



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

District Newsletter

Week of September 18th

Upcoming Dates

Monday, Sept. 18th
Constitution Day

Thursday, Sept. 21st 4:30-6pm
Ford Open House & Right to Know

Thursday, Sept. 21st 5-6:30pm
YCMS Open House & Right to Know

Wednesday, Sept. 27th 4-5:30pm
A.C.C.E. Open House

Wednesday, October 4th
Fall Count Day

Friday, October 6th 7pm
Homecoming Game

Thursday, October 12th 5:30-7pm
Estabrook Hispanic Heritage Month &
Multi-Cultural Night Celebration

Friday, October 20th 7pm
YCS & LCS Game - Toyota

Click the links below for the calendar
and school website.

2023-24 School Calendar

District Website



BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM YCMS YCHS WIMA/WIHI	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Beatty Ford Perry	9:20 AM to 4:20 PM Erickson Estabrook Holmes YIES

No Transportation for
YC2S 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
ACCE 8:00 AM to 2:55 PM

Dear Grizzly Families,

It has been an exceptional start to the school year for all of our students, and especially our preschool students! With their first full week under their belts, there were tears from both students and parents! Thank you to our ELC staff as they have done a wonderful job welcoming them to our learning community!!

The football game last Friday was outstanding! The football players, cheerleaders, marching band, and NEW this year- student section were the terrific! Mark your calendars for the joint YCS/LCS game with Toyota held on **Friday, October 20th**, at 7 p.m.!

I am proud to share that the **YCS Board of Education**, Dr. Lopez and I presented at the **2023 Annual CUBE conference** last week in Chicago on "*The Board/Superintendent Leadership Team: Cultivating and Sustaining a Culture of Collaboration, Communication and Civility*." The presentation was well attended and the Board received excellent feedback by their peers from across the nation. The entire YCS community should be proud of the way that our Board of Education represented the school distinct at this national conference.

Transportation Update: While restructuring the district-wide bell schedule has improved overall transportation across the district, as many in our community may be aware, school districts nationwide are continuing to experience a significant shortage of school bus drivers, and Ypsilanti Community Schools is no different. Staff turnover for bus drivers and the need for substitute drivers is impacting the YCS Transportation Department's ability to cover all routes adequately. In addition, they are affecting our ability to get your children to school on time and home in a timely manner.

The district's Transportation Department has been working creatively on various options to help remedy the transportation scheduling challenges and improve communication.

- Updated bus lists will be provided to Principals on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- The [Transportation Issues Form](#) on the [Transportation Website](#) is active. The Transportation Department is addressing each entry. The [contact us](#) form on the district website is also available for use if needed.
- We are working with Versatrans to get the app working. We hope to have an update in our next newsletter.
- We also working to improve PowerSchool communication along with some additional methods to share updates with parents.

Contact Annette Adams at aadams@ycschools.us or Building principal or call (734) 221-2449

L.E.A.P. Grant Back to School Book Giveaway With our LEAP Grant, we were able to purchase 2,260 book bag packets for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade and students who attend Ypsi Connected. Book bag packets contained 3-4 books and an activity book. In addition, 7,374 books were purchased for students at all our buildings.



District Leadership

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent

Dr. Carlos Lopez
Assistant Superintendent

Sue McCarty
Human Resources

Damien Butler
Director of Business & Finance





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YCS Board of Education presenting at CUBE Conference in Chicago



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17TH - 23RD

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SUNDAY
9/17

NO EVENTS

MONDAY
9/18

BOYS JV & VARSITY SOCCER
@ TECUMSEH - 4 & 5:30PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS @
GARDEN CITY - 4PM

MS VOLLEYBALL VS. SALINE -
5:30PM

TUESDAY
9/19

GIRLS VARSITY SWIM @
TECUMSEH - 6PM

GIRLS F, JV & V
VOLLEYBALL VS.
PINCKNEY - 5:30 & 7 PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
VS. ADRIAN - 4PM

MS FOOTBALL VS
JACKSON - 4:15 &
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
9/20

BOYS JV & VARSITY SOCCER
@ CHELSEA - 4 & 5:30PM

BOYS & GIRLS XC
CRANE INVITE @ BELLE ISLE
PARK - 3PM

MS VOLLEYBALL @ LINCOLN -
5:30PM

MS CROSS COUNTRY - ADRIAN
INVITE @ HERITAGE PARK - TBA*

THURSDAY
9/21

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
VS. BEDFORD - 4PM

GIRLS JV & VARSITY
VOLLEYBALL @ RIVER
ROGUE - 5:30 & 7PM

GIRLS FRESHMEN
VOLLEYBALL @ DEARBORN
CRESTWOOD - 4:00PM

FRIDAY
9/22

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
@ JACKSON - 7PM

SATURDAY
9/23

JV FOOTBALL
VS. JACKSON - 11AM

#GOGRIZZIES

