

The York Connection

Parent Newsletter

October 2016

Important Dates

October

- 4 Breakfast of Champions
- 14 Pep Rally 9:10 am and Early Release at 12:55 pm
- 18 Spirit Night at Crust Pizza (All Day)
- 24-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Yearbook Picture Retake

November

- 3 PSAT
- 4 PTO Color Run

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we will soon be ending the first nine weeks of the school year! Please keep in mind the first two nine weeks of the school year are actually only eight weeks in length each. It is imperative for students to stay on top of their academics due to the shortened nine week grading periods. Anything you can do to assist your child's teachers is appreciated.

Friday, October 14, is an early dismissal day for all students in Conroe ISD. Students will have classes at York from 8:55 am until 12:55 pm. We will also hold our annual Pink Out Pep Rally at 9:10 am that morning. See below for a detailed bell schedule. Students are encouraged to wear pink on October 14 and the Cheerleaders have pink York t-shirts that can be purchased for \$10. See further below for the details.

Pink Out Pep Rally & Early Dismissal Bell Schedule for Friday, October 14

First Period	8:55-9:55		
		9:10-9:40	Pep Rally in Gym 2
		9:40	Return to First Period
Second Period	9:55-10:30		
Third Period	10:35-11:10		
Fourth Period	11:15-12:55		
		A Lunch	11:10-11:40
		B Lunch	11:45-12:15
		C Lunch	12:20-12:50 (C-Lunch Students Return back to Fourth Period at 12:50)
Dismissal	12:55 pm		

Parents you will also find a letter (attached in English and Spanish) provided by the District on future public meetings regarding the development of the attendance zones for Lucille J. Bradley Elementary School (Flex 17), Flex 18 – future intermediate school, and Grand Oaks High School. Each meeting is held three times with staggered times and locations for your convenience. Please see the letter for more details.

Lastly, on September 6 York JHS had a campus visit by Susan Isaacs from Safe and Civil Schools. She travels around the nation and observes campuses and reports back on how well campuses are doing in providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for their students. Ms. Isaacs shared the following with the staff and in her written report:

1. York JHS has the most polite and considerate students she has ever seen at the middle and junior high school level.
2. There was a sense of calm and order in the building during class transition and during dismissal.
3. There were almost no (students) tardy to class noted during the class transition.

On behalf of all the Teachers and Staff at York Junior High School, we want to say thank you for your continued support. All this would not be possible if it wasn't for such parental support.

Sincerely,
Chris Povich

Counseling Center

10 Tips For Raising Resilient Kids

While adulthood is filled with serious responsibilities, childhood isn't exactly stress-free. Kids take tests, learn new information, change schools, change neighborhoods, get sick, get braces, encounter bullies, make new friends and occasionally get hurt by those friends. What helps kids in navigating these kinds of challenges is resilience. Resilient kids are problem solvers.

<http://psychcentral.com/lib/10-tips-for-raising-resilient-kids/>

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.

PSAT

Attention parents of 8th grade students!! PSAT 8/9 will be given to 8th graders on November 3, 2016. Here is the link for PSAT 8/9, where you can get a ton of information about what it is and why it is beneficial!! If anyone has any questions about this feel free to contact me, sdorsey@conroeisd.net or 832-592-8600. <http://york.conroeisd.net/PSATParent.pdf>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test>

Lady Eagles

Girls' Basketball tryouts will begin Tuesday, October 25th.
7th grade will begin at 7:15, before school, and 8th grade will be after school until 5:15.

A physical is required to tryout. You may find the form on the athletic web site:
<http://york.conroeisd.net/athletics/>

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fields of Faith, by North Houston Fellowship of Christian Athletes
October 19th, 7:00 p.m.
Woodforest Stadium

Come out and support our athletes!

Cross Country

All runners did great!! We haven't received the official report, but I do know our 8th grade Girls came in 2nd place out of 14 teams!!

Top runners were:

8th grade girls out of 130 runners

16th Madison Wetzig
19th Adelyn Hausen
21st Zoey Grimm
22nd Grace Reeves
23rd Grace Beane

8th grade boys out of 128 runners

18th Tyler Meek
21st Daniel Bluth

7th Grade girls out of 134 runners

14th Haylie Eubank
21st Paisley Bales

7th grade boys out of 131 runners

19th Carson Webb

Volleyball

Congratulation to our York Lady Eagle volleyball teams who went 3-0 in pre-season games in September! They beat Claughton, Bammel, and Duiett. The girl's competed well in both of their tournaments. Our 7th grade A team placed 3rd at Bear Branch, and 1st at Knox. The 7th grade B team placed 1st at Knox. Our 8th grade A team placed 1st at Bear Branch, and 2nd at York. The 8th grade B team placed 3rd at Bear Branch and was the Consolation winner at the York tournament. Please visit the York volleyball website for team photos!

Go Eagles!

Clubs

Want to have some Fun?

Friends
Fun
Games
Devotions
Service



Fridays
@ 8:00am
in the
BOYS' GYM

You do not have to play sports to come. All are welcome!

Gifted and Talented

Nominations for Gifted and Talented Testing

Nominations are now open for Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until February, nominations are accepted at this time. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. If you are interested in nominating your child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher at conferences. Nominations will be accepted through December 18. Nomination forms and other GT information can be found on the CISD GT homepage http://ci.conroeisd.net/depts/gifted_talented/

York Champions Club

York Champions Club is the sports booster club here at York Junior High. We are looking forward to a great year of support for our athletic teams! The club is designed to raise funds in order to assist the coaches with their duties as they mentor our children into great Eagle athletes. We are all busy parents just like you with children who are part of the athletics program. We'd love for you to join us! Our next meeting is **October 19th at 7pm at Pallotta's Mexican Grill.**

We need your help! Please consider volunteering for a shift or two working concessions. Sign-Up Geniuses are posted on the football and volleyball webpages or email us at: yorkchampionsclub@gmail.com

New for this year! We will be carrying York parent spirit wear in our concessions this year. Stop by or email us and get yours for \$20.



Also new for this year - YCC is participating in an affiliate program for a brand new gaming app that is about to be launched by United Games. Think Angry birds or candy crush, but this one is professional sports! When the app goes live, it will provide interactive game play during NFL games. They will be adding other professional sports once they get going. We have seen a sneak peek of how it will work and it is going to be super fun! It costs nothing for the user to play and earn tokens, but there is benefit that the booster club will get for having members who play. The player can earn bigger rewards like game balls, tickets and airfare for surpassing token goals.

You may have already seen/heard friends who are advertising that you join their group for which they will personally earn money by having you as a part of their group. YCC (a 501c3 no-profit) will be using the funds it earns to support the athletics programs at York Jr. High.

You can pre-register with the link below and when the app goes live shortly, they will let you know so you can start playing! Players must be 13 years or older to participate.

<http://ugm.io/invite/65646266?invite=player> or go to www.unitedgames.com
and enter code: **65646266**

York Champions Club appreciates your support!!!

York Cheer Booster Club

GO PINK OR GO HOME

Show your York Pride and wear your shirt every Friday in October

and at the PINK OUT pep rally on October 14th

Shirts are \$10 (cash or check made out to YJH Cheer Booster Club)

and for every shirt purchased you are entered into a drawing to win a \$10 gift card!

Cheerleaders will be selling the shirts before school and at lunch from 10/3-10/13

A percentage of the profits will be donated to the American Cancer Society



Click on the link to order! [York Connection 10-1-16.doc](#)

Science

Do you have an old car seat at home with a five point harness collecting dust? 8th grade science needs it! Students will soon be learning about Physics and how things move. They are hoping to get used car seats to use as a demonstration to show how Newton's 1st law is applied to the real world. If you have any please bring them to the front office! Thank you!

Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale now! Get yours today at the lowest price of the year. The price is \$35 and will go up to \$40 after January 1. Quantities are limited, and we anticipate selling all copies. Reserve your book at www.smart-pay.com.

Yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so if you've got great photos of school events, or of York students just having fun, please share them with us. The more

photos you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone! To upload photos from your mobile device, find and download the app Balfour Image Share. Enter our project number **723216** and the password **york**. If using photos from your computer or camera, go to images.balfour.com to get started. The project number and password are the same.

*The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used in the book.

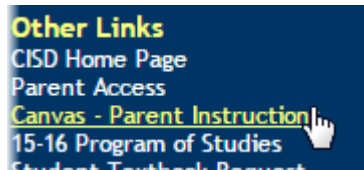
Contact Yearbook Adviser Katie Wells at [York Connection 10-1-16.doc](#) for any and all Yearbook questions.

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 News

Get to Know The PTO

Welcome Back York! This year the PTO has quite a few events scheduled:

Check Writing Campaign

To fund different activities this year PTO is having a check writing campaign! Our goal this year is \$15,000.00 to meet the needs for the school year.

Go to the PTO tab at york.conroeisd.net to help make 2016-2017 the best year yet!

Shirt/Hoodie Order Form

Orders are due October 7th.

Find your order form at the front office or on the PTO webpage.

Color Run

November 4th.

Pre-register for this fun event at the PTO webpage or at the front office.

\$10.00/runner

Music and food vendors will be there.

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!

From the Clinic

Parents,

September is Head Lice Awareness month!!

<http://york.conroeisd.net/Lice.pdf>

[York Connection 10-1-16.doc](#)

Medication Procedures

- In the interest of safety for all students, students may ***NOT*** bring, carry or transport any type of medication to school. ***Exception to the rule:*** The Campus Nurse must receive Doctor's orders stating that the student may carry medications with them and the Parents/Guardians must also fill out medication forms in the York JHS Clinic. ***Please note:*** If you are aware that your child is carrying an Inhaler or any type of medication on them that has not been checked into the Clinic; please contact the Clinic to make sure that the medication is checked in correctly. As this is Conroe I.S.D. Policy and Procedures.
- All Prescription and nonprescription drugs must be in the original container, properly labeled, and with an expiration date. ***Schedule II*** prescriptions must be dated within three (3) months, or have a physician's written order.
- Only the guidelines printed on the container will be followed unless a physician order is present.
- All Medications must be delivered to school or picked up by a Parent/Guardian. Many of the local pharmacies will provide a second labeled container for medications needed at school.

Please note: Medications required "*daily*" or "*twice a day*" should be administered at home. Many "*three times a day*" medication orders should also be given at home ***unless the doctor requests a specific time during the school day.***

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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For information about Title IX rights or Section 504/ADA rights, contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA coordinator at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7752.