

# The York Connection

## Parent Newsletter

March 2018

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### Important Dates

#### March

1	Track Meet at Conroe High 4:00-8:00 PM
2-3	Dinner in Oz Show
5	District Track Meet at McCullough 4:00-8:00 PM
5-7	Cheer Clinic 4:30-6:30 in Gym
8	Cheer Tryouts at 4:30 in Gym
9	Early Release at 12:55 PM
12-16	Spring Break
20	Orchestra Spring Concert at ORHS Auditorium 7:00-9:00 PM
20-21	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Soccer Tryouts
20-22	Girls Soccer Tryouts from 4:05-5:15
22-23	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Soccer Tryouts
22	Boys Soccer Parent Meeting at 4:30 in the Gym

### A Message from the Principal

The spring semester is in full swing. The first grading period for the semester ends on March 9. Keep in mind that Friday, March 9, is early release for students. Students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m., and buses will follow their normal routes accordingly.

After we return from Spring Break, March 12-16, students will be busy with tryouts for Drill, Cheer, Tennis, Soccer, and Golf. Check the dates above, or the school website for more information.

Again, as always, it is an honor and pleasure to serve the York Junior High Community.

Have a wonderful Spring Break,  
Ron P. Galindo

## March 9<sup>th</sup> Bell Schedule

### March 9<sup>th</sup> Early Release Schedule

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, is an early dismissal day for all students in Conroe ISD. York JHS will run classes from 8:55 am until 12:55 pm. The bell schedule is listed below.

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:55-9:35 (40 minutes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:40-10:25 (45 minutes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:30-11:10 (40 minutes)
4 <sup>th</sup> 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 4 <sup>th</sup> period at 12:50 for dismissal)

Student Dismissal at 12:55 pm

## Medications

All medications for students MUST be taken to the Clinic. This includes over the counter medications, aspirin, etc.

## Counseling Center

2018 Summer School Dates:

**Accelerated/initial credit** will be available at McCullough Jr High on the following session dates: June 11-June 26, Session I, and June 27-July 13, Session II.

**Online accelerated math/initial credit** will be available at McCullough Jr. High on the following session dates: April 23-June 6<sup>th</sup> Session I (Mon. and Wed. 6-8 pm) and June 11-July 13 Session II (Tues and Thurs. from 8 am-3 pm).

**Junior High Credit Recovery and/or STAAR Academy** Summer School will be held at Oak Ridge 9<sup>th</sup> from June 6-22 from 8-11:30 am.

## Academy for Careers in Engineering and Science

ACES [flier](#) and [brochure](#)

[8<sup>th</sup> Grade Application Process and Important Dates for ACES](#)

## Federal Report Card

Click on the link below to view the 2016-2017 Federal Report Card.

[Federal Report Card 2016-2017](#)

## Gradebook Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
0 (Numeral Zero)	Student did not complete this assignment and did not receive credit. A '0' factors into a student's average.
- (Dash)	The assignment has been entered in the gradebook, but grades have not been input. This assignment does not currently affect their grade.
X (Letter X)	This assignment was not required of a student. An 'X' does not affect a student's grade, and students do not need to make up an 'X'.
Z (Letter Z)	Student did not complete this assignment and has not received credit as of yet. This might have been due to an absence or a circumstance where the work still needs to and is able to be completed. A 'Z' does factor into their average as a zero until the work is completed and it is replaced by a number grade.

## Theatre

Friday March 2nd & Saturday March 3rd York Theatre Presents "Dinner in Oz" at 7pm in the York Cafeteria. Tickets need to be purchased in advance at [www.tinyurl.com/eagletheatre](http://www.tinyurl.com/eagletheatre) or on the York Web store. For more info email [jaott@conroeisd.net](mailto:jaott@conroeisd.net)

## Student Council

As part of their community service, **York Student Council** purchased fabric and created blankets for Project Linus. Student council members came in before school for two weeks to make these blankets, which are donated to sick children in local hospitals.

## National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is having a fundraiser at The Game Preserve on Saturday, March 3, from open to close. The Game Preserve is located at 473 Sawdust Rd in Spring.

Please tell them that you are there for the NJHS fundraiser when you pay. The cost is \$15 and you can play as long as you want. You can make it an outing and bring food if you like!

Please come and support our NJHS chapter!

## Art II Accelerated

For now, if a student wants to enroll in Art III they can get a Schedule Change Request form from an art teacher. Once the parent and the referring teacher have signed the form, the student will need to return the form to Ms. Jeffre West.

**Art II Acceleration**

**Robotics**

York Junior High competed in the EDC Robotics competition this past Saturday held at Moorhead Junior High. The completion requires students to work as a team to build a small robotic vehicle which navigates a course the size of one piece of plywood. The robot is required to flip “light switches” either up, down or sideways left to right. Points can also be earned for dropping a golf ball into a circle shaped cutout of the plywood. The winning robot will also navigate inside a closed square to flip a switch and travel up a 15% angle to flip another switch. All of this is done by tethered wires that are powered by two dc motors. This challenge is completed in 60 seconds! Only one minute is allowed for each trial!

We are proud that many York teams made it to the playoff rounds. The highest scoring robots are listed above. Seventh grade team placed first and the top eighth grade team placed 4th. This competition has grown to close to 475 competitors!

Grade Level	Award	Student 1	Student 2	Robot Name
7 <sup>th</sup> (712)	Most Unique Design 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mack Khambatta	Nathan Khambatta	Robo Twin Power
7 <sup>th</sup> (707)	Best Display of Theme 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Isabel Irvine	Tatiana Casas	System Overload
7 <sup>th</sup> (715)	Sportsmanship 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Katie Reid	Gabby Vargas	Kabby
8 <sup>th</sup> (759)	Sportsmanship 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Preston Allen		Blaze
7 <sup>th</sup> (734)	Journal 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Nicoline Veasey	Hannah Brooks	Robo Girls
7 <sup>th</sup> (720)	Overall Vehicle 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ryan Lambert	Jessica Ford	Rick Rocket
8 <sup>th</sup> (758)	Overall Vehicle 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Andy Shen		Mechanical Mastermind
7 <sup>th</sup>	Most Promising Engineer	Colin Miller	Nathan Marquez	Rotten Donuts
8 <sup>th</sup>	Most Promising Engineer	Kevin Reyes		Tequitos

**Destination Imagination**

York had seven teams participate in the Destination Imagination Regional Tournament this past weekend at Oak Ridge High School. We would like to recognize and send our congratulations to all that competed.

Mr. Ott's students competing in the Fine Arts Challenge - Change of Tune  
Nora Griffith, Gabriella Grauman, Christina Rowand, Henna Bocanegra, and Xander Judalet



Mrs. Knobloch's students competing in the Engineering Challenge - Drop Zone  
Alicia Cook, Isabela Perazzo Beine, and Yoseline Mendoza

Ms. Spurlin's students competing in the Technical Challenge - Maze Craze **placed 5th!**  
Edgar Maldonado, Roman Payan, and Steve McKoy

Ms. Armstrong's students competing in the Improv Challenge - Treasure **placed 4th!**  
Katrina Curry, Kiran Patel, Kynnady Etuk, Shay Sager, and Veronica Patel

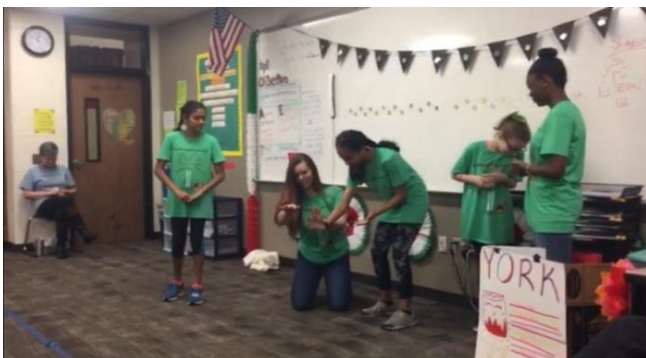
Mrs. Loxterman's students competing in the Engineering Challenge - Drop Zone **placed 4th!**  
Ethan Loxterman, Andrew Dover, Candace Pardue, Emma Butler, and Katie Cook

Mrs. Kim's students competing in the Scientific Challenge - Unlikely Attraction **placed 3<sup>rd</sup>** and received the **Renaissance Award** for outstanding performance!  
Jonathan Kim, Ashlyn Akin, Lainie Bodin, and Gavin Coggon

Mrs. Jäger and Mr. Lien's students competing in the Service Learning Challenge - Inside Impact **placed 1st in the Instant Challenge, placed 1st in their overall challenge** and will be **moving on to the state** competition in April!  
Arwen Lien, Brianna Lenard, Jaleigh Levine, Lexi Reams, Luana Sproat, and Samantha Tabliago



Cheer





## **York Junior High School Cheerleader Tryout Info**

Try out packets are on York JH website under Cheer and on the York home page under “Latest News From Us.”

### Clinic:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 5-7  
4:30-6:30 PM (Gym A)

### Try outs:

Thursday, March 8 - 4:30 PM (Gym A)

## **Drill Team**

### **2018-2019 Drill Team Tryouts**

#### **York Drill Team Tryouts**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

#### **Mandatory Parent Info meeting – Thursday April 5 at 6:30 in York Cafeteria**

Team Tryout Clinic April 23-26 5:00-6:30 in York Gym

Officer Tryout Clinic April 23-26 4:00-5:00 (returning members) in York Gym

Tryouts Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> Starts at 4:30 in York Gym

Information and applications online (after spring break)

<http://york.conroeisd.net/departments/directory/drill-team/>

### **Grand Oaks Drill Team Tryouts**

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders

**The Grand Oaks tryouts will be held in conjunction with Oak Ridge Liberty Belles tryouts.**

Thurs. 4/12

Parent Information Meeting - 6 PM  
(ORHS old gym)

Mon. 4/16 – Thurs. 4/19

Tryout Clinic 4:45- 6:00 PM  
(ORHS old gym)

Fri. 4/20 - Tryouts

(ORHS 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus gym)  
4 PM (ORHS students)  
5 PM (Jr. High)

Information and applications online (after spring break)

<http://adickerman.wixsite.com/orhslibertybelles>

More info to come.

If you have any questions email Randie Wilson.

[rewilson@conroeisd.net](mailto:rewilson@conroeisd.net)

### **Yearbook**

Have you ordered your yearbook? Order today before we run out! Go to [www.smart-pay.com](http://www.smart-pay.com) to place your order. Contact Ms. Bright at [kbright@conroeisd.net](mailto:kbright@conroeisd.net) with any questions.

### **Soccer**

Girls Soccer Tryouts: March 20-22 from 4:05 - 5:15pm, for more details go to the tab "Tryout Information" link: [Girlsoccer tryout info](#). You **MUST** have a physical on file to tryout.

Boys Soccer Tryouts: March 20-21 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and March 22-23 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There will also be a parent meeting on March 22 in the boy's gym at 4:30 PM. Physicals **MUST** be on file to tryout.

### **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**

### **Clinic**

Parents, earlier in the school year vision and hearing screenings were conducted on all 7th graders and any 8th graders who are new to the District.

If your child failed one or both of the screenings a referral was sent home for you to take to the Doctor. The bottom section of the referral is to be filled out by the Doctor and returned to the Nurse at York JHS. We have not received all of the referrals back yet. Please ask your child if they passed or failed the vision and hearing screenings and if they did fail, please ask them for the referral that we gave them. Thank you for our cooperation!

### **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.

## York Champions Club



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York Champions Club is a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated parents, guardians, alumni, coaches, teachers, school administrators, and community members that supports ALL athletic teams at York Junior High. The purpose of the York Champions Club is to support funding York Junior High School athletic activities such as uniforms, spirit wear, artwork, signage, and equipment where cost expands outside the budget limitation of the athletic department. Our organization raise monies through membership, concessions, as well as soliciting sponsorships throughout our community. Showcase your support for our student as well as campus and community spirit by joining this great organization!

Your support and participation is more critical than ever. Do you want deeper involvement? Become a board member. This organization is led by a group of parents and coaches committed to making the needs of the athletic department transparent to the students and parents of athletes who benefit from this organizations hard work. Attend one of our monthly meetings (Hosted by the Athletic Director, usually the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the school cafeteria) Email, [yorkchampionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:yorkchampionsclub@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page, Search for YORK CHAMPIONS CLUB and look for the GRIZZLIES CLAW. “Friend” us on Facebook page to keep up with event promotions, game times, and opportunities to help our organization support our teams by clicking on the SIGNUPGENIUS on our FB page.

## PTO

Color Run April 6! More info to come!

Thank you to our sponsor Hughes and Cozad Orthodontics for sponsoring the photo booth at the Spring Fling!

Thank you to the parents that volunteered to help with the dance.

## York Jr. High PTO 2018-2019 Form

Sign up for York's 2018-2019 PTO!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJQY\\_tlwn9LwlCTpidfcvAcJMITc85ix5jkpbE6BRPkBXnQQ/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJQY_tlwn9LwlCTpidfcvAcJMITc85ix5jkpbE6BRPkBXnQQ/viewform?c=0&w=1)

## Grand Oaks High School PTO 2018-2019 Form

Sign up for Grand Oaks High School PTO!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZZpHRcfF3uwV7w3Lzz6wCNXJZBtXiAWhdxt\\_h2wSLa\\_87IkA/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZZpHRcfF3uwV7w3Lzz6wCNXJZBtXiAWhdxt_h2wSLa_87IkA/viewform?c=0&w=1)

The PTO loves rewarding our students, teachers, and staff please consider donating. Each donation is tax deductible. Donations can be made by cash, check or PayPal. Follow the link below to PayPal.

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=W7PN5QUHQDKWN](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=W7PN5QUHQDKWN)

Other ways to help the PTO financially

Shop Amazon Smile! Follow the link to connect your Amazon account to York Jr. High PTO

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3316335>

Or link your Kroger card to York Jr. High PTO

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

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

Like the York Junior High PTO Facebook page!

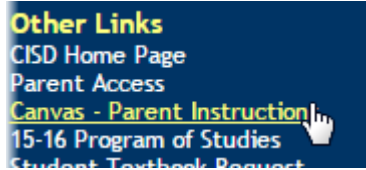
1 - 888 - Kid Chat 543-2428

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](http://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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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.