

# Yerington High School

*Newsletter*



**APRIL 2026**

# NOTE FROM ADMIN



## FROM MRS. SCEIRINE'S DESK

Ally Sceirine

Spring has sprung and April is here!

Our Spring Break is from April 6th to 10th.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for April 15th.

We have several students competing in the local livestock shows and getting ready for NJLS in Reno. This month also includes science assessments and end-of-course exams.

Our YHS track meet is scheduled for April 18th. We are in full swing with baseball and softball as we will be hosting home games every Saturday in April.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello YHS students and families!

As we head into the final months of the school year, it's important for students to stay focused and finish strong. Consistent study habits, such as reviewing notes daily, setting aside dedicated homework time, and asking for help when needed, can make a big difference in maintaining and improving grades. Staying organized with a planner or calendar can help students manage assignments, tests, and activities without feeling overwhelmed.

Time management is especially important during this time of year. Breaking larger tasks into smaller steps, avoiding procrastination, and balancing school responsibilities with rest and activities will help students stay on track. Seniors, in particular, may feel the "senior slump," but it's crucial to stay engaged, attend classes regularly, and complete all work to ensure they graduate.

Parents can support their students by encouraging good routines, checking in on progress, and celebrating effort along the way. Together, we can make these final months productive, positive, and rewarding for all students.

The finish line is in sight, so let's make it count!



# Career & College Readiness Coach

Happy Spring!

I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather! I've been focusing a lot lately on our Winter MAPS scores. Our kids are improving their scores as the year goes on across all grade levels. Growth is what we want to see, and our kids have definitely hit the mark in growth from Fall to Winter.

Our next MAPS testing will be in the Spring, so we will be able to analyze not only their growth from Winter to Spring, but also from Fall to Spring. This is important for analyzing the knowledge and skills our students have learned throughout the year and identifying areas that we need to improve upon as educators.

I continue to work with some of our underperforming students, offering both Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions. Our goal is to transition our Tier 2 students back into regular Tier 1 instruction.

If your student is struggling academically, please feel free to reach out, as I am an additional resource for your child.

Thank you!

—Ms. Scott

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COMPLETE SENTENCE, HOW THE  
SECOND SEMESTER IS GOING.

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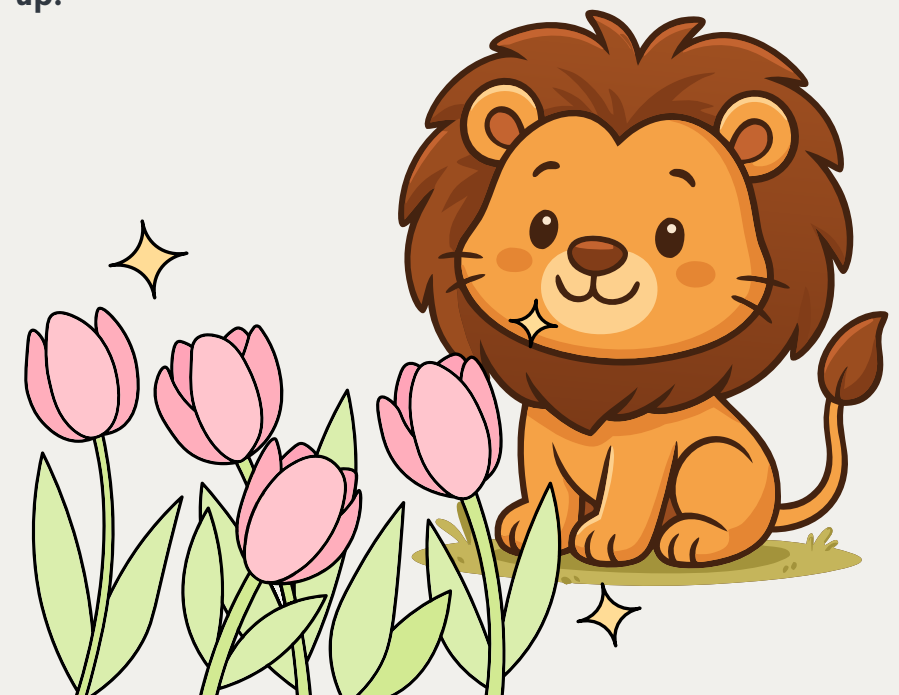
## STUDENT VOICES

WRITTEN BY SERENNA (11TH), MADISYN (10TH),  
SALEEN (9TH), LILLY (9TH)

**Serenna:** As we start the new month, keep in mind that all beginnings are beautiful. Even if they start out rough, you can make it through.

**Madisyn:** Wow, April already! That's insane! We only have 2 months and 2 weeks left, so let's make the most of the little time left for our seniors!

**Saleen:** I can't believe we're almost through the school year. Keep pushing through and don't give up!



# Athletics Update

Happy Spring, Lions fans!

Spring sports are in full bloom with our track, baseball, softball, and golf programs competing weekly.

Below are the dates and locations for Regionals:

- Baseball: May 8-9 at Pershing County.
- Softball: May 8-9 at Pershing County.
- Golf: May 5 at Fallon.
- Track: May 8-9 at Reno.

The baseball concession stand just had a new sink installed and will be open for the remainder of the season!

We are already looking ahead to fall sports for the 2026-27 season. If you are interested in playing a fall sport, please make sure you grab a physical packet and have it completed BEFORE the first day of open field/open gym. The best time to get this done is in June. Please remember that we only need page 7 (Medical Eligibility Form) turned in. We also need the RMA completed (online registration) and LCSD policy JB and JFCJ signed and turned in. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Scott in room 11A.



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## Agriculture Science Update



In Ag Science, we have been busy in the greenhouse! We have roughly 7,500 plants growing, and they will be for sale starting mid-April. Our greenhouse hours will be Monday through Thursday, 2:45–3:30.

At the end of March, we competed at the 97th Nevada FFA State Convention. We had teams compete in Ag Mechanics, Floriculture, Milk Quality & Products, and Vet Science. We did pretty well overall, placing in the top 15 teams in each event. During this event, our own Ms. Sexson received the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher of the Year award!

Also in March, we hosted a pet shelter drive for the local dog shelter. We gathered many pounds of dog food, as well as toys, blankets, and other dog accessories.

We are also launching our School-Based Enterprise Student-Run Businesses. These will include apiary manager, greenhouse manager, chicken flock manager, and pet treat manager. We are very excited about these and are looking forward to seeing the students grow each business. Applications will be due April 24th.



## PE Updates – Mr. Mansour

### Yerington High School P.E. – April Newsletter

Spring is here, and our P.E. classes are staying active and engaged as we continue building fitness, skills, and teamwork!

#### **Mile Runs & Fitness Progress**

Students have been working hard on their mile runs as part of our ongoing fitness assessments. These runs help track individual progress, build endurance, and set personal goals. We encourage students to focus on improvement and perseverance—every second counts!

#### **Dynamic Warm-Ups**

Each class continues to begin with our dynamic warm-up routine. These exercises are designed to improve flexibility, coordination, and overall athletic performance while helping prevent injuries. Students are becoming more confident in proper technique and movement patterns.

#### **Current Unit: Ultimate Frisbee**

We are currently in our Ultimate Frisbee unit, where students are learning the fundamentals of throwing, catching, offensive movement, and defensive strategies. This unit emphasizes teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship, as well as understanding game rules and flow. It has been great to see students actively engaged and supporting one another.

#### **Up Next: Lacrosse**

Our next unit will be lacrosse! Students will be introduced to basic skills such as cradling, passing, catching, and shooting. We will also focus on safety, spacing, and game strategies. Lacrosse is a fast-paced and exciting sport, and we are looking forward to getting started.

#### **Reminders:**

- Encourage your student to wear proper athletic shoes and clothing each day
- Stay hydrated—bring a water bottle to class
- Effort and participation are key to success in P.E.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's keep moving and make it a great month!

"Let's Go Lions"

The first 5 students to email Mrs. Sexson something they want to be remembered for will earn 20 Roar Points!





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## YHS Music

March was “Music in Our Schools Month,” and Yerington did amazing things. The YHS concert band attended the NZNMEA high school band festival at the Carson Community Center on

March 4th. Our band members were fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to several Northern Nevada high school bands present their performances for their fellow bands and for the two collegiate-level adjudicators who scored performances against a rigid rubric. YHS delivered an impressive performance of the three songs we spent February and March preparing for this event. We also had the world premiere of our commissioned work, “Robby’s Lips: The Embouchure Saga,” in honor of former

YHS concert band alum Robert Garcia, who passed away this January in an auto accident. “Wear your seatbelts! Even if you are just driving in town.” Scoring ranges from V (Poor) to I (Superior). The YHS concert band earned a solid II (Excellent) from both judges and received praises from other bands and directors.



The YHS choir attended their NZNMEA high school choir event on March 12th, also at the Carson Community Center. Despite the fact that we had only 8 of the 10 active members of the choir in attendance that day, the choir put on a spectacular performance and earned a solid I (Superior) from both judges, along with boisterous applause from those in the audience. We are small, but we are mighty!

On March 10th, the Yerington all-volunteer Jazz Ensemble began their zero-period rehearsals. The Jazz Ensemble is open to any YIS or YHS band musicians who have the ability to drag themselves out of bed early to attend our 7:00 a.m. rehearsals. We currently have 13 members who are learning and perfecting a set to be performed at the 2026 NZNMEA Jazz Night at Carson High School on Friday, May 15th. We will also repeat our performance at the 2026 YHS instrumental concert at the Yerington Theater of the Arts on Wednesday, May 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

## YHS Drama

The YHS Drama club participated in the first-ever LCSD Drama Festival at Fernley HS on Saturday, March 21st. Here, our thespians had the opportunity to engage in acting events in monologues, duos, and ensembles, musical theater performances, and costume, makeup, and set design competitions. Students also attended workshops hosted by Reno Improv and participated in the student showcase and awards at the end of the night.

Back by popular demand, the YHS Drama club will make a curtain call and perform their first-semester production of “Check Please” for YHS students who purchase a ticket with their PBIS points. This will be a Friday morning performance in the Theater of the Arts, and students will be dismissed from regular class time to attend the performance.

With the crazy busy music schedule between YIS and YHS, time is at a premium. With little time for the rehearsals needed for a full production, the YHS Drama club is gearing up for their short and sweet spring performance of “Check Please:

Take 2” on May 19.

# Student Accomplishments



MAKAYLA FRAZIER WON FIRST PLACE AND THE LIONS CLUB ZONE SPEECH CONTEST. SHE MOVED ON TO COMPLETE IN BISHOP, CALIFORNIA AT THE ZONE CONTEST ON MARCH 26. WHERE SHE WON FIRST PLACE! SHE EARNED A \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP AND WILL CONTINUE TO THE NEXT LEVEL!



REY GUERRERO'S \$2000 TRADE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION. IT IS FROM THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF RENO.



# English Department



Fleet Reserve Americanism -  
Patriotism National Essay  
Contest

YHS brought home \$675  
dollars divided between the  
9 student winners!



9th graders: Bronson Borsini  
(3rd), Zophia Guerrero  
(2nd), and Emma Milne  
(1st).



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Contest*



11 graders: Emma Spurgeon  
(3rd), Isla Hoye (2nd) not  
pictured, and Makayla  
Frazier (1st).



Seniors: Matthew Tucker  
(3rd), Daniel Dominguez  
(2nd), and Leilani Canales  
(1st)

# English Department



State Champion Poetry Out Loud winner, Mari Basaca Fuentes prepares to compete in Washington D.C. April 26-29!

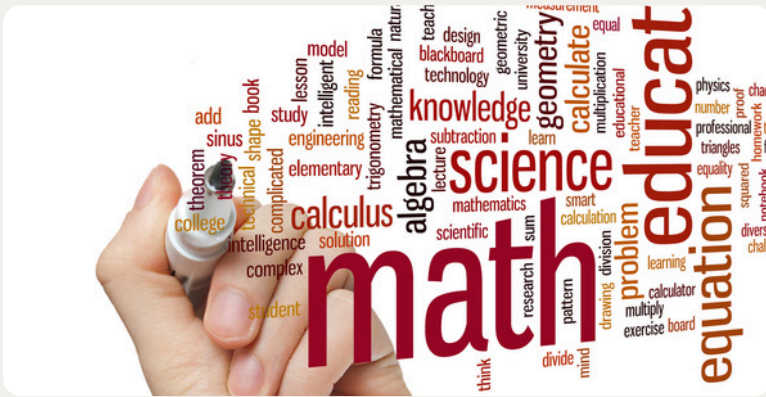
A huge congratulations to Mari Basaca Fuentes, Nevada's 2026 Poetry Out Loud State Champion!

Mari will proudly represent Yerington High School and Nevada at the national finals in Washington, D.C., this April, taking her powerful voice to the national stage!

In recognition of America's 250th anniversary in 2026, this year's Poetry Out Loud program featured poems that commemorate the rich tapestry of American history and culture, making Mari's achievement even more meaningful.



# MATH & SCIENCE



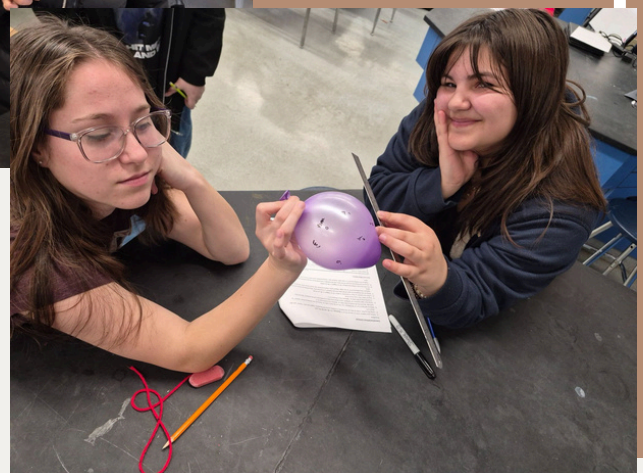
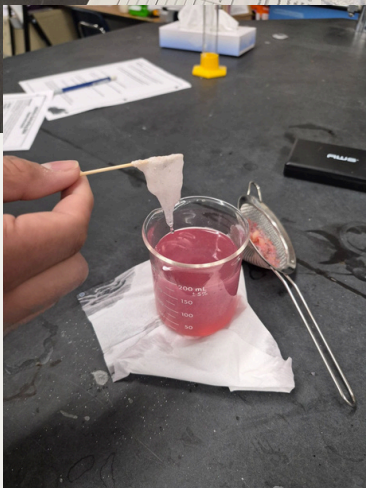
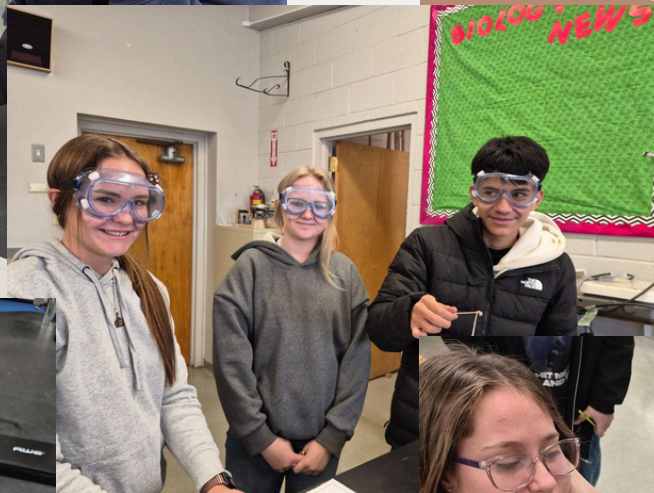
Students engaged in hands-on learning this month! Biologists, students extracted DNA from strawberries to see the genetic material found in living things. Astronomers, students created models to show how the universe expands.

## MATH DEPARTMENT

- Mrs. Gina Moreda – Department Chair, Algebra I, Pre-Algebra
- Ms. Jennifer Kile – Algebra I, Algebra II, Math 126/127, Edgenuity
- Mr. Eric Soto – Math 95/96, Geometry

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Ms. Melissa Wood – Biology, Astronomy, Chemistry
- Ms. Tiffany Rogers – Environmental Science, Biology
- Ms. Sara Gutierrez – Health, Health Science I, Anatomy & Physiology



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## National Honors Society

IN FEBRUARY, NHS MEMBERS MADE VALENTINES AND GAVE THEM OUT AT THE MASON VALLEY SENIOR RESIDENCE.



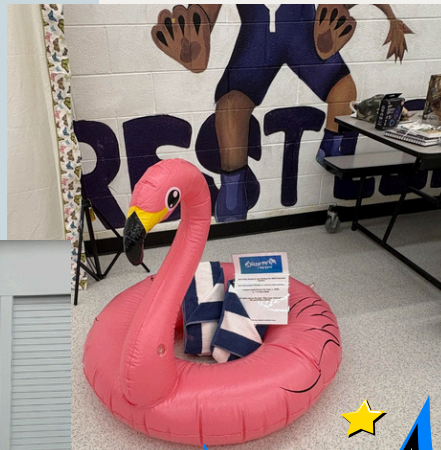
**NHS hosted a gratitude breakfast for first responders on March 22. A few member's moms came and assisted with cooking. Thank you, moms!**



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MARCH 20TH WE HAD  
OUR 3RD ANNUAL BINGO  
NIGHT! THERE WERE  
SOME GREAT PRIZES  
AND WE HAD A LOT OF  
FUN. THE HISPANIC  
HERITAGE CLUB, FFA,  
DRAMA CLUB, AND NHS  
SOLD REFRESHMENTS TO  
RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR  
GROUP.



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THE 97<sup>TH</sup> NEVADA STATE  
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# April 2026

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Spring Break!!						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 BB & SB V. PCHS 10/12  TRACK & FIELD @ YHS 8AM
19	20 BB & SB V. BMHS 4PM MVFFA	21	22	23	24	25 BB & SB V. BMHS 10/12
		SPRING FLOWER SALE		4/20 UNTIL SOLD OUT		
26	27 MVFFA	28	29	30		
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