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York Catholic is blessed with generous alumni, parents, and community friends like yourselves who have continued to support our school for over 90 years. Each year at our Gala, the biggest impact of the evening comes from our donors who support a Student Experience. Each Student Experience donation helps to close the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating our talented and inspiring students. When you visit our Virtual Gala, please consider contributing: \$5,000 (cost of tuition full year), \$2,500 (semester), \$1,000 (quarter), \$500 (month), or an amount of your choosing. Every gift, whatever the amount, counts and is truly valued. Thank you for considering donating to our Student Experience!

FROM The PRINCIPAL

Dear York Catholic Family,

I hope this issue will brighten your day as together we adapt to the challenges the COVID-19 virus has placed before us. We truly had a "stop the presses" moment as we pulled our original issue to instead deliver to you an updated report of our continuity of learning for our students.

Students are telling us they're excited, teachers are enjoying getting to know students in their comfort zone of a virtual world, and parents are expressing their appreciation of maintaining a quality learning environment for their children. It's been a perfect display of YC Pride.

Pride was also on display in February when the Irish boys' basketball team beat a favored Millersburg team to snag the first boys' basketball District Championship title since 2007. The traditional flyers distributed at the game by Alumni and past Athletic Association (now York Catholic Athletic Booster Club) members appropriately read, "Irish Eyes are Smiling!"

While those Irish Eyes were smiling down on the Giant Center that night, they have been smiling down on all of us for over 90 years of faith, community, history, excellence, tradition, and loyalty. And no matter what obstacles may try to convince us otherwise, I can assure you this school that is York Catholic has been built upon an original foundation that has been strengthened and expanded by all those who have walked its halls and touched its mission for almost an entire century.

Over the last year and a half, the enhancements to the physical school and campus and consequent expansion of programs and offerings, have profoundly impacted the student learning experience and extra-curricular opportunities in ways beyond measure. Due to the generosity of so many Irish Eyes, we are Growing Today to Impact Tomorrow.

Chemistry teacher, Ms. Jeanette Davis, is looking forward to inspiring students in the new STEM Center. "Our science teachers, specifically, are excited to soon teach from state of the art facilities that reflect the needs and desires of our students. With flexible teaching spaces, ample storage, a working chemical fume hood, updated and improved safety equipment, and ADA compliant lab areas, we will soon be able to more effectively reach and teach all of our students. It has been so exciting to watch the daily progress of our new spaces and dream of creating learning environments that truly provide for cooperative, hands-on learning."

We see the impact of a Catholic education on our students every day. Boys' basketball team senior captain Owen Leese said it best the night of the District Championship game, "Our school is built on faith and every game this season we had faith in each other and in God." That faith is relentless, withstanding, and will never let anything keep us from continuing to ensure the Fighting Irish Spirit is present and on fire for years to come!

As the Easter season provided us with a spiritual rebirth, we hope a physical rejuvenation will soon follow in the form of health and wellness for you, your family, and your friends.

Sincerely,

Katie Seufert

Katie Seufert '96 Principal

Cover Photo:

YC Math teacher, Mrs. Melissa Emschweiler, teaches her students from her home during the coronavirus pandemic



KATIE SEUFERT PRINCIPAL

Mission Statement

Guided by a Christian moral compass, we educate our students in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect, preparing them to serve the global community.



Distance Learning in Response to Coronavirus

As we closely watched the coronavirus take hold of communities in Asia, York Catholic's administration began making contingency plans for if and when the virus reached the United States. As we met with local and state authorities, information was being updated on an hourly basis, which later began changing by the minute. We gathered the students the morning of Friday, March 13, to inform them of remote learning possibilities, and by afternoon it had become a reality. Governor Wolf had closed schools, but that did not mean our students would stop learning. On Tuesday, March 17, we implemented a plan to continue teaching through live and recorded instruction that would be teacher-led and interactive for students. Teachers and students immediately adapted and the transition was nearly seamless. York Catholic is proud to lead the way in providing continuity of education through Distance Learning.

Our York Catholic community relies on our connectedness to lift each other during these unusual times. We are committed to maintaining as much routine and normalcy as possible. Parents and students alike are navigating this distance learning adventure as a family, many writing in to express gratitude to the teachers for providing for student learning from home.



Melissa Emschweiler delivers a Math lesson from her home during Distance Learning

"My daughter has been able to ask questions on school work face-to-face and say hello to classmates that she isn't able to see and chat with every day. I am SO thankful York Catholic has decided to keep things rolling and find ways for her to stay connected with friends and teachers during this crazy time in our lives! Once again YC has shown us this was the right choice for our girls! THANK YOU York Catholic!"

~Alli Renard Stover - parent of current 8th grader and future student

"Online classes give me something to put my mind to and make things as normal as possible during these uncertain times. Even the small act of you sending us video morning announcements everyday is such a welcomed gesture from me, and it's something nice for me to hold on to while I'm missing school."

~Dylan Smith, Class of 2020

At the time of this writing, we plan to continue Distance Learning until we are cleared to reunite inside our building. Now is the perfect time to see our YC family in action by visiting our York Catholic Facebook page at www. facebook.com/YorkCatholicHighSchool. The resilience of our teachers and students is truly inspiring during these challenging times.



Sean Steward adapts to Distance Learning in his home



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Capital Campaign

In Fall 2018, we kicked off our first ever major Capital Campaign, *Grow Today*, *Impact Tomorrow*. The outpouring of support was incredible and due to the generosity of York Catholic alumni, parents, friends and community members we have already funded and completed many of Phase I's projects.

As we detailed in the last issue of *Greensleeves*, students started the 2019-20 school year in 24 newly-renovated senior high classrooms which include air conditioning and technology; and they are enjoying a new turf field, practice field, and scoreboard. An elevator was completed at the end of 2019 and four science labs are scheduled for completion this month.

We will be wrapping up our Phase I projects this summer with a total lobby and cafeteria renovation that includes a new Student Center; Chapel; College, Career, and Counseling offices; and Media Center. In just two short years, we will have completed construction on our Phase I projects and are excited to focus our efforts on Phase II.









Science Labs Update

In an increasingly complex, ever-changing world, it is more important than ever that our students are prepared to bring knowledge and skills to make sense of information, solve problems, and have the ability to gather and evaluate evidence to make decisions. These are the kinds of skills our students develop in science, technology, engineering, and math – disciplines collectively known as STEM. Statistics tell us there are currently more than a million job vacancies in the STEM industry, and young men and women who know math and science have better employment chances. It is our hope to provide the facilities and courses that will foster the skills needed for our students to be competitive in this ever-expanding field.



Expanded Educational Opportunities at York Catholic

Kathy Hand, Director of Studies

York Catholic is a school of just over six hundred students, grades 7-12, and they come to us with a wide array of interests and talents. We continue to look for new ways to better educate our students, taking into account their personal strengths and attributes, and we recognize the need to pursue opportunities that afford York Catholic students choice, exposure, and educational experiences beyond our doors. The following four programs do just that.

York Catholic students have the option to pursue online study through VHS, the Virtual High School. VHS offers students a variety of courses not found in our course catalog, and offers specialized study in any discipline from Astronomy to the Stock Market to Sports Medicine. Students in grades 9-12 can opt to take a semester-long course online, choosing from an extensive course listing. Online course titles completed this past fall included Statistics, Principles of Engineering, United Nations, Law and Justice, Cyber Security, Forensic Science, and Latin.

College in the Classroom is a well-established program at York Catholic that allows juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit through Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania. Students earn college credit at their desks in York Catholic classrooms, taught by York Catholic faculty members. The total cost per course is \$375, and families cover the cost of these courses. At the end of senior year students request an Alvernia transcript be sent



College in the Classroom
Students earn college credit at YC



FLEX Program

YC student Anthony Ehrbar studies Mechatronics at York County School of Technology

to the school of their choice, and those college credits can be used to fulfill graduation requirements toward an undergraduate degree. The program is flourishing, and this year we have 58 students participating, with 96 courses in progress. Many students are taking more than one course; two seniors in the class of 2020 are currently earning 12 college credits apiece from their desks right

here at 601 East Springettsbury Avenue. With most college students taking 15 credits per semester, in essence, these YC students are saving the cost of college room and board and working toward graduating college a semester early. Our College in the Classroom offerings for the 2020-2021 school year include the following:

- Sociology/Psychology
- Comprehensive Business Technology
- ♦ Spanish 5
- ♦ Journalism
- Introduction to Theater
- ♦ Music Theory

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows students to take collegiate level courses at Penn State York, York College, and Harrisburg Area Community College at a discounted rate. Seniors are allowed to leave the YC campus and with preapproval, take a college class with credits awarded both at the college or university and York Catholic. A senior could, for example, leave York Catholic after their sixth period lunch and take a 1:30 PM class at York College. The introduction to the collegiate classroom in 12th grade has obvious benefits and the credits transfer. Students are encouraged to fulfill general education requirements this way, but are able to explore career possibilities on the introductory level as well.

A fourth educational opportunity is the FLEX program through **York County School of Technology**. This program is for juniors and seniors, and allows students to study at YC through the morning and attend a class of interest at York County School of Technology in the afternoon.

Students are able to graduate with a York Catholic diploma and benefit from elective offerings at York Tech. Currently, two students are enrolled in the Mechatronics class, and over 20 students have signed up for the FLEX program for the 2020-21 academic year where classes will be offered in the following areas:

- Introduction to Automotive Technology
- ♦ Construction Technician
- Introduction to Welding
- ♦ Nail Technology

As we enter a new decade, we will maintain the tradition of academic excellence in our classrooms. We do, however, recognize the need to expand and explore options that provide our students with choice and career exploration, catering to personal aptitude and interest. For questions regarding VHS, College in the Classroom, Dual Enrollment, or the FLEX program at York County School of Technology, contact Kathy Hand in the York Catholic Studies Office at 717-846-8871 x313 or khand@yorkcatholic.org.



Virtual High School
Iris Kong '20 studies Epidemics online

York Catholic Fund Update

With the start of this brand new decade, we know that "Values Matter" more than ever. The values instilled through a York Catholic education are timeless as our students learn compassion and service towards others, all while becoming their best selves.

It is our hope that you will continue to support our students in their journey. Through the York Catholic Fund, we welcome unrestricted gifts, which are critically important as they address the financial gap between tuition dollars and the actual cost per student. Additionally, unrestricted gifts provide operating budget support, tuition assistance, and extracurricular support. Every gift, whatever the amount, is greatly valued by York Catholic!



Please use the envelope enclosed in this issue of Greensleeves, or conveniently donate online at www.yorkcatholic.org.

Give Local York



Join us on May 1 to show your support of York Catholic High School with Give Local York!

Give Local York is a 24-hour online giving extravaganza. With the generous support of our event sponsors, and you as individual donors, we can make history in 2020!

For 24 hours—from 12 AM to 11:59 PM—on May 1, donors may visit www.givelocalyork.org to make secure donations to York Catholic

High School. The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Every dollar donated will be enhanced with bonus funds provided by Give Local York sponsors—making donor dollars stretch further!

The link to give goes live on May 1 on the York Catholic website at www.yorkcatholic.org or at www.givelocalyork.org. Thank you for your generous support!

Special Purpose Entity

York Catholic is excited to share some information with you that is sure to change how you view paying your state and federal taxes each year!

If you pay personal state income taxes, you now have the opportunity (whether filing individually or jointly) to choose how these taxes are spent each year by joining a Special Purpose Entity (SPE). SPEs are based on tax liability, not income, therefore each taxpayer's situation will differ. 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 2019 tax return. You could receive at least a 10% deduction on your personal federal taxes each year, so why not have your personal state income taxes serve as tuition assistance funds, allowing more students to thrive at York Catholic High School?

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please visit the York Catholic website's Donate page and

look for the SPE section. It contains more information about qualifications and the Joinder Agreement that is necessary to apply. All SPE funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so NOW is the time to submit your Joinder Agreement for the 2020 Tax Year.

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



True Heroes

One moment. One decision. Leadership. Bravery. Heroism. You never know what God has in store for your day. You never know how a single moment or decision may affect your life, the lives of others, or change history. U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Leary Kyle Reichart-Warfel '12 will forever be linked with the Joy family of Virginia for his actions on June 15, 2018.

Kyle and 3 fellow Marines were stationed at Cherry Point, NC, and were enjoying a free day at Atlantic Beach when they were approached by someone who alerted them to a family struggling in the water. Without hesitation, the 4 Marines swam out over 150 yards to rescue the father, mother, and twin daughters who were caught in a rip tide. Others helped, but the 4 Marines were the only ones to risk their own lives and enter the water. The Marines instructed the family to float on their backs to safety as they were pulled to shore. Three of the family members survived the rip tide, but despite CPR efforts administered by the Marines, the father perished.

The mother, Allison Joy, only had the Marines' names from the police report. She searched for them throughout the bases located in North Carolina and was able to track them down to express her thanks. In the summer of 2019, she reunited with the Marines and presented them with a plaque of appreciation. She also established the Float Don't Fight Foundation to increase awareness of the dangers of riptides and to encourage beach-goers to include a flotation device with their beach gear. She was also instrumental in relaying the story to the Marines superiors.

On January 28, 2020, Kyle and his 3 fellow Marines had the rare honor of being awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal – the highest non-combat medal for individuals who have undertaken a life-threatening risk in an act of heroism. According to Sergeant Major Joshua Wruble, Senior Enlisted Leader of Marine Air Control Squadron 2, "the award carries a very strict criteria and must be accompanied by notarized witness statements, diagrams, input from first responders, etc. Additionally, the awarding authority for these medals cannot be delegated and can only be approved by the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps." He could not stress enough how rare it is to receive. During the medal ceremony, attended by over 500 Marines, Major General Karsten Heckl, Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, recognized Kyle for leading and orchestrating the rescue.

The Joy family mourns the death of their patriarch, but rejoices in the bravery of the Marines who saved three lives that day. Thanks to the heroism of Kyle and his fellow Marines, a family has been inspired to pay it forward and save the lives of countless others through their foundation. Although shying away from the attention and accolades, according to Sergeant Major Wruble, Kyle and his fellow Marines are "true heroes and will now go down in the pages of history with some of the most heroic Marines ever!"



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Catholic Schools Week

York Catholic joined the nationwide celebration of Catholic Schools Week in January. Students honored service to the community, faculty/ staff, and religious life throughout the week with a variety of activities including reading to children at partner schools, delivering gift bags and thank you notes to supporting partner parishes, and participating in a Blood Drive to support our local community.

The week kicked off with the York Partner Schools Celebration Mass where partner students participated as lectors, cantors, servers, greeters, and Extraordinary Ministers. Following Mass, school families enjoyed the 6th Annual Battle of the Buildings, a friendly inter-partner school competition of "minute-to-win-it" type games where the teachers were the competitors and the families were the fans. As part of the Partner Catholic Schools Service Project, each school collected non-perishable food items for local food banks. The grand total collected was 29,990 items!

Throughout the week, the public was invited to get a first-hand look at the recent renovations at York Catholic, attend Open House where we highlighted various classes,

witness STEM education in action at our Science & Engineering Fair, and celebrate with us at our Catholic Schools Week Mass. We closed the week honoring the many talented students at YC with our annual Talent Show where students had an opportunity to showcase their talents for their peers and teachers.

Through these events, York Catholic focuses on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the betterment of church, communities, and the nation. Thank you for supporting Catholic education!



STUDENT ACHUEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following York Catholic students whose talents have been honored:

Academics

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the winners of York Catholic's Science & Engineering Fair.

1st place: Jessica Daugherty, Emilio Gurany, Natalie Javitt, Grace Rapp, Joseph Rizzuto, Willow Sepan.

2nd place: Gavin Bonner, Grace Doyle, Matthew Doyle, Madeline Murphy, Emily Schlosser.

Qualified from last spring: Mia Citrone, Martina Lyter, Katherine Magac, Madeleine Smith.

These students advanced to the York County Science & Engineering Fair at Penn State York where all of the 15 YC students who participated placed in the top 3 of their divisions. The following awards were granted to our students:

1st Place: Jessica Daugherty, Madeline Murphy

2nd Place: Gavin Bonner, Matthew Doyle, Natalie Javitt, Katherine Magac, Grace Rapp, Joseph Rizzuto, Willow Sepan, Madeleine Smith.

3rd Place: Mia Citrone, Grace Doyle, Emilio Gurany, Martina Lyter, Emily Schlosser.

7th Grader Madeline Murphy also earned a special award from the Association for Women Geologists for her work on the Effect of Plants on Soil Erosion.

Geography Bee



Congratulations to 8th grader, Luke Gertsen, for winning the Junior High Geography Bee. Luke moved on to represent York Catholic at the Diocesan Bee where he placed 2nd.



left to right - front row: Madeline Murphy, Grace Rapp, Willow Sepan, Emily Schlosser, Natalie Javitt. Back row: Jessica Daugherty, Joseph Rizzuto, Matthew Doyle, Emilio Gurany, Gavin Bonner, Grace Doyle.

Missing from photo: Mia Citrone, Martina Lyter, Katherine Magac, Madeleine Smith.

MathCounts Competition



York Catholic Junior High student-mathletes competed in the MathCounts competitions at York College and Millersville University. Representing York Catholic were (left to right): Kylah Gans, Gianna Bird, Ethan Coley, Allie Patera, Tyler Spangler, Aiden Zallnick, Paolo Gurany, Ashton Bruno, Kyle Scott, Madeline Murphy, Miranda Kovach, Leah Gaito

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Congratulations to the following York Catholic students whose talents have been honored:

Academics

Speech Festival

Following classroom presentations by all 397 senior high students, 25 students competed for a spot in the finals of the annual senior high Speech Festival. The top 8 speakers presented their speeches to the entire student body during a school-wide assembly emceed by junior, Gina Bolli. Mairin Landis recited an original poem while the judges' votes were tabulated. Congratulations to the finalists, Allison Barta, Anthony Catterall, Hayden Moul, Dylan Smith, Thomas Stahl, and to the winners, 1st Place: Kevin Hand, 2nd Place: Sophia DeBolt, 3nd Place: Corinne Oswald.



Optimist International Scholarship Winner

Senior Lorraine Schlosser placed 1st in the Optimist International Essay Contest among 34 entries from high school students throughout York County. Students were asked to write a response to the question, "Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams You Imagine?" Lori wrote about her mission trip to West Virginia during sophomore year where she helped to build a ramp for a disabled woman. This inspired Lori to pursue the field of occupational therapy to help others in spreading optimism and hope.



Future Leaders of York

Congratulations to junior Anna Hale for her selection and participation in Future Leaders of York sponsored by Leadership York. High school sophomores and juniors from over twenty York County high schools learn to become lifelong, responsible, active participants in their hometown community. Students perform community service projects, meet with established community leaders, participate in a community leader networking session, and learn about informed giving and grant-making, both in theory and in actual practice.



Rotary Students of the Month

Congratulations to juniors Grace Keesey and Gavin Bonner who were named Rotary Students of the Month in January. They attended the weekly Rotary luncheon meeting and spoke about a leadership experience and its impact. The pair will attend RYLA in June, a four day youth leadership conference sponsored by Rotary.



Athletics

District Basketball



Boys Basketball District Champions

Congratulations to the York Catholic Boys Basketball team for winning the gold medal at the District III-AA Tournament and advancing to the PIAA State tournament.

Congratulations All-Stars!

Congratulations to the following fall athletes who were named to various All-Star Teams:

Boys Cross Country

Joe Rizzuto - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Mosley Driscoll - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Jack Stromberg - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Girls Cross Country

Gabbie Tully - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Maggie Motter - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Aleya Miller - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Boys Soccer

Ben Bullen - YAIAA Division III Player of the Year Ben Bullen - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Sean Lavallee - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Patrick Freed - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Pasen Maynard - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team Tyler Anthony - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team Jonathan Yinger - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Girls Soccer

Sydney Mentzer - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team Bernie Schintz - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Girls Tennis

Annie Stitch - YAIAA Division II All-Star Honorable Mention Ireland Brennan - YAIAA Division II All-Star Honorable Mention

Ella Linthicum - YAIAA Division II All-Star Honorable Mention



District Swimming

Congratulations to the swimmers who represented York Catholic at the District III Championships. Shown left to right:



Maddie Janusz, Danny Giesselbach, Timmy Ventura, Laura Laux, and Mosley Driscoll.

Girls Volleyball

Hope Leavy-Gaskins - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team

Madeline Walker - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team

Grace Shelley - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team

Shannon Toomey - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team

Julia Yanick - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention

Golf

Russell McPaul - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

District III-AA All-Star Team

Hope Leavy-Gaskins - District III-AA All-Star First Team Grace Shelley - District III-AA All-Star First Team Madeline Walker - District III-AA All-Star First Team Shannon Toomey - District III-AA All-Star Second Team

Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Class AA All-State Team

Hope Leavy-Gaskins - PVCA Class AA All-State Team Grace Shelley - PVCA Class AA All-State Team Madeline Walker - PVCA Class AA All-State Team

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following York Catholic students whose talents have been honored:

Football

As selected by the YAIAA Division III Coaches (Division III only) Offense

De'Kzeon Wyche - First Team Running Back Ben Nelson - First Team Wide Receiver Noah Kiel - First Team Tight End Michael McBrairty - Second Team Guard Seamus Landis - Second Team Offensive Tackle

Defense

Ben Nelson - First Team Cornerback Matthew Burnside - First Team Strong Safety Jabbar Sease - Second Team Strong Safety Hunter Karpulk - Second Team Outside Linebacker Landen Eckert - Second Team Defensive End Cormac Sterling - Second Team Inside Linebacker

Special Teams

Nicholas Andrasi - First Team Kicker Nicholas Andrasi - Honorable Mention Punter

All-YAIAA Division III as selected by GameTimePA media

De'Kzeon Wyche - First Team Running Back Ben Nelson - First Team Wide Receiver/Defensive Back Noah Kiel - First Team Tight End Nick Andrasi - First Team Kicker Matt Burnside - First Team Safety

Music



YC Students in Local Symphonies

Nine York Catholic student-musicians auditioned and were selected for three local symphonies. York Youth Symphony Orchestra: Evan Costlow-Oboe, Nate Gingerich-Trumpet, Olivia Hinkson-Violin, Hunter Karpulk-Trombone, Cheyenne Stephens-Viola. York Junior Symphony Orchestra: Wyatt Miller-Alto Saxophone, Sara Piccolo-Flute, Tyler Spangler-Percussionist. Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra: Mason Kovach-Trumpet.

Left to right: Sara Piccolo, Evan Costlow, Wyatt Miler, Cheyenne Stephens, Olivia Hinkson, Mason Kovach, Tyler Spangler, Nate Gingerich. Missing from photo: Hunter Karpulk.



York County Honors Band - High School

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and were selected to participate in the York County High School Honor Band Festival. Shown left to right: Brian Inman (trombone), Mason Kovach (trumpet), Evan Costlow (oboe), Nate Gingerich (trumpet), Emily Danczyk (clarinet), Dominic Blanchard (baritone saxophone), and missing from photo Hunter Karpulk (trombone).



York County Honors Band - Middle School

Seven Junior High student-musicians auditioned and were selected to represent York Catholic in the York County Middle Schools Honors Band. Congratulations to (left to right) Ashton Bruno (baritone), Leah Gaito (percussion), Taylor Thomas (clarinet), Ethan Andrews (trumpet), Fahra Gwynn (clarinet), Miranda Kovach (alto sax), and Pearce Alleyne (tuba).



District Band

Congratulations to the student-musicians who auditioned and were selected for the District 7 Concert Band. Shown left to right: Brian Inman (trombone), Nate Gingerich (trumpet), Evan Costlow (oboe), Dominic Blanchard (bari sax), and Hunter Karpulk (trombone).

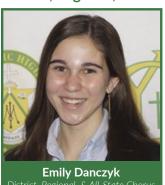
Music

District Jazz Band



Congratulations to junior Mason Kovach who auditioned and earned a spot in District Jazz Band's A Band (highest level) on trumpet.

District, Regional, & All-State Chorus



Congratulations to Emily Danczyk who auditioned and earned the honor of achieving placement in District Chorus, Regional Chorus, and All-State Chorus.

District & Regional Orchestra



Left to right: Hunter Karpulk, Nate Gingerich, Evan Costlow

Congratulations Evan Costlow (oboe), Nate Gingerich (trumpet), and Hunter Karpulk (trombone) who auditioned and were selected as First Chairs for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Orchestra, then advanced to Regional Orchestra as a result of their audition at Districts. Congratulations to Evan who advanced to All-State Orchestra.

York County Honors Choirs



Congratulations to the York Catholic students who auditioned and were selected for the York County Honors Choirs from 21 public and private school districts, homeschools, churches, and voice studios of York County. Left to right Senior Honors Choir (Grades 10-11-12): Joseph Rizzuto, Paige Gordon, Emily Danczyk (also a member of the Concorde select choir), Corinne Oswald; Junior Honors Choir (Grades 7-8-9): Wyatt Miller.

Mini-THON



Congratulations to York Catholic Senior High students who raised \$29.456.26 at the 2020 Mini-THON to benefit The Four Diamonds.

York Catholic and Major League Baseball

Barb (Ember) Full '78

I've always understood that success was a combination of many factors including education, luck, and timing. After I interviewed both Nick Krall, General Manager of the Cincinnati Reds and '95 York Catholic graduate, and Bryan Minniti, Assistant General Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies and '98 YC graduate, I realized that while initial opportunities may result from the above factors, continued success is always the result of perseverance and pure, hard work. As Bryan said, "Nick and I had no connections that could have helped us get in: we've always had to outwork everybody."

Nick Krall graduated from Louisiana State University, where he had attempted unsuccessfully to walk on the Tigers baseball team in 2000. Competition was stiff; that same season the Tigers won the National Championship. After graduating, Nick took an internship in the minor league team of the New Jersey Cardinals, then joined the Oakland Athletics in 2001, where he started as a bat boy and mentored under Billy Beane, who started Major League Baseball's analytics revolution as was dramatized in the feature film, "Moneyball," starring Brad Pitt. Krall joined the Reds in 2003 as an advance scout, then moved up to Assistant Director of Baseball Operations in 2008, and in 2014 he was promoted to Senior Director of Operations. Nick became Assistant General Manager of the Reds in 2015 and was promoted to General Manager in May of 2018.

Nick and his wife Kim, who is a prosecutor, live in Northern Kentucky with their 2 daughters, ages 8 and 11. He told me he is busiest during the off season; but that he works more hours during the season. He travels about half the year, recruiting and developing both players and coaches. He also supervises over 200 baseball staff. The best part of his job is also the most challenging:

Cincinnati is the smallest city of all major league baseball teams so he must be more creative than most to find ways to get his job done. Nick told me he is very proud of the Red's internship program that he has grown; at the end of last year it had 48 full time interns, of which 5 are women. Many have gone on to work in the Commissioner's office and sports agencies, as well as for major and minor league teams.

Bryan Minniti graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a double major in mathematics and statistics. While he was an undergrad in 2000, he went to a job fair and chatted with a careerservices officer about internships; she later left a message on his answering machine - the Pittsburgh Pirates are looking for someone who sounds like you. He spent 9 seasons with the Pirates, eventually being promoted to Director of Baseball Operations in 2007. He then went onto spend 5 seasons with the Washington Nationals and 2 with the Arizona Diamondbacks before joining the Phillies in 2016. In late 2017, Bryan was promoted to Assistant General Manager, overseeing scouting and player development.

Bryan is married to wife Amy and they have a baby daughter. He shared that communicating with all levels of his diverse staff, from personnel who have not completed grade school to those with their PhDs, is the most challenging and rewarding part of his job. He is grateful for the opportunities his job has provided; he has traveled all over the world.

Bryan went to public grade school so he is also appreciative his parents sent him to York Catholic, where he found a "competitive learning environment." Nick also expressed his appreciation for his YC education. While Nick told me he was not a good student while at

York Catholic, he was inspired by a teacher whose class he was failing. One Sunday afternoon his mother got a phone call from his teacher, Mrs. Nancy Learned, who detailed exactly what Nick needed to do to get back on track in her class. Even though that plan included summer school, Nick credits her with instilling his academic confidence. "She could have just sent home a progress report, but she took the time to make personal contact. It meant the world."

These two expert negotiators credit Mrs. Learned for some of their social skills and also cited their York Catholic mentors, Coach Jim Forjan, Mrs. Jean Merritt, and Coach Mick Javitt, for helping to mold their character for hard work, perseverance, and success.





Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

York Catholic High School's Athletic Booster Club inducted five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame in December. The Hall of Fame honors former coaches and student athletes, and the dedication of athletic program volunteers. Congratulations to the following inductees:

Brittany Hicks '10Basketball, Volleyball, & Diving

Schuyler Merritt '07Basketball, Soccer, & Volleyball

Bryan Minniti '98 Baseball & Football

Raymond Tuleya Jr. '55 Football

Danielle (Colombo) Worzel '07

Basketball & Soccer



Philadelphia Eagles Autism Challenge Ambassador Inspires York Catholic Students

The Philadelphia Eagles' Autism Challenge Ambassador, Ben Hartranft, spoke with York Catholic students about living with autism and not letting challenges get in the way of pursuing dreams. Hartranft is a 21-year-old young man who was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2. He has exceeded all developmental expectations and is strengthened by his faith in God and the people God has placed in his life. He received his diploma from North Penn High School, has 2 part time jobs (Olive Garden and Dorney Park), earned his driver's license, and treats everyone he meets like a rock star. As the Eagles Autism Challenge Ambassador, Hartranft was given the extraordinary opportunity to carry the Lombardi trophy to start the ring ceremony for the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles. He was also a guest on the *Ellen* show to promote Autism Awareness and funding for research.

Following Hartranft's presentation to the entire York Catholic student body, he met with the students served by YC's Academic Assistance Center, some of whom also have similar diagnoses. Hartranft's motivational speech inspired the York Catholic students to raise \$1,000 to help support the Eagles Autism Challenge.



Alumni Connections Corner

Donna (Crimmins) Hoffman '72, York Catholic Alumni Association President

At York Catholic, bonds don't end with graduation. Whether you graduated 65 years ago or in 2019, you are "Fighting Irish" for life! That was evident at our most recent YC Alumni Pop-Up event where over 75 YC alumni gathered at Crimson American Grill in York to share laughter and friendship. The room was filled with YC graduates from 1955 to 2004, each enjoying an evening of reminiscing with old friends and making new acquaintances.

Our York Catholic Alumni Association is not a means for fundraising, but for "friend-raising"! We invite you to join in our YC Alumni Association activities. It is a great opportunity to reconnect and stay in touch.

Mark your calendars as we begin to plan the York Catholic Alumni Association Homecoming Weekend activities. The Homecoming Football Game will be held Friday evening, October 2. Our YC Alumni Association Social will be held Saturday evening, October 3, at Central Market in York. Close to 200 YC alumni attended this social last year. We excitedly plan on welcoming more alumni this year as our association continues to grow!

Our York Catholic Alumni Association Board would like to form a committee to help plan our Homecoming Weekend and future activities. Please email us at alumniassociation@yorkcatholic.org.

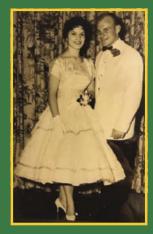




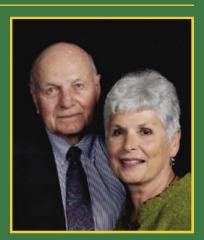
YC Combo Couple

Sheila Kraft '59 and Paul Borsa '58 met at YC and started dating when Sheila was a freshman and Paul was a sophomore. Paul was a football player and later became the YC head coach, and Sheila was a cheerleader. They danced together all night at a YC dance and the rest is history. They married in 1963, the same year Paul returned to YC as a teacher. They are the parents of 4 children, Paul '82, Michael '83, Christopher '84 and Kathleen '86. Paul and Sheila are both very active and enjoy keeping in touch and vacationing with their friends from YC.

If you and your spouse both graduated from York Catholic, send us your Then and Now photos and let us know how you met and what you're doing now. We might share it in a future issue of *Greensleeves*!



Sheila Kraft '59 and Paul Borsa '58 at the York Catholic Prom in 1959



Paul and Sheila in 2014

Class Reunions

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) Keffer 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. If you have any questions, please contact Gary & Rozalia (Eckenrode) Gillette at 717-840-9127, Bob & Sue (Carte) Stahle at 717-755-9094, or Ed Schneider at 717-755-4425. Class members are asked to send their email addresses to Rita (Smith) Halverson at rhalverson@ TPRsold.com.

Class of 1958

Classmates meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 AM at the Stony Brook Family Restaurant, 3560 East Market Street in York. For more information, contact Ken Witmer at 717-755-9883 or wit438@comcast.net.

Class of 1959

A luncheon social is held on 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 Boardwalks 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 1965

The Class of 1965 is celebrating its 55th Reunion Saturday, October 10, at the Mixed Grill Room at the Country Club of York. Appetizers will be served at 4:45 PM with a sit-down dinner following at 5:15 PM. Dress is casual and cost will be announced as the date gets closer. For more information, contact Marg (Burger) Gotwald at marg47@gmail.com.

Class of 1967

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

Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 meets monthly at 11:30 AM at Hoss's on White Street. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at martytassia@comcast.net, Paul Faulise at paullfaulise@gmail.com, or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at lynn.g.maher@gmail.com for the monthly date or to update their information.

Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 is holding its 50th Reunion on the evening of October 31, 2020 at the Country Club of York. Invitations will be mailed out mid-year 2020. Any questions, please contact Joan (Galloway) Bainbridge at 717-764-8948 or bnbrge@comcast.net or George Dotzel at 717-891-4462 or gdotzel@dotzelcpa.com.

Class of 1999





The Class of 1999 celebrated its 20th reunion at the Rockfish Public House in September.

Class Notes

Tom Foster '57 writes "YCHS memories are always drifting around in my mind...the later days on King Street, the basement cafeteria where besides lunch one could buy a Smitties soft pretzel, enforced silence in the halls, the biology and chemistry labs with Sister Miriam Regina and Sister Stanislaus, both who had the skill, education, and talent to inspire students that God was present in science. They taught us the basics needed to advance into college leaving with us the scientific concepts needed to move on in the secular world. Who can forget Coach Sinkovitz leading our very successful basketball teams as one year we made our way to the state championship game at the Pitt field house in 1954. Dick Bowman '54, Walt Keffer '55, Tex Shultz '54, Charlie Moore '54, and Charlie Phillips '55 were our first five and Don Shubert '57, my classmate, got into the game. We lost 66-62 as I recall, but what an exciting evening. I could write much more, but I'll stop here. Best wishes to all YCHS alumni."

Carolyn (Drawbaugh) McGuire '96 is currently a returning college student at American Intercontinental University Online. She has been named to the Dean's List with high honors from February 2019 to October 2019 as she pursues a degree in criminal justice and law with a concentration in victimology. She is currently working in the Northumberland County PA District Attorney's Office in the department of victim's services, as well as with Susquehanna Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children in Northumberland County, PA.



Bill Khayat '91 is the Head Football Coach at Brevard College in North Carolina. This past season, Bill's team set a school record for most wins in a single season, best winning percentage, and first ever postseason appearance. The Tornadoes played in the ECAC Scotty Whitelaw Bowl in Pittsburgh in November and defeated a favored Carnegie Mellon team 42-28.



Congratulations Kathleen & Nick!

Front Row: Adam Sentz '11, Taylor Trgovac (University of Pittsburgh friend), Katie (McNamara) Gemmill '13, Kaila Ilyes '13, Liz Johnson '16, Kathleen (Johnson) Full '13, Nick Full '11, Luke Johnson '11, Sivan Alouf (University of Pittsburgh friend), Maggie Seitz (childhood friend from Dallastown), Andrea Hess '13.

Back Row: Andrew Armstrong (University of Pittsburgh friend), Dr. John Full '08, Christian Bohn '11, Chris Chesko '11, Patrick Montgomery '12.



Danielle Weichert

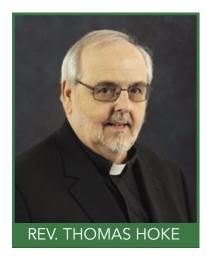
Danielle Weichert '15 graduated magna cum laude from York College in May 2019. She completed her student teaching at St. Joseph's York in the 2nd grade class, and is now teaching 2nd grade full-time at St. Rose of Lima School in Thomasville.



Sosa Family

David Sosa '07 and his wife, Laura, welcomed son Marcelo Dominic in February. He joins brother Antonio, age 4...and proud grandparents Eileen and Milner Sosa, YC Spanish teacher.

In Memoriam



Reverend Thomas R. Hoke, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Spring Grove, PA, former pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in York, and former Dean of the York Deanery passed away suddenly, on December 14, 2019, at the age of 70. Prior to his service in York County, he attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School in Hanover and graduated from Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown and earned his degree in Theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He also served as a Deacon at Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Lancaster. He was ordained a Priest on April 26, 1975 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Harrisburg. His first assignment was as a Parochial Vicar at Corpus Christi Church Roman Catholic Church in Chambersburg, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel, reappointed as Parochial Vicar at Corpus

Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg, Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lancaster, an Instructor at Lancaster Catholic High School in Lancaster, Parochial Vicar at St. Anne Catholic Church in Lancaster, Parochial Vicar at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Millersville, and Pastor at St. Anne Catholic Church in Lancaster. Father Hoke is survived by his brothers Philip J. Hoke and wife Lois of Hanover, Andy L. Hoke and wife Jolene of Hanover. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, parishioners and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Henry J. Hoke and Pauline C. (Schrader) Hoke, and brothers James H. Hoke and Glenn G. Hoke.

Sister Marian D. Frantz, IHM, taught French at York Catholic from 1969-1986, then became the Coordinator of Studies and the Associate Vicar for Religious in 1986-87. She was the Director of the Office for Religious for the Diocese of Harrisburg from 1987-2000.

Theresa R. Concino, daughter of Vincenzo and Nunciata (Cacciola) Locondro; wife of Dr. Frank J. Concino, Sr. '37 (deceased); mother of Frank Concino, Jr. '65 (deceased), Stephen Concino '67, Anne Concino (deceased), James Concino '72, Mary (Concino) Myers) '73, and Joseph Concino '76; mother-in-law of David Myers, and Debbie Concino; grandmother of Jennifer Concino '89, Tony Myers '05, Gina (Myers) Ruck '07, Meghan Dubbs, Lauren Concino, Natalie Concino, and Anthony Concino; great-grandmother of Lucas Dubbs.

Annette "Toni" Javitt King, wife of Edward Javitt (deceased) and Edward King (deceased); mother of Edward Javitt Jr. '72, Mick Javitt '74, Diane (Javitt) Johnston '77, Larry Javitt '80; mother-in-law of Debbie Javitt, Karin (Coughlin) Javitt '74, Eric Johnston, Kim Javitt; grandmother of Laura Javitt '95, Michael Javitt '99, Adam Johnston '01, Brian Johnston '03, Daniel Javitt '04, Jacob Javitt, Bobby Javitt, Sean Johnston '06, Matt Javitt, Emily Javitt '13, Maggie Javitt '14, Annie Javitt '17, Natalie Javitt '22; and great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren.

Gary Kuentzler '52, husband of Patricia Stambaugh Kuentzler; father of Randall Kuentzler, Christine (Kuentzler) Rahley, Gary Kuentzler Jr. (deceased); grandfather of Matthew Kuentzler; son of Charles Kuentzler (deceased) and Ano (Geltz) Kuentzler (deceased); brother of Elwood Kuentzler (deceased), Albert Kuentzler (deceased), Alvin Kuentzler (deceased), Robert Kuentzler (deceased), Marion (Kuentzler) Wertz.

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