

YPSILANTI HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

2008-09



ATHLETIC STUDY TABLE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 2:40-3:45 p.m.; Room 100

Contact: Charles Fuller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, 714-1008

ALL Ypsilanti High School students—not only athletes—who would like to better achieve grades in Math and English are encouraged to attend the Study Table. The personalized learning environment with two teachers in an after-school setting provides the opportunity to build a positive relationship leading to success in the classroom.

BPA – BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., Room 102

Contact: Patricia Thomas, 714-1267

The YHS BPA club invites any student currently enrolled in a business, economics, graphic design (RCTC) and Computer Systems Technology (RCTC) class to join. Students compete and network with professionals and other students who share the same business interests. There are over 55 different areas of competitive events available for students to showcase their expertise. Yearly dues for the National and State associations are collected at the beginning of the school year. Students may fundraise for the opportunity to compete at the Regional, State and National level. College scholarships are available for successful students. This organization—along with the DECA Marketing Club—own, operate, and manage the Spirit School Store and the concession stand at Ypsilanti High School.

THE B SIDE: THE BUSINESS SIDE OF YOUTH

Saturday, 1:00-4:00 p.m., EMU College of Business (downtown Ypsilanti)

Contact: Angelina Hamilton Broderick; EMU 487-6570 or bideofyouth.com

The B Side provides students with entrepreneurial education and support to develop youth-owned and youth-run businesses. Students will complete B Side with an understanding and knowledge of entrepreneurship, an idea for a business, and a business proposal. Basics will be offered beginning October 18 and ending December 13.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Contact: Artemis Alex, 714-1268

What are Career Pathways? Career Pathways provide a focus for a student's educational experience. They are six broad groupings of careers that share similar characteristics and whose employment requirements call for many common interests, strengths and competencies. The six Michigan Career Pathways are Arts and Communication; Business Management, Marketing, and Technology; Engineering, Industrial, and Manufacturing Technology; Health Sciences; Human Services; and Natural Resources and Agriscience. Students begin to identify their Career Pathways by completing an Education Development Plan (EDP)—see below regarding the EDP process.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN (EDP)

Contact: Artemis Alex at 714-1268

Educational Development Plans (EDPs) are part of a larger, more comprehensive academic and career planning process that all 7th –12th graders must complete and review/revise annually to reflect their experiences and education. Students focus on the following areas as they develop their EDP:

- Careers/School of Interest
- Four-Year Education Plan (Courses taken yearly/credits received)
- Career Pathways
- Career and Life Goals
- Career Planning Activities
- Post-Secondary Plans
- Activities and Abilities
- Extracurricular Activities
- Skills and Abilities
- Awards and Certificates
- Work Experience
- Volunteer Experiences

By accessing the "Career Cruising" web site (careercruising.com), students are able to complete a self-inventory and to research post-secondary institutions and their admissions requirements including ACT scores, tuition, and various community colleges and universities that will serve their career needs. They are also able to take a virtual tour of the colleges they are considering attending for Fall 2009. Contact your child's counselor to discuss your child's EDP. For additional Career Preparation and Development information contact Artemis Alex, Career Preparation Coordinator, at 714-1268.

DECA MARKETING CLUB

Thursday, Rm. 102

Contact: Patricia Thomas, 714-1267

DECA is for all Marketing students who are interested in community service projects. Students are also responsible for the Spirit School Store operations. DECA is a business club for the student who is interested in a career in Marketing in any business field. Students work with EMU as well as the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Lansing. Fundraising continues throughout the year in order that students can attend competitions leading them to opportunities for college scholarships. Special conventions are available in New York for students interested in Finance and Apparel/Accessories Marketing and in Florida at Disney World for Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

DRAMA CLUB

Tuesday, 2:35-4:00 p.m., Room 403

Contact: Karen Siegel, 714-1007

Drama Club is for all students who love the theatre! The Ypsilanti High School Drama Program is ranked among the top programs in the nation. Join this group of fun, energetic theatre-lovers who participate in on-stage and off-stage activities. Students can participate in many field trips from small plays to Broadway productions, acting and entertaining experiences at local businesses, fun events such as the Café or Storytellers Evenings, and many other theatre opportunities with fellow thespians! New members are welcomed throughout the year.

EMU GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) “Serving the Class of 2012 at Ypsilanti High School”

Contact: Kelli Hatfield, 734-714-1246 or kelligearuppsi@aol.com

Through a wide variety of programs and events, GEAR UP’s goal is to motivate and help these students to greater academic achievement and to increase the number of students who apply and attend a post-secondary school. GEAR UP students will benefit from many programs including tutoring, mentoring, college visits, weekend and summer programs, career and cultural asset field trips, and much more. .

INDOOR TRACK CLUB

Meets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays at 2:45 p.m. in the Upper Gym

Contact: Coach Torin Moore in YHS @ 734-635-4409 or ethniccolors@yahoo.com or moore@ypsd.org

Are you ready to get in shape? Then this club is for you!! Condition and compete against other schools with the Indoor Track Club, or just do it to get in shape BUT you must have a physical on hand in the athletic office before you can begin. This club is open to all male and female YHS students. We will meet (3) days a week after school in the upper gym. See you there!!

INTERACT

Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Room 102

Contact: Patricia Thomas

Interact is Rotary International’s service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs whose local members provide support and guidance.

Student Interact members complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

INTERGROUP

Thursday, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; Room 114

CONTACT: Hans Sowder, 714-1142

This dynamic group of juniors discusses leadership skills, sources of conflict and ways they can help to improve YHS. The project is a partnership with the University of Michigan School of Social Work and strives to teach students dialogue skills, to equip them with skills to resolve conflicts, and to provide them with strategies to peacefully combat elements of social injustice in society. The program involves weekly workshops after school consisting of about 30 students. This club is for juniors only.

KEY CLUB

Thursday, 2:30–3:00 p.m., Media Center

Contact: Mark McClure, 714-1013

The Key Club, the junior division of Kiwanis, welcomes all YHS students into their organization. Students must have a 2.0 GPA in order to qualify for membership. A fee of \$12 for annual dues helps with many needy causes supported by this group. They contribute to many charitable causes, help the school with various functions and benefit many worthwhile organizations by collecting canned goods, toys, etc. Please join us for the next meeting!

MOCK TRIAL

Wednesday, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Room 403

Contact: Brittlyn Hall, University of Michigan; 714-1007

The Mock Trial program involves 9th-12th grade students in mock trial led by University of Michigan law students. The goal is to hone speaking, analytical, writing, and reading skills while exposing students to professional careers and the pursuit of higher education.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Meets monthly on Fridays in Rm. 206

Contact: Robin Evans, 714-1160

The National Honor Society is an honorary organization. Students are nominated and selected after the first semester of their Junior year. Selection is based on cumulative grade point average (3.25 and higher), leadership, character and service. A second chance for membership comes at the close of second semester during their Junior year. NHS students meet once a month and plan activities for the group. Members of the National Honor Society act as guides at various school functions such as open house, conferences, registration, etc. Officers for the National Honor Society are elected each fall.

JR. NASBE

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NASBE)

Monday, Thursday, 2:45-4:15 p.m.; Room 123

Contact: James Tuttle, YHS or Sherita Gray, sheritag@umich.edu

Free tutoring! As part of the NSBE Pre-College Initiative, The National Society of Black Engineers at the University of Michigan is offering tutoring for all pre-college students for the purpose of promoting college, academics, technology and leadership to pre-college students. The primary focus is to encourage students to develop interest and skills in math and science.

TORCH PROGRAM—Technical Outreach and Community Help NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NASBE)

**Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Leave YHS for UM College of Engineering Campus
September 13-December 6**

Contact: Kim Hawkins, nsbetorch@umich.edu; or kimbeerni@umich.edu (313) 598-5334

The TORCH program will aid students in studying for the mathematics and science reasoning portions of the American College Test (ACT). In addition, the program will also have workshops geared to the professional and technical development of the students. TORCH provides mentorships and presents collegiate necessities and aids (Scholarships, Admissions.)

PALLADIAN

Tuesday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Room 232

Contact: Mrs. Carolyn Griffin at 714-1179

Since 1983, THE PALLADIAN creative arts magazine has published student stories, poetry, essays, cartoons and art work. All YHS students may submit creative works to this publication. The volunteer staff meets weekly on Tuesdays after school. Artists, writers, typists, and proofreaders are needed. The student staff selects, edits, does layouts, publishes and sells two issues of the magazine yearly. The magazines are also entered in a national contest each year where they have received first or second rating during the last six years.

PTSO

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., Media Center

Contact: Sharon Caudill, PTSO President, 485-8265

The PTSO Group is open to all parents, teachers, students and community members interested in Ypsilanti High School. Join us and get involved! We plan to concentrate on communication between the high school, home, and community; advocate for programs that benefit our students, and work with school staff, administration and the community in making Ypsilanti High School a great place for everyone. We plan to bring special speakers from the community. Please join us for open discussion with Principal Brown and make a difference!

ROBOTICS TEAM

Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Room 139

Contact: Trudy Adams, 714-1183

Are you a “gearhead” at heart? A potential engineer? A creative problem solver? Do you want to learn computer programming? Develop entrepreneurial skills? Then the Robotics Team may be just the activity you are looking for!

YHS’s award winning Robotics Team, **Team 470, Alpha Omega Robotics**, is affiliated with the national F.I.R.S.T.* Robotics Competition program and competes in the Great Lakes Regional Competition at EMU each year. Students in robotics—men and women!—are trained to design a robot to stated specifications, to operate all machining equipment used to build the robot, and to program the electronics that run the robot. Along the way, students engage in fundraising and community service, work closely with professional engineers and business people, have a great time, and make friends. 90% of Alpha Omega Team members have gone on to college after graduation. Many former team members have earned jobs based on their Robotics Team skills and experiences.

***F. I. R. S. T.—FOR INSPIRATION & RECOGNITION of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

SENIOR CABINET

Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Room 226

Contact: Allison Schreiber and Cynthia Fassbender

Senior Cabinet is the governing body of the Senior Class. Membership in Senior Cabinet is open to all seniors with the completion of an application. Elected officers do have to meet other requirements. Senior Cabinet meets every week to plan the Senior activities for the year and participates in community service projects to give back to the community which has helped them make it to their Senior year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Room 235

Contact: Nina Davis, 714-1182

The objective of Student Council is to promote a positive learning environment for students at Ypsilanti High School. The Student Council is open to any student at YHS. We have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative for each grade. Elections are held at the end of each school year for the following school year. Elections for freshmen representatives are held at the beginning of the school year. Student Council is responsible for the Red Cross Blood Drive, Homecoming parade, Homecoming Dance, Coming Home dance, pep rallies and various fundraisers. Most of all we bridge the connection between the High School, the administration and the community.

UPWARD BOUND

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:40–4:00 p.m., Room 124

Contact: Florence Andrews or Corey Baskin (EMU) at 487-0488

The program provides academic planning and tutoring, career exploration and cultural and social enrichment activities. Several college visits and exciting field trips in and out of state are also a part of the program. For questions or more information please call 487-0488.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING YPSILANTI PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Contact: Office of Engineering Outreach and Engagement

www.engin.umich.edu/outreach/

Together we are engaging today's teachers, training tomorrow's scientists and engineers, and opening pathways to exciting careers. Two of our programs are:

Teaching Fellows—Graduate students are paired with teachers in math and science classes to share their knowledge of applications of math and science concepts to help motivate student to higher achievement.

Parent Learning Community Program—This series of meetings which are open to all parents, family members and their students are designed to allow the community, especially parents, to help each student see her/himself as a successful college student and to learn the importance of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education. Continuous communication about school and learning is paramount to helping students gain a greater conceptualization of a promising future. Meeting dates will be announced and held in the YHS Media Center 7-8:30 p.m.

YPSILANTI PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

**Contact: Henry McQueen, Foundation Director or Carol Gannon, Secretary, at 714-1052
Room 241**

Ongoing throughout the year.

The YPS Foundation is an excellent way to earn volunteer hours for class or group requirements or for those college applications. The Foundation hosts events throughout the year to raise money for student scholarships, classroom grants, and special clubs or activities. Come and volunteer in the office or with fundraising projects or with special events! Stop by the office and sign up!

