

# The York Connection



## Parent Newsletter

September 2018



### Important Dates

#### September

- 3 Labor Day Holiday No School
- 4 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "A" & "B" Football Home vs. Lewis Middle School (Scrimmage)
- 6 York vs. Peet Volleyball Game @ York
- 8 Volleyball Tournament @ Bear Branch JH & Magnolia JH
- 8 Cross Country @ Oak Ridge Invitational
- 10 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "A" & "B" Football @ GOHS
- 10 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C1" & "C2" Football @ Peet JH
- 11 Back to School Night (6-8pm)
- 11 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "A" & "B" Football @ Bammel (Spring ISD)
- 13 Fall Picture Day
- 13 York Volleyball Team Pictures
- 14 PTO Board Meeting @ York 9:30am
- 14 Cross Country @ Burroughs Park (Tomball ISD)
- 17 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C1" & "C2" Football @ Knox JH
- 18 Breakfast of Champions 8:00am @ York
- 18 PTO Spirit Day Chick-Fil-A (Must mention York)
- 18 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C1" & "C2" Football @ York
- 18 Academy of Science & Technology Visit @ lunches
- 20 York vs. McCullough JH Volleyball @ McCullough
- 21 Cross Country Meet @ Washington JH
- 21 Cheer Spirit Night @ Kendra Scott (6-8pm)
- 24 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C1" & "C2" Football @ York
- 24 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "A" & "B" Football @ Woodforest
- 25 Grizzlies For Greatness 8:00am @ York
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "A" & "B" Football @ College Park HS
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C1" @ Morehead JH
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grizzlies "C2" @ York
- 25 DI Awareness and Informational Meeting 6-7pm @ GOHS
- 27 York vs. Moorhead Volleyball Game @ York
- 29 Volleyball Tournament @ York & GOHS

## **A Message from the Principal**

It has been over twenty-five years since I walked the halls of the old Lake Jackson Intermediate School. I can still remember those years vividly. I can still remember the smell of the fresh cut wood in shop class, the gentle yet stern voice of my assistant principal, and the best chicken fried steak/mashed potatoes/hot roll lunch that you could buy. Those three years were the best three years of my thirteen-year grade school career. I wish I could tell you that those memories are the reason why that place still holds a special place in my mind and heart after all these years, but they aren't. I had such a great experience because of the staff and my involvement. The staff cared, and I knew it! I had old school teachers. The ones that held a firm line and wouldn't back off of it. The kind of teachers that knew mentorship was as important as my reading improvement class. It was also a great experience because I found myself involved in as much as you could possibly be involved in. I was in Choir even though I could barely hold a tune. I played multiple sports as well as found groups of students who had the same interests that I did at the time. It is because of experiences like these that we are going to try to make some improvements in how we reach students. Our goal at York is to create that same LJIS experience for our students, well without the non-nutritional chicken fried steak. Next month we will start our club days the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. We are interested in providing opportunities for our students to be involved while spending time with each other. We know that positive leadership and mentorship is how we are going to continue to build character in our Grizzlies. I hope that your Grizzly will look back in life and have fond memories of their years at York just as I do with my Intermediate School experience.

Sincerely,

Brian Lee

## **Back to School Night**

Back to School Night will be **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8pm. Parents will have the opportunity to follow their student's schedule and meet each of their teachers. We are proud of our York Grizzlies and hope you will enjoy seeing what they are accomplishing every day.

## **Fall Picture Day**

Get your smile ready! Picture day will be **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**! The students will visit the photographer during their Science class. Flyers will be given to the students Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and extras will be in the front office. As always, you can purchase online!

# York Grizzlies Get Involved

## Clubs Days at York

At York Junior High, we encourage every student to get involved in extracurricular activities. Whether it be sports, music, or clubs, there are numerous benefits to becoming part of a community and exploring a variety of interests along the way. We are currently encouraging our students to suggest clubs they would like to see started on our campus. Students can stop by and see Mrs. Garcia in the Assistant Principal's Office for a club form. More information will be available mid-October.

## Yorkapalooza is back!!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** from 5-7pm. This community event will include food, games, and more fun than you can imagine! More details will be coming soon! Don't miss this great night of Grizzly fun!

## Library

**September is the kick-off of the Conroe ISD's Read for a Better Life program, the York Library will be sponsoring two events:**

- **I Got Caught Reading!**
  - WHO? Students seen reading on campus when not required to for a class
  - WHAT? Receive an "I Got Caught Reading!" entry card from a staff member to turn in to the library for a chance to win a prize
  - WHEN? During the month of September
  
- **Read-A-Latté Café**
  - WHO? Students who fill out an entry form in the library or on the library website and have their name pulled from the jar
  - WHAT? Receive a library-generated pass from their teacher which allows them to read for pleasure during one entire class period sometime between September 17 – 21; healthy snacks and a small prize will be provided
  - WHERE? In the library in our special Read-A-Latté Café section

## **Destination Imagination**

Have you heard about **Destination Imagination**, the creative problem solving challenge?

### **What is it?**

**Destination Imagination** is an international education program that prepares students for a future that is rapidly evolving. DI does this through a **project-based learning** experience that applies the **creative process** to solve different challenge types - from Fine Arts to Engineering. Students work in teams of 2 to 7 to solve a challenge in a creative way, and present their solution at the Regional Tournament.

### **How can I learn more about DI?**

Attend the Awareness and Informational Meeting on Tuesday September 25th from 6-7:00 PM at Grand Oaks, or contact Heather Jäger at [hjager@conroeisd.net](mailto:hjager@conroeisd.net)

## **Cheer Spirit Night**

The Cheer Booster Club will be holding a Kendra Scoot Spirit Night on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. Thank you for supporting the York Cheerleaders!!

## **Important Message from the Nurse**

The Clinic will begin Vision & Hearing Screening for ALL 7th graders and those 8th graders who are new to Conroe ISD on Wednesday, September 5th. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please make sure they wear them at all times to improve their education and for this screening. The screenings will take a couple of months to conduct but our goal is to complete them before the Christmas holidays.

Beginning in October, ALL 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys will have scoliosis screening. The procedure for screening is simple. Screeners who have been specially trained will look at your child's back while he/she stands and then bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually. **STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR OR BRING SHORTS TO SCHOOL FOR THE EXAM. ALL STUDENTS MUST REMOVE THEIR SHIRT FOR THIS EXAM. FOR THIS REASON, WE REQUEST THAT GIRLS WEAR A HALTER TOP, TUBE TOP, SPORTS BRA, OR A TWO-PIECE SWIMSUIT TOP UNDERNEATH THEIR SHIRT ON EXAM DAY.**

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care and checkups. Please read the following manual addendum about the change for spinal screening:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/spinal/default.shtm>

## PTO

**Join us for York Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A on September 18th! It is an all-day event but you must mention York JH when you make your purchase.**

Sign up for York's 2018-2019 PTO!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJQY\\_tlwn9LwlCTpidfcvAcJMITc85ix5jkbE6BRPkBXnQQ/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJQY_tlwn9LwlCTpidfcvAcJMITc85ix5jkbE6BRPkBXnQQ/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!

## 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>

## Exams

When making vacation plans, please remember students will have finals the week before Christmas break and the last week of school. Students will not be allowed to take finals early. If a student misses an exam, they will need to schedule a time to make-up exam with the Counseling Office. If the exam is not made up, they will receive a zero for that exam.

### **Lunch Deliveries**

York will not accept student lunch deliveries from a restaurant or from delivery services such as “Door Dash”. 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.

### **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](http://www.applyforlunch.com).*

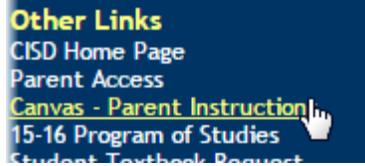
**1 - 888 - Kid Chat** 543-2428

### **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.”



## 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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