

# KINDLE'S KORNER

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

## **STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027**

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open, with the process exclusively online. If you are returning next year and are in grades JrK-11, we ask that you register by completing the annual census update in Infinite Campus. This update is a vital part of our record-keeping process and ensures that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information on file for your child. ***If you are not returning next year, please call your child's school to inform them of your move.***

Completing the census update will enable us to communicate important school-related information with you, such as emergency alerts, school events, and academic progress updates. It will also help us to ensure that our school is compliant with federal and state regulations, including those related to funding and program eligibility. **Doing this annual census update will register your child for school next year.**

To complete the annual census update, log in to your Campus Parent Portal account. From the "Menu", select, "More", and then "Online Registration". Choose the 2026-2027 registration form. **Please complete your annual census update by May 1, 2026.** For further instructions, please visit <https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/o/ysz/page/school-registration>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to another successful academic year with your child.

## **Yankton School District Spring Events**

YHS Spring Play/Musical @ YHS	April 16, 17, 18 & 20	7:00 PM
All Schools Orchestra Concert @ YHS	April 23	7:00 PM
YHS Prom Grand March @ YHS	April 25	7:30 PM
YHS Spring Choir Concert @ YHS	April 27	7:00 PM
YHS Athletic Awards Program @ YHS	April 30	6:30 PM
YSD Art Show @ YMS	May 1	4:00-8:00 PM
YSD Art Show @ YMS	May 2	11:00 AM-4:00 PM

YHS End of Year Band Concert @ YHS	May 4	7:00 PM
YMS End of Year Band Concert @ YHS	May 5	7:00 PM
YHS Academic Awards Program	May 11	6:30 PM
YHS Baccalaureate @ YHS	May 13	7:00 PM
Pre-School Graduation (1) @ TLC	May 14	5:30 PM
YHS Fine Arts Awards Program @ YHS	May 14	6:30 PM
YHS Graduation @ YHS	May 17	1:00 PM
Pre-School Graduation (2) @ TLC	May 18	5:30 PM

## **Yankton High School Graduation Class of 2026!**

### **Graduation**

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Yankton High School Gymnasium

Class Colors: Red and Black

Class Flower: Rose

Class Motto: "Chasing Excellence, Celebrating Every Step."

Cap & Gown Color: Black

Tassel Color: Red, White, and Black

## **YSD Science Olympiad Teams Onward to USC!**

Our Yankton School District Science Olympiad program has a strong tradition of success that our coaches and teams have built over the past 42 years. This is a science program for students in grades 6-12, of which they are broken into a middle school team (grades 6-9) and a high school team (9-12).

In order to qualify for the National Tournament, teams must win the State Tournament and accept their bid to Nationals. This year, the middle school team earned its 41st state title, and the high school team secured its 34th—both qualifying for the National Science Olympiad Tournament.

YMS and YHS teams will be traveling to the University of Southern California to represent the Yankton School District and the state of South Dakota at the National Science Olympiad, May 22-23, 2026. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be live streamed, so people all over the US can watch.

Opening Ceremonies starts off with the Parade of States with a group of students representing every school along with a keynote speaker. The night ends in an event called the Swap Meet where about 3000 students converge to “swap” items from their state/community.

Saturday is tournament day and both teams will compete against the best and brightest from every state across the US in 23 different science and engineering events. Saturday evening ends with the formal event of the Closing Ceremonies. Medals are presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place competitors in each event and then medals to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams with the overall best scores.

## **School Board Meetings**

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Yankton School Board Meetings are held at the Yankton School District Administration Building in the School Board Meeting Room.

School board meetings are live-streamed, as well as recorded and re-aired on public access channels on our local cable television. The meetings are also archived on the YSD Website <https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/video-archive>

## **Superintendent Presentations**

You are welcome to contact me regarding a presentation or personal visit. Additionally, if there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in a future Kindle’s Korner, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at [wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us](mailto:wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us)

I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or come to your facility/meeting place.

Henry Ford stated, **“Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success.”**