



# The Bulldog Spotlight

Yale Public Schools – Fall Newsletter

## Welcome Back Bulldogs!

We are gearing up for another outstanding school year at Yale Schools and we can't wait for our students and staff to come back! It has been a busy summer as we have completed a number of projects this summer. Below are just a few of the projects that have been either been completed or will be finished early this fall and how they were funded:

- Parking lot seal and striping– Yale Jr. High and Avoca Elem. (Sinking Fund Project)
- New roof – Yale Elementary and John F. Farrell Elementary (Sinking Fund Project)
- New public address & clock systems at each school (Bond Project)
- New secure door access with video component in all schools (MI State Police School Safety Grant Project)
- New Nightlock classroom door security devices for all classrooms in the district (MI State Police School Safety Grant)
- New hallway painting in Yale High School (General Fund)
- Removal of trees Yale Elementary and Yale Jr. High (General Fund)
- Classroom sound amplification systems Yale High School (General Fund)
- Street and parking sign replacement (General Fund)

As you may remember, our community passed a \$15.8 million dollar bond last year to support the replacement of infrastructure projects such as the replacement of boiler systems, classroom heating units, a roof at Yale Junior High and much more. Due to supply chain issues and concerns related to material shortages, we elected to delay the work in until the summer of 2023 for Yale Jr. High. Work at the other schools will occur in the summer of 2024 for new uninvent heating systems and more.

### Important Back to School Information

- First Day of School.....Tuesday, August 30
- Yale High School - 9th Grade Orientation - 6:30-8:00 PM.....Tuesday, August 23
- Yale Junior High Open House - 6:30 - 8:00 PM.....Wednesday, August 24
- Avoca Elementary Open House - 5:00 PM Children's Center, Kindergarten, ECSE;  
5:30 - 6:30 PM 1st - 5th Grade.....Wednesday, August 24
- Farrell Emmett Elementary Open House - 4:30 PM - Children's Center;  
5:30 - 6:30 Kdg-5th Grade..Wednesday, August 24
- Yale Elementary Open House - 5:00 PM Children's Center, Kindergarten  
6:00 PM -1st-5th Grade.....Wednesday, August 24



### Important Fall Dates

- August 30  
First Day of School
- September 24  
Alumni Reunion at Yale HS
- October 12 & 14  
JH/HS Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 21 (New Date)  
Homecoming
- October 25, 27 & 31  
Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 16  
JH/HS Parent Teacher Conferences

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## Innovative Programs at Yale Schools

We have had a great deal of success in Yale because of the outstanding students, staff, parents, and community that support our district. We are continuously seeking ways to match student interests to programs that enhance their learning experience. This past year we added developmental kindergarten at Yale Elementary and art at Yale Junior High. We also developed drama, an audio/visual club, e-sports, and a trap team thanks to a generous donation from the DuPont family for the students at Yale High School. This year we are adding a leadership development class at YHS and have expanded the drama and audio visual clubs into classes that students can take. Our developmental kindergarten has also expanded after a successful first year as it is offered at Yale Elementary and Farrell Elementary.



YHS students excelled in our first play in over a decade.

In addition to these new programs, we are also improving other hands-on learning opportunities in Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) using Project Lead the Way (elementary schools), Mi-STAR science (junior high), Michigan Natural Sciences (high school - FIM [Focus Instructional Model]) . Our programs are only as good as the staff that lead them and our staff is second to none!

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## Yale Alumni Reunion Returns— September 24

We are very pleased to share that the Yale Alumni Reunion Luncheon is back after a two year hiatus. The Yale Alumni Association will be hosting this luncheon at Yale High School on Saturday, September 24th. The event will begin with a social hour from 11:30 a.m. and lunch to follow at 12:30 p.m. in the Yale High School cafeteria. This event is for alumni from 1942-1972 that graduated from Yale.

This is a great time to meet old friends, reminisce about great times, look over photos, and enjoy a day with friends. Anyone interested in attending this event is encouraged to contact Patt Bertram (810)387-3785, Paul Williams (810)387-2839, or Ginger Fulmer at (352)228-0027. The cost for the lunch is \$15 and interested parties must respond by September 10th to reserve their spot.

**We are very fortunate to have the supportive alumni that have funded over ninety scholarships for YHS graduates over the last nineteen years! This amazing group continues to do great things to support our Bulldogs!**



*Did you know that the Yale Alumni Association supports scholarships each year for our graduates?*





# Guidelines for the Release of Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Yale Public School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, Yale Public School District may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Yale Public Schools to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications.

Directory information, which is information generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories (names, addresses, and telephone listings) unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want Yale Public Schools to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing to the **Superintendent at 198 School Drive, Yale, MI 48097**. Yale Public Schools has designated the following as directory information:

- student’s name
- student’s address
- telephone listing
- electronic mail address
- photograph
- date and place of birth
- major field of study
- dates of attendance
- grade level
- participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- weight and height of members of athletic teams
- degrees, honors, and awards received
- the most recent educational agency or institution attended
- building yearbook



**FERPA**  
Family Educational  
Rights & Privacy Act

## Advanced Notice of Pesticide Treatment

**NOTICE**

State of Michigan law requires that schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Yale Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or day care grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school. The second method will be by posting on the district website ([www.ypsd.us](http://www.ypsd.us)).

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact our offices to request and complete a notification form.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school’s Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. If you have any questions pertaining to this treatment contact: **Yale Public Schools, Jared Shutko, Building & Grounds Director (810)387-3231 ext. 6270 or email [jshutko@ypsd.us](mailto:jshutko@ypsd.us)**





## Student Not Feeling Well?



As we approach another school year, we once again ask for your support with a number of important issues, including student illness. It has been a common practice for families in our district to keep students home when they are not feeling well as a way to limit the spread of illness. We are asking for families to remain vigilant again this year and refrain from sending students to school if they are not feeling well. In general, a child should be fever and symptom free for 24 hours before sending students back to school for most common illnesses such as influenza, strep throat, Covid-19, and much more. This helps keep all of our students in school, which is critical for student academic success.

## Julie’s Kids— Helping Our Community



Erin Kovach & Renee Morris with members of Farm Bureau of St. Clair County

The Yale community is incredibly generous with both time and financial resources aimed to support those in need. Nowhere is this more apparent than with the Julie’s Kids program. This program, named after YPSD social worker Julie Jowett-Lee, supports students with backpacks, food items, clothing, and so much more. This award-winning program is supported by our present counselors and social workers each year. Farm Bureau of St. Clair County heard about this program and donated two pigs that will be used to support families in our area. We greatly appreciate the support of Farm Bureau of St. Clair County for this program and their generous donation!

## School Lunch Changes— Free Lunch Program Ends

When the 2021-2022 school year came to a close, the free meal program for every student supported by the federal government also came to an end. As you may know, congress declined to continue funding this program.

This means all families will need to carry a positive balance in their student’s school meal accounts when school begins in the fall.

We understand this change may cause some concern as budgets have gotten tighter as a result of inflation and other factors. There are important steps that you can take today to be sure your student receives the meals they need this year.

If your student qualifies for free or reduced meals, they can still receive them this year, but you must take action to make it happen. Please follow the step below:

1. Complete the 2022-2023 online application, which will be available on

the district’s website at <https://www.ypsd.us/Administration2/6> or in each school’s back to school newsletter.

If you do not qualify for free or reduced meals, you may begin depositing money into student accounts at any time. The district is maintaining pre-pandemic lunch prices as we know the strain this can put on families:

Elementary breakfast - universally free

JH & HS breakfast- \$1.75

Elementary lunch - \$2.25

JH & HS lunch - \$2.50, premium \$3.00

Please note that if your student has a negative lunch account balance, we encourage you to pay it off as soon as possible and then begin depositing money into the account at [yale.familyportal.cloud](http://yale.familyportal.cloud). On this site you can create, access, and manage your account from your mobile device or computer.

We strongly encourage all families to

complete the free and reduced lunch application as this not only helps families, but also dictates how much financial support we receive from the Federal government for many programs. We greatly appreciate your attention to this important matter.

For assistance, please contact our Food Service Department at 810-387-4542 at your earliest convenience.



# YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2022-2023 CALENDAR

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Aug 18 Board of Education @ Pine River Nature Center  
 Aug 23 New Teachers Report  
 Aug 24-25 ALL Teachers Report  
 Aug 30 First Day Students Report

Sept 2 Labor Day Holiday – No School  
 Sept 5 Labor Day Holiday - No School  
 Sept 8 Board of Education @ C.O. 7:00 PM  
 Sept 28 Students AM K - 12, Teacher In-Service PM

Oct 6 Board of Education @ C.O. 7:00 PM  
 Oct 12 Parent Conferences 6 - 12 (5-8 PM)  
 Oct 14 Parent Conferences 6 - 12 (12-3 PM)  
 6-12 No School PM, K - 5 Full Day  
 Oct 21 Homecoming (vs Macomb Lutheran North)  
 Oct 25 Parent Conferences K - 5 (5-8 PM)  
 K - 12 Full Day  
 Oct 27 Parent Conferences K - 5 (5-8 PM)  
 K - 12 Full Day  
 Oct 31 K-5 Conferences (12:30-3:30 PM)  
 K-5 AM Classes Only

Nov 4 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends 6 - 12  
 Nov 9 Students AM K - 12, Teacher In-Service PM  
 Nov 10 Board of Education @ YES 7:00 PM  
 Nov 16 Parent Conferences 6 - 12 (3-6 PM)  
 Nov 22 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends K - 5  
 K - 5 No School PM, 6 - 12 Full Day  
 Nov 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

Dec 8 Board of Education @ AES 7:00 PM  
 Dec 22 Christmas Holiday Begins – No School

Jan 5, 2023 Classes Resume  
 Jan 12 Board of Education @ FES 7:00 PM  
 Jan 16 No School – Full Day Teacher In-Service  
 Jan 18 6 - 12 AM Exams (6-12 No PM Classes)  
 Jan 19 6 - 12 AM Exams (6-12 No PM Classes)  
 Jan 20 K - 12 AM Exams, K - 12 No School PM  
 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ends 6 - 12

Feb 9 Board of Education @ YHS 7:00 PM  
 Feb 14 Students AM K - 12, Teacher In-Service PM  
 Feb 17 Mid-Winter Break – No School  
 Feb 20 Mid-Winter Break – No School

Mar 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends K - 5  
 K - 5 No School PM, 6 -12 Full Day  
 Mar 9 Board of Education @ YJH 7:00 PM  
 Mar 15 Students AM K - 12, Teacher In-Service PM  
 Mar 24 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends 6 - 12  
 Mar 27 Spring Break Starts - No School K - 12

Apr 3 Classes Resume  
 Apr 13 Board of Education @ C.O. 7:00 PM  
 April 7 Good Friday – No School

May 4 Board of Education @ C.O. 7:00 PM  
 May 19 Students AM K - 12, Teacher In-Service PM  
 May 20 Graduation (Saturday) 2:00 PM  
 May 29 Memorial Day Holiday – No School

June 7 - 9 K - 12 AM Exams, K - 12 No School PM  
 June 9 Students/Teachers Last Day of School

JANUARY 2023						
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JUNE 2023						
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Student Non-Attendance Days