

The York Connection

Parent Newsletter

November 2017

Important Dates

November

- 9, 10 Theatre Fall Show 7 pm
- 9 Choir Veterans Day Performance at The Woodlands UMC 7 pm
- 11 Theatre's One Act Play at ORHS
- 14 Liberty Babes Spirit Night at Rayford McDonald's 5-8 pm
- 16 Boys Basketball v. Claughton 5:30 pm
- 17 Orchestra Region Clinic
- 17 Blue Out Pep Rally
- 18 Orchestra Region Clinic and Concert
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 Girls Basketball v. Bammel 5:30 pm
- 30 Liberty Babes at Girls Basketball Games 5:30 pm

A Message from the Principal

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at York Junior High School, we would like to thank all the veterans, those currently serving in the armed forces, and their families for their dedication in protecting our freedom. Their service makes it possible for all of our kids to receive an education in addition to the many other benefits we receive in this country. Thank you!

We are currently in the middle of the second nine weeks and will be finishing up this marking period at the end of the month of December. Student grades tend to dip a little in the second nine weeks. Attached is some study tips provided by the Counselors to help us assist our students in their studying habits. Keep in mind, the last four days of December will also contain midterm exams that count 10% of the semester grades for students. December becomes very busy as students are taking last exams, completing projects, preparing for midterm exams, and participating in other events after school.

Another way to assist our students in school is to make sure to keep their absences to a minimal. The number one variable for predicting academic achievement is attendance. The State also uses the average attendance rate of students in the accountability rating of public schools. If your child needs to attend appointments that you can control, please schedule appointments after 10:30 am. Our official attendance reporting happens at the beginning of second period each day. With this said, if students are sick, please do not send them to school.

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, my family and I are thankful for the loved ones in our lives and for the great careers we have. We moved to the GOHS Feeder community in September and we are so grateful to work and live in this community while having our boys attend Conroe ISD schools.

Thank you for sharing your students with us at York Junior High School and making York JHS the very best!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Chris

Counseling Center

Tentative 9th Grade Electives for Grand Oaks High School

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/9th-electives-2017-2018.pdf>

Endorsements for High School Graduation

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/Endorsements.pdf>

How to create a 4-Year plan

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSfguTmag26Wpb8u_dp3ZyeZ3XXvNdkZ01UeenttbfaucNC45UzqrIdPSyVjnLAEALsW1NMMLw2V58/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=5000)

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How to plan Course of Study for Grand Oaks High School 4-year plan worksheet

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/Four-Year-Plan-worksheet.pdf>

Naviance Career Assessment Directions

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/Naviance-2017-18.pdf>

Academy for Careers in Engineering and Science

ACES flier and brochure

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/aces-flier.pdf>

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/BrochureACES.pdf>

8th Grade Application for ACES

<https://york.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2017/09/8thGradeApplicationACES.pdf>

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 late January, nominations are accepted at this time through December 20. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. You can find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage (<http://www.conroeisd.net/ci/gifted-talented/>) under Program Forms.

Language Arts

The 7th grade Language Arts team is looking for books! Research has found that students who are in classrooms with well-stocked classroom libraries read more and become better readers AND writers. For this reason, it is our goal to build high quality libraries in our 7th grade Language Arts classrooms this year. Below are some ways that you can help your student have access to high-quality literature in the classroom:

- Donate any unwanted books from your home to our classes
- Shop at garage sales, used book stores, library sales, etc. for young adult novels and send them in with your student or drop them by the front desk
- Have your child pick out a novel they think other students would enjoy the next time you're out shopping and allow them to donate it to their teacher

Thank you so much for considering enriching our classroom libraries this year!

Sincerely,
The 7th Grade Language Arts Team at York

Blue Out Pep Rally November 17

On Friday, November 17, York JHS will hold a 7th Grade Blue Out Pep Rally and an 8th Grade Blue Out Pep Rally. The bell schedule is listed below.

First Period	8:55-10:30	
	9:00-9:10	Release 7 th Grade 2 nd Floor Classes to report to gym 2 from Outside along Front Sidewalk and Release 1 st Floor Classes to report to gym 2 from Athletic Hall
7th Grade Pep Rally	9:10-9:35	7 th Grade Pep Rally in Gym 2
	9:35-9:45	Return to First Period
	9:45-9:55	Release 8 th Grade 2 nd Floor Classes to report to gym 2 from Outside along Front Sidewalk and Release 1 st Floor Classes to report to gym 2 from Athletic Hall
8th Grade Pep Rally	9:55-10:20	8 th Grade Pep Rally in Gym 2
	10:20-10:30	Return to First Period
Second Period	10:35-11:10	
Third Period	11:15-11:45	
Continue on Regular Bell Schedule for the Remainder of the Day		
Regular Dismissal at 4 pm		

Cheerleaders

In anticipation of the Blue Out Pep Rally, York JHS Cheerleaders will be selling blue out grizzly gear starting on Monday, Nov. 13th, until Thursday, Nov. 16th before school and during all lunches. On Friday, Nov. 17th, items will be available to purchase before the pep rally begins. The cheerleaders will be selling: Grizzly Foam fingers for \$5, Blue and orange small pom poms for \$2, and Growl Towels for \$3.

Theatre

York Theatre Arts Presents a Fall double header on Nov. 9th & 10 @ 7pm. Theatre Production will be performing "The Perils of Modern Education" and York Drama Club Presents "The Fairy Tale Network". This performance is a pay what you can, Donation show. We will also be working with CISD Police and accepting Coat, Jackets, Hoodies, Etc. to donate to "Coats for Kids". It will be a great night of fun to help support our community.

Orchestra

On Saturday, Oct. 21, we had 26 students compete against students from all the Tomball, Conroe, and Klein junior high schools. The following 10 students placed high enough to earn a place in the Region Orchestras; Violin: Savannah Phan, Jonathan Kim, Kaley Carlozzi, Lexi Stewart, Viola: Isabel Irvine, Cello: Alex Lammayot, Yasmeen Khan, Bass: Riley Hale, Michael Bayne, Harp: Kate Hart (1st in the region!)

The York Chamber Orchestra went and competed at the Renaissance Festival competition on Wednesday, 11/8. They went up against 12 junior high groups and earned 3rd place! They placed higher than all the other junior highs in Conroe ISD. Listed below are the names of the Chamber Orchestra members.

Michael Bayne, Sophia Carballo, Kaley Carlozzi, Marjorie Carlson, Bethany Geisler, Jasmine Gradney, Riley Hale, Abigail Hall, Katherine Hart, Chloe Hunt, Isabel Irvine, Yasmeen Khan, Jonathan Kim, Eva Kizerian, Alexander Lammayot, Kamie Lohnes, Sarah Marek, Georgina Mbonu, Riley Moser, Kylee Myers, Payton Omillian, Savannah Phan, Ivan Polotko, Isabella Ramos, Andy Shen, Lexi Stephens, Alexia Stewart, Samantha Tabliago, Zachary Whittle, Haley Winslow, Sophia Winston

Congratulations to these students!

Choir

On Wednesday, November 8, the Chamber Choir competed at the Texas Renaissance Festival Early Music Competition and competed against some of the best Treble Choirs in the state. The girls earned 2nd place out of 22 other choirs that competed in their division! This is a huge accomplishment! Please congratulate the Chamber Choir girls on their hard work!

Lauren Boone, Sydney Byers, Gabby Chiocca, Daisy Contreras, Katrina Curry, Molly Drummond, Nevaeh Dureso, Meredith Eaves, Shian Esty, Jenny Fanyui, Celeste Freehill, Rachael Gomez, Madilynn Green, Nora Griffith, Emily Haas, Gisselle Hernandez, Asha Jarusinski, Breanna Kelley, Avery Kniffen, Eliza Lee, Mekenzie Martin, Reagan Meyer, Gaby Rawls, Kayla Roberts, Rylee Roberts

Red Ribbon Week

The winner of the Red Ribbon Week dress up competition is Ms. Badger-Cook's 2nd period class! They will receive a donut party next week provided by Student Council.

FCA

Want to have some Fun?

**Friends
Fun
Games
Devotions
Service**



**Fridays
@ 8:15am
in the
BOYS'
GYM**

You do not have to be an athlete to come. All are welcome!

FCA - Community Service Opportunity

7th Annual Child
Abuse Awareness
Event & Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21, 2017
7:00 - 10:30am
Market Street, 9595 Six
Pines Drive, The
Woodlands 77380



[Click here for details](#)
[or to sign up.](#)

**10K, 5K Race and
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**

You can join the York Grizzlies team!

2017 York Fellowship of Christian Athletes Spirit Tees on Sale

Visit the FCA website to order yours today!

<http://york.conroeisd.net/department/clubs-activities/fellowship-christian-athletes-fca/>

Yearbook

Yearbook sales are in full force! Go to www.smart-pay.com to reserve yours before we run out.

Clinic

We are in the process of testing all 7th graders and any new 8th graders to CISD for Vision & Hearing. Please be sure your child brings their glasses or contacts to school with them.

The clinic is accepting donations of the following items: band-aids (asst. sizes), feminine products (maxi pads only), saltine crackers, and/or 5 oz. clear plastic solo cups.

Lunch Deliveries

York will not accept student lunch deliveries from a restaurant or from delivery services such as “Doordash”. The only lunches that are accepted in the front office are those delivered by a parent or family member. We will only accept lunch for an individual student. Please do not bring lunch for your child’s friends.

Deliveries to Campus

Students who have forgotten items at home, such as lunch, athletic clothes, homework/projects, etc., should stop by the front office to see if the items have been delivered. No items of this nature will be delivered to the student in the classroom. Deliveries from florist and other outside vendors will not be accepted. Balloon bouquets, floral arrangements, cupcakes and candy are not allowed in the halls or classrooms.

December Midterm Exam Bell Schedule

Midterm exams count for 10% of the Fall semester grade for each course. The bell schedule for midterm exams is listed below. Students absent on the day of the midterm exam(s) will receive an incomplete and have to make them up.

York JHS Midterm Exam Schedule Fall 2017

Friday, December 15

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	

Monday, December 18

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	

Tuesday, December 19

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	

Wednesday, December 20 Early Student Dismissal

7th Period Midterm Exam 8:55-10:55

4th Period Class 11:00-12:55 Check with Teacher for Lunch Assignment (C-Lunch will return back to 4th Period after Lunch from 12:45-12:55)

Lunch Schedule for December 15-20

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)

PTO

Thank you, for sending items in for the Teacher Chili Cook-Off. The luncheon was a great success.

Thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer for the A/B Honor Roll reward for the students.

The York PTO webpage <http://yorkgrizzliespto.digitalpto.com/>

Like the York Junior High PTO Facebook page!

York Champions Club

We are in need of volunteers! If you are interested, please email us at yorkchampionsclub@gmail.com.

Conroe ISD Police Anonymous Tip Line

An anonymous tip line has been established by the Conroe ISD Police Department. Parents, students, and community members may call in anytime and share helpful information to keep our kids safe.

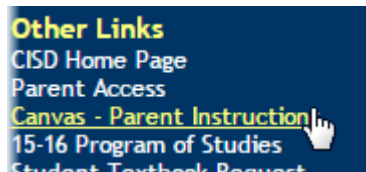
1 - 888 - Kid Chat 543-2428

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."



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 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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