



YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

Family Orientation
August 10, 2023

WELCOME & PRAYER

*Dr. James Mosley
Superintendent*

COMMITMENTS

- Be engaged -- tech away, limit distractions
- Be open -- to changes and updates
- Be respectful -- attentive listening, minimal side conversations



AGENDA

- Leadership Updates -- Dr. Mosley
- Lower School Updates -- Ms. Lapid
- Upper School Updates -- Ms. Williams
- Campus Services Updates -- Mr. Gunn
- Orientation BINGO!
- Resource Fair -- Session 2 ONLY



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Dr. James Mosley



Leadership Updates



Chief of Staff
Amy Tanner



**Upper School
Principal**
Marian Williams



**Lower School
Principal**
Candice Lapid

**WE BELIEVE ALL
STUDENTS ARE BORN
WITH PURPOSE AND
DESTINED FOR
SUCCESS.**

OUR YELLOWSTONE THEME

2023-2024



Practice Excellence.
Be Premier.



Yellowstone Name Changes

Clarity/ease of understanding

Unify staff, school programs, strategy

Reflect shared mission, vision, culture,
leadership

Create a stronger brand

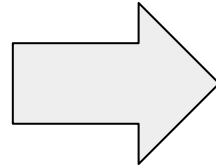
Who We Are

Yellowstone Schools consists of our lower school (a private Christian school serving PreK-5th grade) and our upper school (a tuition-free, public charter school growing to serve 6th-12th grade). Though two distinct legal and financial entities, we collectively refer to ourselves as Yellowstone Schools to reflect our shared mission, vision, values, culture, and leadership.



**Yellowstone
Academy**

**Yellowstone
College Prep**



**Yellowstone
Schools**

PreK-5th Grade

Former Names	New Names
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yellowstone Academy● YA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yellowstone Schools● “Lower School” or “Lower”● YS Lower

6th-12th Grade

Former Names	New Names
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yellowstone College Prep● YCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yellowstone Schools● “Upper School” or “Upper”● YS Upper

Special Note: You may still see “Yellowstone College Prep” on legal and financial documentation.

LOWER SCHOOL UPDATES

Candice Lapid
Lower School Principal



OFFICE HOURS & PROCEDURES

- Meetings and phone calls scheduled by phone or email request
 - clapid@yellowstoneschools.org
- Phone -- 7:15 to 4:00
- In Person -- 8:00 - 2:30



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Tuesday, August 15 -- doors will open at 7:15
- Students will go directly to their classrooms
- Caregivers may walk students to class on the first day only
 - Park at the church or gym, not on Trulley
 - Use Gate 1 (near the front office)
 - Exit by 7:45
 - Drop-off / Pick-up is on Lion's Way
- Homeroom assignments can be picked up today or on the first day of school



DAILY LOGISTICS

- Doors will open at 7:15
- Do not leave students unattended prior to 7:15
- Parents must drop off students at breezeway on Lion's Way and will not enter the building
- Students arriving after 7:45 will be marked tardy
 - Park at the church or gym lot
 - Escort student(s) to the front office to sign-in
 - Students take tardy pass to class



DISMISSAL

- Dismissal begins at 3:00
- Pickup is at the breezeway on Lion's Way
- Buses will depart campus by 3:15
- BE PATIENT 😊 The first week may take longer as we adjust!





UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Tops

					
Light Blue	Navy Blue	Goldenrod Yellow	Spirit shirt (Friday only)	College shirt (Friday only)	Plain Navy Sweatshirt

Bottoms

				
Khaki or Navy Uniform Pants	Khaki or Navy Uniform Shorts	Khaki or Navy Uniform Skirt	Khaki or Navy Uniform Jumper	Blue Jeans (Friday only)

DISCIPLINE & ATTENDANCE

DISCIPLINE

- Focus on safety & connection
- School & home partnership
- Family engagement

ATTENDANCE

- On time, stay all day!
- Tardy at 7:45
- Absent student calls
- Truancy meetings
- Excessive absences, possible retention or no enrollment

QUESTIONS?

Principal -- Candice Lapid
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Dean of Students -- Itajha Shields
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Director of Instruction -- Erica Carmouche
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Social Worker -- Tamisha Vital
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UPPER SCHOOL UPDATES

Marian Williams
Upper School Principal



Goals for the Year + initiatives

- ★ **95% Attendance Rate**
 - **SAFS & Reporting System**
 - **Attendance Calls**
- ★ **90% Students Earning Freedom Friday Each Week**
 - **PRIDE Points & LiveSchool Account**
- ★ **<5% Suspension Rate**
 - **New Character Development System & Advisory Program**
- ★ **100% Student Promotion**
 - **Academic Success Class**
- ★ **90% Students showing growth on NWEA Testing**
- ★ **65% Students exceeding NWEA growth targets**
- ★ **B+ School Rating (STAAR Assessment Performance)**

Key Initiatives

- PRIDE Points & Freedom Fridays
 - Anonymous Reporting
- Advisory
 - College prep, leadership lessons, life skills
 - Character development
 - Community circles
- Academic Success Class
 - Targeted Intervention Time
- Restorative practice
 - Reflection, Mindfulness Practice, & Mentorship
- SWAG campaign
 - Students With A Great book (love of learning)

Communication & Community Involvement

- LiveSchool
 - Get your log-in!
 - Download the app!
- Remind App
 - Sign up to get all updates
 - Emergencies
 - School Cancellations
 - Events
 - Dress Down Days
- PTO Sign-up

Policies & Procedures Review

- Uniform Policy
 - No outerwear with hoods
 - Outerwear expectations
 - See-through or clear backpacks
- Cell Phone Policy
 - No phones during class!!!
 - Off & out of sight in halls
 - Confiscation Policy
- Character Development (reset room referral)
 - Warning & reflection
 - Reflection & lunch detention
 - ISS & loss of privileges
 - OSS

Yellowstone Upper School Agreements

The **PRIDE** Five UPPER SCHOOL COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Positivity

My interactions will be positive & polite.

Responsibility

I will be on time, in uniform, & prepared for class with all electronics off & out of sight.

Integrity

I will make smart choices publicly & privately.

Determination

I will strive to overcome challenges & obstacles, instead of making excuses in order to reach my goals.

Excellence

I will give my best effort at all times.



First Day of School

- Please be on time!
 - 7:45 = suggested
 - 8:00 = latest
- Be in full uniform
- Drop off in Rear (Lion's Way)
- Report to Christ Commons

CAMPUS SERVICES UPDATES

Damon Gunn
Director of Campus Services



CLINIC

- Nurse Wright is available everyday--call or email with questions
- kwright@yellowstoneschools.org
- Medication--Need doctor permission for any kind of nurse administration

A student will not be allowed to remain in school or attend school if he/she presents with any of the following:

- *Temperature of 100.0 or greater*
- *Vomiting and/or diarrhea (3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period) regardless if student has/does not have a fever*
- *An undetermined rash*
- *Feeling too ill to remain at school*
- *Pink eye*
- *Positive for COVID-19*

TRANSPORTATION

- To sign up for Bus Transportation text your route preference and stop to the Transportation Hotline
281-317-6079
- Transportation table with route information
- Transportation is a PRIVILEGE not a RIGHT. We have high expectations for student/family behavior.
- Route Changes must be made by 12:00: Transportation Hotline
281-317-6079
- Additional details about routes, pick-up, etc.

FOOD SERVICE

- Fill out Socio-economic form
- Food allergy form available--need doctor's note
- Breakfast/lunch provided everyday at No Cost!
- No outside food orders delivered by parents, Uber, Door Dash, etc.

SAFETY & SECURITY

- Multiple Guards on camps
- Active Threat Plans/Drills
- Raptor -
- Drive Slow / Single lanes

UP NEXT . . .

- Get your BINGO card and visit each station
- Follow any order you'd like
- Report to the last table by the door to get your students' dress down pass (Upper School)



Thank you!

Contact Our Team

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