



YOUNGKER HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Roughriders



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DR. MIKE SIVERTSON

We are excited to have recently completed the 2021-22 school year here at YHS. Congratulations to our amazing students, faculty, staff, and families for this accomplishment. We are proud of all our YHS stakeholders for their collective contributions in making this year a great success. We can reflect back at this time and be grateful for a successful restart of the traditional school model, after working our way through various teaching and learning modalities during the pandemic. It has been great to be back in a dynamic, engaging, and vibrant learning environment. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this happen. Youngker High School is the place to be! Go Roughriders!!

Sincerely,
Michael Sivertson
Principal



AIDAN MORGAN AS "ROMEO" AND
MALEAH DAVIS AS "JULIET" IN THE
FAMOUS BALCONY SCENE

YHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT

"ROMEO, YOU IDIOT"

YHS Theatre presented "Romeo, You Idiot" plus three shorts written and directed by students on April 27th and 28th, 2022. This is the second play Ms. Diana Given has directed by herself as the Theatre Director at Youngker High School since January.

Seniors Aidan Morgan and Vincent Paul wrote and directed three short plays that opened our Spring Play Showcase this year. Vincent Paul wrote and directed "The Creature." Aidan Morgan wrote and directed "H. R. Called" and "Joe."



YHS DRAMA CLUB WELCOMED ACTOR JASON SPISAK

BY DIANA GIVEN

On Tuesday, May 10th from 2:30-4:00 in the Youngker Performing Arts Center, Actor Jason Spisak came to speak. The actor and voice actor best known for his portrayal of Silco in Arcane, as well as Kid Flash in Young Justice, and The Joker in Batman Hush, Razor in Green Lantern the Animated Series, the Hell Priest in Doom Eternal, along with many, many other roles.

This was a very special occasion for YHS Theatre Department! Jason is a busy working actor in Hollywood and we are so pleased was able to make time in his schedule to join us.

If you can, review his work, bring your questions and any fan art of his characters!

You can see his website with links here

<https://www.jasonspisak.com/>

and his IMDB page here

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1032853/>



"SILCO" THE BAD GUY IN ARCANE VOICED
BY JASON SPISAK



ACTOR AND VOICE ACTOR JASON SPISAK



"LUX" FROM STAR WARS THE CLONE WARS VOICED
BY JASON SPISAK

VISUAL ARTS

3D/CERAMICS AT YOUNGKER HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Hiatt's Art Class had a busy end of the year with getting all the student projects completed! Here are some photos of the students work freshly out of the kiln at Youngker High School.

Follow the Virtual Art Gallery on Instagram...[hiatts_artclass](https://www.instagram.com/hiatts_artclass), and on Facebook it's [HiattsArtClass](https://www.facebook.com/HiattsArtClass).

Art School in Taylor's Future...

BY JIM HIATT



At Youngker High School, we are always supporting developing talent in all it's forms, and art is just one of them!

YHS student, Taylor Wright is deciding between the acceptance of two different Fine Arts Schools; Institute of Arts University in San Francisco, and University of Art and Design Denver.

Congratulations to your future in design!



YHS Dance Presents... **TIME OF OUR LIVES**

On May 12-13th the Youngker Dance Program held their Spring Dance Concert at Youngker High School in the Performing Arts Center. Students from second semester Dance I, II, III and Performance Level, performed a variety of dance routines that were choreographed by students and Dance Teacher, Courtney Kriebel.



YHS Band

By: Dr. Kyle D. Brown
Director of Music
Youngker High School

Although the Youngker High School Music Department lost students during the COVID year, it is recovering quickly in size and performance level. Unlike other area secondary schools, YHS provides students a well-balanced program in all performance areas: band, choir, and orchestra. During the Fall Semester, the band focuses primarily on developing and executing its field show for marching band competitions. YHS just hosted its second marching band festival this school year with 26 visiting bands and has already been approved for next season as well. Because the marching band is a big operation, the adult leadership, along with Dr. Brown, consists of a Brass Coach (Josh Kolopanis), Front Ensemble Technician (Ashley Bergstresser), Guard Coach (Brittany Kolopanis), Percussion Coach (Antone Ribaud), Visual Coach (Josh Kolopanis), and Woodwind/Strings Coach (Wanda Atchison). While the band is doing Concert Band during the Spring Semester, the band staff work with the band in doing the extracurricular groups Indoor Guard, Indoor Percussion, and Indoor Winds, which compete in the WGAZ circuit.

The Music Department also provides the students a strong Concert Choir and String Orchestra program. Both groups perform at the end of each quarter along with the band. The Concert Choir also regularly performs the National Anthem at football games. Moreover, YHS is one of the few high schools in the Southwest Valley that provides a String Orchestra. During the Fall Semester, the strings program is two-tiered with advanced and beginning orchestras because of there being no string programs in the feeder schools. The beginning group quickly joins the advanced players by second quarter.



Although this has been a building year, the Music Department is getting back to its pre-COVID reputation. During the end-of-the-year concert and graduation ceremony, for instance, all three ensembles will



feature a combined number of performing Josh Groban's "Thankful." This will be a very powerful performance! The "Roughrider Regiment Marching Band" will be over 100 members in the Fall with the possibility of reaching Division AAAA status. Behind the scenes, the music department also has an amazing parent booster organization. The support of these highly dedicated parents makes so many things possible for the music and color guard students. For example, they provide for sales, fundraising, logistics, uniforms, equipment, props, trips, hosting, advertising, community relations, etc. The YHS Music Program has demonstrated a "Tradition of Excellence" within the community and is a magnet for many students. The music students are excited about what next school year will bring!



Teacher Spotlight

YOUNGKER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



ANGIE
DELACRUZ



AMY
RASMUSSEN



CARMELA
TORRES



SHARI
VANCEAVE

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our May Students of the Month at Youngker High School!



LARRY GUZMAN

Future Ready SOM



JORDAN GREEN

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