

Music Notes

YORKVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Yorkville Jazz Showcase featuring the Waubonsee Community College Jazz Ensemble

On Saturday, March 19, 2011, YHS Jazz Bands I and II and YHS Madrigals presented their annual Jazz Showcase featuring the guest ensemble, Waubonsee Community College Jazz Ensemble. The YHS Jazzatorium was packed with many jazz enthusiasts.

The Waubonsee Community College Jazz Ensemble has been under the direction of Jeff Ford since 1984. During this time the group has maintained a busy, performance, recording and academic schedule. The jazz ensemble performs regularly throughout the community college district at local high schools and civic events. The group can be seen and heard on its cd's and local cable access channel broadcasts. The ensemble participates annually in Jazz Festivals throughout the country. This year the group will be traveling to Reno, Nevada to perform at the University of Reno Jazz Festival. The ensemble is comprised of community members and future music educators. Many of the groups alumni are currently band directors throughout the Chicago suburban area.



Yorkville music students showcase their skills at Solo/Ensemble Contest

On March 5th, a total of 72 Yorkville High School music students performed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Solo/Ensemble Contest at Harvard High School. Students (some who performed multiple times and on different instruments!) received 74 Division I ratings, 11 Division II ratings, 2 Division III ratings. In addition, two Yorkville High Band students received "Best Solo of the Day" recognition in their respective contest rooms: Taylor Randall on clarinet and Charlie McFarlane on trombone.



2011 Honors Recital

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to participate in the Yorkville High School Honors Music Recital on Friday, March 18th during 1st and 5th blocks:

Taylor Randall, clarinet solo
Kayla Schoeny, cello solo
Rachel Plasch, vocal solo
Amada Kraupner, bass solo
Katie Hasske & Erin O'Neil Flute duet
Joyce Yu, piano solo
Kori Haarz, viola solo
Laurel Forlano, vocal solo
Charlie McFarlane, trombone
Clarinet Choir-Audrey Fitzgerald, Taylor Randall,
Emily Kasprzyk, Rachel Schmidt, Natalie Hamp,



Sing Out Strong Choral Experience



On Saturday, April 9th, 4th-6th grade students from ACES, BBES, GRES, and YIS gathered with the Young Fox Valley Singers at Yorkville High School for the *Sing Out Strong Choral Experience*. Approximately 100 singers participated in this event where they were able to meet other students from the district and the community who share their love for singing. Mrs. Jennifer Helwig, Director of the Young Fox Valley Singers, and Mr. Ken Wayne, Yorkville High School Choral Director, led the combined choir in a number of fun warm-ups and songs. Some of the Yorkville High School Madrigals were also in attendance, leading different activities, singing, and interacting with the elementary students. Families were invited to a small performance at the end for the students to demonstrate what they worked on that morning. It was a positive experience for everyone involved and it is our hope to have this event again in the future.



For more information on the Young Fox Valley Singers, please visit www.youngnapervillesingers.org or call (630)-369-9679.

YMS Choir at IGSMA...

The YMS 8th Grade Choir participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association District VI Organizational Contest on Saturday, March 5. The choir traveled to Joliet to perform their three selections: *Let the Music Dance*, *Lacrymosa*, and *Hear That Fiddle Play* – featuring 8th grade orchestra member Max Lacey. The 8th Grade Choir received a first division rating by all three judges, and even received a perfect score from one judge. Congratulations 8th Grade Choir!

Come See the Madrigals in Cabaret Night!

On May 20th & 21st, the YHS Madrigals will have their 7th Annual Cabaret Night as a platform to showcase their individual talents by performing a series of show choir solos and duets, as well as numerous chorus numbers choreographed by Bobby Johnson. Tickets are available at the door for

\$8 and include a slice of cheesecake for dessert. Please come support the madrigals in one of their most entertaining performances of the year. Performers include Amanda Bello, Jordan Brosi, Kaity Calhoun, Michael Craig, Payton Gammicchia, Erika King, Lindsay Kring, Lizz Knop, Olivia Lawson, Meredith Ol-

son, Rachel Plasch, Matt Quanstrom, Alma Ramos, Dan Rega, Lauren Rhodes, Tyler Riederer, Cody Rios, Joe Runkle, Kyle Schmunk-Clementz, Lesley Shanks, Ryan Smith, Matt Weaver, and Steven Yu.

YHS Choirs Succeed at IHSA Organizational

Both choirs earned Superior (Division 1) ratings from both judges.

On April 15th, 2011, Varsity Choir and Poijat attended the IHSA Organizational Contest in Morris, Illinois, which gives ensembles a chance to perform three selections in front of judges for

scoring and comments. Varsity Choir performed *The Stars Are With the Voyager*, *All That Hath Life and Breath* and *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*. Poijat performed

Homeward Bound, *Down By the Salley Gardens* and *Drive the River Down*. Both choirs received Division I ("Superior") ratings from all three judges.

Students Participate in All-State Choir and Future Music Educators of America

On January 26th – 29th, Tyler Riederer and Meredith Olson attended the IMEA All-State Music Conference in Peoria, Illi-

nois. Tyler, after a rigorous audition process back in October of 2010, was chosen to represent the top 1% of choir students

in the state of Illinois. Meredith was selected to participate in the FMEA (Future Music Educators of America) portion of

the conference. We are very proud of both Tyler and Meredith and their achievements

MOO Party 2011

This year the orchestra department hosted our second Middle School Orchestra Orientation (MOO) party. We invited 6th grade orchestra students from ACES, BBES, GRES, and YIS to join us for a fun night of games, food, and just getting to know each other. The event took place on the evening of Friday, March 4th in the middle school orchestra room and with the help of several middle school

students and parents we made this a very memorable evening for our 6th grade

orchestra students. We played many fun group games, allowed 6th grade students to ask middle school students about

7th grade orchestra, and topped the night off with pizza!



Beethoven Superhero Field Trip

On Friday, April 15th the orchestra department took our 5th and 6th grade students on a field trip to hear the Elgin Symphony Orchestra perform several

pieces by the legendary German composer Ludwig van Beethoven. What a magnificent concert it was! Our students got to hear musical selections from Beethoven's *Third*, *Fifth*, *Seventh*, and his mighty

Ninth symphony and even participate in singing the chorus to *Ode To Joy*. This was a great experience for our students to hear such powerful music performed by a premiere orchestra.

6th Grade Band Meet & Greet



This spring, all 6th grade band students had the opportunity to meet the middle school band director, Mr. Mike Lipinski. Mr. Lipinski guest conducted the students on their popular concert music *Courage* and *Dark Adventure*. Students received positive feedback and experienced what it would be like to have Mr. Lipinski as their band teacher next year. After the rehearsal, the students were able to mingle and chat with Mr. Lipinski and ask him any questions they may have about middle school band. Everyone had a lot of fun!

FOX VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Sunday, April 17th and Monday, April 18th, 17 members of the Yorkville High School Band & Orchestra joined a cast of 500 student musicians from eighteen area high schools for the 82nd Annual Fox Valley Music Festival. The Fox Valley Music Festival has a long tradition of excellence. Established in 1928, it is the oldest music festival in the country. In addition to student participation, three Yorkville music teachers serve in administrative positions for the festival. Mr. Cagle and Mr. Anderson serve on the executive board as the treasurer and secretary, respectively and Mr. Romack serves as the Orchestra division chair.

This event was held at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, IL. The two day event culminated in a public concert on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. The finale of the concert consisted of a combined performance of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

2011 Fox Valley Music Festival Participants



Performing in the Fox Valley Music Festival Band & Orchestra was (L-R) Kori Haarz, Lindsay Foster, Ryan Smith, Becca Pape, Audrey Fitzgerald, Tommy Robbins, Rachel Plasch, Taylor Randall, Gunner Seilheimer, Angela Fiorito, Rachel Schmidt, Nick Lambert, Kayla Schoney, Alex Ahlberg, Colton Hereen, Amanda Kraupner, and Julia Heeren.

SENIOR BIOS 2011



Clark Allen

Will be going to college in Pennsylvania to get a B.A. in History.

Varsity Choir, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *My Fair Lady*, *How to Succeed in Business*, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip

Kelsey Andorf

Will be attending Joliet Junior College, then transferring to Northern Illinois University to major in Psychology.

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, Northern Illinois Big XII Choir Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest



Katherine Barak

Will be attending Northern Illinois University to major in Nursing.

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest

Alyssa Beerup

Will be attending Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville to major in Pharmacology.

Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Western Sun Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip



Amanda Bello

Will be attending Waubesa Community College.

Concert Choir, Madrigal Maidens, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Server, Cabaret Night, Jazz Night, Western Sun choral Festival, Northern Illinois Big XII Choir Festival, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Jazz Showcase, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip

Damion Bourge

Will be attending the Illinois Institute of Art in Schaumburg, IL to major in Graphic Design.

Orchestra, San Antonio Trip



Jordan Brosi

Will be attending the University of Iowa to major in Biology

Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Server, Cabaret Night, Western Sun Choral Festival, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *My Fair Lady*, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Disney Trip

Douglas Busa

Undecided.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Festival, *Bye Bye Birdie*, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip





Leslie Erb

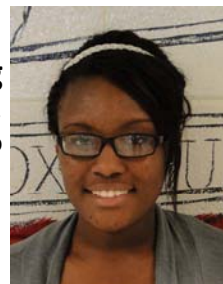
Will be attending Aurora University to major in Elementary Education.

Marching Band, Drum Major, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Western Sun Honors Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip

Rosia Gooding

Will be attending Northern Illinois University to major in Biology.

Concert Choir, Bel Canto



Taylor Hamilton

Will be attending Waubensee Community College for two years, then transferring to Eastern Illinois University.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Player, Western Sun Choral Festival, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip

Morgan Harrison

Will be attending Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville to major in Nursing.

Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Solo/Ensemble Contest, San Antonio Trip



Riley Insko

Will be attending a Community College.

Orchestra, Festival in the Parks

Elizabeth Knop

Will be attending Freed-Hardemond University to major in Music and English.

Concert Choir, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Madrigal Server, Cabaret Night, Jazz Night, Western Sun Choral Festival, How to Succeed in Business, Bye Bye Birdie, National Anthem Soloist, Solo/Ensemble Contest, IHSA Organizational Contest, Music Student of the Term



Brian Koski

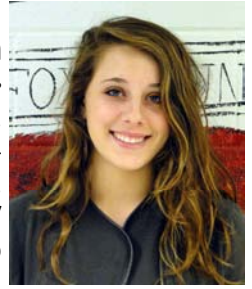
Will be attending Aurora University to major in Business.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, Northern Illinois Big XII Choir Festival, Disney Trip

Olivia Lawson

Will be attending Waubensee Community College

Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, *My Fair Lady*, Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, IHSA Organizational Contest, San Antonio Trip



Ashley Legler

Will be attending Community College, then transferring to Northern Illinois University to major in Psychology.

Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, Northern Illinois Big XII Choir Festival, How to Succeed in Business, Bye Bye Birdie, IHSA Organizational Contest



Charlie McFarlane

Will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in Biology with an emphasis in Physical Therapy.

Madrigal Player, Jazz Night, Madrigal Brass, Marching Band, Section Leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Northern Illinois Big XII Band Festival, Festival in the Parks, Pit Orchestra, Honors Recital, Solo Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip, Yorkville Big Band, Yorkville Community Band



Katelyn Novak

Undecided

Concert Choir, Madrigal maidens, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, UHSA Organizational Contest



Meredith Olson

Will be attending the University of Iowa to major in Music Education.

Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, Jazz Night, Western Sun Choral Festival, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *My Fair Lady*, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Honors Recital, Solo Recital, IMEA All-District Musician, IMEA All-State Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest, San Antonio Trip



Kate O'Neil

Will be attending the Lewis University to major in Social Work or Nursing.

Madrigal Player, Madrigal Server, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Color Guard, Marching Band, Section Leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Orchestra, Madrigal Strings, Pit Orchestra, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip



Stephanie Pierce

Will continue taking Vocational Education classes.

Concert Choir



Suzie Pratt



Will be attending Illinois State University to major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish.
Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip

Taylor Randall



Will be attending Colorado State University to major in Equine Science.

Madrigal Server, Marching Band, Section leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Western Sun Honors Band, Northern Illinois Big XII Band Festival, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Honors Recital, IMEA All-District Musician, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip, Clarinet Choir, Chamber Winds, Yorkville Community Band

Steven Redmon



Will be attending Waubensee Community College.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Western Sun Choral Festival, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *My Fair Lady*, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Bye Bye Birdie*

Cody Rios



Will be attending Millikin University to major in Information Services.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cabaret Night, Jazz Night, Western Sun Choral Festival, *My Fair Lady*, *How to Succeed in Business*, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip

Alyssa Riva



Will be attending Waubensee Community College, then transferring to a 4-year university to major in Special Education.

Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational Honors Recital, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip

David Rodriguez



Will be attending college to major in Political Science – Pre-Law.

Madrigal Server, Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip

Jordan Salisbury



Will be attending the North Central College or Bradley University to major in Graphic Design.

Concert Choir, Madrigal Maidens, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir

Rachel Schmidt

Will be attending Calvary Bible College.

Marching Band, Section Leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Western Sun Honors Band, Northern Illinois Big XII Band Festival, Pit Orchestra, Fox Valley Music Festival, Honors Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, Clarinet Choir, Yorkville Community Band



Katie Silagyi

Will be attending college to become an Equine Veterinarian.

Concert Choir, Madrigal Maidens, Bel Canto, Varsity Choir, IHSA Organizational Contest, Disney Trip



Caitlyn Snodgrass

Will be attending Loyola University to major in Biology – Pre-Med.

Marching Band, Section Leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Jazz Band, Jazz Showcase, Oswego Jazz Review, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Western Sun Honors Band, Honors Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip, Yorkville Community Band



Jenny Taptich

Will be attending the University of Tampa

Orchestra, Full Orchestra, Section Leader



Nancy Vivaldo

Will be attending Aurora University to major in Special Education.

Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip



Jameson Worley

Will be attending Baylor University to major in History

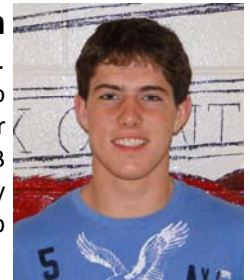
Marching Band, Section Leader, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Yorkville Community Band



Adam Wyeth

Will be attending the University of Chicago to major in Economics.

Marching Band, Section Leader, VanderCook Leadership Camp, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Geneseo Marching Competition, Pontiac Marching Competition, Mahomet-Seymour Competition, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Full Orchestra, Western Sun Honors Band, Northern Illinois Big XII Band Festival, Fox Valley Music Festival, Honors Recital, Solo/Ensemble Contest, Disney Trip, San Antonio Trip



Yuki Yuen

Will be going back to Hong Kong to finish High School.

Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Bye Bye Birdie, Marching Band, Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade, Oswego Panther Review, Marching Illini Festival, Pep Band, Concert Band, Plainfield Concert Band Invitational, Disney Trip





Disney Spring Break, 2011



For Spring Break 2011, the high school's music department descended upon the World of Walt Disney, including the marching band, and 17 orchestra. On March 15th, we set sail by loading the busses and heading South. The next day, our adventure included torrential downpour and lightning. However, everyone was a trooper and made it through. The remainder of our time at Disney World afforded us a visit to Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot. From there, we jumped back on the busses and arrived in Illinois on the 31st. We are grateful to our music program, and our community very well. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.

Marching Foxes



Orchestra



Choir



for the second time in four years. This amazing experience included 125 students; 45 choir, 79
h to Orlando, Florida. The marching band performed first, showing off their skills at the Epcot Center.
opper and stuck it out to see the choir and orchestra perform at an outdoor amphitheater in Down-
mal Kingdom, and Magic Kingdom. Our final day in the beautiful state of Florida was spent at Univer-
e very proud of our students' performances and behavior on this trip. They represented our school,
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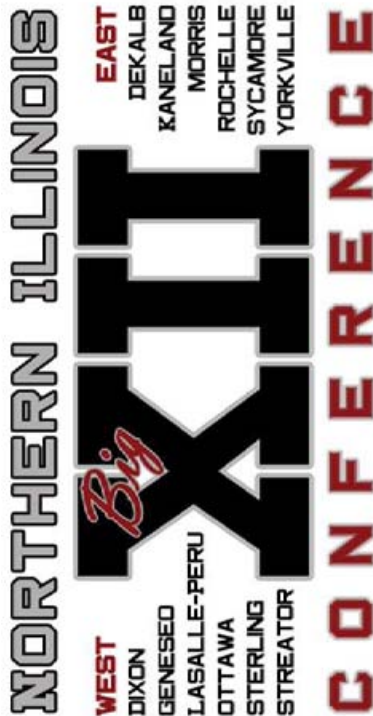
Yorkville Hosts the First Annual

Northern Illinois Big XII Conference Band Festival

This year marks a new chapter for Yorkville schools, as they move from the Western Sun Conference to the Northern Illinois Big XII Conference. The band festival is organized annually, and Yorkville's participating students are given the opportunity to play advanced music with excellent musicians and to play under the baton of a renowned conductor. This is an experience that both teachers and students value greatly. The privilege of hosting the daylong festival rotates from school to school and this year it was Yorkville's turn to host.

The Northern Illinois Big XII Conference hired two guest conductors to work with each of the honor bands. Mr. Rex Benson, retired, was hired to conduct the Freshman/Sophomore Band and Dr. Gary Shaw, Professor of Music and Chair of Winds, Brass, and Percussion at Millikin University, was hired to conduct the Junior/Senior Band. The students who participated in the festival spent the day preparing the music, learning new musical concepts, and meeting musicians from all around the "Northern Illinois" area. The evening's concert was held at Yorkville Middle School Gymnasium and was very well attended.

The day's events were enjoyed by student, parents, and teachers alike. A special thanks to parent volunteers Marcia Pansera and Katie Robbins as well as student assistant, Caitlyn Snodgrass.



Yorkville Participants:

Row 1: Audrey Fitzgerald, Katie Gette, Alexa Bridwell, Rachel Eaton; Row 2: Rachel Riemenschneider, Taylor McDermott, Erin O'Neil, Kayleigh Manukis; Row 3: Katie Haske, Nikola Jelinkova, Sarah Eichhorn, Charlie McFarlane; Row 4: Tom Robinson, Rachel Schmidt, Taylor Randall, Michael Krauss; Row 5: Chris Miller, Tommy Robbins, Colton Heeren, Ryan Smith

YMS Instrumentalists visit VanderCook College of Music

April 12th saw our 7th and 8th grade band and orchestra students take a trip to VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. Once there, ensemble members warmed up and performed for a panel of judges. Everyone performed fantastically! The judges were members of VanderCook's faculty and guest clinicians. They offered poignant, constructive comments for our students. However, it didn't end there, as each ensemble had the opportunity to participate in a short clinic with one of these faculty members on the podium. For this, students had a chance to hear real-time comments and think about their music and performance from an outside source. From there, we headed to Enchanted Castle in Lombard. After we ate dinner on-location, the students ran free, playing laser tag, mini-golf, and other games. Many remembered to make time to ride the go-karts before we headed back home. Everyone enjoyed the experience and we are proud of the way our students represented Yorkville and its music program.



6th Grade Jazz Band Doubles in Size

The 6th Grade Jazz Band held their final performance of the year at the Junior Jazz Showcase on April 5th. At this concert, the 6th Grade Jazz Band performed two selections. The first tune, *Sherlock's Gone Home*, was written by Dean Sorenson and allows the group to focus on playing a laid-back swing. The concert concluded with the band's performance of *Ketchup is Not a Spice*, a lively Latin chart also written by Dean Sorenson.

This year's jazz band is extraordinary because it is the largest 6th Grade Jazz Band Yorkville has ever had! From last year to this year, the 6th grade jazz band doubled in size with a total of 55 students. The band had traditional jazz instruments but also was thrilled to include jazz flute, clarinet, bassoon, euphonium, and tuba to the ensemble. The main purpose of the 6th grade jazz band is to introduce students to the style of jazz music and give young musicians an opportunity to improvise for an audience.



Yorkville High School Choir Students

Directed by a Fellow Fox

On Tuesday, March 8th, 20 high school choir students traveled to Rochelle High School to participate in the 1st Annual Northern Illinois Big 12 Choir Festival. These students were nominated by their choir directors to sing in either the Freshmen/Sophomore Choir or the Junior/Senior Choir. Students prepared song selections for the event, rehearsed all day with students from 8 other schools, and performed for parents, teachers, and friends at an evening concert. Yorkville students were met by a friendly face as one of the guest conductors was Mr. Ron Kiesewetter, principal of Yorkville High School.

Ron Kiesewetter directed the Freshmen/Sophomore Choir chorus. Before coming to serve as principal of YHS, he was the principal of Roanoke-Benson High School, Director of Choirs at Metamora High School for 15 years, and the choir director and Assistant Division Chair of Fine Arts at Lyons Township High School for 3 years. Mr. Kiesewetter was also director of choirs at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria for 10 years and was a conductor of the Central College Philharmonic Choral and Cantus Novus, community choirs based at Illinois Central College and Illinois Wesleyan University. He has conducted many festival choirs across the Midwest, holds many awards to his credit, and has been involved in many professional music organizations over the years. The YHS students were greatly pleased to have a fellow fox at the festival, a friendly face, and a chance to work with their own principal.

The respected director of the Junior/Senior chorus was Mr. Robert A. Boyd, a current Lecturer in Music Education at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University in Evanston. Mr. Boyd taught choral music and music theory for 35 years at Lyons Township High School. He has conducted many festival choirs, held esteemed positions with various professional educator organizations, and has been honored for a career in choral excellence by the American Choral Directors Association.



The participating students were: Amanda Bello, Katie Caldwell, Kaity Calhoun, Nicolette Cope, Laurel Forlano, Megan Hannah, Audrey Hoving, Brian Koski, Rachel Plasch, Matt Quanstrom, Tyler Riederer, Joe Runkle, Kyle Schmunk-Clementz, Lesley Shanks, Ryan Smith, Jake Teeling, Justin Vacha, Abbie Worley, Joyce Yu, and Steven Yu.

YMS Alternative Strings performs at Mad Hatter Tea Party

On Friday, March 18th the YMS Alternative Strings performed at the YMS Book Fair "Mad Hatter Tea Party". Students performed an hour-long program while book fair shoppers were able to enjoy some snacks and tea.



Upcoming Events

May

- 16 District Orchestra Concert– YHS Gym 7 PM
- 17 9 - 12 grade Choir Concert - 7PM YMS Auditorium
- 18 Vienna Beef Pick-up– YHS Cafeteria 2:45-4:30 PM
- 19 District Band Festival - YHS Gymnasium 7 PM
- 20-21 YHS Cabaret Night– YHS 7 PM
- 23 YHS Drumline Auditions 2:30 - 4 PM
Music Booster Meeting 6:15 PM
- 24 6 - 9 grade Choir Concert - 7PM YMS Gymnasium
- 25 YHS Drumline Workshop 2:30-4:30 PM
YHS Section Leader Applications Due
- 26 YHS Drum Major Auditions 2:30-4:00 PM
- 27 YHS Orchestra Awards Banquet -Cafetorium 7PM
YMS Jr. Jazz Showcase– YMS Cafeteria 7 PM
- 30 YMS Bands Performance - Town Square 11:30 AM
- 31 YHS Drumline Auditions 2:30-4:30 PM
YMS Fine Arts Night (Drama/Jazz/Art)

June

- 3 YHS Band Awards Banquet– YHS Cafetorium 7 PM
- 5 YHS Graduation - YHS Gymnasium 2 PM

July

- 4 Yorkville Community Band - parade and concert in the park

August

- 2 Yorkville Community Band Concert at National Night Out
- 5-6 Marching Foxes Leadership Conference - Vandercook College
- 14 Marching Foxes Freshman Day - 3 - 6 PM YHS
- 15-19 Marching Foxes Band Camp - 8 AM - 4:30 PM YHS
- 19 Marching Foxes Performance - YHS Football Scrimmage
- 23 & 25 Marching Foxes Rehearsals 6-8 PM
- 24 First Day of School for students
- 26 Marching Foxes Performance - Football Game

District 115's Summer Program, Camp Imagination

information is available on line at through Virtual Backpack.

Visit the District site at :www.yorkville.k12.il.us and select Virtual Backpack from the menu on the left of the page. Art, Music and theatre programs are being offered along with a number of other enrichment opportunities!

The **Yorkville Community Band**

will be continuing the tradition of helping the City of Yorkville celebrate Independence Day with their 19th Anniversary performance! This talented group of local musicians is excited to



extend an invitation to anyone and everyone who would like to join in on the 4th of July festivities.

A unique and fun feature of the group is the vast age differences of the band members. Students, ranging from middle school to college, are able to participate alongside some older members who are...lets just say “seasoned veterans” of music! Not only are musicians invited to participate, but those wanting to get involved with either the color guard or “candy brigade” are also encouraged to contact us. It’s safe to say, if you’d like to join us, we’ll find something for you to do!

The primary performance of the Yorkville Community Band is during the annual **4th of July** festivities celebrated in Yorkville. The band participates in the parade, which is then immediately followed by a concert in Towne Square. In addition, for the second year in a row the Community Band will be performing at the Yorkville National Night Out on August, 2nd in Towne Square.



Nicholas Howard — Western Illinois University

Mr. Nicholas Howard is very proud to be the Student Teacher for Band in District #115. A native of Sandwich, he feels right at home. Half of his day is spent at the High School and the other half at the Middle School. He greatly enjoys the opportunity to see the music program working at various levels throughout the district.

Mr. Howard is currently fulfilling requirements for the Bachelor’s of Music Education at Western Illinois University. At WIU, Mr. Howard has performed with Concert Band, the Marching Leathernecks, Concert Choir, University Band, Pep Band, and Steel Band. He is an active member of

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, a social men’s music fraternity. He is also a member of the National Association for Music Educators (MENC). He will be graduating May 14th.

Plainfield Invitational Concert Band Festival

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On April 30th 2011, both Yorkville high School bands performance at the Plainfield Invitational Concert Band Festival.

This is fourth year that Yorkville has had bands performing in this very fine festival.

It is one of the most prestigious festivals in our area.

There was a lot of work that

went into the event for their performances and after the performance, they went into a clinic with world renowned educators.

This year's festival clinicians were:

Dr. Bruce Moss, Director of Bands, Bowling Green State University

Dr. Mark Heidel, Director of Bands, University of Iowa

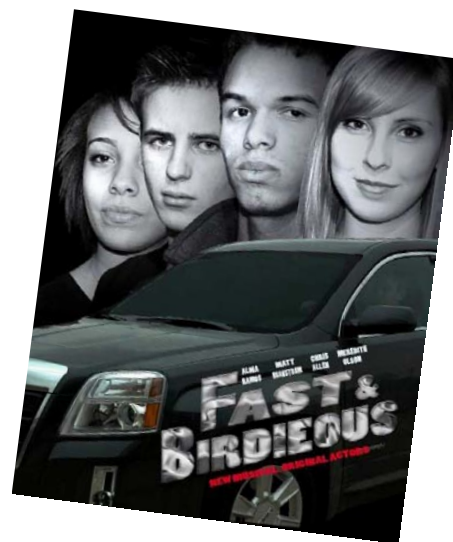
Dr. Linda Moorhouse, University of Illinois

Mr. Charles Staley, Fine Arts Chair/Band Director, Neuqua Valley High School

Mr. Don Shupe, Director of Bands, Libertyville High School(retired)

Mr. Ron Polancich, Director of Bands, York Community High School(retired)!





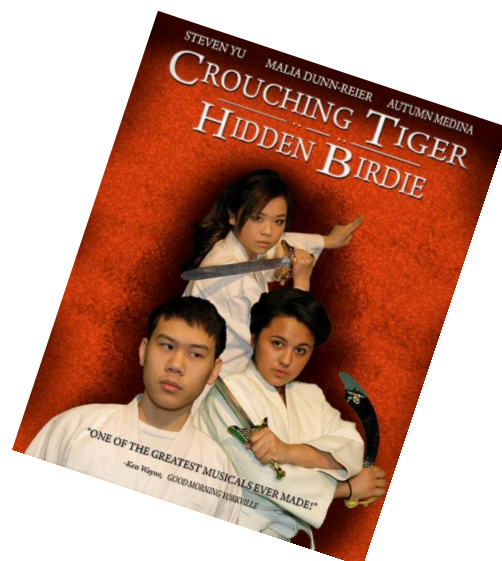
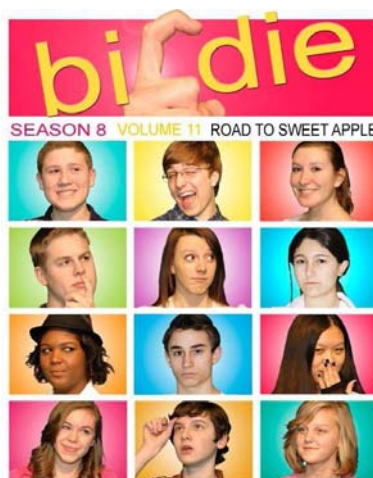
YHS Performs *Bye Bye Birdie*

The YHS production of *Bye Bye Birdie* was performed on Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th at the YMS Auditorium. Approximately 80 students joined forces to put on the show. The cast included:

Bobby Allen
Chris Allen
Ryan Barkauskas
Will Belles
Amanda Bello
Ashley Bendien
Jordan Brosi
Doug Busa
Kaity Calhoun
Matt Dabbs
Alex Dewane
Joey DiGangi
Malia Dunn-Reier
Rachel Eaton

Laurel Forlano
Payton Gammichia
Billy Hendrickson
Meggie Kesselring
Lizz Knop
Anyia Malley
Autumn Medina
Kaitlin Miller
Maddie Mormino
Melissa Myers
Wendy Myers
Meredith Olson
Rachel Plasch
John Pletka

Terry Pletka
Rikiyah Pryor
Matt Quanstrom
Alma Ramos
Dan Rega
Tyler Riederer
Sydney Seeman
Lesley Shanks
Ryan Smith
Matt Weaver
Katie White
Abbie Worley
Joyce Yu
Steven Yu



Elementary and Junior High Band Camps!

This summer Miss Wood and Miss Melvin will be running band camps June 20-July 1 through Camp Imagination at Yorkville Intermediate School for students entering 6th and 7th grade in the fall. Three camps are being offered this year, each meeting for 1-hour a day. The first camp is a Beginning Band camp geared toward 5th and 6th grade students changing instruments (clarinet to saxophone, clarinet to bassoon, euphonium to tuba, etc) or for 5th grade students who have never played an instrument before. The second camp is the 6th Grade Band Camp for all current 5th grade students who wish to play fun and exciting music over the summer. The final camp is the 7th Grade Band Camp for all current 6th grade students who wish to keep working on challenging and fun music in preparation for middle school band. The inaugural camps last year were a huge success, and Miss Wood and Miss Melvin hope to get an even bigger turnout this summer! They have many exciting musical opportunities planned! Please contact Miss Wood or Miss Melvin if you are interested and/or have any questions.

Band Camp Schedule (June 20-July 1)

8:00-9:00AM	Beginning Band Camp
9:15-10:15AM	6 th Grade Band Camp
10:15-11:15AM	7 th Grade Band Camp



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Yorkville Middle School Presents

Alice in Wonderland, Jr.



On March 18 and 19 YMS performed Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr. More than 100 students from music, art, drama, living skills, and computers classes as well as Step Team members participated in this production. The YMS musical was directed by Mrs. Christy Motley, Mrs. Tamara Eaton, and Ms Heather Reusz. Additionally, Madam Nancy McCree, Mrs. Marnie Brophy, and Mrs. Wamecca Rodriguez contributed to the show. YMS is one of the few middle schools in the state with a drama program that is student run. Our students are not only on stage, but they are back stage and running lights and sound. This is an excellent example of multiple disciplines working to offer opportunities to our students! A special thanks to the many parents who volunteered time, food, and props. The following students helped make this a memorable experience for everyone:

Madison Ahlberg	Mason Dearborn	Megan Hilt	Kathryn Maly	Vince Pizzo	Jori Stewart
Danielle Alicz	Caitlin DelBosque	Kevin Humphreys	Jacob Mance	May Priegel	Jordan Sullivan
Maggie Allen	Daniella Demetriades	Becca Husar	David McDonough	Kiara Pryor	Paul Swistara
Araceli Anacleto	Colleen Dempsey	Isaiah Jackson	Luke McFarlane	Heather Quincy	Carly Teeling
Jessica Anton	Sam Dhuse	Stephen Johnson	Jack McGill	Remy Rediger	Rachel Treadway
Amanda Armitage	Alexis Dilg	Kirsten Jonke	Jenna McGill	Eric Redmon	Colin Tudisco
Jenna Arnold	Adam Dwyer	Dakotah Kinsella	Nick Meisuk	Erin Reynolds	Erin Tudisco
Rachel Augius	Leah Erb	Miranda Knox	Charmaine Morris	Wynd Ridenour	Jessica Vacha
Becca Belcher	Andrew Gatz	Hadley Kruse	Maddie Nauert	Marissa Santoro	Amber Verstat
Miranda Benesch	Mady Godinez	Summer Lara	Neima Nuevo	Anna Schleitwiler	Jacob Walter
Kelly Bishop	Jonathon Gramme	Liz Le	Brock Ong	Kevin Schleitwiler	Madison Ward
Kylie Bohman	Josh Graunke	Josh Lindholm	Mirella Ortiz	Matt Schumacher	Cameron Williams
Sophie Bolanos	Mackenzie Guzman	Levi Lindholm	Mario Palombo	Mackenzie Seeman	Laura Woodard
Jasmine Burrell	Dhane Hardecopf	Morgan List	Alex Parker	Ethan Seloover	Lorelei Zahn
Tiffany Busch	Alaina Harris	Connor Lord	Stephanie Partida	Bailey Shimp	Lizet Zuniga
Mariah Cathey	Kayla Hayward	Teagan Loy	Jessica Payne	Mackenzie Simmons	
Elizabeth Chmielewski	Carleigh Herriaud	Haley Madej	Abby Perez	Grace Sorich	
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