

KINDLE'S KORNER

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

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 begin 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 1st – 5th place competitors in each event and then medals to the 1st – 3rd place teams with the overall best scores.

Yankton School District’s Grab-N-Go Summer Food Program

The Yankton School District Summer Food Program will be offering Grab N Go meals this summer and will run from June 2-August 7th.

The Grab N Go meal program will be distributed from the Yankton Middle School cafeteria from 11am-1pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday’s sack will contain 3 breakfast meals and 3 lunch meals. Friday’s sack will contain 4 breakfast meals and 4 lunch meals. Along with the meals, fresh fruits, vegetables and a variety of milk/juices will all be included. Parents need to complete a registration form if they will be picking up meals for their children. If someone other than the child's parent will be picking up meals, the child must be present. This registration form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/XZhXNp1F9WzuxNh49>

The Summer Food Program is free for any child ages 1-18 years old in our community regardless of income.

Yankton Middle School – 2000 Mulberry Street on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11-1pm

School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd 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

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.”**