



YOUNG SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

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December 2025 / January 2026 Superintendent's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Parents, it is very important that if your child is out or going to be late, you notify the front office by 8:30am. You may leave a message before 7:00 am on the main school number if needed.

YPS needs to limit the number of over-the-counter medications it is giving to students (Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, cough drops, and items like Chapstick and feminine hygiene products). We will keep a limited quantity on campus for emergencies, but if these items are something your child needs on a regular basis, you will need to bring a supply for your child and we will lock it up in the Health Office. Our practice going forward will be to call home to see if you would like to bring medication to your child, should they request it; if not, they will return to class. We can make a one-time exception and give medication from our limited supply, but we cannot do it on a regular basis. High school students may keep cough drops in their possession. Elementary and middle school students need to have these items kept in the health office, per our school medication policy.

All parents or visitors must sign in at the Front Office between 7:45 and 3:00 if you are going to be in the school buildings or on campus outside (except for student pick up/drop off). If you bring lunch for your child during the school day, or if you want to eat with your child, you must sign in before going to the cafeteria. Elementary Lunch starts at 11:20 and MS/HS lunch at 12:10. If you bring lunch, please do so before this time. Please remember to sign out before leaving campus also.

As we enter the winter months, we may experience the need for a late start to school due to poor road conditions or power outages. Should there be a reason to start the school day late, we will need to have roads clear or power on by 7:30am. This will give enough time for the bus to run and school will begin at 9:00am. If we do not have an all clear by 7:30am, school will be cancelled for the day. Notification will be sent by email and text should we have a possible late start or school day cancellation.

The YPS Christmas Program will take place on December 11 at 5:00pm in the gym. All family, friends, and community members are invited to attend!

The December School Board meeting has been moved from the 8th to December 15th at 5:00pm.

The End of the 2nd Quarter and First Semester is December 18.

The December Skate Night is Thursday, December 18 from 4:30-6:30. We will have one staff member scheduled at each event for supervision. We would also like one community member to help volunteer at each event as well. Please talk with the staff member on duty or Dr. K and we will let you know how you can help at the event. **Reminder to parents, all students 8 and under need to have parental supervision at the event.**

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YPS will open the **School Quality Survey** the week of December 15. It will remain open until January 15, 2026. This will be for parents and community members. A separate note will be sent home with a QR code to access the survey and a link will be available on the school website also for your convenience.

Winter Break December 19 - January 4. We will return for the Second Semester (3rd Quarter) on Monday, January 5, 2026.

The first semester Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 8th at 2:40pm in the gym.

The January Skate Night will be on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 from 4:30-6:30pm. More details to follow.

January Board meeting is January 12th, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the FFA room of the main building.

Monday, January 19th, 2026 there is **no school** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

If you have photos of school events you would like to share for the yearbook group, you may use this QR code below to send us pictures.



Have a Great Month,

Dr. K