

The York Connection

Parent Newsletter

January 2017

Important Dates

January

- 13 Band Electronic Night
- 16 MLK Holiday – No School
- 17 Spirit Night at Rayford’s What A Burger
- 20 A/B Honor Roll
- 26 Parent Information Night for Incoming 8th graders in the York Library at 6:30 PM

February

- 1 Parent Information Night for Incoming 9th graders at ORHS Auditorium from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 4-24 Online Book Fair

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already preparing for next school year when we are half way through the current school year. This year all students will be registering online for selecting their courses for next school year. Please see the timelines for each incoming grade so you are aware of the registration process. By moving everything online, we hope to have the student input sooner, which will permit us to build our master schedule for next year earlier, and help us better prepare for the hiring season. York JHS is expected to grow by another 100 students next school year and we will need to hire new Teachers and Staff. We look forward to working hard to bring the very best to York for the benefit of our students. It is a real pleasure to work with your children on a daily basis. Evidence is below that York is the “pot of gold” at the end of the rainbow.

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend,
Chris Povich



Counseling Center

It's a busy time in the Counseling Center! Counselors are getting ready for registration for next school year.

Incoming 7th

February 6	6th graders transitioning to 7th grade will watch the course selection video in homeroom at Cox
February 8	York Counselors will answer questions at Cox during student lunches
February 9	PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT for incoming 7th graders will be at York JHS at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria
February 16	Incoming 7th graders online course registration due
March 3	Course Verification sheets go home
March 10	Course change requests to Verification sheets are due to The York Counselors Online Private PE Registration opens up on the Conroe ISD Homepage (Click departments then choose athletics)
April 21	FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT COURSE REQUEST CHANGES
May 11-12	Cox students will tour The York Campus

Incoming 8th

January 24	Incoming 8th grade students will watch the course selection video in their Math class
January 25	Counselors will answer course selection questions during York lunches
January 26	PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT for incoming 8th grade students will be held York at 6:30 PM in the library. Online course registration opens
February 2	Incoming 8th grade online course registration due
March 3	Course Verification sheets go home
March 10	Course change requests to 8th grade verification sheets are due in the COUNSELING CENTER
April 21	FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT COURSE REQUEST CHANGES

9th Grade

February 1	PARENT NIGHT will be held at Oak Ridge High School main campus, in the AUDITORIUM from 6:30-8:00PM
February 2nd-13th	Registration will be open through your student's 4 year plan to add or make changes to their previously selected courses for 9th grade
February 8	PARENT NIGHT AND ACADEMIC & ELECTIVE SHOWCASE will be held at Oak Ridge High School Main Campus, in the library for our 8th grade students and parents from 4:00pm- 7pm. (This is the time you can meet with the 9th grade counselors about your four year high school plan and courses.)
February 14 & 15	Oakridge counselors will be meeting with students to discuss their selections sheets

March 24	8th grade students transitioning to 9th grade, will receive their 1st course verification sheets
April 10	8th grade students transitioning to 9th grade, will receive their 2nd course verification sheets
April 28	FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL CHANGES

Private PE

If students are interested in participating in Off Campus PE in 2017-2018, the training facility must complete a CISD Application prior to Spring Break. All interested vendors (current or interested facilities) must attend an Information Meeting on January 25th prior to receiving an application. There is a \$100 application fee for participation.

If the facility "head coach or Director" is not available on Wednesday, January 25th, a parent representative may attend the meeting.

Car Rider Pick-up

Parents picking students up after school should pick their students up at the front of the campus. Please do not park in the back Faculty Lot and Bus Ramp. We are also asking parents please do not park in the Lockeridge Farms neighborhood behind the school. This neighborhood was not built for all the congestion this causes and we want to be considerate to our supportive neighbors around our school campuses. We appreciate your cooperation in these safety and neighborly concerns.

Library

Be sure to check out the Library website for details on the upcoming Book Fair!
<http://york.conroeisd.net/library/>

Math

Aaron Thomas (7th grade Algebra) and Chris Finale (8th grade Geometry) will represent York Junior High School in the Math Bowl Challenge at the Lone Star Convention Center on February 4th. Ms. Badger-Cook is their teacher, as well as the school sponsor for this event. It is open to the public.

Aaron Thomas, Mijo Thomas, Anton Trinidad (7th graders), Katelyn Duong, Jonathan Starnes and Dean Thomas (8th graders) represent York's Number Sense team for the Academic UIL Meet held at Peet JH in January. Results will be published at a later date. Ms. Badger-Cook is the team coach and Ms. Stewart is the Academic UIL sponsor.

Math Cup Problem Winner

Congratulations to Gianni Voltaire for solving the Math Cup Problem that was posted in the hallway by Mr. Barnhart. Students are challenged to solve on their own the posted problem. Gianni provided the correct answer and was awarded a gift certificate for her accomplishment.

Clubs



Due to basketball season starting in the gyms, the FCA club will now meet in the LGI (room 117) and will start at 8:15am. Once basketball season is over, we will resume our meetings in the boys' gym.

Science

The Science Fair Competition is February 3rd at the Lone Star Convention Center. EDC (Robotics) competition is February 18th at Moorhead Junior High.

Cheer

York Cheerleaders are selling spirit ribbons to support the girls and boys basketball teams. Buttons and Ribbons will be sold every Thursday before school and during lunch. There are different ribbons for each week depending on which teams we are playing. The pictured ribbons is what we ordered for our Irons games. Ribbons will be \$1 each. Buttons will be \$2 each (to hold ALL of the ribbons you collect throughout the season)

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Art

Students who were in Art or Ceramics 1st semester need to stop by Ms. West's room to pick up their work by the end of next week. Any work not picked up will be disposed so 2nd semester students have space for their work!

Western Art Show

Congratulations to the following students who had their art work selected to represent York JHS in the Conroe ISD Western Art Show that was held last Saturday, January 7.

Bria Briley, Tru Brown, Sydney Dwyer, Emmeline Gartin, Zoey Grimm, Ruth Hardy, Connor Harper, Tina Huang, Emme Jones, Sakura Kep, Abigail Laura, Darian Lord, Stephanie Miller, Alisha Patel

Band

York Band is in need of about 60 paper towel rolls! Instead of recycling them, please bring them to the Front Office of the school and they will be placed in Ms. Pritchard's mailbox. Our percussionists will love you as they learn to practice playing on trash cans and such!

Choir

York Choir will have their Region Auditions at Peet Junior High on January 21st. The Region Weekend will be at McCullough Junior High and Spring Baptist Church on February 3rd & 4th.

Come see us perform at the All Region Concert at 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 4th at the Spring Baptist Church.

Theatre

On February 24th York Theatre will be hosting "Dinner in Oz" its 1st annual Dinner Theatre show. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Tickets go on sale Feb. 1st.

Track

Track season begins on January 24th for both 7th & 8th grade boys and girls. More information can be found on the track web sites!

York Champions Club

The York Champions Club is the booster club for the athletics program here at York Junior High. We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at: yorkchampionsclub@gmail.com

Yearbook

Order your yearbook today at www.smart-pay.com. Don't wait until it's too late, only 250 books remain. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Wells at kmwells@conroeisd.net

Clinic

Parents, the Clinic conducted Vision and Hearing testing on your child in the fall. We are now following up on Vision and Hearing Referrals that need to be returned to the Clinic. If your child brought home a referral before the Holidays, please be sure to bring the referral to your child's Doctor an appointment. The Doctor needs to fill out the bottom section of the referral. Please return the referral to the Clinic as soon as possible so your child's health record can be updated. If you have any questions please contact the Clinic via email or call 832-592-8614.

Reminder: It is flu season, if your child has not received a flu vaccine yet please consider getting your child vaccinated. It is never too late.

Financial Office

In the spring, if your student takes a class with fees, please pay via the Webstore on the York website to ensure a quick and flawless transaction. All class fees are uploaded. The Webstore is very user friendly, provides a receipt upon payment, and keeps record of all transactions.

Destination Imagination



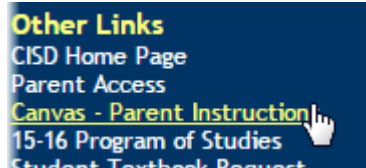
York will be sending four Destination Imagination teams to the regional tournament on Saturday February 18 at Oak Ridge High School. We invite you to attend to cheer on our teams as they showcase their creative problem solving skills.

Canvas



Parent Access to Student Online Courses in Canvas

Parents now have access to CISD's student learning management system, Canvas. This allows you to see your student's online courses and calendar. For directions on how to log into Canvas, click on this link (<http://york.conroeisd.net/CanvasParent.pdf>) or go to the York web site and click on the link "Canvas – Parent Instructions."



PTO

Come out and support York Junior High at Whataburger Spirit Night on Rayford Rd. from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.



A/B Honor Roll will be Friday, January 20

Sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABA922A4FC1-abhonor3>

Thank you to all who supported the PTO at our McDonald's spirit night. We raised \$494 because of your support!

Volunteers

We appreciate our volunteers at York Jr. High. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the Volunteer Application at <http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/volunteer.asp>.

Free & Reduced Lunch

Free and reduced applications are normally sent home the first week of school with all students; however, there is an online free and reduced application for parents to complete. It takes less time to process, it is easier to complete, and it is more confidential. *Parents can fill out applications at www.applyforlunch.com.*

Parent-Teacher Communication

Please feel free to contact your student's teachers with any concerns you may have regarding their success at York. Teachers are given a 24 hour window to respond to you via phone or email. If you feel you still need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor regarding grades or their assistant principal regarding behavior or any additional concerns you may have.

Parent Access Accounts (PAC)

All parents are asked to establish a Parent Access account. To establish an account, please go to the following link and follow the instructions:

<http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/pac.asp>

PAC accounts allow you to view your student's grades. You must register each student you wish to access through the Parent Access account.



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