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Dear Friends and Family of YC,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have had a year of celebration here at York Catholic. In this issue, we take time to reflect on those who have shaped and contributed so much to our community, past, present, and future.

In terms of the past, we have lost amazing and influential members of the YC family in the last twelve months, most notably our educators, Coach Jim Forjan and Al “Mr. J.” Johnson. Many of you have commented in writing and across social media on the impact those individuals have had on your lives. In this issue, both Heather Hoffman ’91 and Abby Wurzbach ’19 reflect on the impact of teachers and staff, past and present, noting the ongoing spirit of mentoring and support we have enjoyed from the adults in our building over our 91 years as a school community.

That spirit has inspired thousands of alumni to respond to a call to serve others. Today, we see our young students and alumni traveling the country and the world to further their studies and serve the global community. These young people are walking talking proof that a YC education is for a lifetime.

Presently, while our students enjoy the comfortable renovated classrooms and working elevator in the building, we have started the next phase of improvements to include the creation of a new STEM wing with four brand new science labs. Our school was also the proud recipient of an almost $25,000.00 school safety grant from the Department of Education. Those monies are being used to purchase safety equipment (including cameras) for our campus, both internal and external. We remain grateful to the many benefactors who have made all of these improvements possible.

Our School Board recently gathered for a planning retreat where we worked to further the efforts of the strategic plan published in the last issue, all with the same mission of Catholic Education that has driven our efforts for 91 years.

Our Alumni Association continues to grow as well. If you have not had the opportunity to join their Facebook group or attend one of their many pop-up events, check them out. You are guaranteed to enjoy the celebrating and reminiscing.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who supported this year’s family fundraiser. We switched from the Magazine Drive to a Christmas Cash Calendar Drive. Because of the support of so many, we doubled our revenue from the last few years and our students will now enjoy a well-earned day off later this calendar year.

While new programs and faces embark the halls and efforts of YC, it is the spirit of the past that continues to guide our mission and efforts for the future. We invite all of you to join us at one of our many events where we celebrate all of our years of influence in this community. Look for a future gathering, including our Alumni Association pop-up events and our Green and Gold Gala in April. Our story is amazing. Come out and celebrate with us.

Again, I wish you all the many blessings of this celebratory season.

Sincerely,

Katie Seufert ’96
Principal

Cover Photo: Nylah Roland-Washington ‘20 and English teacher Jill (Eppley) Euclide ’94
We are in celebration mode here at YC! After years of planning and fundraising that led to construction, we are now embracing our newly renovated building. Since 1958 our students have seen minimal physical changes that were necessary for the times. Our school opening in September was a great “new beginning”! Change, in the form of a major school renovation, has provided new opportunities and a real uplift to the student body, faculty, and administrators. This change is our donor dollars at work…and they are really making a difference! Our students and staff are enjoying updated bathrooms, completely redesigned classrooms, a resurfaced gym floor, a new turf field, shiny new lockers, and best of all – air conditioning!

Jill Euclide, a 1994 graduate of York Catholic and an English teacher at the school, wrote a beautiful thank you letter that expresses the exact sentiments of our staff and students. Thank you, Jill, for allowing us to share it:

Dear Donors, Construction Crew, and anyone who assisted with the renovation of YC,

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for all of the sacrifices that were made to accomplish this renovation.

Nothing could really prepare me for that first quiet look and the time I spent just putting my hands on the new surfaces—as if to make sure it was real. The rooms are perfect: cabinets close to hide stacks of books and reference materials; there is more storage space than I know what to do with (and that is saying something for an English teacher!), and the space is just so bright and fresh. Of course, I love my new desk and chair— that was an unexpected surprise! And the best of all: AC! My 8th and 9th period students are ready to learn instead of falling asleep after being exposed to the heat and humidity all day.

While I realize that these are all cosmetic updates and what happens in my classroom in terms of learning and growth have little to do with these shifts, the attitude of the students and the faculty has shifted. There is so much positivity in the halls and even in my room. Even on the first days of school when in the past I have needed to ease into the work of the year, I was able to move through material more quickly with students who were more engaged and willing to jump over the hurdles I had set up for them. Some people might say it is just the mix of kids. And maybe it is, but after teaching in this building for 12 years, I tend to think there is more to it than that.

So, thank you—for all that anyone has done to enable this renovation. I work and teach in comfort with the sun beating on my windows; my students joke about my room being cold, especially when they are moving from un-air conditioned sections of the building. I think I speak for many of us when I say we feel spoiled and taken care of, that the work we do here was worth spending money to allow for our comfort and that of our students.

It has always been a blessing to me to teach here at YC, but this year, I am just a little more thankful than most.

Jill (Eppley) Euclide ’94
English Department Chair

And, on a funny note, the new sentiment in the hallways is, “I need a sweater!” We are fairly certain those words have never been spoken in September at YC. On the plus side, the lockers are now big enough to store the sweater if they warm up. With that, a new chapter has begun.

Thank you to the Capital Campaign Board, Building and Grounds Committee, current administration, and our donors for their “good works.” This endeavor would not have been possible without the time, money, and dedication each group provided. We can assure you our student body, staff, and families are appreciative and feel the love!
York Catholic High School is pleased to announce a partnership in a Guaranteed Admission Plan with six Catholic universities for the 2019-20 school year. This creates the opportunity to have YC students continue their education in a post-secondary institution promoting Catholic values and beliefs. The universities participating are:

- Carlow University in Pittsburgh, PA
- Immaculata University near Philadelphia, PA
- King’s College in Wilkes Barre, PA
- Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD
- Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA
- University of Scranton in Scranton, PA

Each university has specific GPA and SAT expectations of senior applicants, but the premise of the Guaranteed Admission Plan is the same. Students will be admitted to the university based on minimum GPA and SAT levels set by the university. The application fee at Immaculata and St. Vincent is also waived for York Catholic students who qualify.

York Catholic is working closely with additional colleges to increase the Guaranteed Admissions opportunities for our students.
We have exciting news to share with you regarding Special Purpose Entities (SPE). Pennsylvania now allows individuals to take advantage of EITC Tax Credits (just as businesses can) whereby you have the opportunity to re-direct 90% of your personal state income taxes to York Catholic High School.

SPE is based on tax liability, not income, therefore each taxpayer’s situation will differ. Participants must be PA residents where at least one spouse is employed or has an ownership interest in a PA for-profit business. An individual or couple filing jointly must have a state tax liability of $3,500 or more to participate. To see if you qualify for 2020, you can find your PA tax liability on Form PA-40 Line 12 of your tax return. 100% of participant contributions are distributed to the school. You have to pay these taxes regardless, so why not have a say in how your taxes are allocated? Additionally, you will receive at least a 10% personal deduction on your federal taxes. The money you re-direct to York Catholic is for educational purposes, specifically tuition assistance.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please follow these steps:

• Review information on the SPE program to determine if you qualify. Information can be found on the Donate page at www.yorkcatholic.org.

• Confirm your personal state income tax liability with your accountant.

• Complete and submit the Joinder Agreement found on the Donate page at www.yorkcatholic.org.

Applications for 2020 will be available after the first of the year.

For more information about this easy tax donation, please contact Katie Seufert, York Catholic Principal, at kseufert@yorkcatholic.org.

Students in 12th Grade College Prep English class were reading “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien and were proud to host veterans of the Vietnam War to hear first-hand accounts of their experiences. Thank you to Richard Burton, Jay Snyder, Joe Acri, Chris Siedor, George Knoll, Greg Gaffney, Dan Dorsheimer, and Mike Groff for serving our country and our students well.
York Catholic Students Excel on Advanced Placement Exams

The scores of the national Advanced Placement (AP) exams for high school students are in and York Catholic students have again excelled.

AP courses offer high school students college level rigor with students dedicating long hours of study that begin during the summer months and end in May with a national exam. AP courses are offered through College Board, and exams are four hours in length. Exams are graded on a scale of 1-5 with one being the lowest grade possible and five the highest grade possible. Many colleges and universities accept a score of three or higher for college credit, a motivating factor for the students enrolled.

York Catholic offers Advanced Placement courses in English, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, and US History. This past spring, 47 York Catholic students took the AP exams and achieved a 98% pass rate of a 3 or higher. Of the students who took the exams, 40% scored a 5, 35% scored a 4, and 23% scored a 3. These are phenomenal results!

**AP Scholars with Distinction** are students who earn scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams. The following graduate from the class of 2019 has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction: Luke Motter, Pennsylvania State University.

**AP Scholars with Honors** are students who earn scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams. The following graduates from the class of 2019 have been recognized as AP Scholars with Honors: Christian Gervasi, York College of Pennsylvania; and Sarah Reed, LaSalle University.

**AP Scholars** are students who earn scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. The following graduates from the class of 2019 have been recognized as AP Scholars: Gianni Hill, University of Pennsylvania; Claire Laux, The Catholic University of America; and Grace Reed, St. Joseph’s University.

Congratulations to our students and to their teachers for preparing them so well.

Artistic Talent on Display

Students in Art 3 and Art 4 classes participated in a local art show in November hosted by Parliament Arts Organization (PAO) and held at The Bond on East King Street in York. The students painted skateboards that were part of a silent auction where half of the proceeds went back to PAO and the other half benefitted the Reid Menzer Skatepark located at Memorial Park next to York Catholic. Reid was a member of the YC class of ’10 who passed away when he was in 8th grade. It was a heartwarming way for our students to lend their talents to a worthwhile cause.

Sportsmanship Award

During halftime of the YAIAA Girls’ Senior Soccer All-Star game, the York Catholic Girls Soccer Team was awarded the Herb Schmidt Sportsmanship trophy. Angela DeBolt and Maddy Perry, who were playing in the game, accepted the award on behalf of the team. The Girls Tennis Team also won a Sportsmanship Award this season. Congratulations!

Band Championships

The York Catholic Marching Band closed their competition season with a 1st place win at the Cavalcade Championships at West Chester University. Congratulations to our talented musicians and colorguard!
For most, summer is a time to rest and relax. Most high school students look forward to all the joys of summer... sleeping in, enjoying time at the beach, or riding the coasters at Hershey Park. Some of our York Catholic students, however, took advantage of the time off to step out of their comfort zone. We are always impressed by student summer endeavors, and this year was no exception.

**Anthony Catterall ’21** traveled to Adis Ababba, Ethiopia, on a ten day medical mission trip. He visited Sendafa, the second poorest village in Ethiopia, where he spent time assisting in a dental clinic. Anthony traveled with his parents, Dr. Mark and Mrs. Rosa Catterall. Dr. Catterall volunteered in the medical clinic while Mrs. Catterall worked on the school missionary team teaching World Geography and English. Anthony was amazed to find that some Ethiopians walked fifty miles in hopes of dental care or medical assistance, and he developed a new appreciation for American medical care and dentistry that are a part of our daily life.

**An American smile is a testament to orthodontics and whitening agents** – many of the Ethiopians Anthony encountered use a stick to brush their teeth. Anthony made connections that he intends to maintain throughout the course of his lifetime. The experience not only reinforced his aspiration to become a dentist, but also changed him, giving him new perspective and an appreciation for the many blessings we take for granted in our daily lives.

**Christine Catterall ’20** attended a Writer’s Workshop at Susquehanna University. The workshop was a seven day endeavor for students in grades 10-12; attendees enjoyed time on campus and in the classroom, and Christine enjoyed the professors, published writers, and poets. Christine spent the week focused on fiction and creative writing; she worked not only her craft, but studied the publication process as well. Christine found the week to be inspirational; she hopes to be a published author one day.

**Christine Catterall ’20 and Michael Weisser ’20** attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference (RYLA) at Messiah College in July. Christine and Michael were selected by a panel of teachers to represent York Catholic, and they spent four days networking with other student leaders from seven surrounding counties. Attendees listened to inspirational speakers, and studied leadership development, recognizing and analyzing leadership styles to include their own.
Fourteen York Catholic students and alumnae participated in the Manus Christi mission trip to Huttonsville, West Virginia. The trip was organized by Scott Anthony and IGNITE, and students raised funds to pay their own way. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston partners with Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity, and student volunteers spent four days on job sites that involved construction, clean up, and harvesting. The focus of the week was to practice service out of love for others, and to be the Hands of Christ. Attendees were as follows:

Margaret Bowser ’20  
Ben Bullen ’20  
Bryan Bullen ’19  
Jobin Cyriac ’19  
Angela DeBolt ’20  
Sophia DeBolt ’21  
Naomi Doyle ’19  
Moseley Driscoll ’22  
Becca Najdek ’19  
Lori Schlosser ’20  
Kaitlyn Staub ’19  
Dylan Steigerwald ’19  
Abby Wurzbach ’19  
Peter Zelis ’19  

Tyler Spangler ’25 took an Analytic Geometry class at Penn State York over the summer and is now enrolled in Calculus II at the university while he attends York Catholic as a 7th grader. He is the youngest student enrolled at Penn State.

Mary Kate Dick ’20 spent a week at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, participating in a Summer Scholars program. Mary Kate spent two weeks living on campus and studying law. The program incorporated a service component as well, and she spent time volunteering at the local SPCA in South Bend. In addition, Mary Kate spent a week studying Introductory Engineering at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She loved the campus, the studies, and the city, but the highlight of that week was a tour of NASA. Mary Kate will graduate in May and hopes to study Environmental Engineering.

Tyler Spangler Takes College Class at Age 12  
Mary Kate Dick ’20 at Notre Dame Summer Scholars Program  

FC Students on West Virginia Mission Trip
Maggie Motter ’23, Cheyenne Stephens ’23, Taylor Thomas ’24, and Jamie Volk ’22 participated in York College’s Girls’ Robotics Workshop where they tested their robotics skills at a workshop specifically designed for rising female engineering students. They used teamwork to program a robot that navigated a maze using Arduino and motors using two-wheeled robots. The workshop helped train and inspire the next generation of female engineers.

Miles Cox ’20 has been swimming competitively for the YMCA for eight years, and this summer he traveled to Stanford, California to compete in the fastest 18 and under qualifying competition in the world. Miles swam the 200 meter butterfly and the 400 medley relay. Miles plans to swim for Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania next year where he will study business and finance.

Mason Kovach ’21, Nathaniel Gingerich ’22, and Olivia Hinkson ’22 attended Elizabethtown Music Camp this summer for a week. All enjoyed a week of musical esprit de corps; the week ended with a performance for families and friends. All three loved the opportunity to meet and perform with musicians from other area schools. Mason and Nate both play the trumpet, and Olivia plays the violin. All three shine as part of York Catholic musical groups.

We are proud these students found time to relax during their summer break, but also chose to exercise their mind and heart. In many ways they are working to improve themselves, their community, and the world.
Thank you to everyone who joined the YC community for celebrations of Reunions and Alumni events during Homecoming Weekend in October. Irish pride was felt everywhere and it was fun to reconnect with alumni as they returned to campus.

The week started with Student Council’s themed days where students could dress down and be creative. From Team Tuesday to Movie Character Thursday, the excitement built to Green & Gold Friday when we had an energized Pep Rally, Parade, and big football game versus Fairfield. Seniors Ben Nelson and Gabby Malone were crowned king and queen, and we enjoyed the alumni band and cheerleaders performing during the game. The Alumni Association hosted tours of the newly renovated classrooms to over 50 alumni Friday evening before the game.

In addition to the students’ Homecoming Dance on Saturday, the Alumni Association also held a social at Central Market that was attended by over 120 graduates who reminisced about fun memories while making new ones.

The weekend concluded with former YC chaplain, Father Jonathan Sawicki, returning to preside over Sunday’s Memorial Mass in honor of Coach Jim Forjan. It was our largest attended Homecoming Mass in recent history, with over 200 attendees.

Our Alumni Weekend would not have been possible without the help and donations from the following graduates: Clark Wherley ’68, Ward Walsh ’64, Chris Waganman ’67, Jeff Lau ’76, Timothy Spangler ’81, Christina Marsala ’74, Donna Hoffman ’72, Van Hoffman ’72, Heather Hoffman ’91, Kay Kuhn ’67, Mary Beth Steelman ’76, Joe Steelman ’74, Rose Stein ’70, Kim March ’81, Lisa Pantano ’83, and LeAnn Citrone ’90. Thank you for making our alumni weekend one for the memory books!

Alumni Blanket Winner
Marion (Petrosky) Bievenour ’57 won the alumni blanket at Homecoming Weekend. She still works full time and reads Greensleeves from cover to cover!
COMMUNITY SUPPORT
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Bridge Presents EITC/OSTC Scholarships

Bridge Educational Foundation, along with M&T Bank, United Healthcare Community Plan, and Waste Management, provided a total of $30,500 in both Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) scholarships to York County families, including $7,334.00 for York Catholic families.

Bridge Educational Foundation is an independent non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania’s low-income families. Bridge partners families and schools with businesses and philanthropic leaders to provide scholarships that allow children to attend the school that best meets their educational needs.

York Catholic thanks Bridge Educational Foundation, M&T Bank, United Healthcare Community Plan, and Waste Management for their generous support of its students. The school also thanks the legislators for recognizing the importance of the EITC/OSTC programs and supporting its continuance.

Knights of Columbus Provide Scholarships

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #6353 established a scholarship program for 6th graders of St. Joseph Catholic School when entering the Junior High 7th grade at York Catholic High School. The scholarship continues in 8th grade provided the students maintain or exceed their grade point average. Andrew Gilbert and Claire Staub are the recipients of the 2019-20 St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #6353 scholarships. Robert Gilbert and Madison Proudfoot received the scholarships last year and have had the aid renewed for their 8th grade year.

Catholic Business Professionals Association of York

The Catholic Business and Professionals Association of York recently presented scholarships to two students to assist them in pursuing their education at York Catholic High School. Junior Preston Boeckel and sophomore Ryan Kerchner were this year’s recipients. The Catholic Professionals are committed to investing in our communities’ future by helping York Catholic educate tomorrow’s leaders.
During my years at York Catholic, we were always encouraged to serve our community. I spent time between studies and basketball practice volunteering at Make-A-Wish Foundation and the soup kitchen. I graduated from YC and went to McDaniel College to study Political Science/Pre-Law. When my mother told me about a co-worker at OSS Health who was hosting a mission trip to Haiti, my call to service was revived.

For me, it all started with supporting the MIVO Foundation’s mission that through Christ-centered care, a patient’s physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness enhances their path to recovery. The MIVO Foundation was created in 2009 by York area orthopedic surgeon, Gracia Etienne, M.D., to provide free orthopedic healthcare to the people of Haiti. The impact of MIVO (volunteer missions) has spread to thousands of people, ranging from patients to volunteers to supporters and more.

In my sophomore year of college I decided to be bold and try something new and spontaneous. In October of 2018, I left the United States for the first time in my life and traveled with the MIVO Foundation to L’Estère, Haiti.

During my time in L’Estère, I learned the ins and outs of the medical clinic, helping out with the pharmacy, playing the role of a nurse in the pre-op and post-anesthesia care unit, and assisting with office visits. But what I got from the time spent in the clinic, interacting with the patients, their families, and the children, was something I will never forget. I left behind a piece of my heart in the soils of Haiti, and I plan to go back in January of 2020 to plant another piece of my heart there forever.

The MIVO Foundation has given me so much more than I could have ever expected, and I hope the impact all of the people I met in Haiti had on me, I can one day have on someone else.
March is one of the busiest months for students at York Catholic – the musical is just ending, spring sports are beginning, and nearly 300 of our senior high students raise money for the fight against pediatric cancer at Mini-THON. Many of our alumni then go on to Penn State University and participate in the original 46-hour Dance Marathon, the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. THON has raised over $168 million since 1973. Every year, students dedicate their time and energy to enhance the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. The money they raise goes toward the Four Diamonds Fund, which covers 100% of THON patients’ bills and supports research at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital.

THON is a Penn State University fundraising event held in mid-February where dancers, committee members, and even spectators stay on their feet for 46 straight hours in the Bryce Jordan Center basketball arena. No one is permitted to sit down anywhere in the building. It is a weekend filled with determination, dedication, and lots of perspiration in order to give families facing difficult times a sense of hope. By the end of the weekend, there is not an empty space left for people to stand and not a dry eye in the building as the event winds down and the total amount of money raised is revealed. Tens of thousands of people come together as a family to support these young cancer patients and their families. In similar fashion, but on a smaller scale, York Catholic’s Mini-THON is a 6-hour event where no one sits down, and students build their YC community while raising funds to support the mission of the overall THON organization.

The first York Catholic Mini-THON was held in 2013. Since then, YC students have raised over $100,000 and grown to incorporate the four pillars of the Four Diamonds Fund – courage, honesty, wisdom, and strength – into the build-up to Mini-THON. Learning about the Chris Millard story (the inspiration behind the Four Diamonds Fund), Mini-THON at YC exemplifies the key parts of the THON credo – to provide emotional and financial support, spread awareness and ensure funding for critical research – all in pursuit of a cure. Being a part of Mini-THON is very inspirational for many, and some decide to keep serving the community through the main THON program at Penn State.

A lot of planning goes into York Catholic’s Mini-THON, as the student council executive board starts to plan events to contribute to Mini-THON over the summer. In the past, these events ranged from canning at sports events, the Color Run, dress drives, and For the Kids Fridays the month leading up to Mini-THON. The day of Mini-THON is filled with events like the Mr. YC competition, a speedball competition, Family Feud, Zumba classes, art classes, games, dinner, line dancing, and karaoke. At the end of the evening, the planning committee and other seniors reveal the total amount of money raised. For the participants, the end of Mini-THON is a rush of emotion, and the experience is simply magnified at THON.

At Penn State, 16,500 student volunteers work together all year to make THON possible. There are numerous ways to become involved with THON as a Nittany Lion, whether participating in a committee, organization, or raising money as an independent dancer couple. Mary Wurzbach ’16, and Emily Schoettler ’13 are among the many YC grads who have been members of a THON committee or organization.
“I enjoyed being a part of something that is so much bigger than me. Learning about diverse stories of struggle, courage, and hope expanded my worldview. It was quite an emotionally charged experience because of how deeply cancer has affected so many,” says Emily.

One of the highest privileges of being a part of THON is having the opportunity to dance in a THON weekend. About 700 students are chosen each year to spend the 46 hours on their feet, dancing for the kids. Steph Bilyeu ’12 represented Kappa Delta sorority and its Four Diamonds children, Andy Creasy and Christopher Moore, during the 2016 event. “Being a dancer in THON is an indescribable experience. The weekend puts the ‘why’ in the mission of THON to see the joy of the THON children.”

Being part of Mini-THON has had a huge impact on many students who look to work or dance at THON. Katelyn Danczyk ’18 says that Mini-THON is a large factor in why she continues to be involved in THON. “When you work behind the scenes at York Catholic, you realize just how much work is needed to run this event for only six hours. Yet there is this huge impact that all of the Mini-THONs at schools across the country have on kids. This inspired me to participate in the full 46 hour THON as a committee member, helping to run security for the event. I get to be a part of the largest student-run philanthropy, make an impact in my local central PA community, help give children hope, and still stay connected to something that defined my high school career.”

The millions of dollars THON raises each year is made possible with the contributions from Mini-THON, similar to the one York Catholic students and faculty plan and participate in again this year. It is with great pride that so many YC alumni go on to “THON” at Penn State, continuing their quest to conquer childhood cancer!

York Catholic will hold its Mini-THON on March 7, 2020. Please contact York Catholic for more information on how you can be a sponsor of the event. If you would like to learn more about THON, please visit thon.org. This year, THON weekend is February 21-23, 2020 at the Bryce Jordan Center on the Penn State University campus in State College. Let’s Journey Together to eradicate childhood cancer because one day we will dance in celebration, but until then we will dance for a cure!
I can’t tell you how many times I’ve asked myself the question, “What am I going to do with the rest of my life?” There were days where I thought I had my life planned out perfectly and to a T, and others where I didn’t even know what I wanted to eat for dinner. However, going to York Catholic showed me one thing I know I want to do with my life: teach.

I think one of the major contributing factors to this decision was probably because of the amazing teachers that I had at YC. There were so many influential teachers for so many students. Current senior, Sarah Nigro, said Social Studies teacher Mrs. Megan Wertz “[knows] how to get you to absorb the content” and “she sees who you are and knows when you need help, but are too afraid to ask for it.” Grace Gulley ’19 recalled English teacher Mrs. Jill (Eppley) Euclide ’94 is “so confident in what she [teaches]” it makes her students confident in their work.

Some teachers, such as Mrs. Wertz, knew they always wanted to teach, and others, such as Math teacher Mr. Phil Autrey, didn’t know they had the gift until later in life. English teacher Mrs. Candise Henson said when she is teaching, she “[finds herself] doing the same things [her teachers] did for” her. Spanish teacher Senora Melissa Bailey explained you “kind of have to like school to want to be there for a job,” and for many teachers, it isn’t too difficult to like school because, as Mr. Autrey put it so well, “you have to love your content” in order to love to teach.

Because I had such amazing examples in these YC teachers and they showed me how they “love to teach kids first,” I feel like I have been set up for success as a teacher. I look forward to being able to love my content and my kids, and to be the teacher my York Catholic teachers have inspired me to become.
To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever

Heather Hoffman ’91, Director of Admissions & Enrollment

When I think about all of the teachers I had at York Catholic, I would have to agree that to teach is to touch a life forever! I think about Mr. Bowman and the bourgeoisie, Mr. Keesey’s love for Civil War movies during basketball season, and Coach Daugherty’s many animated stories of his various adventures. I think of the powerhouse trio of Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Eline, and Mrs. Alton who taught me that “nice” is a four-letter word that says absolutely nothing. We all loved Miss Dowger/Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Stoutzenberger, Sr. Dorothy Epple, and for the younger generation, Mrs. Zimliki.

I fondly remember the sweetness of Sr. Pat McGuigan, the preachings of Fr. Trembly, Mr. Leiser’s handlebar moustache and multiple Leiser-isms (All you kids bring me joy. Some of you bring me joy when you’re comin’. Some of you bring me joy when you’re goin’), the antics of Al Johnson and Mr. Waite, Sr. Dominica’s class, and Sr. Judy’s class which was always so much fun. I can still recite the Hail Mary in French and conjugate verbs, but only if I sing them. More than formulas and labs, Mr. Spiese taught me to “plug and chug.” While this idea related directly to physics, it also relates to life. Mr. Spiese taught us if you know what you have, and you know where you need to go, you don’t need a specific formula to get there. By using what was given to you in the correct way, your end result will become clear.

Then I think of all the students I’ve taught, mentored, or coached and how they’ve touched my life. I have been blessed to watch over 2,500 students grow and mature into young adults. I’ve had the opportunity to share in their successes and rally them during setbacks. I’ve sponsored students for Confirmation and bonded with them on retreats. I’ve attended graduation parties and kept in touch even after college. I’ve attended numerous weddings, shed a few tears watching them walk down the aisle, and mourned the deaths of two fabulous young men that were taken from us too soon. Last year, I was humbled and honored to become a Godparent to the next generation.

Along the way, my students have taught me many things – patience, how to laugh at myself, that there is more to life than math class, and what it means to more than just be a “nice” person. So I don’t know who makes out better in this situation – the students or the teachers. All I know is that I am blessed to have been given these experiences. I love being part of this YC family!
Nearly 60 years ago, a group of volunteers formed the York Catholic Athletic Association to assist with athletic department operations. This selfless devotion was shared by a team of men, and later women, who stepped up and saved the sports programs during a time when manpower and funding were scarce. The volunteers would often go to YC many nights throughout the week after working a full day at their individual jobs. They would perform duties such as setting up and running bingo, selling ads for the sports programs, selling tickets at basketball and football games, selling refreshments at games, holding yard markers at football games, and holding ropes to keep people off the gymnasium floor during basketball games. Playoff seasons involved selling advance tickets and coordinating bus travel. Fans affectionately referred to the Athletic Association members as the “Green Sweater Crew,” named for the bright Kelly green sweaters each wore when performing their duties.

This assistance was invaluable since only a few short years ago, the Athletic Director devoted part of his time to athletics and the remainder of his time to teaching in the classroom. With the addition of Junior High teams and an increase in total teams to 46, the position has now evolved to full time responsibilities with numerous game managers and assistants to help the department run smoothly.

That does not mean volunteers are not needed! The Athletic Association has evolved into an Athletic Booster Club charged with supporting YC athletics through volunteerism and raising money through approved fundraising activities to help offset costs. The organizational structure will model other Athletic Booster Clubs so when soliciting volunteers and funds from the community, an easier understanding of the organization will be apparent to those not familiar with YC history.

All families of current student-athletes are members of the YC Athletic Booster Club, and anyone else who wishes to support YC athletics is encouraged to contact YCABC President Lenny Ebel to find out how to get involved. Lenny can be reached at ycboosterclub@yorkcatholic.org.

Thank you for support of York Catholic athletics!

The Original Green Sweater Crew

The note that accompanied these names said, “This list is a recollection of four minds ranging in age from 77 to 93 – so let’s hope we didn’t miss anyone.”

Roscoe “Rocky” Anderson
John Brown
Jim Byrnes
Chuck Abbott
Bill Beckner
John Butcher
Dick Coulson
Don Crumbling
Joe Fitzgerald
Ed Flick
Joe Geubtner
Larry Hack
Dick Hildebrand
Bob Hoffman
Bob Hoffman (Met-Ed)
Mike Hoffman
Bob Hohman
Ed Javitt
Tom Kosevic
Pete LaCesa
Bill Lennick
Earl Nolin
Bob Pfister
Jim Philbin
Bob Reindinger
Larry Sentz
Angelo Szymanski
Barry “Skip” Walker
Alex Wawer
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Follow York Catholic on social media to stay up-to-date on activities and accomplishments in between issues of Greensleeves. Here are some of the highlights you may have missed:

#YCFaith

• Before the rivalry comes the unity. York Catholic and Delone Catholic met at midfield for prayer prior to kickoff.
• October is Respect Life month. YC students installed a Cemetery of Innocents on the front lawn to remind us to pray for the souls of the babies who have been lost to abortion.
• Congratulations to our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

#YCMind

• Current members of YC’s National Honor Society welcomed new members during the induction ceremony.
• Music History students celebrated a Madrigal dinner in a Renaissance Christmas setting.

#YCHear

• Students explored robotics with Computer Science Discoveries’ Ozobot program.
• Our 7th Graders participated in the York County Young Women’s Conference at York College. Mariah Shue and Rosie Mulligan were featured on ABC27’s television newscast.
• 8th grade web design students discussed responsible and safe online activity and the importance of good digital citizenship.
• Representatives from 18 PA Catholic colleges visited YC to answer students’ questions and talk about college academics and campus life.
• On German Unity Day, the YC German Club celebrated the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Students created paintings representing the graffiti on the east side gallery of the wall to honor all of the people who suffered, died, and fought for freedom.
• YC German Club celebrated Oktoberfest.

• Senior National Honor Society students helped the Bring On Play organization build a playground at Girard Park in York City.

• YC students helped set-up for Leg Up Farms’ Fall Fest.
#YCFamily

- It was a Grand day at YC when more than 100 grandparents attended our annual Grandparents Mass and sat with their grandchildren.

- Senior members of the York Catholic Volleyball team visited Holy Trinity’s 4th, 5th & 6th grade girls PE classes.
- Some of our Futures are our Fighting Irish sports teams’ biggest fans!

- The YC Marching Band visited their favorite fans at the elementary partner schools.

- York Catholic’s Jazz Band entertained guests at the Women’s Care Center event.

- The York Catholic Athletic Booster Club’s Night at the Races was a fun and successful night that raised money for student athletic programs.

- Futures Trick or Treat was a big hit! YC students did a great job hosting trick-or-treaters and playing fall-themed games with future YC students.

Don’t miss out! Re-tweet, follow us, and always be sure to click “Share” so your friends see YC’s good news too!

We also email electronic newsletters to alumni each month. If you would like to be on the e-mailing list, please send your email address to info@yorkcatholic.org.

York Catholic Golf Tournament Results

York Catholic High School held its 29th Annual Golf Tournament in September at the Out Door Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament benefited the York Catholic Fund.

Winners were as follows:

**Open Division**: Dave Stewart ‘88, Rob Stewart ‘85, Wade Atkinson, Dave Poletti ‘89

**Seniors Division**: Brian Addison, Matt Brown ‘75, Chris Martello, Chip Berry ‘75

**Super Seniors Division**: Bill Kahley ‘61, Tom Luckman ‘61, Joel Itsoe, Bob Wetherspoon

*The following golfers won skills contests:*

- **Longest Drive**: Mike McPaul ‘90

- **Closest to the Pin**: Bill Shorb ‘73, Sean Skehan ‘06, Bob Todd, Marty Horner

- **Skins**: Bill Coyne, Bob Ruby, Mark Carr ‘89, Cary Walton
Please Join Us at our Upcoming Events

**Open House: Activities Fair**
There is something for everyone at York Catholic! Prospective students are invited to learn about all of the sports and activities YC has to offer on Sunday, January 12, from 12-2 PM. Students who learn about multiple activities will have a chance to win a year’s tuition!

**Battle of the Buildings**
Join us Saturday, January 25, for some friendly competition between the York deanery schools.

- 4 pm – Community Mass in the auditorium
- 6 pm – Competition in the gym

Refreshments and dinner will be available for sale in the cafeteria courtesy of the York Catholic Music Association.

**Open House: Class Sampler**
Join us to learn all York Catholic has to offer Wednesday, January 29, from 6-7:30 PM. Receive a private tour of our facilities, attend sample classes in our newly renovated classrooms, enjoy an informative presentation by our principal, and get all of your questions answered by faculty and students.

**Catholic Schools Week Mass**
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**Musical**
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Having a Reunion? We’d love to help and visit with your class. We can place your notice in upcoming Greensleeves issues, post information on our website, and help you with a mailing list. And don’t forget...York Catholic is a great place to have your reunion! We can help you with that, too! Please contact Brittany Nicholas in the Advancement Office at 717-846-8871 x322 or bnicholas@yorkcatholic.org to let us know about your upcoming reunion!

Class of 1945
The class hosts a lunch social every 6 months. Any questions, please contact Mary (Mohrline) Muller at 717-846-6907.

Class of 1952
Classmates meet for lunch the last Wednesday in April and October at 1 PM at the Eagle’s Nest Restaurant. Call any of the following for details: Mary (Cuffaro) Kefler at 717-757-1222, Barbara (Sheffer) Rooney at 717-843-3498, or Vivian (Noel) Keith at 717-741-9612. Even if you can’t make the lunch, give us a call with your email address and phone number.

Class of 1955
Come and enjoy seeing and meeting old friends and classmates, every first Thursday of the month for lunch at 1 PM. Call Carol (Knaub) Krepps at 717-757-6987 or Joan (Orendorff) Witmer at 717-845-8128 for the restaurant choice of the month.

Class of 1957
The class meets for a breakfast social the first Monday of each month at 8:30 AM at the Stonybrook Family Restaurant, 3560 E. Market St. in York. Classmates, spouses, friends, and guests are invited to enjoy and rekindle YC memories. Any questions, please contact: Gary & Rozalia (Eckenrode) Gillette 717-840-9127, Bob & Sue (Carter) Stahle 717-755-9094, or Ed Schneider 717-755-4425. Class members are asked to send their email addresses to Rita (Smith) Halverson at rhalverson@TPRsold.com.

Class of 1959
A luncheon social is held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at various restaurants in York. Contact Thelma (Gutt) Greaves at tlgreaves@aol.com or 717-417-1057.

Class of 1960
Members of the class meet for lunch at the Paddock Restaurant on East Market Street in York at 12:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every other even month. Please contact Mary “Fran” (Frey) Hughes at 717-755-9480 or Joann (Gaubeart) Hano at 717-755-2262 if you will be joining the group.

Class of 1962
Members of the class meet for breakfast at the Lyndon Diner at 9 AM on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please contact Liz (Wotherspoon) Kohler at 717-259-9082 or eak913@verizon.net if you will be joining the group.

Class of 1963
The Class of 1963 meets for breakfast the second Tuesday of every month at 10 AM at the Meadow Hill Family Restaurant on East Prospect St. Spouses are welcome too! For more information, classmates can contact Pat (Grimek) Stover at 717-757-6885.

Class of 1967
Class members get together monthly at various locations. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at rkuhn7@comcast.net.
CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 celebrated their 50th class reunion at the Prince Athletic Club and at the Victory Athletic Club, and enjoyed a tour at YC in October.

Class of 1984

The Class of 1984 held its 35th class reunion at the Stone Grille and Taphouse in October.

Class of 1989

The Class of 1989 celebrated its 30th reunion at the Stone Grille and Taphouse in October.

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**CLASS NOTES**

Sean Clark ’96 was awarded a scholarship from the Federation of Consumers and Travelers (FACT) to put toward his tuition to pursue his PhD in Business at University of the Cumberlands.

Second Lieutenant Leo Skehan ’11 was commissioned to the United States Marine Corps by his older brother, Captain Patrick Skehan ’05, at the Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing & Peace Garden in September.

Ben Andrasi ’19 was part of the US Marine Corps contingent that visited York Catholic on a recruiting trip this fall.

**MEMORIALS**

Gregg Heininger ’66, husband of Linda (Brandt) Heininger; father of Brandt Heininger; son of James Heininger (deceased), Betty (Stottlemyer) Heininger (deceased), and Anna Mary (Stover) Heininger (deceased).

Memorials are only printed when submitted in writing by the family.
In Memoriam

Alfoster Johnson, 78, teacher, coach, and music director at York Catholic High School for 28 years (1964-1991), passed away in October. He was the husband of Carol J. (Ewing) Johnson ’70, and the father of Natonya (Johnson) Pacchiarotti ’97, Brendan Johnson ’01, and Amanda (Johnson) Cooke ’01. He was father-in-law to Andrew Pacchiarotti and Kiran Cooke, and grandfather to Gianna Cooke and Kingston Cooke.

Alfoster Johnson was blessed with another family in his life…his York Catholic family. York Catholic High School is not just 4 walls where students are educated. It is school where teachers and students respect each other. Mr. J. respected his students, he cared about them, he knew their stories, admired their strengths, and guided them during their challenges. York Catholic is a school where teachers encourage young teens to never give up. As a result of Mr. J.’s encouragement, students fell in love with music. Many went on to perform and teach after YC. Mr. J. was their biggest supporter. At York Catholic, students and teachers belong together because…we are a family! As a family, York Catholic mourns the loss of a legacy…Mr. Alfoster Johnson.

Steve Schmidt was a former YC student, parent and volunteer instructor for Mr. J. He shared a few memories…

• Did you know Al invented the first lights on the YC fields? Yes, if something wasn’t going well at practice and the sunlight was dwindling, Al would enlist instructors and waiting parents to park their cars in front of the practice field and turn their headlights on so he could continue practice.

• Marching in the YC band during the Halloween parade for blocks all you would hear is “Hey Al,” Give ‘em heck Mr. J.,” “What’s up Alfoster?” The York community loved him, and he loved them right back. York Catholic students held their heads up high because they were proud to be part of his YC band!

• For York Catholic football games, we always marched into home and away stadiums in silence and as if we were in competition – he wanted us at our best, disciplined, proud, and professional. Once in the stands, you stayed in uniform and got to play, especially the Irish Fight Song after every score. Third quarter we had off, but needed to be back promptly at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Lastly, you marched off the field the same way you came in, with discipline and filled with YC pride!

When someone dies, their spirit lives on in us. Alfoster Johnson traveled on his final journey that promised to be filled with new blessings. God met Al at Heaven’s gates and said, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” … with York Catholic’s Fighting Irish Song playing in the background.

The Johnson family has requested memorial contributions be made to York Catholic High School Music Department, 601 East Springettsbury Ave., York, PA 17403; Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901; or to St. Joseph School, 2945 Kingston Rd. York, PA 17402.

Excerpts from Alfoster Johnson’s eulogy written by Donna (Crimmins) Hoffman ’72.
Please keep us informed of address changes.

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