



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS District Newsletter

Upcoming Dates



2023-24 School Calendar

District Website

YCHS Food Pantry

Perishables
Non-Perishables
Toiletries



Open every school day
7:30am-2:30pm

Available for Ypsilanti residents,
students, or staff.

Temerson6@ychool.us or (734) 221-1014
with any questions or concerns.

District Leadership

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent

Dr. Carlos Lopez
Assistant Superintendent

Sue McCarty
Human Resources

Damien Butler
Director of Business & Finance

Dear Grizzly Family,

Winter Break is here! Our schools will be closed for Winter Break from December 25th to January 5th. We know how much everyone looks forward to this time of year. It gives us a break from our busy schedules, time with loved ones, and an opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and prepare for the New Year!

We are halfway through the school year and our students are making great progress. I'm proud of our hardworking teachers, staff, and students for their contributions to this success.

It is with great enthusiasm that we enter into the 2024 year. There are so many things that we are excited about.

- Just this week, Governor Gretchen Whitmer relieved the debt from the consolidation! This relief will positively impact our schools.
- We'll have four Magnet Schools - Ford, Holmes, YCMS, and YCHS.
- Our district continues to be at the forefront of innovation as our leaders and staff utilize Artificial Intelligence to enhance teaching and learning.
- Our partnerships with Toyota's Driving Possibilities and Washtenaw Community College's D3C3 will provide our scholars with greater opportunities.
- And there's so much more to come!

At YCS, we remain dedicated to providing an exceptional education for all students and will continue to explore innovative programs and initiatives to enhance their learning experiences.

Keep in mind that COVID-19 is still present. If you or a family member is feeling ill, we encourage you/them to seek testing, isolate, and wear a multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask.

We hope that you have a wonderful Winter Break! We look forward to seeing our scholars on Monday, January 8th!

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to our amazing Grizzly Staff who have been recently recognized in the community.

Chris Sturdivant
YCS Bus Driver

Charlotte Tillerson
A.C.C.E. Teacher Consultant
& Teacher Union President

Chris Sturdivant was recognized by the WISD Head Start program for meeting and exceeding the mission everyday! Chris was honored at the inaugural Head Start Awards held at the Washtenaw County Board of Education meeting.

At A.C.C.E.'s Annual Thanksgiving Feast, Teacher Consultant and Teachers Union President **Charlotte Tillerson** was honored by having their food pantry named after her. Mrs. Tillerson is a valued member of our community, showing support to our students and staff by being present at school and showcasing what it means to be 'Stronger Together.'





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Jennifer Dixon - 2nd grade teacher at Holmes Elementary - was awarded a \$10,000 grant to expand and improve her classroom library.



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Roadmap Educator of the Week

"(Roadmaps) has helped me both incorporate digital learning into the students' curriculum and train them on how to use the curriculum in a way that isn't just browsing the internet,"

MELANIE ECCLES
FIFTH GRADE
YPSILANTI
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



**Thank you!
Community Partners**



**REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR
HEALTHY SCHOOLS**
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

VISION & DENTAL SERVICES RAHS-MOBILE UNIT



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Vision & Dental Care
- Referrals for Community Resources
- Interpreter Services available
- Appointments available from 9AM to 2:15PM - please call to schedule an appointment in advance as spots are limited

Please bring a signed consent (available at umhs-rahs.org) or a parent with you to your appointment. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 734-998-4483.

INTERPRETERS & DOCUMENT TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE

نحن مفتوحون لجميع الطلاب من سن 21 عامًا أو أصغر. نحن نقبل المرضى المؤمنة وغير المؤمنة، بغض النظر عن القدرة على الدفع.

We are open to all school-age youth 21 years old and younger. You do not need to be a registered student at these schools to receive services. We accept insured and uninsured patients, regardless of ability to pay.

CONGRATS YCS WRESTLING

3RD PLACE!

BEATTY LAMBROS TOURNAMENT 2023

10 YEARS

of community



Holiday Hours

All YDL Locations will be CLOSED on

- Christmas Eve (observed), Christmas holiday weekend, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Friday, December 22—Monday, December 25
- New Year's Eve (observed), New Year's holiday weekend, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day
Friday, December 29—Monday, January 1, 2024

235 Spencer lane
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

AE CITY OF HOPE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE FOOD & CLOTHING

Each month we distribute food and clothing to the community through AE City of Hope Food & Clothing Pantry.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YPSILANTI LOCATION
EVERY 1st & 3rd SATURDAY
10:30 am - 11:30 am *while supplies last

Need help finding employment?
We offer career training and job placement services.

SCAN OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:
CLICK ON JOBS

AE CITY OF HOPE SERVICES FOR ALL
FOOD • CLOTHING • HOUSING • EDUCATION • JOB TRAINING • COUNSELING

YCMS PRESENTS:

Local Vendors!
Dinner!

YOUTH IN ACTION

A civic engagement opportunity:
Youth-led Educational Forum on the job of:

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF

Featuring YCMS Youth Leaders:

If you are a YCMS Student and would like to JOIN US, sign up here:

If you would like to attend the event, REGISTER here:

DONATE to fund DINNER and Participant Compensation here:

Thanks also to our sponsors:
One Love Symposium, One Single Rose, Caroline Sanders, Mentor2Youth, Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti

With a SPECIAL performance by Detroit Poet, Filmmaker, and Playwright: **One Single Rose!**

YCMS Choir & Band Performances!!

Thursday, February 22nd 2024 6-8pm
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor MI 48108

