



# 2023–2024 School Calendar

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## CALENDAR NOTES

• Days shaded light blue are NO SCHOOL days  
These are good days to schedule student dentist, orthodontist and doctor appointments.

• Yellow shaded squares offer additional information about days marked with an asterisk (\*).

• *National and international holidays and events are italicized.*

### **Yinghua Vocabulary and Acronyms**

- YA=Yinghua Academy
- “Xiaozhang” means principal of the school
- “Zhuren” means director
- “Laoshi” means teacher, to address a teacher use last name followed by Laoshi
- “Ni hao” means hello
- YACA=Yinghua Academy Community Association
- CC=Classroom Coordinator, a volunteer opportunity, please contact YACA to volunteer
- DLO=Dragon Life Organization
- AR=Accelerated Reader
- YACM=Yinghua Academy Conservatory of Music

### **Enrichment Classes and Music Lessons**

**Enrichment Classes:** After-school classes that enhance skills. Registration is required; classes are fee-based.

**Music Lessons** are offered through the **Yinghua Academy Conservatory of Music (YACM)**. We offer private music lessons taught by professional musicians after school at YA. Registration is required, lessons are fee-based.

[www.yinghuaacademy.org](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org)→**CURRENT FAMILIES**→**EXTENDED CARE, AFTER SCHOOL**

### **Extended Care Program**

#### **Aftercare**

Aftercare provides a safe, productive, fun environment for students, 3:30-6:00 p.m. It's open to all Yinghua students.

Aftercare is fee-based. Registration is required.



### **Go Dragons!**

The Yinghua school mascot, Blaze 火焰, is a revered, ancient Chinese symbol of honor, luck, success and capacity... a fitting symbol for Yinghua athletics.

### **Yinghua Athletics**

We offer sports for grades 1-8.

Registration forms, schedules, and sports information, visit:

[www.yinghuaacademy.org](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org)→**CURRENT FAMILIES**→**→ATHLETIC PROGRAM.**

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### **YINGHUA ACADEMY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



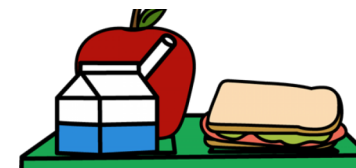
If you have a child enrolled at Yinghua, you're a member of YACA—the Yinghua Academy Community Association. YACA's mission is to support our students, teachers and families by

recruiting volunteers, raising funds and supporting the vision of the school. YACA oversees a variety of community events and encourages parents to **volunteer for at least one event each year**. The school's Classroom Coordinator (CC) program is overseen by YACA, too. CCs serve as liaisons between families and homeroom teachers and help coordinate class celebrations. YACA Board meeting dates are marked in the calendar—come learn about our programs and how you can help.

Scan this QR code to sign up and volunteer!



**Make it happen!**



### **ORDER SCHOOL LUNCH ONLINE**

Yinghua's lunch ordering platform is called Boonli. Visit <https://yinghua.boonli.com/login> for secure online lunch and milk orders.

In order to place a Yinghua school lunch order, you must set up an account. To learn more, visit:

[www.yinghuaacademy.org](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org)→**CURRENT FAMILIES**→**LUNCH**

Important Ordering Dates are listed below and on our calendar, look for the 🍏.

Month	Order Start Date	Order End Date
August/Sept.	8/10/2023	8/31/2023
October	9/8/2023	9/20/2023
November	10/6/2023	10/20/2023
December	11/6/2023	11/20/2023
January	12/6/2023	12/20/2023
February	1/6/2024	1/20/2024
March	2/6/2024	2/20/2024
April	3/6/2024	3/20/2024
May/June	4/6/2024	4/20/2024

### **Silent Dismissal**




Yinghua's online system that allows parents/guardians to tell the school how to dismiss your child every day. Setting a Silent Dismissal schedule is required for every student, whether or not the student attends Aftercare. **Click the Silent Dismissal on the right side of the YA web page or [www.yinghua.sdcs6.com](http://www.yinghua.sdcs6.com).**

Communication is key. Please contact us at [info@yinghuaacademy.org](mailto:info@yinghuaacademy.org) or by phone (612) 788-9095. We are here to help!

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# September 英華 | YINGHUA ACADEMY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 27	August 28 <b>Meet Your Teacher &amp; Used Uniform Sale</b> 4-7:30PM	August 29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day	August 30 <b>First Day of School (Grades 1-8)</b> 8:30AM start <b>Term I Begins</b>	August 31 <b>First Day of School (Kindergarteners)</b> 8:30AM start	1	2
3	4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6	7	8  <b>Lunch orders OPEN</b>	9
10	11	12 <b>MS (Gr. 5-8) Back-to-School Curriculum Night</b> 7PM -8:30PM (parents/guardians only)	13	14	15  <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins</i>	16
17  <i>Rosh Hashanah Ends</i>	18 School Board Meeting 6PM	19 <b>LS (K-4) Back-to-School Curriculum Night</b> 7PM -8:30PM (parents/guardians only)	20  <b>Lunch orders CLOSED</b>	21	22	23  <i>Fall</i> 
24  <i>Yom Kippur begins</i>	25 <b>Session I Classes begin</b> -Music Conservatory -Enrichment Classes  <i>Yom Kippur ends</i>	26 YACA Board Meeting In-person, potluck style gathering 6-8PM	27 <b>School Pictures</b> <b>NON-UNIFORM DAY</b>	28  <i>Confucius Day</i>	29 <b>Teacher Appreciation Day at Yinghua</b> YACA recognizes the good work of Yinghua teachers today. Students are encouraged to send cards to their teachers.  <i>Mid-Autumn Festival</i>	30

# October

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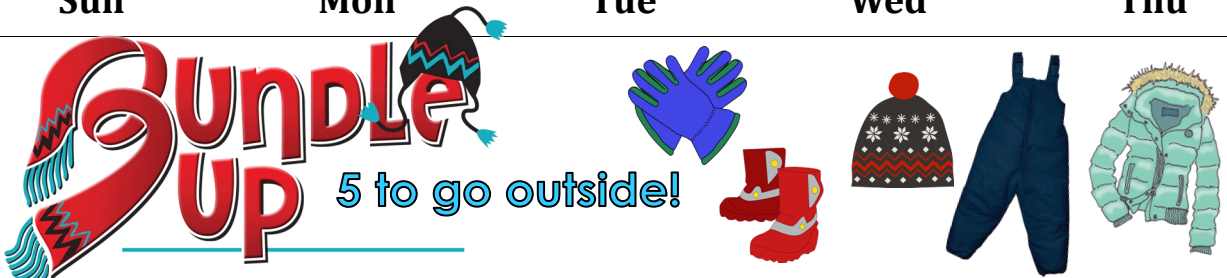
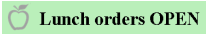

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day	3	4	5 Flu Clinic 2-5PM	6  Lunch orders OPEN	7  <b>Yinghua Academy International Festival</b> International Foods, Cultural Booths, Games, Bounce House, Silent Action
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 School Board Meeting 6PM	17 YACA Board Meeting 6-8PM <i><b>*YA honors National Unity Day</b></i> <i><b>Please wear orange!</b></i> 	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> 10AM-8PM 	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> 8AM-4PM	20 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  Lunch orders CLOSED	21
22	23 <b>Grandparents Day</b> <b>at Yinghua Academy</b>	24	25	26	27 <b>**Storybook Character Parade</b>	28
29	30	31  <i>Halloween</i>	<i>*October is National Bullying Prevention Month &amp; Wednesday, Oct. 18, is National Unity Day. Yinghua students, educators, families, and support staff will wear orange on Oct. 17 in celebration.</i>		 <b>National Book Month</b> <i><b>**Yinghua's Storybook Character Parade</b></i> Each year students are encouraged to bring a costume to school for an all-school afternoon parade. All costumes must relate to a book which should also be brought to school.	

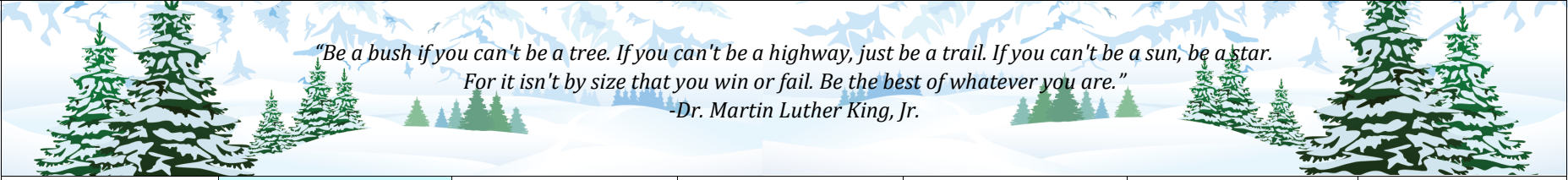




# November 英華 | YINGHUA ACADEMY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  <p><i>*Academic Celebration Week focuses on recognizing the wonderful achievements of our students as they reach and exceed their goals in Accelerated Reader and iChinese Reader.</i></p>			1	2	3	4
5	<b>6 Registration Opens For Session II</b> •Enrichment Classes •Music Conservatory   <b>Lunch orders OPEN</b>	<b>7 Election Day</b>	8	9	10	11
12	<b>13</b> ☼Last day for AR quizzes	<b>14 Retakes for Individual School Picture NON UNIFORM</b> , only for those taking a picture (10AM-Noon)	<b>15</b> ☼Last day for iChinese quizzes	16	 <b>5 &amp; 6 Grade Retreat</b>  <b>Session I Classes End</b> -Enrichment Classes  <b>Registration Closes For Session II</b> •Enrichment Classes •Music Conservatory	Veterans Day  18
End of Term Exams						
19	<b>20</b> School Board Meeting 6PM   <b>Lunch orders CLOSED</b>	<b>21 Term I ends</b> YACA Board Meeting 6-8PM	<b>22 NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>23 NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>24 NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	25
Thanksgiving Break- No Homework						
<b>26</b>  	<b>27</b> *Academic Celebration Week Term II begins  <b>Roller Skating Unit</b> Grades 1-8 Nov. 27- Dec. 15 Label your helmets!	28	29	30	November is the National Gratitude Month.  "I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." - Ralph Waldo Emerson  	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day
3	4	5 <b>Kindergarten Info. Session, Prospective Families</b> , 6:30-8:00PM (parents/guardian only)	6  Lunch orders OPEN	7 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	8 <b>Session I Classes end</b> -Music Conservatory  <b>Spelling Bee</b> for grades 4-8 finalists	9 PE Kids Play Day (Grades K-4) 1PM-5PM
10	11	12 <b>5&amp;6 Grade Choral and Orchestral Concert 6PM</b>	13 Term I Report Cards Mailed  YACA Board Meeting 6-8PM	14 <b>7&amp;8 Grade Choral and Orchestral Concert 6PM</b>	15 <b>Family Skate Night</b> Roller Skating Unit ends  <i>Hanukkah Ends</i>	16
17	18 School Board Meeting 6PM	19	20	21	22	23
<div> <div>No School- Winter Break -Office Closed</div> <div>  </div> </div>						
<div> <div></div> <div>Lunch orders CLOSED</div> </div>						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<div> <div>No School- Winter Break -Office Closed</div> </div>						
31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>"Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are."</i> -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>						
	<b>1</b>  <i>Kwanzaa Ends New Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b> School Resumes Cross Country Ski Unit begins, Grades 2-6 Session II Classes begin -Enrichment Classes -Music Conservatory <b>Open Enrollment for 2024-2025 Begins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Grade 7- Middle School Retreat</b>	<b>5</b>  	<b>6</b>  <b>Lunch orders OPEN</b> Family Cross Country Ski Day in NE Park  
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Grade 8- Middle School Retreat</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Cross Country Ski Unit ends, Grades 2-6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	<b>16</b> YACA Board Meeting 6-8PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Yinghua Science and Technology Expo.</b> 4-5:30PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>   <b>Lunch orders CLOSED</b>
<b>21</b>  National School Choice Week Jan. 21-27	<b>22</b> School Board Meeting 6PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Sample Immersion Class for Prospective Kindergarteners and their Parents</b> 10:00-11:30AM
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# February 英華 | YINGHUA ACADEMY 新春 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Chinese New Year, is based on the lunar calendar and lasts 15 days. It is celebrated in many Asian countries. It is sometimes referred to as "Lunar New Year." During this time, Yinghua recognizes and celebrates Chinese culture and traditions. <i>*In recognition of the Lunar New Year, two days Feb. 9 &amp; 26 are designated to celebrate this important Chinese holiday.</i></p>				1 <b>Red Envelope Campaign Begins</b> 	2	3
	4	6  <b>Lunch orders OPEN</b>	7	8	9 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Chinese Lunar New Year's Eve</i>	10 <i>Chinese Lunar New Year Day</i>
11	12 <b>Registration Opens For Session III</b> •Enrichment Classes •Music Conservatory	13	14 Valentine's Day (wear pink, white, red or purple!)	15 <b>Open Enrollment Ends</b> 5PM	16 <b>Registration Closes For Session III</b> •Enrichment Classes •Music Conservatory  <b>2024-2025 Enrollment Lottery</b> 5PM	17
18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	20 School Board Meeting 6PM   <b>Lunch orders CLOSED</b>	21	22	23 <b>Session II Classes end</b> -Enrichment Classes -Music Conservatory	24 <i>Lantern Festival Holiday, China</i> <b>*Chinese New Year Performances</b> at Bethel University St. Paul
25	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Chinese Lunar New Year Holiday</i>	27 ☞Last day for AR quizzes	28  <i>Bus Driver Appreciation</i>	29 ☞Last day for iChinese Reader	 <p><i>*In recognition of the Lunar New Year, the whole school participates in a not-to-be-missed performances (this is a ticketed event).</i></p>	

# March

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>m DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b></p> <p><i>Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) in reading and math for grades 3-8, begin March 4 and end May 3. Science for grades 5 &amp; 8 begin March 4 and end May 10.</i></p> <p><i>*Around the World – kindergarteners use “passports” to travel abroad. Families are encouraged to loan artifacts from around the world.</i></p>					<p>1 <b>Term II ends</b></p> <p><b>Red Envelope Campaign Ends</b></p> 	2
3	4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	6 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	9
	<div>Spring Break</div>					
			🍎 Lunch orders OPEN			
10	11 <b>Term III begins</b> Academic Celebration Week	12	13	14	15	16
Ramadan Begins						
17	18 School Board Meeting 6PM  <b>Session III begins</b> -Enrichment Classes -Music Conservatory	19 YACA Board Meeting 6-8 PM  	20	21	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day	23
			🍎 Lunch orders CLOSED			
24  31  Easter Sunday	25	26	27 Term II Report Cards Mailed	28	29 <b>*Around the World (Kindergarten classes only)</b> 2-3PM in gym  Good Friday	30

Sun 	Mon	Tue 	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>What's the Scoop?</b> Gr. 4 Orientation to Middle School, 5-7:30 PM	3	4	5	6  <b>Lunch orders OPEN</b>
7	8 <i>Ramadan Ends</i>	9 <i>Eid-al-Fitr</i>	10 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Conferences 10AM-8PM 	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Conferences 8AM-4PM	12 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day	13
14	15 School Board Meeting 6PM	16 <b>Class Picture Day, Photos (IN UNIFORM)</b>	17 <b>8th GRADE Graduation Photos</b>	18	19	20  <b>Lunch orders CLOSED</b>
21	22  <i>Passover begins</i>	23 <b>Ni Hao Meets Hello: What's the Scoop in 2nd grade?</b> 4:30PM	24	25 Annual Board Meeting 6PM	26 <b>Kindergarten Roundup for New Kindergarten Families</b> 9:15-10:45AM	27
28	29	30 <i>Passover ends</i>				

# May

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Sun



Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

*\*Popsicle Run, runners are handed a popsicle as they finish the run.*



**\*\*Wheels Week- Bring bikes, skateboards, skates, etc. Label your wheels, and don't forget to your label your helmet!**

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2  
**Spring Choral Concert**  
Grades 4-8 6:00PM

3  
**1st Grade Night Market** in gym

4

5

6

7  
**Yinghua Academy hosts Friends of Education Battle of the Books Competition**  
6:30-7:30 PM

8  
  
**\*Popsicle Run (K-8) Wear Athletic Clothes Day**

9  
**Spring Orchestral Concert**  
Grades 4-8 6:00PM

10  
**Session III Classes end**  
-Enrichment Classes  
-Music Conservatory

11  
Music Conservatory Recitals

12

13

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15

16  
**Academic Performances for LS (K-Gr. 4)**

17  
**Academic Performances for MS (Gr. 5-8)**

18

*Mother's Day*

**Bike Safety Week Grade 4**

19



20  
School Board Meeting 6PM  
**\*\*Wheels Week begins**  
Grades 1-8



21  
YACA General Membership Meeting  
In person

22

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24  
**\*Wheels Week ends**  
*Pick up your wheels after school today!*

25

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27  
**Memorial Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
*Office Closed*

28  
☛Last day for AR quizzes, Term III

29  
☛Last day for iChinese Reader

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31

**End of Term Assessments**



# June

# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Academic Celebration	4	5	6 Graduation Celebration	7 Last Day of School Field Day 1/2 day  Term III Ends	8
	End of Term Assessments					
9	10	11	12	13 Finance Committee 6PM	14	15
	Teacher Work Days					
16  <i>Father's Day</i>	17 School Board Meeting 6PM  *MS Study Abroad	18 Northeast Parade  *MS Study Abroad	19 <i>Juneteenth Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>  *MS Study Abroad	20 Term III Report Cards Mailed   *MS Study Abroad	21 YACA Board Meeting 6-8 PM	22 China or Taiwan  <i>*MS Study Abroad dates pending. The trip is approximately two weeks long.</i>
23  30	24 *MS Study Abroad	25 *MS Study Abroad	26 *MS Study Abroad	27 *MS Study Abroad	28 *MS Study Abroad	29

# July

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <div>4<sup>th</sup> July Happy Independence Day</div>						
	1 School Office Closed	2 School Office Closed	3 School Office Closed	4 School Office Closed US Independence Day	5 School Office Closed	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 YACA Board Meeting 6-8 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Yinghua Kids Camp K-5 Chinese Immer- sion Summer Camp (for students entering grades K-6)	30	31			

# August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <b>Yinghua Kids Camp</b> <i>K-5 Chinese Immersion Summer Camp</i> <i>(for students entering grades K-6)</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 First Day for New Teachers/Staff	15	16	17
18	19 First Day for Returning Teachers	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>*Meet Your Teacher &amp; Used Uniform Sale</b> 4-6 PM Lower School 5-7PM Middle School	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Professional Development Day	28 <b>*First Day of School (Grades 1-8)</b> 8:30AM start  Term I Begins	29 <b>*First Day of School (Kindergarteners)</b> 8:30AM start	30	31 <b>*Pending School Board approval</b>

# WELCOME BACK

