

# NEWS FROM YORK HIGH

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## Popular Band Performs at York

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On April 13<sup>th</sup>, while most teens across the country were attending classes, students at York High School were doing something different. As a slight detour on their way to the Norva for a later concert, popular alternative rock band Forever the Sickest Kids, dropped by to perform for their newly-acquired fans at York.

As a special surprise, FTSK gave students a sneak peak at a few of their newest songs, including “Breakdown,” “She’s a Lady,” and “Whoah Oh, Me vs. Everyone.”

Formed just over a year ago, the band is made up of Austin Bello, Kyle Burns, Jonathan Cook, Kent Garrison, Marc Stewart, and Caleb Turman. FTSK gained recognition in the music industry for their song “Hey Brittany,” which was written after vocalist Jonathon Cook accidentally spent his nonexistent \$350 to be featured on the front page of the PureVolume website for a song that didn’t exist either. After receiving numerous plays for that song, FTSK

received competing offers from 8 major record labels. Eventually settling with Universal Mowtown, the band began their Warped Tour, traveling around the country with the bands Metro Station, The Cab, Danger Radio, and the Maine. Accident or not, Forever the Sickest Kids is the newest rage. Students cite the band’s original and straightforward lyrics, lively beats, its vocals and guitars as some of the top reasons why they like FTSK. Whether you’re a guy or a girl, everyone seems to agree that Forever the Sickest Kids will rock the music scene for years to come.

## Talon Live!

by Anup Myneni

For the past school year, a group of York High School students have used the school’s new resources and capabilities to create a new way to get the school involved and up to date. Every Friday afternoon at YHS, just before the ordinary afternoon announcements and dismissal bell, a new weekly occurrence has found its way into the school’s classes. *Talon Live*, which involves both a large volunteer effort and the TV class at YHS, is a weekly broadcasted show featuring news and current information about York High and its students.

Students feel the program is effective and that its good to see faculty and students joining forces to produce it. *Talon Live* has been just as prolific as it has been effective. So far, the students involved in *Talon Live* have produced twenty-two episodes this school year. The program, which is made entirely by volunteer effort, involves a significant amount of work and preparation on the part of all students involved. On the last Wednesday of every month, the students involved in *Talon Live* hold a planning meeting to discuss the plans and episodes for the next week. The episodes are then filmed on Wednesday of every week and, following editing by the TV class, are shown on that Friday before the announcements.

The production, which features roughly two stories and a slew of announcements each week, has been instrumental in communicating information about school events to the general student body. According to YHS Activities Director Mrs. Amy Holtschneider, “It’s a great tool for increasing communication. As much as we’d like announcements and fliers to be completely effective, the more ways you can communicate news and information the better.” In addition to the benefit that the broadcast has had to the general student body, it has also been described as an enriching experience by many student volunteers. In all, *Talon Live* has proven itself to be an effective tool for YHS and will continue to be an important communications tool in the future.

