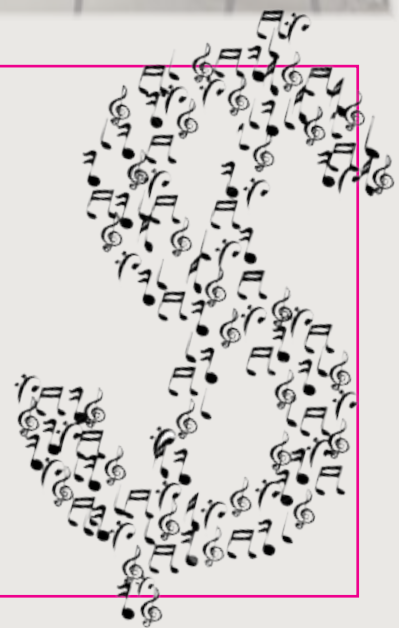
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RED PAW CHILI SUPPER



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BRING THEM TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER
TO HELP US EARN MONEY TOWARDS
TRIPS/INSTRUMENTS/GUEST PERFORMERS



New String Bass for YMS

The Orchestra department is thrilled to announce the purchase of a new string bass for Yorkville Middle School. Last April, the extracurricular orchestras hosted their annual Pop & Pretzels concert. The proceeds from this event made this purchase possible and our bassists at YMS are thrilled! Thank you to everyone for coming out to support the program and make it possible to provide instruments for our students.



5th Grade Band: A Great Start!

BBES 5th Grade Band
Progress Concert



A new crop of young and energetic 5th grade musicians started their journey in the band program this past fall! Here is what some students at YIS are saying about 5th grade band:

I love band because

- "... of how we all work together." (Kirsten on trumpet)
- "... it makes so many interesting sounds." (Angeleah on horn)
- "... if I struggle, I will be supported by the band teachers." (Sarah on flute)
- "... it's a very challenging subject!" (Brayden on percussion)
- "... it is challenging and fun at the same time." (Trey on clarinet)
- "... I like all the different sounds of the instruments." (Courtney on trombone)
- "... it reminds me of my Grandpa – it is his trumpet." (Nick on trumpet)



I joined band because

- "... I thought it would be a good way to make friends." (Rylee on oboe)
- "... it's graceful and very cooperative. It makes me love music." (Concetta on flute)
- "... I feel that music really brings happiness to the crowd. It gives me a large challenge to figure out. It infuses me and my friends with greatness!" (Jake on percussion)
- "... I really enjoy music. Playing it is way better than listening to it." (Jacob on trumpet)

My favorite part of band is ...

- "... learning new songs for the concert." (Kadrien on oboe)
- "... getting to meet new people." (Angeleah on horn)
- "... how loud it gets. I like loud noises." (Jake on trumpet)
- "... that I get to read real notes." (Arlandria on trombone)
- "... getting better." (Aaron on clarinet)
- "... the fun of being with other musicians." (Evan on percussion)



Other comments on band

- "Also, you can do sports while playing an instrument." (Nina on flute)
- "My friends and I like to hang out and practice even though we don't play the same instrument." (Concetta on flute)
- "It is just cool to be able to play an instrument." (Sarah on flute)
- "I think joining band was a dream come true!" (Samantha on euphonium)
- "I don't like waking up in the morning, but it's worth it – I love band!" (Olivia on clarinet)
- "I always see my friends that aren't in my class [at band rehearsal]." (Ryan on clarinet)

IN THE HEIGHTS

Showdates:
April 29, 30
and May 1

"Patience, faith and heat" or should we say "Paciecía, fé y calor" are just a few of many words we could use to describe Yorkville High School's spring musical production of "In the Heights"! Holding Tony Awards as 2008's best musical, best orchestration, best original score and best choreography, "In The Heights" is a truly a unique piece of musical theater as it contains rap, Spanish language, and Latin Jazz rhythms. Yorkville has truly never created anything quite like it, and we are excited to make this modern-day experience come alive for the students who will participate in it and the community that will be enjoying it.

It is truly a story of love, family, community and culture. Get ready to laugh, cry and dance... "In The Heights" is sure to get people talking this spring!

What you can expect from the process:

- Constant communication between the production team, students and parents
- New and exciting fundraisers that involve and inform the community of the amazing uniqueness of this production
- A collaborative group of cast and crew. Expect a lot of team building exercises throughout the rehearsal period. Musicals never come together because of one single person- they happen because of the family that is born from the process.
- A series of audition workshops that students must attend in order to be able to participate. Nothing about this show is "easy", so we expect the students to have some exposure to the difficulty of this piece, as fun as it still is! Students will be required to attend ONE acting workshop, ONE vocal workshop and ONE dance workshop (3 workshops total) **as a pre-requisite to auditioning**. Below are the available dates for each. Students must select ONE from EACH category:

WORKSHOPS:

ACTING WORKSHOP DATES- Wednesday, January 13th, 3-4:30pm OR Tuesday, January 19th 3-4:30pm

VOCAL WORKSHOP DATES- Monday, January 11th, 4-5:30pm OR Thursday, January 21st 4-5:30pm

DANCE WORKSHOP DATES- Friday, January 15th 3-4:15pm OR Wednesday, January 20th 3-4:15pm

Expectations and content for auditions will be covered at all 3 of the audition workshops

"In the heights, I hang my flag up on display...it reminds me that I came from miles away..."

AUDITIONS:

****VOCAL AND DANCE AUDITIONS** = Wednesday, January 27th from 4-6:30pm

****ACTING AUDITIONS** = Thursday, January 28th from 4-6pm

****CALLBACKS** = Friday, January 29th from 3:30-5:30pm

In general, this is an opportunity for the students of Yorkville to truly broaden their horizons of their capabilities as artists by getting their hands into work that is authentic, modern and culturally aware. This musical is one that the community is sure to be talking about for years to come!

Joey Fitzpatrick; Director

YHS Madrigals Return to Camp Timber-lee for 8th Annual Retreat

The madrigal singers enjoyed a weekend retreat, October 23th – 25th, at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin. They were able to participate in team building activities, navigate a high ropes course, practice their music for the

madrigal dinner, and perform for other groups on the grounds. The Madrigal Retreat continues to be a rewarding experience that helps the students in group bonding and as musicians.



Dr. Bough works with YHS Bands

This fall, members of the Yorkville High School Bands had the opportunity to work with Dr. Thomas Bough, director of the Huskie Marching Band and Wind Symphony at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Bough worked with students in the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Marching Foxes. In addition to working on musical elements, Dr. Bough discussed with the students the potential opportunities at the collegiate level. He spoke about scholarship opportunities for music students, such as the \$1,000 scholarship for all members of the Huskie Marching Band.



YMS Spring Musical

Get on board as The YMS Drama Club presents their spring musical. The classic Broadway hit, *Anything Goes*, will be performed on March 4 & 5. Auditions will be held December 14 & 16 and are open to all YMS students. Contact Mrs. Eaton (teaton@y115.org) or Mr. Martinez (rmartinez@y115.org) for additional details.

Marching Foxes

The Marching Foxes had another successful season this fall, including having their largest volunteer marching band to date. This year, the Marching Foxes performed at all home football games, the Homecoming parade, the 8th annual Red Paw Chili Supper and an assembly at Yorkville Middle School which is a part of the "Instrument Exploration Week" for fifth grade students. In addition to the various community performances, the Marching Foxes performed at the Phantom Regiment Red & Black Fall Classic at Northern Illinois University, Oswego Marching Panther Review, University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival, and Sandwich High School Musicfest. This season, the Marching Foxes performed "The

Music of Beethoven."

Selections included, *Beethoven's Fifth*, *Fur Elise*, *Scherzo*, *Pathétique Sonata*, and *Ode to Joy*. The Marching Foxes were under the field leadership of drum majors Ana Casillas, Leah Erb, and Reanna Panililio. We would also like to thank all of the support from our incredible parents who volunteer their time and services this season. Without such great support, we would not be able to do what we do!



On October 2nd, 2015 the **8th Grade Band** from Yorkville Middle School continued the proud tradition of performing alongside the Marching Foxes at Yorkville High School's Homecoming football game. The 8th grade students spent the early evening on the field learning basic commands and

marching technique from students at YHS. The mass band took the field for pre-game, performing The Star Spangled Banner and Yorkville Loyalty for a packed house at the stadium. After the performance students stayed to watch the Marching Foxes perform their 2015 halftime show.

YMS & YHS Orchestras Guest Conductor



On October 19, YMS and YHS Orchestra students spent the day working with guest conductor Phil Rudd. Mr. Rudd is the former orchestra director at Wheaton North High School and is currently pursuing his doctorate in conducting at the University of Iowa. He is an incredible up and coming conductor and it was a great and productive day of music making! We are so thankful to Mr. Rudd for sharing his expertise with the students and for helping them with some final preparations to their fall concert music.

YHS Jazz Showcase

featuring:

The YHS Jazz Band

&

The Vern Spevak Big Band

7:00 PM - Friday, March 4th, 2016

YHS Jazzatorium

\$5.00/ticket



YMS Hosts ILMEA District IX Jr. Auditions/Nine Students to Festival



For the fourth consecutive year, Yorkville Middle School was the host site for our state music organization's Junior Level auditions.

Thousands of auditions took place October 3rd, as student's from across ILMEA District IX sought to be a part of this year's honor festival. Thank you to all the outstanding staff, parents, and students who helped make the day such a success!

Yorkville Middle School had nine students participate in this year's honor festival on Saturday, November 21st at Plano High School. Students spent the day

Festival Chorus not pictured:
 Karissa Brown, Soprano, 7th Grade
 Kevin Serio, Tenor, 7th Grade
 Nicholas Vallie, Tenor, 7th Grade
 Jalyn Vangundy, Soprano, 7th Grade



*David Wheeler
 Viola, 8th Grade*



*8th Grade - Braeden Clements, Bass Clarinet
 & Caitlin Annunzio, Clarinet
 7th Grade - Paige Green, Percussion & Zoe Meyer, Flute*

Eleven Yorkville High School Students Invited to ILMEA District IX Festival

On October 6th, 34 YHS students traveled to Addison Trail High School to audition along with 2,500 students from area high schools. As a result of these auditions, seven YHS students were selected to participate in the district honors festival.

Saturday, November 7th, the seven students traveled to Glenbard East High School for a day of performing challenging music under the direction of professional and collegiate conductor/educators. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Kevin Noe, (opera, orchestra, and ballet director, Indiana

University - Jacobs School of Music), the band was under the direction of Mr. Stephen Squires, (Professor of Conducting, Chicago College of Performing Arts - Roosevelt University), and the choir was under the direction of Dr. Jon Hurty, (Director of Choral Activities, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL).

This year YHS students were pleased to be a part of the inaugural 9th and 10th grade district choir. Each high school nominated a quartet of four students who prepared three selections under the direction of Robert Boyd, a retired high school choral director with over 33 years of choral directing experience.



Spencer Snider (trumpet), Bri Smith (Alto), Jason Wilcox (Clarinet), Justin Haarz (Cello), Connor Lord (Baritone), Reanna Panlilio (Clarinet), Chad Castilla (Tenor)



Freshman Chorus: Dakota Jones (Tenor), Trinity Stanton (Alto), Hannah Price (Soprano), Austin Zepeda (Bass)

22nd Annual YHS Madrigal Dinner

The 22nd annual YHS Madrigal Dinner will take place on December 4-6 at the YHS Cafetorium.

The family-friendly show highlights a night of festive music, delicious food, beautiful costumes and decorations, moments of witty puns, outrageous comedy, and heartfelt sentiment. In this year's production, the Wench (played by junior Sierra Iuro) plays a Grinch-inspired character in this retelling of the Dr. Seuss classic. Will the Wench succeed in cancelling Christmas? Come to the dinner to see!

Singers include seniors: Mackenzie Burke, Nick Damato, Carleigh Heriaud, Allyson Johnson, Levi Lindholm, Con-

nor Lord, Nick Miesuk, Ali Qamar, Jori Stewart, Declan Weaver, and Liz Welter; juniors: Chad Castilla, Olivia Collins, Isa Falche, Petey Ferrer, Chase Lewey, Taylor Neville, Alicia Rosier, Bri Smith, and Emma Whaley; and sophomores: Nick Campos and Megan Schmidt. Music will also be provided by the Yorkville Brass and the Madrigal Strings.

Advance tickets are recommended, and include a full meal including both grilled chicken breast and pork chop. Tickets can be purchased at www.showtix4u.com until December 4.



PRIVATE LESSONS ARE THE KEY TO SUCCESS:

Many private lesson teachers are available to Yorkville music students and more are becoming available each year as we continue to grow and attract more musicians to the area. Many professionals make a living playing music and are available to teach lessons to students at surrounding schools. We hope that you have taken a private lesson by now. If you haven't, this is the time to start! At

Yorkville, we expect a lot out of the music students because we know what is possible when you really want to BE GOOD!

It's no secret that the best musicians in our schools are the ones that take 30 minutes to an hour out of their week and study privately with a professional. Find a private teacher on the private instructor lists on our music web-sites.

2015 New Music Faculty



Jackie Paul received her Bachelors of Music Education and Bachelors of Music Performance cum laude at Northern Arizona University in 2012. Ms. Paul was an active member of the University Wind Symphony, Marching Band, Sympho-

ny Orchestra and other small ensembles. After her student teaching in Flagstaff, Arizona, Ms. Paul received her Masters in Music Performance at James Madison University in 2014.

Ms. Paul taught K-8 general music, choir and orchestra at Shawswick School in Bedford, Indiana. Currently Ms. Paul is the general music teacher at Circle Center Grade School and works with the orchestra at Yorkville Intermediate School.



Jens Hurty graduated Magna Cum Laude from Augustana College in spring of 2015 with bachelors of arts degrees in vocal music education and vocal performance. At Augustana Mr. Hurty sang in the Augustana Choir, the Chamber Singers, and the Handel Oratorio Society. As a part of the Augustana Choir he had the pleasure of performing at the ILMEA state convention in Peoria, the American Choral Directors Association Central Division Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio; as well as, inter-

nationally in Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. Mr. Hurty is a member of the National Association for Music Education; the American Choral Directors Association; Phi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society; and was president of the Augustana chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a professional music fraternity. Prior to coming to Yorkville, Mr. Hurty directed the adult choir at South Park Presbyterian church in Rock Island, Illinois and student taught at Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Mr. Hurty directs three YHS choirs, teaches Introduction to Guitar, and Beginning Piano Keyboarding. In his free time, Mr. Hurty performs with the St. Charles Singers and spends time with family and friends.



Gregory Goeden is currently student teaching at Yorkville High School and Middle School, where he assists with concert, jazz and marching bands alongside Victor Anderson and Michael Lipinski. He will receive a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) this December and is looking forward to working with band students at any level as a professional teacher. While at IWU, Mr. Goeden performed in a wide variety of ensembles as a trumpeter, jazz guitar-

ist and vocalist. In addition to his degree coursework, he studied composition and held a number of administrative positions within the School of Music and the nearby Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Goeden has also performed as a member of the world-champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, where he was featured as a visual soloist during the 2014 season. Mr. Goeden is a member of the National Association for Music Education and served as the Illinois Wesleyan University Chapter President for two years. He has been awarded membership in Pi Kappa Lambda, National Music Honor Society, and Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education. Mr. Goeden is also a proud member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Men's Fraternity in Music, having served as President of his local chapter.

Dr. Lisa Fredenburgh visits YHS Choirs

On October 23, Dr. Lisa Fredenburgh, the Director of Choral Activities and Program Chair from Aurora University spent the day at YHS to work with the choirs after their fall concert. Dr. Fredenburgh worked with the choirs on a number of piec-

es, helping the groups continue to work on their musicianship. The choirs had a great time, and we are so thankful Dr. Fredenburgh for taking the time to come out and work with the YHS Choirs!



We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful
Wizard of Oz!

Mark your calendars for February 12 and 13! The Y115 Faculty and Families will be heading down the yellow brick road to present this year's YEA Scholarship Benefit performance! Watch the District's webpage for further details.



Please join us to celebrate the talents of our Fine Arts students at Yorkville's fourth annual Fine Arts Festival open house on Saturday, March 12th from 9AM-4PM at Yorkville Middle School, 920 Prairie Crossing Drive, Yorkville, IL 60560.

This free event features the talents of Yorkville CUSD #115 students in music and art. Artwork will be on display throughout the school, and musical groups will be performing continuously throughout the day.

Additional parking will be located in the Yorkville Intermediate School and Circle Center Grade School parking lots. A shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes. For more information on the Fine Arts Festival please watch www.yorkvillemusic.org.

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