

The York Connection

Parent Newsletter

December 2016

Important Dates

December

- 2 Liberty Babes Drill Team Sponsored Dance 7-9 pm
- 5 Orchestra Winter Concert 7 pm at ORHS
- 6 Breakfast of Champions
- 8 Girls Basketball v. Peet 5 & 6 pm
- 10 Lego League at Caney Creek HS
- 12 Girls Basketball v. McCullough 5 & 6 pm
- 13 PTO Spirit Night at McDonalds 5-8 pm
- 13 Choir Holiday Concert 6:30 pm at ORHS
- 13 Band Winter Concert 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria
- 13-16 Midterm Exams
- 16 Early Dismissal at 12:55 pm

December 19 – January 2

Winter Break

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This is my favorite time of the year. I love the weather and all the festivities. It is a busy time of the year for most of us. Even with all the joy, it can also be a stressful time of the year for everyone. Take time during this holiday season to unwind, unplug, slow down, and truly be with your kids. They will be walking across a stage and graduating before you know it! I wonder where all the past years have gone. Take advantage of the time you have with your family and loved ones. This part of the season I enjoy spoiling my own kids and especially finding gifts that are loud and filled with lots of little pieces for my nephew and nieces (paybacks are great). I am truly blessed for the family and friends I have and the job I have of working with so many great students, parents, teachers, and staff members.

I wish you the very best this holiday season. Don't be afraid to hug your kids while you still can.
Chris

Counseling Center

2017-2018 Course Selection for incoming York 7th and 8th graders:

We are currently working on scheduling future course selection dates for our incoming 7th and 8th graders for the 2017-18 school year. Once these dates have been confirmed, we will post these updated dates on our counseling website, as well as include them in the next parent newsletter. Our course registration will be done all online through student access for this upcoming year.

Local resources that families might find beneficial during this time of year:

- 1.) Salvation Army 936-760-2440 <http://salvationarmyhouston.org/conroe>
- 2.) Toys for Tots <http://conroe-tx.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>
- 3.) United Way 211 <http://referral.unitedwayhouston.org>
- 4.) Crisis Assistance Center 936-539-9211 <http://www.cac-mctx.org/programs/>
5. Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare
<http://montgomery.tx.networkofcare.org/mh/services/category.aspx?cid=11213&targetgrp=>

Liberty Babes

Fall Dance: Sponsored by the Liberty Babes Drill Team

Date: December 2nd

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Admission price: \$10 ahead of time / \$15 at the door

Ticket sales: Wednesday November 30 – Friday December 2nd during lunches

Pizza, Drinks, and Candy will be available to purchase at dance

DJ and photo booth

Attire is dressy to casual – MUST BE WITHIN SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Only York students allowed in dance.

York JHS Toy Drive

York JHS is collecting new toys to contribute to the Conroe ISD Police Department Toy Drive. All donated new toys will be given to students that are in need in our community that have been identified by school counselors. Please bring the toys unwrapped to the front office. Each toy will make a difference for some kid less fortunate.

Teacher Achieving Excellence

Want to recognize a teacher or staff member at York JHS that has done a great job? If so, CISD has an easy way of recognizing teachers and staff. Simply login to your Parent Access account for your York JHS student. Once your student's information is shown, select Teachers Excellence on the above tabs. Select the teacher or staff member on the drop down menu. Complete the form and click on create TAE to submit. An email will be sent to the teacher or staff member receiving the TAE as well as the York administrators.

Midterm Exam Schedule

Listed below is the midterm exam schedule. Please notice that Friday, December 16, is an early release day for all students in CISD.

Tuesday, December 13

1 st Period Midterm Exam	8:55-10:55	
3 rd Period Review	11:00-12:40	Check with Teacher for Lunch Assignment
4 th Period Review	12:45-1:55	
2 nd Period Midterm Exam	2:00-4:00	

Wednesday, December 14

3 rd Period Midterm Exam	8:55-10:55	
5 th Period Review	11:00-12:40	Check with Teacher for Lunch Assignment
6 th Period Review	12:45-1:55	
4 th Period Midterm Exam	2:00-4:00	

Thursday, December 15

5 th Period Midterm Exam	8:55-10:55	
7 th Period Review	11:00-12:40	Check with Teacher for Lunch Assignment
1 st Period Class	12:45-1:55	
6 th Period Midterm Exam	2:00-4:00	

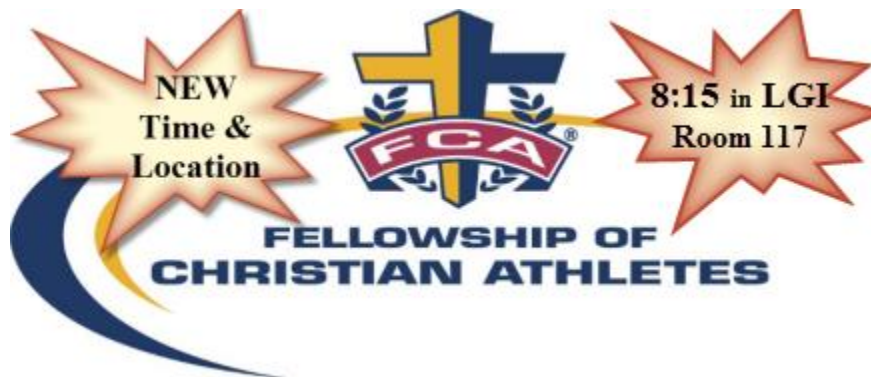
Friday, December 16

	Early Student Dismissal	
7 th Period Midterm Exam	8:55-10:55	
4 th Period Class	11:00-12:55	Check with Teacher for Lunch Assignment (C-Lunch will return back to 4 th Period after Lunch)

Midterm Lunch Schedule for December 13-16

A Lunch	11:00-11:30 (Class: 11:35-12:40)
B Lunch	11:35-12:05 (Class: 11:00-11:35, 12:10-12:40)
C Lunch	12:10-12:40 (Class: 11:00-12:10)

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.

Student Counsel

The York STUCO will be participating in a service project with Memorial Hermann Hospital. We will be making Linus blankets for the children staying in the hospital over Christmas break.

Choir

Come out to hear the York Choir Christmas Concert. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13th at Oak Ridge High School's Auditorium.

Band

The York Band will be performing their Winter Concert on December 13th in the York cafeteria. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra

We will be performing our Winter Concert on Monday, December 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Oak Ridge High School. Hope you see you there!

Theatre

We will be doing a live internet radio show. Listen to "A Suessified Christmas Carol" live from the comfort of your own home. Presented by York Theatre. The play will be broadcast live on Friday Dec. 9th at 6pm. <https://irlonestar.com/>

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)

Wear you ribbons on Thursday to cheer on the boys and girls basketball teams!

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

Get your yearbook today at the lowest price of the year! Prices increase from \$35 to \$40 on January 1, 2017. Any questions please contact Katie Wells at kmwells@conroeisd.net

Montgomery County Food Bank

York Junior High has been working with the Montgomery County Food Bank. If you or someone you know is in need, please stop by the Woodforest Stadium, 19115 David Memorial Dr. in Shenandoah on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The Food Fair will bring fresh produce, bread, pastries and assorted grocery products. ***Quantities Are Limited***

Awesome Sauce!

York JHS is in its second year of being a part of Safe and Civil Schools Positive Behavior Support System (PBIS) program. These are the one-line reminders teachers and staff use between classes to help keep students moving in an orderly fashion. It is also part of our plan on improving our school environment for students by increasing the positive interaction between staff and students. To help remind the staff not to just remind out-of-compliance students between classes to follow directions but more so to focus on increasing positive support, teachers and staff have Awesome Sauce tickets that they may pass out to students that are following directions and thanking them for being good students. Students receiving these tickets turn them in at lunch time and on Friday, one student per lunch is drawn from the collected tickets to receive a gift card donated by community businesses and staff members.

Financial Office

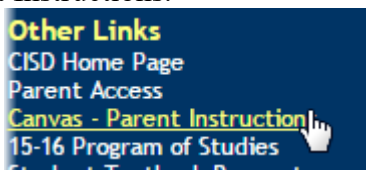
In the fall, if your student takes a class with fees, please pay via the Webstore on the York website to ensure a quick and flawless transaction. All class fees are uploaded. The Webstore is very user friendly, provides a receipt upon payment, and keeps record of all transactions.

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

The Color Run was a great success. Thank you to our sponsors: Today's Vision, Grand Trails Dental, Pet Supplies Plus, The Woodlands Orthodontics, Kyle Sherburne State Farm.

The Fall Donations, Color Run, Spirit Nights and Spirit Cup sales allowed the PTO to purchase printers for each educational department of the school. We will continue to accept donations to further enhance our school's technology and any other needs it may have. Donations can be made online at www.york.conroeisd.net/pto or by sending payments to the school office.

December Spirit Night is at McDonald's on Rayford on December 13th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Thank you to all the volunteers we have had so far this year. The PTO and staff appreciate the time and energy you put into making our school great!

Volunteer Opportunities for December:

[Staff Appreciation | Cookies Winter Wonderland](#)

[Breakfast of Champions](#)

We're looking forward to a great year and would love everyone to come out to help support this year's York Eagles! Also, PayPal is now up and working!

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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