



THE YASUHARA ODYSSEY

DECEMBER 2022

YASUHARA COMMUNITY STRONG:



Yasuhara's Communities in Schools program recently delivered

89 turkey dinners to our community for the Thanksgiving holiday, in addition to our bite2go program that allows students to bring home a bag of food for the weekend. This resource is available to all Yasuhara families. If you would like your student to bring home food please contact Yasuhara's Communities in Schools program.

REMINDERS:

Winter Break

December 19th - January 2nd, Happy Holidays! Enjoy your time with friends & family.

Basketball

7th grade basketball is coming up for boys & girls. First practice is January 3rd, 2023. If you want to play, please make sure to sign up on Final Forms and get your sports physical turned in before the break is over.

Semester 1 Ends February 2nd

Now is the time to check with your advisory teachers to make sure all assignments are in.

Lost & Found

Any lost and found items not collected by December 16th will be donated.

Absences

If your student misses school for any reason, please report and excuse their absence at 509-824-8201

Yasuhara is a fragrance-free zone. No perfumes, body sprays, scented hand sanitizers, etc. Thank you for keeping staff & student safety a priority.



Yasuhara's Humanities classes went on a field trip to the Museum of Arts and Culture on November 7th. They viewed the Campbell House, the "Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks", American Impressionism, and Gift of a Moment exhibits. The students' favorite exhibit was the tour of the Campbell House, with its turn-of-the-century lifestyle on display.

Students also visited the Spokane House Interpretive Center to learn about tribal history from Warren Seyler, a Spokane tribe historian.

The class also had opportunity to speak to rangers about the fur trade that brought many white settlers to Spokane territory.



Sports Update

Yasuhara volleyball season is off to a great start! Our players have been working hard every day in practice and it shows. This season our varsity team has already won two games and we are hoping to continue that streak. With one win against Shaw and another against Glover, our varsity team is getting ready for a hard battle against the undefeated Garry Ravens. Our JV team is also doing great things; tying both teams they have played and continuing to grow as players.



We are looking forward to the rest of our season and love all of the support our families, staff and community have shown our players. Can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming games. Look at the Yasuhara website for upcoming games and cheer us on!

A Message from the Principal:

Hello Yasuhara Families,
Happy December to all of you. It's hard to believe we're approaching winter break. It's been a great start to the school year. We are so lucky to get to come to school and work every day in such a beautiful building. Even better than that are the amazing staff and students who have worked so hard to build our culture and community at Yasuhara. As you know, our entire year will be a year of "Firsts". Our students have risen to the occasion and have shown who the Phoenix truly are.

We are happy to establish our first teams of athletes, the first members of our ASB, our first team of students establishing relationships with Generation Alive, our first AVID students. These are a few of the things we are proud of but there are so many more.

Our students and staff have perseverance and passion. We are proud of our students who have taken the leap to prove who they are. Yasuhara Phoenix are leaders and it shows. We will be sending out this flyer monthly, so look to see what is up and coming. Thank you to our community and families for supporting our students. We look forward to a fantastic second half of the school year! Enjoy your winter break.



BARKLEY'S BITES

Great Grandma Towey's No Chill Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

1 Cup butter
1 1/2 Cups powdered sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla

3 Cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cream of tarter
1/2 tsp salt



Instructions:

Cream the butter & powdered sugar together until smooth. Cream in egg and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients together in a separate bowl, then slowly add to the wet mixture. Once mixed well, separate dough in half.

Roll out dough to 1/4" thickness and cut with cookie cutters. Combine scraps with the second half of dough and roll out again. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet.

Contributed by K. Marlett, Business Office Secretary



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

"You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself." - **Nelson Mandela**

In life, if you want things to change, you must change. If you want things to get better, you need to get better.

GONZAGA CONNECTIONS:

Looking for an after school program with Bulldog appeal? Gonzaga Connections is dedicated to providing one-to-one support, encouragement, and tutoring for children from enthusiastic college students every Tuesday after school from 3:30-5:15 pm. If your student rides the bus regularly, our activities bus will drop them off at their regular stop after Gonzaga Connections is over. Permission slips are available in the office, or call Elizabeth Hawks for more information at 509-824-8217.

ZAGS CONNECT

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:



Generation Alive is a community program that empowers youth to compassionately engage the needs of their community through action and service.

Yasuhara Middle School will be raising money for Generation Alive to pack meals for community members in need. Just 25¢ sponsors one meal. Any amount helps! All students will participate in packing the food on December 9th.

**Wishing you a blessed and happy holiday season,
from all of us at Yasuhara Middle School.**

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