

The York Connection

Parent Newsletter

September 2016

Important Dates

September

- 1 Open House 6 pm – 7:45 pm
- 5 Labor Day – Holiday
- 15 Picture Day
- 17 Volleyball Tournament
- 20 Sonic Spirit Night

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Teachers and Staff at York Junior High School, thank you for all your support in helping us with a great start of the school year! We are excited about working with your students this year and providing the very best educational experience for them. We are fortunate to have such great parent and community support and we want you to know we do not take it for granted. Thank you for the luncheon during Staff Development and all the school supplies that keep our kids well prepared. It has been a pleasure working with your students and we look forward to continuing the excitement for the remainder of the school year!

Chris Povich

Open House Thursday, September 1, Bell Schedule

Parents will report directly to first period classes at 6:00 p.m. (No general session in Commons). We will have an opening address via intercom at 6:00 p.m. Student schedules and school maps will be available in the Commons beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Principal Welcome over the Intercom at the beginning of 1st Period

1 st Period	6:00-6:15
2 nd Period	6:20-6:30
3 rd Period	6:35-6:45
4 th Period	6:50-7:00
5 th Period	7:05-7:15
6 th Period	7:20-7:30
7 th Period	7:35-7:45

Yearbook Pictures on September 15

Students will take their Fall pictures during the school day on Thursday, September 15. The Fall pictures will be used for the York Yearbook. Retakes will be held on Monday, October 24.

Parent Parking during Dismissal

Due to safety for our students, we are asking parents picking up students during dismissal not to park on the side of the street near the neighborhood homes on Waterbend Cove. Students are leaving for dismissal and cutting through cars parked on the side of the street near the campus into traffic in order to get to their parents parked across the street. There is a concern about students stepping out in front of traffic. Eventually "no parking" signs will be installed that will restrict parking during school zone times.

For the safety of all our kids, please make sure to observe the school zones and make sure to not be on your cell phone while driving.

From the Clinic

Parents,

If you have been contacted from York JHS Clinic about your child's overdue immunizations, please make sure to get your child immunized by 9/8/2016. Your child needs to be in compliance with the Texas State Law for Immunizations which is stated below:

BEFORE YOUR CHILD ENTERS 7th GRADE these immunizations are required by Texas state law:

- Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis)
- Varicella (chicken pox) 2 doses required. If your child has had the disease a second immunization is not required & parents need to show proof of disease
- Menactra/MCV4 (meningitis)
- HepA (2 doses required)

Counseling Center

We are encouraging our students to develop healthy boundaries for our September Monthly Topic. Please help reiterate these highlights at home:

Growth Mindset:

<http://york.conroeisd.net/CounselingOutreach/CreateGrowthMind.pdf>

Mindfulness PPT:

<http://york.conroeisd.net/CounselingOutreach/MINDFULNESS.pdf>

Parent Resource:

<http://york.conroeisd.net/CounselingOutreach/ParentMindfulness.pdf>

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.

Lady Eagles

Volleyball games:

- September 15 vs. Duiett – 5:30p.m./6:30p.m.
- September 17 volleyball tournament at home – 8:00a.m./7:00p.m.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE LADY EAGLES!

Cross Country

WE NEED YOU!!!

WHO: YORK JH CROSS COUNTRY & COACH DORSEY

WHERE: ON THE TRACK, EXIT THRU ATHLETIC HALL BACK DOOR

WHEN: EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL
(MONDAY-FRIDAY. 4:15PM-5:15PM)

WHY: MAYBE YOU LOVE TO RUN OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO GET IN SHAPE
FOR ANOTHER SPORT!!

**You must have a physical on file with the school before you can practice.
**Practice starts Wednesday August 24, after school. When the bell rings, go down to the locker room and change into something to run in. Than meet me out on the track!!

Clubs



Want to have some Fun?

FCA begins FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

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

Student Council

Do you have school spirit? Are you a natural born leader? Do you want to help organize and create events for our school and community? If so, then you need to join Student Council....

What: Informational meeting Thurs. – Sept.1st

When: before school at 8:15

Where: Mrs. Higgs room #113

Destination Imagination



“DI is the best thing you will ever do for your child’s education, as well as for helping to shape their future as an innovator and leader.” -Melissa Dick, Parent & Team Manager







Curiosity! Creativity! Problem Solving! Team Work! The Destination Imagination (DI) program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters students’ creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Our participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process. Teams may showcase their solutions at a tournament.

To find out more about Destination Imagination go to:

http://york.conroeisd.net/Destination_Imagination

OR

Attend our DI Parent Awareness Night
York Junior High Library
Tuesday September 20, 2016
6:00pm – 7:00pm

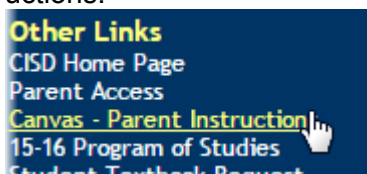
2016-17 DI Challenges To Choose From		
Technical Challenge  Show & Tech	Scientific Challenge  Top Secret	Engineering Challenge  In It Together
Fine Arts Challenge  Vanished!	Improvitational Challenge  3-Peat	Service Learning Challenge  Ready, Willing & Fable

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

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!

Spirit Night

Sonic 5:00 - 8:00 September 20. Rayford Rd (next to Texas Children's Pediatrics)

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!

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 compete, 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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