

## *YCIS Weekly Update - October 31, 2014*

### **Red Ribbon Week**

Today marks the end of Red Ribbon Week at YCIS. Students have focused this week on the importance of being drug free. This is a great opportunity to have a conversation with your child about drugs.

### **Site Council Members Needed**

The YCIS Site Council is comprised of parents, staff members, and the principal. The council meets 4-6 times per year to review the School Improvement Plan, professional development plans for staff, and to provide feedback on the school's instructional program. Terms of service are for 1 or 2 years. If you are interested in serving on the Site Council, please contact Lin Hess at [hessl@ycschools.org](mailto:hessl@ycschools.org).

### **Parent Teacher Conferences November 24th, 7:30am-7:30pm**

As a parent, you are the most important person in your child's education. Our staff are looking forward to partnering with you at conferences to ensure that your student is successful at YCIS. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend conferences on November 24th. Look for more information in the next three weeks.

### **New State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment**

Many of you have asked about Oregon's new standards as well as the new state test that students will take this Spring. I will be sharing information about the standards and assessment on a regular basis through the weekly updates. We will also be hosting a parent information night near the beginning of the second semester.

Here is some basic information about the [standards](#) and the [assessment](#) students will take this Spring, as well as [what parents can do to help students](#). This link will answer some frequently asked questions about [Smarter Balanced](#).

## **Sign up to receive important communication through Flash Alert**

The district uses the Flash Alert message system to communicate important information such as school closures and emergencies. Please go to <http://www.flashalert.net/> and register for Yamhill Carlton School District Flash Alert messages.

To register:

1. Go to <http://www.flashalert.net/>
2. Click on the Portland dot on the map
3. Click on Yamhill County Schools
4. Click on Yamhill Carlton School District
5. Enter your email address
6. Follow instructions to validate your account
7. As soon as your account is set up, you can also download the Flash Alert app and link your cell phone to your account.

### **Weekly Schedule & Events- Nov. 3rd~Nov 7th, 2014**

**Nov. 5th Outdoor School Meeting 7 p.m. Room 29**

**Nov. 6th End of Mid-term 1**

**Nov. 6th-8th Playmakers' Fall Musical**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Nov. 11th Veterans Day **NO SCHOOL****

**Nov. 14th-16th Playmakers' Fall Musical**

**Nov. 17th PTO meeting 6p.m. Library**

**Nov. 24th Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Nov. 24th-28th Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL****

### **Community Information:**

**YCIS 6th Grade Parents,**

**On Wednesday, November 5th at 7p.m. in Mrs. Bales Classroom (room 29) there will be an informational meeting regarding outdoor school for parents.**

**Details regarding outdoor school fundraising will be given.**

If you are unable to attend, please email [ycisvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ycisvolunteer@gmail.com) or call Tracee Martin at 971-241-3919 for more details.

YCIS PTO is selling Wildcat wear.            If you are looking for a holiday, birthday or just because gift, we have what you need. Please print the [order form](#) and bring it in, along with payment, to the YCIS office.

### **Parent Information:**

- **Academic Support Hour:** Academic Support is available after school every Wednesday in the library from 1:40-2:50. Staff are available to support students in this structured study environment. Students who wish to participate need a permission slip, which can be picked up in the office, from their homeroom teacher, the library, or downloaded from our website. Student athletes who do not meet academic eligibility requirements may be required to attend. A shuttle bus will stage at 2:50 and depart YCIS at 3:00. The shuttle will make three stops; 3rd & Elm in Yamhill, The Depot in Carlton and YCES in Carlton. Please make arrangements to get your children home from these locations. [Permission form](#)
- **Family Link:** YCIS has implemented a unique way for parents to check on important data, such as your child's attendance and academic progress (e.g., teacher's gradebook data). This access is provided via a real-time Web-portal called FamilyLink that is dynamically linked to the school's Student Information System. Using FamilyLink, you and family members can access this information by visiting the website for YCIS or Click here [Family Link](#). This is a very useful communication tool and can be accessed from any computer that has open access to the internet.
- Parents can make payments for school lunches with a Visa/MasterCard or Debit card at [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com). You can also call Maryalice Pfeiffer in the district office at 503.852.6980. Please allow 24 hours for payments to be applied to your students account. Students who qualify for free meals get a milk at no charge with the meal (only one). Regulations require them to be charged \$ .50 if they purchase a milk only. \$3.60 will be charged for second meals. Students have a charge limit of two meals. ALSO, students who are still hungry after finishing their cafeteria lunch may return to the fruit and vegetable bar FREE OF CHARGE!
- **Volunteer Background Checks:** All volunteers must complete a Criminal Background Check every two years. Fill out the form and return it to the office, or Michelle Rettke in the district office. You will not be allowed to volunteer until you have cleared the background check.
- **Arrival at School:** Class for all grades begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students should not arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. Once on campus, students are expected to remain at school.
- **Student / Parent Handbooks:** [Student/parent handbooks](#) are available online. A limited number of paper copies are available in the school office. Teachers will review the handbooks with their students in class the first week of school. Parents

please carefully read the handbook, sign the parent/guardian signature form, and return the form to the office.

### **Back To School Information:**

- **Attendance Procedures:** If your student will be absent, please call the YCIS office at 503-852-7660 by 9:10 a.m. If you get the voicemail, leave the date, your name, your student's name and the reason for the absence. Parents of students who are absent each day will be called if the school has not been notified.
- **Change In Bus Destination:** Please send a note with your student when there is a change in bus destination. The address of the alternate destination or the students name they are going home with is required for the safe delivery of your student.
- **School Administered Medication:** Oregon law and Oregon Administrative Rules require that all prescription and nonprescription medicine be administered to students by trained school personnel.
  - Parents must complete and sign a Medications Form authorizing school staff to administer any prescription or non-prescription medications. **This form is required for all medications, even cough drops!** ([click here](#) for medication forms)
  - **Parents** must deliver and pick up all medication. Medication must be **in its original container** (pharmacies will issue a transport bottle if requested when having the prescription filled.)
  - Written physician instructions (prescription label) are required for all requests to administer prescription medication. Instructions must include: name of student, name of medication, dosage, route, frequency of administration and any special instructions.

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