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Yorkville High School Band Will Have New Uniforms Thanks to Generous Donors

Through the generosity of Yorkville music students and their parents, members of the community, local businesses, and a former member of the band and his family, the Yorkville Music Boosters is proud to announce it has met and exceeded its goal of raising funds to purchase new uniforms for the Yorkville High School Band.

The Yorkville Music Boosters hosted a Dinner Dance with Auctions fundraiser on Oct. 22 at the Yorkville American Legion. About 100 band supporters purchased tickets and participated in silent auctions and a raffle that evening to raise more than \$4,000 for the uniform fund. Many, many local merchants and families donated the items auctioned and raffled at the event. Another \$13,000 had been raised prior to the event in other donations.

Harold and Rebecca Oliver and their son and daughter-in-law Mason and Stacey Oliver (HRM Properties) topped off the three-month Band Uniform Drive when they came forward at the Dinner Dance event to announce they were making a \$25,000 contribution to the uniform drive.

Mason Oliver was a member of the YHS Band when he was in high school. Before he and his family presented the check, Harold Oliver told those assembled how excited he is about the caliber of the YHS Band and its director and how happy his family is to help support the band through this contribution.



Several Yorkville Music Boosters members who helped organize the Dinner Dance with Auctions fundraiser pose proudly with the \$25,000 donation presented by HRM Properties and the Oliver Family. Left to right are Pam Milliron, treasurer; Susan Egner and Pam Stanislaus, event committee; Victor Anderson, YHS and YMS band director; Deb Myers, president; Cassie Pribble, YIS band director; and Loretta Stenger, event committee.



YHS Marching Foxes

Once again, another terrific season has come and gone. It started in early August with marching camp and ended only a couple of weeks ago with a frigid performance at the annual Chili Chase 5K Run. Our field show entitled, "The Music of Ray Charles" proved to be a success at our home football games and at the Panther Marching Band Review in Oswego. In addition, we played numerous community performances including CCGS, Fifth Third Bank, and the Chili Chase. We paraded our very best at the University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival, and the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade. It was a terrific reward at the University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival for our drum majors to receive a plaque for placing third place in our class. We also placed very well at the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade. Our drum majors received first place, our percussion received first place, and our band received first place overall in our division. As if all of this winning wasn't enough, with the wonderful support and help of the community and music boosters, we raised \$45,000.00 + for new uniforms, which we will have for next year's marching season.

Thank you once again to all of the parents who support this band program on a daily basis. Thank you to the students for working so hard and once again for demonstrating and proving that you are the "Pride of YHS".



Lauren Munson, clarinet

2005 Yorkville High School Marching Foxes University of Illinois Marching Illini Festival



The Marching Foxes playing at the grand opening of the Yorkville Fifth Third Bank



Drum Majors: Anne Roberts & Margaret Good working and winning!



What does band, running, and chili have in common?

The Team 47 Run Club Chili Chase 5K
Run.....of course!

Thank you to Beth Stricker and the Team 47 Run Club for hosting the Chili Chase 5K Run in Yorkville once again. This year's race was on Sunday, October 20th. The proceeds from this years race went to the Yorkville High School Band to help with the purchase of their new Uniforms. The band had several students who ran in the event while the rest of us played at the finish line at the Yorkville American Legion.



Senior Drum Major Margaret Good Models the YHS Marching Foxes' new uniform!



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT A.B.E.R.S.?

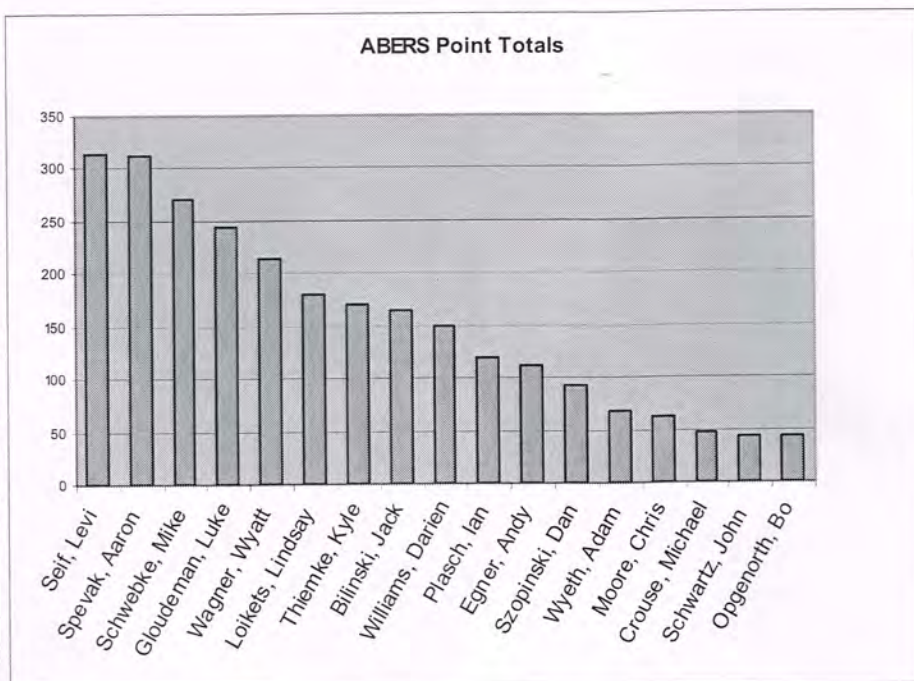
A.B.E.R.S. stands for Achievement Benchmarks to Excellence Ranking System. It is a system created by local percussion educator, Vern Spevak. Basically, it is a system that allows our percussion students to demonstrate their skills of percussion instruments by performing selected etudes and drill exercises on a wide variety of instruments. Students acquire points by demonstrating their ability and achieving benchmarks. This new system replaces our traditional audition format for percussionists.

The Yorkville Band has adopted this system because it motivates our percussionists to develop their skills on all of the many percussion instruments. This system is used in addition to our band-class work. Students can use some class time to practice for A.B.E.R.S. points, but the bulk of the work is done outside of class, either at home or in a practice room.

Students may perform live for Mr. Spevak who comes to hear A.B.E.R.S. points once a week during percussion class, or they may video tape their performance and turn it into their band director. All percussionists have the ability to achieve A.B.E.R.S. points and have received an A.B.E.R.S. packet which outlines the benchmarks needed for specific amounts of points. If anyone would like a copy of the A.B.E.R.S. packet (instruction manual), it is available from your child's band director.

Listed below are the top 20 ranking percussion students in the district:
as of 11/23/05

	Name	Points
1	Seif, Levi	314
2	Spevak, Aaron	313
3	Schwebke, Mike	271
4	Gloudeman, Luke	244
5	Wagner, Wyatt	214
6	Loikets, Lindsay	179
7	Thiemke, Kyle	171
8	Bilinski, Jack	164
9	Williams, Darien	149
10	Plasch, Ian	119
11	Egner, Andy	111
12	Szopinski, Dan	92
13	Wyeth, Adam	69
14	Moore, Chris	62
15	Crouse, Michael	47
16	Schwartz, John	44
17	Opgenorth, Bo	44
18	Arnold, Ryan	37
19	Penhorwood, Jake	32
20	Matczuk, Matt	32



Junior & Senior IMEA Festivals

On Saturday, November 5, two students from Yorkville Middle School, Tyler Riemensneider and Bryan Gardner performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association Junior Festival. The Festival was held at Larkin High School in Elgin and was the culmination of auditions held one month earlier in October.

Yorkville Middle School



Brian Gardner, baritone saxophone, played under the direction of two guest conductors at I.M.E.A., Robert Sheldon and Timothy Loest. This was a special year for the District IX IMEA Jr. Band as they performed compositions written by their directors. Robert Sheldon's work, *Three Miniatures for Winds and Percussion* was performed, and Timothy Loest wrote a piece specifically for this occasion and dedicated it to the 2005 IMEA Junior Band. When a piece is performed for the first time, it is called the world premiere. Brian was fortunate enough to be a part of the world premiere for Timothy Loest's *To Sail Beyond the Stars*.

Tyler Riemensneider, a YMS violist performed in the I.M.E.A. Junior Orchestra under the direction of Robert Gillespie from Ohio State University. Dr. Gillespie is the national president of the American String Teachers Association and is a frequent guest conductor of All-State, Region, and Festival orchestras throughout the country and Europe. The orchestra selections performed at the I.M.E.A. Festival were March from *Carmen* by Bizet, *The Lover's Waltz* by Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, *Introduction and Allegro* by Joseph Bodin De Boismortier, and *Variations on a Well-Known Sea Chantey* by Richard Stephan.

Yorkville High School Students Selected for I.M.E.A.

YHS students Anne Roberts (band), Jeremiah Moauro (orchestra) and Amy Taylor (choir) were selected at the October 11 auditions at Addison Trail High School to participate in the November 19 Illinois Music Educators Association concert at Willowbrook High School. The concert featured approximately 400 choir students, 130 band students and 130 orchestra students from thirty high schools in the District IX Festival.



Private Lessons are the Key to SUCCESS

Many private lesson teachers are available to the Yorkville music students and more are becoming available every day 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! The school year is a great time to get into a new practice routine and start lessons. 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. Call the music office for a name of a teacher or feel free to contact one on the following list.

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viola

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YORKVILLE MUSIC STAFF

Here is where you can reach your District #115 Music Department Faculty:

- Mr. Victor Anderson; YMS/YHS bands
- Mrs. Christy Motley; YMS choir
- Ms. Veronica Tanka; K-3 music Bristol Grade School.
- Mr. Steve Moline; K-3 music Circle Center Grade School.
- Ms. Cassie Pribble; 5 – 6 band at YIS, marching band YHS
- Mr. Gerry Romack; 4 – 12 orchestra
- Mrs. Peg Trumble; 4-6 music and choir
- Mrs. Karen VanItten; K - 3 music Yorkville Grade School.
- Mr. Ken Wayne; YHS choirs

Being a Part of a Musical Community

By Mrs. Christy Motley
YMS Choir Director

I am pleased to report the healthy progress and steady growth of the YMS choir program (over 275 students), and more importantly of the students who are dedicated to quality music making.

The YMS choir program provides an opportunity for artistic expression that a student could not experience on his/her own. But the choir program goes beyond the development of basic skills and artistic talent. We are dedicated to developing the following values: individual responsibility, group and individual respect, personal trust, genuine caring, and commitment to our musical family.

The implementation, reinforcement and integration of these disciplines serve as the foundation for the YMS choir program.

Our mission is to develop a musical community. Before we can attain harmony, balance and blend with the music, we must establish it with one another. To build and strengthen our musical performances, we have to build and strengthen our personal relationships within the group. We must create a safe atmosphere that encourages risk, growth, failure, persistence and a focus on excellence. On our musical family, everyone counts. Our winning combination is:

Parental Support + Student Desire + Teacher Guidance = CERTAIN SUCCESS

Success creates success. Success in music translates to success in life. Our students experience being a part of this successful musical community by: *CARING* for other students who share a similar dream, *RESPECTING* self and fellow musicians, demonstrating *RESPONSIBILITY* on and off the performance stage, manifesting *TRUST*, by being dependable and honest, and role modeling the standards of our musical *FAMILY*.

I thank you for your support, and remind you that YOU are a key ingredient in our success recipe.



Eighth Grade Choir



Seventh Grade Choir



Cai O'Connell, 7th Grade



Jordan Bosi, 7th Grade



Eighth Grade Choir

Jestering Duel Breaks Out At Local Madrigal Dinner

In a surprise turn of events at the Yorkville Madrigal Dinner on Dec 3rd and 4th, Prince Nicholas (Derek Jones) and the Court Jester (Jeff Goins) attempted to trade their stations in life under the very noses of the royal family and the dinner guests. It seems that the Prince, who was already betrothed to a neighboring princess, had struck up a romance with the Head Serving Wench (Sarah Lavery). In an effort to escape his overly structured life, Prince Nicholas conspired with the Jester to switch places and trade lives so that he could be free to marry his beloved. The Jester, who was tired of being bossed around and dreamed of leading a royal life, agreed to the plan.

Lord Charles (James Woodard) and his wife, Lady Caroline (Lauren Koper) were shocked and embarrassed that their son was able to fool them so completely. "We had no idea the person sitting next to us wasn't our son," admitted Lord Charles. "His hair seemed a little different," added Lady Caroline, "but otherwise he looked just like Nicholas, dressed in his royal clothes." The royal couple, who focus heavily on traditions, were so wrapped up in overseeing the dinner, they didn't notice the swap until after dinner was served, when the Jester demanded his old position back. "The men in the royal family have to wear skirts!" complained the Jester. "That Banquet Cafetorium is insanely drafty and I was freezing. There was no way I was going to stay on as Prince with those arctic breezes blowing up my skirt!" Prince Nicholas was unwilling to switch back, and so it was decided that the two would-be jesters would have a duel of song through the madrigals to determine who would stay on as Jester. "The Lord and Lady couldn't recognize which of the two was their son," explained Brittnee King, one of the two criers. Heather Culp, the other crier further explained, "It stood to reason that the real Jester would do a better job of leading the madrigal singers in song, and that would help sort everything out."

The Lord and Lady, who took it upon themselves to judge the choral duel and determine the winner, were assisted by Princess Lizzy of Plano (Bridget O'Malley), who was the girl betrothed to Prince Nicholas. "I knew right from the start what the boys were up to," stated Princess Lizzy, "but the Jester was so cute and funny that I wanted him to be the Prince so we could get married, so I just kept quiet about it." In the end, Prince Nicholas came forward and admitted to the deception, but Princess Lizzy convinced the Lord and Lady to allow their son to marry the Wench so that she could have the Jester to herself. Both couples were happily united, the Lord and Lady gained a lovely new daughter-in-law, and the singers learned the value of working together to create beautiful music. It was a "happily ever after" finish to an enjoyable evening.

Madrigals Prepare Two Events for Second Semester

"Cabaret Night" will be returning to the Madrigals' calendar of events this February. I first introduced this event two years ago, but put it on hiatus last year so the choir could fully prepare for the musical "Into the Woods". Having an entire semester to work on the musical was a luxury, but with 12 exiting seniors this year, I wanted to bring Cabaret Night back so each student would have a chance to shine before they graduate. The Madrigal students will get dressed up in evening attire and perform solos, duets and group numbers in a night club type setting that is a nice balance to the more formal Madrigal Dinner. In addition, the YHS Speech Team will be opening a dessert bar so the audience can enjoy fantastic food while they listen to excellent music. (If you've never tasted Stormy Gray's homemade cheesecake, you won't want to miss it!) Performances are February 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm in the YHS Cafetorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

On May 11, 12 & 13, the Madrigals will present Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma". One of the classic musicals of all time, "Oklahoma" is the story of the farmers and cowhands of the old Oklahoma Territory. Known for its lively, singable tunes, audiences will remember such songs as *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, *The Surrey With the Fringe On the Top*, *I Cain't Say No!*, *All 'Er Nothin'*, *People Will Say We're In Love*, and the title number. Families are encouraged to come enjoy themselves and support us in our 3rd annual musical. It's sure to be boot-stompin' good time!

Yorkville Madrigals Attend Suburban-Prairie Choral Festival

On November 17th, the Yorkville Madrigals participated in the Suburban-Prairie Conference Choral Festival, hosted by Ridgewood High School. It was a great opportunity to listen to other high school choirs and learn from both the strengths and weaknesses of their performances. The Madrigals performed two pieces. *The Laughing Song*, by George Earl, was a very challenging song that the students didn't warm up to immediately, but dug into anyway, trusting in the knowledge that even Mr. Wayne's stranger decisions usually end up making some kind of sense in the end. Their hard work paid off and their performance impressed both the audience and the guest Clinician, Dr. Grant, from the University of Illinois. Their second song was *Kde Su Kravy Moje*, a Slovakian tune about a shepherd girl, who roams the countryside in search of her lost cows. While this would seem to be one of those aforementioned strange



choices, the Madrigals actually liked this song and did a great job. Dr. Grant then worked with our students to achieve an even higher level of performance and left us with the comments that we were very well prepared and he approved of our non-traditional song selections. Mr. Wayne immediately threw the kids his famous "I told you so" look. All ten schools in the morning session then did a combined rehearsal of *Things That Never Die*, which the directors found especially suited to the occasion, knowing that this would be our last festival as the Suburban-Prairie Conference before it divides. Overall, the festival was an uplifting and enjoyable experience.

Upcoming Performances:

December	13	YMS/YIS Holiday Band Concert	7:00 PM	YMS
	15	YMS Holiday Choral Concert	7:30 PM	YMS
	19	YMS/YIS Holiday Orchestra/Choir Concert	7:00 PM	YIS
January	28	IMEA All-State Concert		Peoria
February	04	YMS/YHS Percussion Vandercook Day of Perc.	All Day	Chicago
	09	CCGS 2nd/3rd Grade Music Program	6:30 PM	CCGS
	10-11	YHS Cabaret Night	7:30 PM	YHS
	18	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest	All Day	Plainfield
	21	Suburban Prairie Band Festival	All Day	Oswego
	23	YIS 4th Grade Program	7:00 PM	YIS
March	04	IGSMA Jazz Band Contest	All Day	TBA
	04	IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest	All Day	Burlington
	07	YMS Spring Choral Program	7:30 PM	YMS
	09	CCGS Kind./1st Grade Music Program	6:30 PM	CCGS
	14	YHS Spring Choral Concert	7:30 PM	YHS
	16	YHS Honors Recital	Blocks 1 & 4	YHS
	16	YIS Spring Concert	7:00 PM	YIS
	18	IGSMA Contests	TBD	Away
	21	YMS/YHS Band Concert	7:30 PM	YHS
	23	YMS/YHS Orchestra Concert	7:30 PM	YHS
April	06	BGS Spring Musical	7:00 PM	YMS
	24	Fox Valley Music Festival	All Day	W. Chicago
May	04	YIS 5th Grade Music Program	7:00 PM	YIS
	11-13	YHS Musical - Oklahoma		YHS
	16	District Choral Concert	7:30 PM	YHS
	18	District Orchestra Concert	7:30 PM	YHS
	20	YMS/YHS Jazz Showcase	7:00 PM	YHS
	23	District Band Concert	7:30 PM	YHS



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