

FOXES MUSIC NOTES

Yorkville Music Boosters

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No other group in the school represents our community and school like the marching band!



The Marching Foxes performed this year in front of:

- District #115 students at YMS, YGS, and CCGS for all-student assemblies
- 1000's of Yorkville fans at 4 home football games & 1 scrimmage
- 12 high school bands, 1 college band, 3 clinicians, 1000's of spectators at Oswego Panther Marching Review
- 50 + high school bands, 10,000's spectators at the University of Illinois Marching Festival
- 130,000 spectators at Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Parade

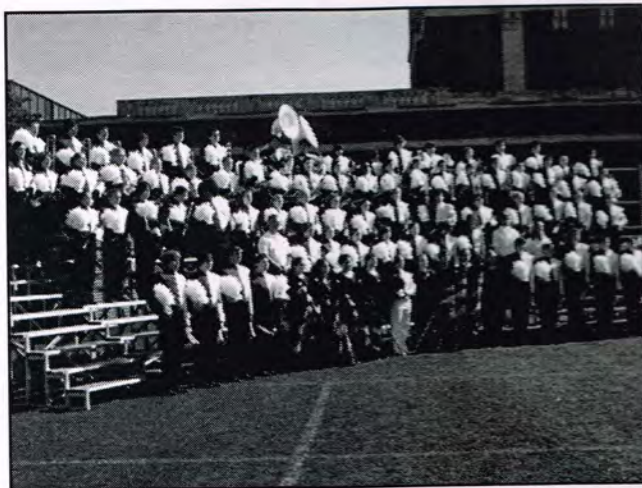


How well did the marching band represent Yorkville?

- Received extremely positive feedback from all 3 clinicians at Oswego
- Marched competitively among great bands at U of I receiving 2nd place for outstanding drum major, Anne Roberts
- Received 2nd place overall at Sycamore with a 1st place overall percussion award



YHS Marching Foxes



2006-07 SECTION LEADERS

ANNE ROBERTS, drum major
ALYSSA KRUSE, flutes
AMANDA KASPRZYK, clarinets
KYLE PRATT, alto saxophones
BLAKE MALLEY, mellophones
PAUL MYERS, tenor sax/baritones
DARLENE NEISEN, trumpets
BEN ELWOOD, trumpets
DWIGHT WYETH, trombones
NICOLE BELL, basses
LEVI SEIF, percussion
AARON SPEVAK, percussion
KATIE DAHLSTROM, colorguard



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



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 percussion instruments. Students acquire points by demonstrating their ability and achieving benchmarks. This new system replaces our traditional audition format for percussionists.

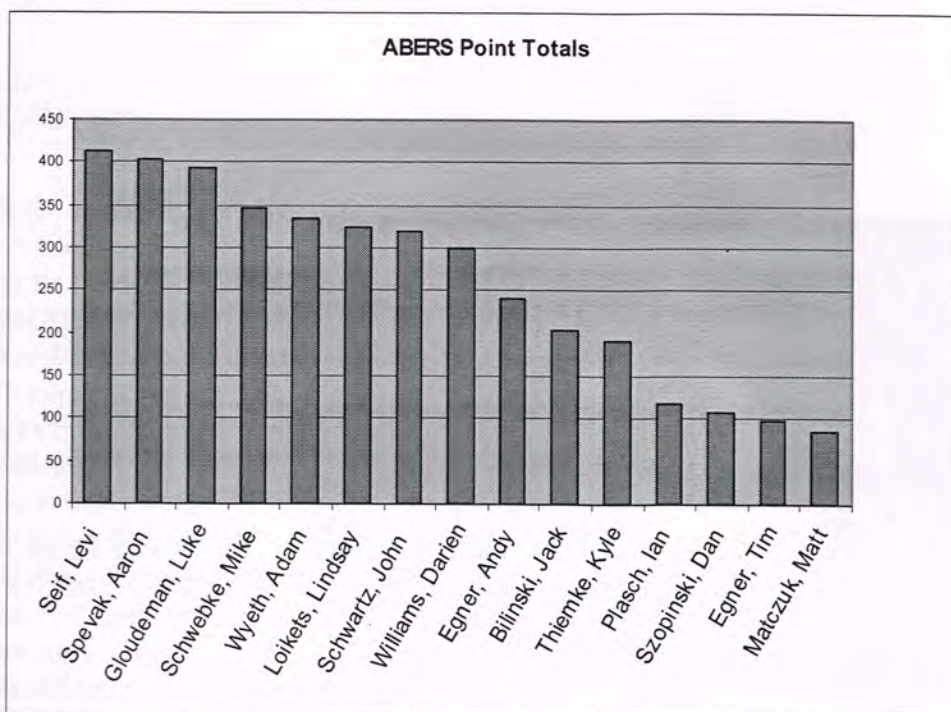
The Yorkville Bands have adopted this system because it motivates our percussionists to develop their skills on all of the many percussion instruments. This system is used in addition to our band-class work. Students can use some class time to practice for A.B.E.R.S. points, but the bulk of the work 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 11/22/06

	Name	Points
1	Seif, Levi	414
2	Spevak, Aaron	403
3	Gloudeman, Luke	394
4	Schwebke, Mike	346
9	Wyeth, Adam	334
5	Loikets, Lindsay	324
6	Schwartz, John	319
7	Williams, Darien	299
8	Egner, Andy	241
10	Bilinski, Jack	204
11	Thiemke, Kyle	191
12	Plasch, Ian	119
13	Szopinski, Dan	107
14	Egner, Tim	99
15	Matczuk, Matt	87
16	Addison, Nick	64
17	Vester, David (Toast)	49
18	Andraschko, Chelsea	40
19	Arnold, Ryan	37
20	Cathey, Chandler	37

(high school percussionists in bold)



Junior & Senior IMEA Festivals

YMS Students Perform at Music Festival

On Saturday, November 4 two students from Yorkville Middle School, Adam Wyeth and Darien Williams 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.

Adam Wyeth & Darien Williams, percussionists, made up two of the six percussionists in their section. Both experienced the day under the direction of guest conductor, Brian Wis. As members of the I.M.E.A. District IX band, they performed *Emblem of Unity Concert March*, *Old Scottish Melody*, and *Emperata Overture*. It is a tremendous honor to be part of the IMEA District Music Festival. The Yorkville Music Department is proud of Adam & Darien's accomplishments.



YMS drummer, Darien Williams, top jazz drummer in District IX

On Saturday, November 11 Darien Williams, 8th grade, from Yorkville Middle School performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association Junior Jazz Band Festival. The Festival was held at Waubonsie Valley High School Gold Campus in Aurora and was the culmination of auditions held one month earlier in October.



Darien Williams, drum set, auditioned against 12 other excellent drummers from middle schools throughout the western suburbs, all competing for a spot in one of three jazz bands. Darien not only made it into the honors jazz bands, but he made it into the top jazz band. It has been decades since Yorkville has had a representative in the top jazz band. Darien experienced the day under the direction of guest conductor, Mr. Jarrard Harris, a professional saxophonist from Chicago. As a member of the I.M.E.A. District 9 Jazz Band, he performed *Groove Blues*, *A Nightengale Sang in Berkley Square*, *I Got Rhythm*, and *Muy Caliente!*. It is a tremendous honor to be part of the IMEA District Jazz Festival. The Yorkville Music Department is proud to have Darien as Yorkville's representative.

IMEA DISTRICT FESTIVAL

Senior Representatives

The IMEA District Orchestra was under the guest-direction of Dr. Louis Bergonzi from the University of Illinois. Dr. Bergonzi was on the faculty at the Eastman School of Music for 16 years and has directed orchestras and music camps in Australia and China. He selected music from Academic Festival Overture by Johannes Brahms and the Finale from Symphony #2 by Jean Sibelius for the Festival orchestra to perform.

The IMEA District Band was under the guest-direction of Dr. James Lambrecht of Augustana College. Dr. Lambrecht led the band in *Punchinello*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Festal Scenes*, and *Glory of the Yankee Navy*.

YHS students Jeremiah Moauro (orchestra), Jimmy Robbins (band) were selected at the October 3 auditions at Addison Trail High School to participate in the November 18 Illinois Music Educators Association concert at Oswego East High School. The concert featured approximately 400 choir students, 130 band students and 130 orchestra students from thirty high schools in District IX.



2006-2007 YHS Pep Band Schedule

SATURDAY	DECEMBER	9	OSWEGO EAST
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	15	ROCHELLE
FRIDAY	JANUARY	12	BATAVIA
(practice-a-thon after the game 10PM – 6AM)			
SATURDAY	JANUARY	20	KANELAND
TUESDAY	JANUARY	23	GLENBARD SOUTH (Superpepbandaramanight!)
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY	08	DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL (Girls Senior Night)
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY	13	DEKALB
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY	23	SYCAMORE (Boys Senior Night)

Private Lessons are the Key to SUCCESS

Many private lesson teachers are available to 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.

<u>flute</u> Melanie Mathew, 630-551-1472 www.fluteteacher.com	<u>trombone</u> Jim Felts, 630-554-8294
<u>clarinet</u> Donna Mueller, 630-430-1812 Dmildred@comcast.net	<u>french horn</u> Eric Kaiser, 630-202-4793
<u>oboe</u> Judy Schneider, 630-385-2426 Schnoby5@comcast.net	<u>percussion</u> Vern Spevak, 630-553-1708 Vernmusic@aol.com
<u>all woodwinds</u> Megan McCabe, 630-844-2825 steeldrum8@nifr.com	<u>violin/viola</u> Charlotte Bogda, 630-406-1405 Regina Kazda, 630-554-4191
<u>trumpet</u> James Knabe, 630-988-0375 james@trumpeter.com	<u>viola</u> Renee Baker, 630-759-7204
<u>tuba/baritone</u> Chris Chaussey, 552-1395 cchaussey@comcast.net	<u>cello</u> Bob Weber, 847-888-2595
	<u>string bass</u> Pam Bruening, 815-942-6977 Virginia Dixon, 708-629-2860

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.
- Mr. Gerry Romack; 6th grade orchestra, YHS orchestra
- Mrs. Peg Trumble; 4-6 music and choir at YIS
- Mrs. Karen VanIten; K - 3 music Yorkville Grade School.
- Mr. Ken Wayne; YHS choirs
- Mrs. Cassie Gallagher; 6th grade band, YMS band
- Mr. Nick Cagle; 5th grade band
- Mrs. Louise Brodie; 5th grade orchestra, YMS orchestra
- Mr. Mike McHugh; K-6 music and choir at GRES

Yorkville Music Boosters Offers Scrip Fundraiser

Every time you go out to dinner or run to the grocery store, gas station or the mall, you can be putting money aside for your music student and Yorkville Music Boosters, too.

Great Lakes Scrip is a program that reimburses a certain percentage of the total amount you spend on gift certificates for retail establishments. The reimbursed rebate amount is split 50/50 between the Music Boosters and your child's music account.

Here's how it works. If, for example, you know you will spend \$100 at Jewel for your groceries, you can order gift certificates totaling that amount from Scrip through the Yorkville Music Boosters. The rebate for Jewel is 4%, so \$2 will go into your child's account, and \$2 will go into the Music Boosters general fund. It's that easy.

Whether you're trying to build your student's personal accounts to help pay for a music department trip, private lessons or instrument-related purchases, Scrip rebates can add up quickly. More than 600 retailers participate ranging from Kohl's (4%), L.L. Bean (15%), Chili's (11%), Pizza Hut (9%), Circuit City (3%), Borders (8%), Sportmart (8%) and American Airlines (16%). Planning ahead can really pay off.

Music Boosters has tried to make the ordering/delivery process as convenient as possible. Designated order collection days are set for each month. Just send a completed order form and a personal check to school with your student by that day. Music teachers will collect the orders from students. In a few days, certificates will be distributed to students in music class for them to bring home.

The first order collection dates in 2007 (all Wednesdays) will be Jan. 3, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21.

For more information about Great Lakes Scrip and participating retailers, visit www.glscrip.com, or contact one of our Music Booster representatives familiar with the program – Diane King (815) 475-4210, Deb Myers (630) 336-8842, or Susan Egner (630) 553-4965.



"It's a Madrigal Life"

Proves to Be a 'Wonderful' Time

On December 2nd and 3rd, the YHS Madrigals performed the 13th annual Madrigal Dinner with great success. This year's script was a spoof of the classic Holiday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." Paul Myers played Chester the Jester, who represented Jimmy Stewart's character of George Bailey from the movie. The Jester, due to some careless choices he made, wished he was never born a Jester. The Lord, played by Jimmy Robbins, sent the Lady, Caitlin Younce, to the stage to convince the Jester that the world is indeed a better place because of him. The Lady, representing the angel Clarence, used her acting skills to impersonate famous movie characters in order to convince the Jester of his worth.

The host of the evening, played by Scott Myers, admitted to the audience that the madrigal dinner script sometimes seems to make very little sense, but the combination of old madrigal traditions and pop culture references prove to add up to some good laughs. Anne Roberts played Mary the Wench, wife to Chester the Jester and mother to their twenty-three adopted children (the madrigal singers). Sean Kesselring was the evil Magician Potter (no, not as in Harry Potter, but as the evil Mr. Potter from the movie) who mischievously placed evil spells on all the characters. Tim Calhoun, Kelly Schulz, Scott Haug, Claire Carlino and Jeff Worrell filled in as some of the Jester's lovely, but very needy children.

It's possible that Jimmy Stewart rolled over in his grave by the time the dinner was finished, but a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone out there who helped make it happen!

MADRIGALS PREPARE TWO EVENTS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Cabaret Night will return to the Madrigals' calendar of events this February. The Madrigal students will dress up in evening attire and perform solos, duets, and group numbers. The night club type setting is a nice contrast to the more formal Madrigal Dinner. In addition, the YHS Speech Team will provide a cheesecake buffet so the audience can enjoy fantastic food while they listen to excellent music. Performances are February 9th & 10th at 7:00 pm in the YHS Cafetorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

On May 10th, 11th & 12th the Madrigals will present Mary Rodgers' 'Once Upon a Mattress,' which is a musical version of the fairytale, 'The Princess and the Pea'. Lady Larkin and Sir Harry wish to be wed as quickly as possible, but the overbearing Queen Aggravaine has decreed that no one shall wed before her son, Prince Dauntless. Conflict arises when the Queen devises impossible tasks for each of Dauntless' princess suitors in order to keep her son single and close by her side. Harry and Larkin bring Winnefred to the castle, an untraditional princess who has the spunk and the nerve to stand up to Queen Aggravaine and become Dauntless' bride... if only she can surmount the hurdle of twenty cushy mattresses.

Karen Blonn, who worked her dancing magic on last year's 'Oklahoma,' returns to YHS to add her inspired choreography to 'Once Upon a Mattress.' Families are encouraged to come enjoy themselves and support us in our 4th annual musical. Tickets should be purchased in advance from the madrigal students.

Top Three Reasons You Will Want a **Y Pass** For Your Family

1. A Y Pass entitles you to free family admission to many Yorkville Music Department performances during the 2006-2007 school year (see the back of a Y Pass for a complete list).
2. No more searching for singles in your purse/wallet on concert nights.
3. Yorkville Music Boosters supports and promotes music in Yorkville schools, and a \$50 or more donation to the Yorkville Music Boosters entitles you to your very own Y Pass.

**Become a Yorkville Music Boosters Patron and
the proud owner of a Y Pass today!
See page 15 for donor form**



First Flight For..... Beginning Band Parents?

November 20th and 21st marked the debut of our newest additions to our band family at GRES and YIS with both schools holding their annual progress concert! Students worked since September in lessons and for 2 weeks in full group rehearsals to prepare for their performance. Each school played about 9 songs with one song being set aside for each section in the band to play as a solo. This year also marked the debut of a new tradition for the 5th grade progress concert. The students were given a special assignment at their first rehearsal this year; each student would be teaching a parent how to play their band instrument. The assignment came to a climax at the concert when the parents all took the stage and did their best to perform a song from their student's method book. The parent band was lead by Mr. Cagle's parents, Ralph Cagle and Tonia Neustifter. Overall the concerts were a big success and gave both parents and students a chance to celebrate their musical accomplishments.



Rachel Eaton shows her mom a thing or two.



JR and Trent look a little worried....



Wendy gives her mom a last minute lesson.



Avery Green,
professional clarinet instructor.

WANTED



Name: Captain Phrack
Occupation: Super Hack
Crime: Cruelty to musical instruments.

This sounds like a job for...
SUPER BAND!!!

All 5th and 6th grade band students through-out district 115 are facing a super challenge. They are participating in a new practice program with a super hero theme.

The basis for the program is that a no-talent villain named Captain Phrack wishes to destroy all musical instruments and force everyone to play the horrible and annoying phrumpophone. In order to stop him the students must collect "talent power beads." They do so by meeting their weekly lesson goals each week in their sectional lessons. Each goal met earns the students one bead. Once the students meet five goals they are awarded a super hero to personalize and place on the bulletin board in the hallway, but just like a true super-hero, they have secret identities!

The purpose of the super band program is to encourage kids to improve their performance on their instruments in a fun setting centered on teamwork and musical excellence.

So keep your eyes peeled for signs of the super hack, and ears peeled for signs of practice!



“Can we play yet?!”

Typical band rehearsals involve a great deal of starting, stopping, fixing individual parts, starting again, etc. This structure is effective, but tends to frequently force one section to wait quietly for their turn to play: the percussion.



To rectify this situation a separate percussion class has been established at Yorkville Intermediate School. Every other day all eight of the 6th grade percussionists at YIS get together 8th period and work on percussion techniques and musical skills. It's a great opportunity to bond as a section and rehearse for entire period with no down-time... and we have a lot of fun!

New District #115 Music Faculty



Mrs. Brodie teaches 5th grade strings at GRES & YIS as well as YMS orchestra.

Louise Brody started the violin in the Rolland String Project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fourth grade. This proved to be a life changing experience for her, touring the United States, playing for President Nixon and establishing a love of the violin and an interest in how to teach young children to play with freedom and expression.

Louise has free-lanced in the Chicago area for a number of years as well, performing at the Goodman Theatre, the Steppenwolf Theatre, Symphony Hall and the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre. Louise has a love of folk music and began playing Celtic Music a few years ago. Her band, Glen Ayre has performed at the Celtic Fest in Chicago, the University of Chicago Folk Festival, the Fox Valley Folk Festival and have put out their own cd entitled “Uneven Bridge”.

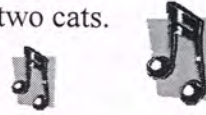
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New District #115 Music Faculty

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Louise started a bluegrass band in a previous teaching position and has begun one here in Yorkville as well. She has presented workshops on folk music and the Rolland teaching technique at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania and Wheaton College.

Louise makes her home in Lombard with her husband, daughter and two cats.



Nick Cagle is a first year teacher and a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. His experience in music performance and education is substantial and varied. He has spent the last six years of his life in close connection with marching bands and drum corps across the state of Wisconsin serving as both an instructor and as a performer.

Recent achievements of marching bands that Mr. Cagle has worked with include a Wisconsin State Championship in Class A for Columbus High School (2005) and a Mid-West Championship for Oregon High School in the MACBDA circuit. In addition to experience in marching band Mr. Cagle also has experience as a conductor and as a performer. He has performed in a wide variety of ensembles, ranging from saxophone quartets to wind ensembles to rock bands.



Mr. Cagle teaches 5th grade band at GRES & YIS.

Mr. Cagle has performed in nine different states as well as in Canada, Scotland and in many parts of England. Mr. Cagle primarily teaches the 5th grade bands at Grand Reserve and Yorkville Intermediate but also teaches the middle school jazz band with Mrs. Gallagher, high school marching band, Madrigal Brass Quintet, and is extremely excited to be a part of the Yorkville music team.



2006-07

Mr. McHugh teaches K-6 music & choir at GRES.

Michael Mc Hugh recently graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with degrees in both elementary education and vocal performance. In college he was the choral director and music coordinator for the Evelyn Chapel. McHugh also founded and directed Wesleyan's premier male a capella group, "Suspended." After graduation, Mr. Mc Hugh began teaching voice lessons and musical studies at Glenbrook South High School as well as directing shows with the Glenview Children's Theatre. He is thrilled to now be a part of the new Grande Reserve music program as well as the growing Yorkville community.

Upcoming Performances:

December	12	YIS/GRES Holiday Choir Concert	7:00 PM	YIS
	14	YIS/GRES/YMS Holiday Band Concert	7:00 PM	YMS
	18	YIS/GRES/YMS Holiday Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM	YMS
	19	YMS Holiday Choir Concert	7:00 PM	YMS
January	12	YHS Practice-a-thon fundraiser	10:00 PM	YHS
	27	IMEA All-State Concert		Peoria
February	01	CCGS K-1st Grade Music Program	7:00 PM	CCGS
	03	YMS/YHS Percussion Vandercook Day of Perc.	All Day	Chicago
	06	6th Grade Instrumental Solo Night	4 - 9 PM	YHS
	09-10	YHS Cabaret Night	7:00 PM	YHS
	15	YMS/YHS Jazz Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	22	Western Sun Conference Honors Band	All Day	Kaneland
	24	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest	All Day	Plainfield
March	03	IGSMA Jazz Band Contest	All Day	Homer Glen
	03	IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest	All Day	TBA
	06	YMS Spring Choral Program	7:00 PM	YMS
	10	IGSMA Organizational Contest	TBD	Away
	13	YHS Spring Choral Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	15	Western Sun Conference Choir Festival	All Day	Rochelle
	19	YMS/YHS Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	20	YMS/YHS Band Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	22	YIS Spring Concert	7:00 PM	YIS
	27	YHS Honors Recital	Blocks 1 & 4	YHS
	27	GRES Spring Concert	7:00 PM	GRES
	29	GRES 3-4th Grade Music Program	7:00 PM	GRES
	29-4/4	YHS Music Dept. Disney Tour		Orlando, FL
April	19	YGS Spring Musical	7:00 PM	YMS
	23	Fox Valley Music Festival	All Day	Elgin
	26	YIS 5th Grade Music Program	7:00 PM	YIS
May	10-12	YHS Musical - Once Upon A Mattress		YHS
	15	District Band Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	17	District Choral Concert	7:00 PM	YHS
	19	YMS/YHS Jazz Showcase	7:00 PM	YHS
	22	District Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM	YHS

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