

# YORK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **GREENSLEEVES**

SPRING 2021



**Congratulations**  
**Class of 2021**

# 2021-2022 Student Visitation Events

## SHADOW FOR A DAY

Starting October 1  
through May 14

Prospective students are invited to spend the day at YC. Check out classes, meet teachers, make some new friends and discover all the great ways to get involved.

## OPEN HOUSE

October 17, 2021 12-2pm  
February 13, 2022 12-2pm  
May 4, 2022 6-7:30pm

Get a personalized grand tour for an up-close look at what makes YC education shine. Learn how students explore their passions in and out of the classroom. Connect with students, parents, teachers, and our faculty administrators.

## WELCOME WEDNESDAY

September 15, 2021 10am-2pm  
December 1, 2021 10am-2pm  
March 16, 2021 10am-2pm

Take a private tour and see our school in action. Our student ambassadors share their experiences and answer all of your questions.

While all events are scheduled to occur at the York Catholic campus (following COVID-19 safety measures), adjustments may be made as needed based on guidelines in place at the time of each event.

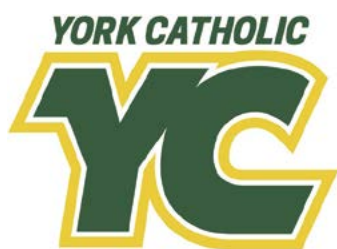
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## YC MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

# Experience the YC Difference

When you walk through the door, ***you can feel it*** - the indescribable energy that comes from a place where every student is known, cared for and inspired to learn. Join us to experience that energy firsthand and hear from students, teachers and parents what it means to be a part of the York Catholic Middle School and High School (we call it YC) family.



## We Hope to See You!

Get in touch to learn more or to register for one or more events. We look forward to meeting you!

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear York Catholic Family,

Amen ~ "So be it"

Amen ~ "It is certain"

Amen ~ "I affirm"

All I have to say is, "Amen." We have come to the end of "the year of COVID" and it is certain we survived. Not only have we survived, we have affirmed our mission and become a stronger, healthier, and more united and vital community as a result of what we have given, what we have learned, and what we have yet to become in the wake of this unprecedented world event.

I could not be more proud, more humbled, and more certain by the work of York Catholic students, faculty, and staff, for there truly is no better place for a secondary education, especially in the time of the 2020-2021 school year.

Our students adapted with ease to the new protocols of hybrid learning and social distancing. Our faculty taught live lessons simultaneously to students present in their classrooms and those connecting remotely from home, and our staff kept our building clean and open with new protocols, measures, solutions, and equipment beyond what we ever could have imagined.

All of this allowed us to maintain consistent delivery of curriculum and instruction that was on pace. We proudly graduated 76 young men and women who will continue on to serve the global community. Collectively they earned over \$10 million in college scholarship offers, served 11,775 hours to the local community throughout their York Catholic career, and will enter post-secondary education, the military, and/or the workforces ahead of their peers as a result of their hard work in the face of the COVID-19 virus. As always, proud is an understatement.



Mrs. Eva Hess Phillips

**Congratulations on  
Your Retirement!**

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2021, we also said farewell to someone who has helped our seniors of today and the past prepare for what comes next. Mrs. Eva Phillips has served in our Guidance Department as a school and college and career counselor for the last 10.5 years. We wish her well as she retires this summer and looks forward to time with family.

I end this letter the same way I began. Prayer is at the forefront of our school community and I ask for your continued prayers for our students, faculty, and staff as we celebrate a successful 2020-21 school year and look forward to 2021-22. No matter what guidelines or adaptations are needed, "so be it." We are "certain" we are ready.

Amen.

Sincerely,

Katie Seufert '96  
Principal



**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.

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Dan Breen, Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Secretary for Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg, confers a York Catholic diploma to Gavin Bonner of the Class of 2021.

# A COVID-19 Year in Education: An Administrator's Perspective

## Teaching, Learning, and Maintaining Community During COVID-19

*Laura McShane, Director of Staff Formation*

When the decision was made to be open and in-person for the 2020-21 school year, we began to think about what we would need to change or adjust in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. How could we prevent students from crowding the hallway, creating a social distancing issue? What should lunch look like? How could we accommodate students who needed to continue with distance learning? The list of questions was long.

I left for maternity leave in July. What I returned to in October was impressive: a staggered bell schedule meant that there was never a time in which all students were in the hallways simultaneously, and students progressed through the halls in single file, on the right side, distanced from each other. In classrooms, webcams and videoconferencing allowed students to continue to participate in class from home. In the cafeteria, plexiglass dividers provided protection for students while they removed their masks to eat, and limited seating at each table to four. In the lobby, tables spread out to prevent large study hall groups from crowding into a single classroom. To add to all these adjustments was the fact that part of the building's first floor was renovated over the summer, giving us a shiny new chapel, media center, guidance suite, cafeteria, and lobby.

The campus changes that have been made to accommodate social distancing and CDC, PA Department of Health, and Diocesan guidelines will largely disappear once these guidelines change. There is a day, hopefully in the not-too-distant future, where we will no longer need temperature scanners stationed at building entrances, where plexiglass dividers on cafeteria tables will be unnecessary, and where we will be able to fill all the chapel and auditorium seats with students. We eagerly anticipate the day when we can move the furniture specifically purchased for the lobby and media center out of storage so that these spaces can be used as they were originally intended.

At the same time, some changes will likely remain to help keep our students and staff healthy, particularly during flu season: we will continue to use the electrostatic backpack sprayers that our maintenance team currently uses in our classrooms, and hand sanitizing stations will stay in hallways and the cafeteria.



Classroom teaching this year has looked different. Teachers begin class by welcoming students into their classes both in person and via Zoom. To maintain social distancing, student desks cannot be placed in groups or pairs. Our teachers have developed creative solutions to allow students to continue to collaborate nonetheless, often involving one of the many educational technology platforms they have become adept with since last March. Teachers have also moved all of their classwork assignments, materials, and even some assessments so that students can access, manipulate, and turn in their work using Google Classroom--this has enabled virtual students to access course materials and saved teachers from having to distribute and collect paper copies.

While everyone is excited to leave some of the changes from this year behind--students and teachers alike are very ready to return to our regular bell schedule--some of these changes and newfound skills will continue to serve us well even after the pandemic. We'll be able to mitigate some of the unpredictability and disruption of snow days using the virtual instruction tools we've learned, students who miss school will be able to easily locate the work they missed because it will be posted on Google Classroom. Bringing in guest speakers to relate classroom learning to the real world will be easier now that we have webcams, video conferencing software, and plenty of experience using both. Perhaps most importantly, teachers will be able to draw their and their students' newfound familiarity with educational technology platforms to make creative and thoughtful additions to regular classroom teaching and learning.

While the adjustments we have all had to make to allow for in-person instruction this year have been many, there is not a person at York Catholic who would have had it otherwise. We have learned a lot of new tricks, including how to quickly take attendance in Zoom, how to let students work in pairs without sitting next to each other, and how to give a test using Google Forms. More importantly, however, in a year when so many communities and so much learning has been disrupted, these adjustments have enabled us to maintain the communities and the learning in our school--that has been a real gift.





# A COVID-19 Year in Education: A Teacher's Perspective

## What a Year!

*Cecelia Mezza, Music Teacher (and many other roles)*

The most challenging part of the 20-21 school year was that there was always an "AND." Teachers needed to monitor their homerooms and the bathrooms. Instruction should be active and safe. Everything is going well and now we are virtual. There always seemed to be one more thing on the plates of every employee this year. The cafeteria staff bagging lunches, the maintenance staff spraying classrooms every night, the nurse and the administration contact tracing, the office staff taking temperatures and the athletic staff writing out two tickets for every athlete for every game.

It sounds like a Dr. Seuss book in which the "ANDs" keep multiplying and Bartholomew Cubbins is trying desperately to pick them all up. And, by some miracle, we did. I have always had faith in the other teachers and staff that work at YC, but this year we exceeded expectations. When teachers talked in the hallways, their number one concern was the students. How can we teach them everything they need to know with less time? How do we keep virtual students engaged? How can we keep students safe? When we tell prospective students that we are a family oriented school and that we put the welfare of our students first above all else, we are not simply advertising. We are exactly what we say we are, every day.

As we pick up all of the "AND" hats at the end of the year, there are some I will keep to wear in the future. It is really helpful to have lesson materials posted online for anyone who needs them. Since many of these items are now scanned, they will be ready to use. I have more "sub lesson" types of materials for classes like band than I have ever had in the past, so that will make life a little easier in the future. When a student needs to be home due to a surgery etc., we can teach them virtually. We did several composition lessons in band class which I will definitely use again. The students are now familiar with the software we used to compose, so future assignments should go smoothly. I may even start a website or channel with guitar videos.

My goal for the year was to flesh out the curriculum for the Music Theory class. Due to the altered schedules and time spent virtually, I was only able to work through and plan 10 chapters from the textbook during the semester. My original plan was to try to make it to chapter 13. Working through this goal definitely affected classroom instruction because I had never taught this class before and needed to create daily lessons. It also meant that I was working through the examples, worksheets, and tests as well, and this gave me more confidence while teaching. It also helped to get an idea of the timing needed to complete activities and assignments.

For next school year, I will revisit the lessons for Music Theory and add more differentiated learning throughout the lessons. This semester, I was fortunate to have students who had similar ability levels. I suspect that won't normally be the case. Some of the best teaching moments in this class were when I left the guide of the textbook and added supplementary materials and activities. I did this to both clarify something and to challenge the students. My hope is to go back through the lessons and add more of these moments.

I think we are all happy to see this school year come to an end. As a community, we all hope we did enough. Did we keep students safe and healthy? Did we help students to learn and grow? Did we inspire students to support each other and contribute to the community? I think all of us picked up and wore each of these "AND" hats whenever they were needed. If someone dropped a hat, someone else picked it up for us. Amazingly, the floors of YC are not covered with hats. Every "AND" hat is on the head of a student, teacher, or staff member.



# A COVID-19 Year in Education: A Student's Perspective

## Rising Above Adversity

*Grace Keesey '21, Principal's Award Winner*

"Today is the day," I said to myself as I put on my bright gold gown and cap. I could not stop looking at myself in the mirror because the moment felt like a forever dream. Before I prepared myself to walk down the aisle, I reminisced on all of the good memories I had at York Catholic.

My career at YC started in 7th grade, which feels like only yesterday to me. York Catholic had so many new opportunities to offer like clubs, sports, musicals, and of course, new uniforms. I was most excited to exchange my plaid SJY kilt for a new green York Catholic skirt. Entering 7th grade was a nerve-wracking yet exciting experience. Personally, York Catholic was not new to me because I was the fourth generation to attend the school. Keesey is a well-known last name by many teachers, members of the administration, and alumni. My great-grandmother Cecilia (Slonaker) Keesey '40 started the legacy by sending her three sons to York Catholic. My great uncle, Mike Keesey '64, was the Dean of Students for many years and won two state championships with the boys' basketball team. My grandfather Tom Keesey '61 coached basketball for 15 years and baseball for 12 years at St. Mary's. He was inducted into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame in 1989. My great uncle, Joe Keesey '71, was also a coach at York Catholic and impacted many young athletes' lives during his time there. My grandmother Jean Keesey worked in the cafeteria for 12 years and was a big part of the YC family. My mother Cecilia Keesey '91, uncle Matthew Keesey '87, and uncle Greg Keesey '83 all had wonderful careers at York Catholic as well.

I made so many new friends and created lifelong bonds with people in and out of my class at YC. Some of my fondest junior high memories were in Mr. Staab's English class. As I progressed through junior high into high school, I began involving myself with school events. I joined student ambassadors, student council, Spanish club, and many more activities within the school. I loved being active in the school community, which is why I am in so many of York Catholic's informational videos and booklets. You could also catch me at open houses giving tours, in the gym helping the junior high girls volleyball team, and at sports events supporting our student body.

We were moved from our classrooms to our homes for the last three months of school at the end of my junior year. The transition from in-person to online was difficult for all of us. Finding the motivation to complete simple assignments was mentally draining for many students. However, York Catholic worked hard to make sure that we did return to school in the fall of 2020, which was very relieving news to hear. When we first arrived back, there were many new safety protocol requirements that we had to follow. Walking in a single file line, wearing masks, sitting four to a table at lunch, and wiping down desks were just a few of the safety measures we took to stay in school. In addition to this, many of our coveted school events were canceled, which left many of us disappointed. The transition was difficult, but my senior class was able to overcome the adversity that we faced.

The class of 2021 is a group of intelligent individuals with an immense amount of strength and perseverance. All of us have worked hard to make this year as enjoyable as possible, and I could not see myself graduating with any other group of students. I am beyond proud of the class of 2021, and I wish every one of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Grace Keesey '21

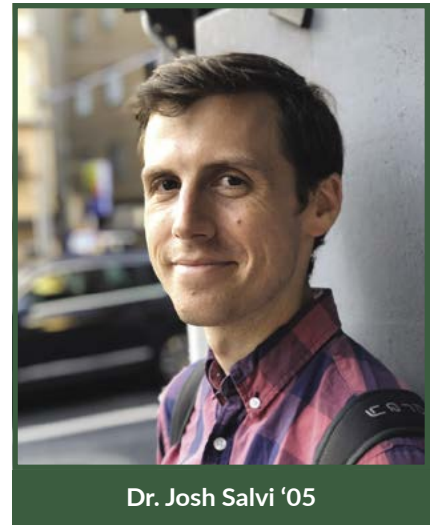
# A COVID-19 Year: An Alumni's Perspective

## Dr. Josh Salvi '05: Psychological Effects and Coping during COVID

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

Although not all of us had physical symptoms of the coronavirus; everyone had an emotional response. I was fortunate to be able to discuss these effects with YC alumni Dr. Josh Salvi '05, a third year psychiatry resident at the number one research hospital in the nation, Massachusetts General in Boston. Graduating in 2009 from Penn State University, Josh went on to Weill Cornell/Rockefeller University for his MD/PhD. His background is in neuroscience, biophysics, and dynamical systems. He was the executive director of the Cornell Community Clinic for 3 years and he also co-founded a project called NEURODOME, an interactive planetarium show to educate the public about the brain. Most recently Josh was selected by the National Institute of Mental Health as the recipient of a 2020 Outstanding Resident Award. Josh is the son of Diane and Damian Salvi of York, brother to Rachel '08, and husband to Annie Handler, whom he met at Rockefeller University.

In June of 2020 Josh had an academic paper published titled, "Casting Light from the Shadows: Coping and Defenses Amidst a Pandemic." I asked him what he saw as the greatest effects of COVID on mental health and how we can best move forward.



Dr. Josh Salvi '05

***There were major social changes that affected each of us during the pandemic, for example, major job changes, declining income, isolation. How do these social changes affect us psychologically?***

It's hard to say at this point in time, because many people are still adjusting to this "new normal," given ongoing social restrictions and changes in market demand. The psychosocial impact of the pandemic will be long lasting for many people, such as loss of job security. Others who were more temporarily impacted by the pandemic will still have effects on interpersonal relationships and personal well-being. Social context is one of the foundations of mental health, and that has been upended during the pandemic.

***The virus and its prevention measures such as vaccinations, masks, and social distancing, have caused some fractures in relationships. What can we do to heal these divisions?***

Healing starts with validation and curiosity. Why does another disagree with you? How did they come to that conclusion? How are they feeling now? Curiosity is what matters and how we should approach most conversations in which conflict arises. Also, learn to be present and listen, before you problem solve

***Some of us continue to be fearful about getting COVID, being in crowds, etc. What is the best way to get over this fear?***

You should start with the acceptance of your thoughts and feelings, as opposed to fighting them. Then separate them; separating allows us to handle them independently. After that, focus on the present moment and assess what is important to you. This allows you to commit to something practical to better cope with what drives your fear.

***Uncertainty about the future is affecting everyone. What is the best way to cope with this uncertainty?***

Identify unproductive worrying, think about why it's unproductive, then tune it out. Focus instead on the worrying that seems productive; that we can do something about. You can also focus on activities or hobbies that increase your sense of control. I recommend keeping a gratitude journal during times of stress – this helps to remember what is important and rewarding in your life. Finally, acceptance of what you cannot control is key.



# Educational Equity Commitment

We are all united in our desire for York Catholic to be a community that provides an inclusive environment for everyone and one that models the teachings of Catholic Social Justice. York Catholic believes in the dignity of all human persons, and the equal treatment of all people. We encourage our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to engage in personal conversation, to listen with open hearts, always strive for better understanding, and grow as a supportive community of love and respect.

As a community, we must continue to stand strong together to ensure our Catholic Christian faith and values permeate every corner, from our care for our students and their families while they are in our halls to the mandate to serve the global community, leaving it better than we found it.

During these times, we must rely on our faith in Christ and faith in each other, which unite us. We must rely on our Christian values where discrimination, injustice, violence, and hatred are sins that will not be tolerated. We must “love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.” And we must “love our neighbor as ourselves.” For “on these two commandments depend all the law.” (Matthew 22).

Over the course of the last year, our York Catholic Equity Committee, composed of members of the school board, administration, faculty, students and alumni has created a commitment to the values of equity and anti-racism at York Catholic. We have incorporated some of these statements into our Strategic Plan and developed several action steps as a guide for our community.

## Action Plan

As our nation continues to raise awareness regarding the importance of inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism, York Catholic is reaffirming its commitment to these same principles. We have partnered with Educational Mentoring and Consulting Services (EMCS) to assist our faculty and staff in ensuring our students are prepared to serve their global community upon receiving a York Catholic education in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect.

The responsibility to educate in such an environment lies with every constituent, board member, administrator, faculty member, and staff member, in partnership with parents, who are the foremost educators of their children.

Dr. Lisa Williams, Dr. Sharone Brinkley-Parker, and Ms. Johari Toe of EMCS have led discussions with constituents to create an opportunity to better understand the experiences and challenges of York Catholic students of color, and to guide adults in ongoing dialogues with children about race.

As we continue these ongoing conversations, we believe our students, staff, and community will have an increased level of understanding and work together to further social justice within their global community.

We have developed the following action steps to further anti-racism and equity education and initiatives in our community.

- ◆ Provide regular and relevant professional development opportunities for administration, faculty, and staff focused on equity.
- ◆ Continue to provide opportunities for parent and student education on relevant topics to the community, including mental health, drug and alcohol, social media, equity, etc.
- ◆ Recruit people of color to all roles of leadership and instruction.
- ◆ Establish a structure to assist in improving communication/comfort levels for students and parents to express concerns.
- ◆ Create affinity group structures at YC for students of colors.

In addition to these action steps, we spent the last year in prayer for peace, equity, and anti-racism in all communities. And so we conclude with an intentional prayer for justice for all.

## Prayer for Justice

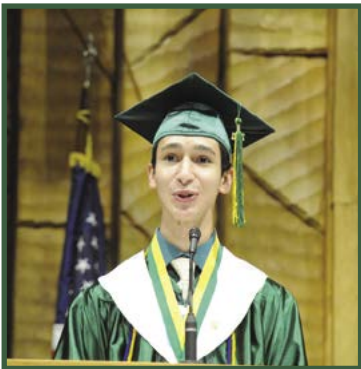
**Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it, a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.**

**Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Congratulations York Catholic Class of 2021!

York Catholic welcomes its most recent class of alumni! We were so happy to be able to celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2021 at the end of the school year and are proud to share their achievements:

- ♦ 68% of this class of 76 students earned over 10.3 million dollars in college scholarships! Some students received full tuition, room & board, and some received full tuition. Many received multiple scholarships from universities, businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- ♦ This class will contribute to our global society as 95% have chosen to continue their education after high school; 1% are entering the military, and 4% are entering the workforce.
- ♦ This class shared 11,775 hours of service to the community volunteering with fire departments, police departments, hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, food pantries, animal rescues, and community events.



Matthew Doyle was named Valedictorian and Victor Emilio Gurany was named Salutatorian for York Catholic High School's Class of 2021. Using grades through the third quarter of senior year, they had a cumulative grade point average that ranked them first and second among their classmates. Matthew is the son of Christian and Marilyn Doyle. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in York and plans to attend Franciscan University to study Chemistry and Criminal Justice. Emilio is the son of Victor and Veronica Gurany. He is a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in York and plans to attend Dickinson College to study history and political science.

**Four students made a commitment to military service to our country.**

- ♦ Keely Brennan has made a commitment to enter the Air National Guard Reserves while attending the University of Alabama.
- ♦ Gavin Bonner has made a commitment to serve in the U.S. Army and has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
- ♦ Mason Spearing has made a commitment to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.
- ♦ Anna Hale has made a commitment to enter the U.S. Army ROTC at Penn State University.

The graduates of the Class of 2021 have left their mark on York Catholic High School and are now prepared and ready to make a difference in their community and the world. Our wish for this class is that they practice their Faith, expand their Mind, open their Heart, and honor their Family as the new alumni of York Catholic High School.

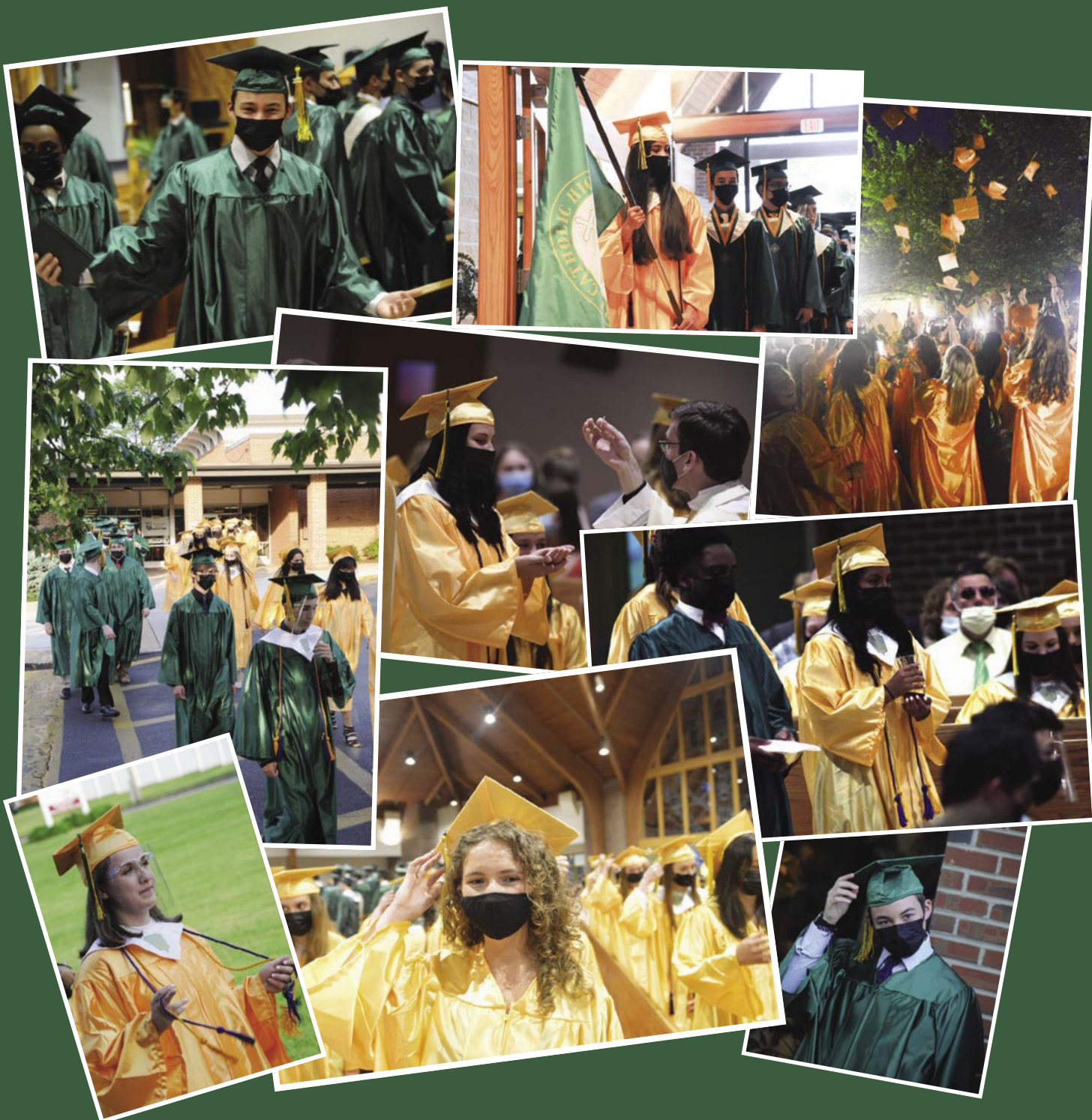
Complete lists of awards, scholarships, and future plans can be found on the YC website at [www.yorkcatholic.org](http://www.yorkcatholic.org).





# Congratulations Class of 2021

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Academic Awards

### This is Why

We received a voicemail from a gentleman from York Catholic's Class of 1969. He admittedly teared up as he retold the story of his experience earlier in the week. He had gone to lunch alone at a local restaurant, where he observed three YC students sitting in a booth. He intended to introduce himself to them upon finishing his lunch, but the students left before he had the opportunity. As he approached the cashier to pay for his lunch, he learned the three students (who did not know his affiliation with YC) had covered his meal. This story speaks to the heart of who we are and why we are here. Thank you to juniors Mia Citrone, Chase Ford, and Drew Kile for sharing your YC Heart with the community.

### Diocesan Youth Council

This fall, freshman Taylor Thomas was elected to the Diocesan Youth Council by the Diocesan Black Apostolate. The Council acts as a structure to provide a voice for young people within the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and is a means of communication between the Diocesan parishes, secondary schools, scout committees, Apostolates, and Youth Office. During the Christmas season, the DYC organized the Christmas Shoe Box Project for those in need, created Christmas cards for the elderly, and organized a virtual Lenten retreat for all students in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

### Rotary Students of the Month

Juniors Ali Barta and Nate Gingerich were honored virtually by the Rotary Club of York. Ali and Nate were chosen to represent YC based upon many accomplishments in academics, leadership, and service.

### Speech Festival Winners

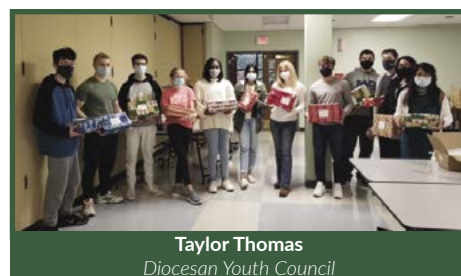
York Catholic held its annual senior high Speech Festival sponsored by the English Department. Following classroom presentations by all 364 senior high students, 18 students competed for a spot in the finals. The top 8 speakers presented their speeches to the senior high student body via livestream. Congratulations to our winners. 1st Place: Emily Danczyk, 2nd Place: Redric Pimental, 3rd Place: Kevin Hand.

### Finding the Silver Lining Contest

State Representative Carol Hill-Evans recently hosted a "Finding the Silver Lining Contest" where students were asked to express what they have seen as positive during this time of a global pandemic or what are they looking forward to after COVID. Responses could be in the form of words (essay, poetry, spoken word) or visual arts (artwork, photography, dance, theatrical performance). Among the winners in the high school age group were Ashlyn O'Neill and Grace Keesey.



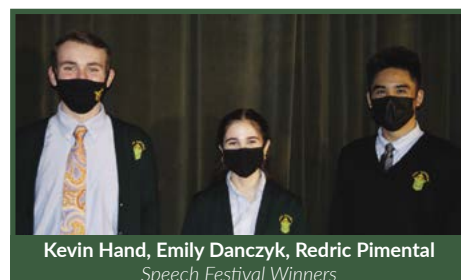
Mia Citrone, Chase Ford, Drew Kile  
Students Academic Awards



Taylor Thomas  
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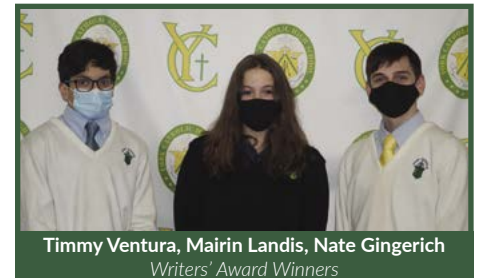


Ashlyn O'Neill, Grace Keesey  
Finding the Silver Lining Contest

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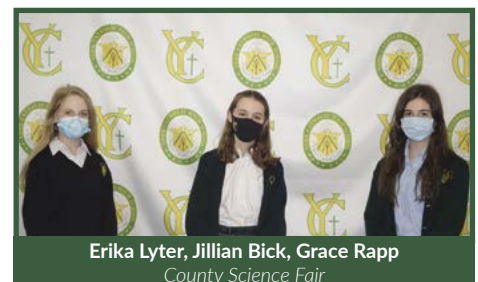
## Writers' Award Winners

Congratulations to our York Catholic students who swept the high school category of Creative York's Writer's Eye Competition: 1st Place: Mairin Landis, 2nd Place: Timmy Ventura, 3rd Place: Nate Gingerich.



## County Science Fair

Congratulations to 3 York Catholic students who participated in the Microbiology category at the York County Science & Engineering Fair: Junior Division - Erika Lyter and Grace Rapp (grade 9), Senior Division - Jillian Bick (grade 10). Jillian won 1st place and Erika and Grace received 3rd place awards.



## PA Science Fair

Congratulations to freshman Grace Rapp for winning First Place in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science science fair competition. Her project, "The Ability of Copper to Inhibit Bacteria Growth," also earned the High Achievement Award as the top 9th grade presentation for the region.



## Scout Awards

Congratulations to Ashlyn O'Neill for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award and to Ryan Shanko, Gavin Bonner, Michael McKnight, Wesley Bonner, and Joe Zelis for earning their Eagle Scout Award. Ashlyn created a program to connect young girls with senior citizens to help bridge generations, create mentoring experiences, and provide friendships during the loneliness of COVID-19. Gavin repaired and upgraded a deck in Nixon Park. Wesley renovated the South Observation Deck at Rocky Ridge Park. Michael built a family picnic area with a firepit, two large tables, and 2 trees. Ryan built 2 storage units for the cafeteria at St. Patrick's Church. Joe built shelves and stabilized existing shelves at St. Joseph's storage shed.



## Fine Arts Awards

### National Chorus

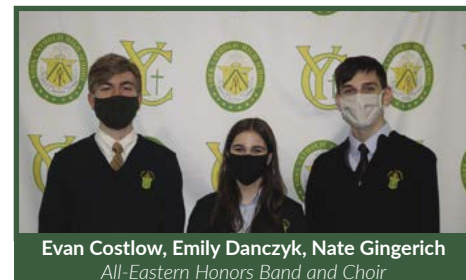
Congratulations to junior Emily Danczyk who performed in the Virtual 2020 All-National Honor Ensembles (ANHE) program.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## All-Eastern Honors Band and Choir

We had 3 YC students who were eligible to audition for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) 2021 All-Eastern Honors Band and Choir, and we are happy to report all 3 earned spots and achieved this prestigious honor and are recognized as tops in their field among all high school students on the east coast. Congratulations to Emily Danczyk (Choir-Alto I), Nate Gingerich (Band-Trumpet II), and Evan Costlow (Band-Oboe II). They participated in a Virtual Weekend experience in March that included masterclasses with professionals, rehearsals with their conductors, and opportunities to network with colleges and universities.



## All-State Selections

Congratulations to Emily Danczyk and Matthew Doyle who were selected to All-State Chorus, Mason Kovach who was selected to All-State Jazz Band-Trumpet, and Evan Costlow who was selected to All-State Wind Ensemble-Oboe. The students participated virtually at the 2021 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Virtual All-State Festival.



## District Chorus

Congratulations to Matthew Doyle and Emily Danczyk who auditioned and were selected for District Chorus.



## District Band

Congratulations to Evan Costlow-oboe, Nate Gingerich-trumpet, and Mason Kovach-trumpet for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 District Band.



## District Orchestra

Congratulations to Evan Costlow-oboe for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Orchestra.





# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Symphonies

York Catholic is proud to announce that 5 student-musicians auditioned and were selected for local symphonies.

York Youth Symphony Orchestra: Evan Costlow-oboe, Nate Gingerich-trumpet, Olivia Hinkson-violin, Cheyenne Stephens-violola.

Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra: Mason Kovach-trumpet.



Symphonies



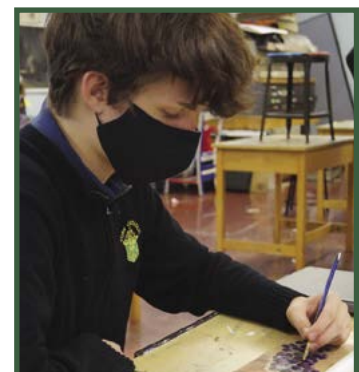
Senior High Honors Choir

## Senior High Honors Choir

Congratulations to Corinne Oswald, Sophie Fraser, Emily Danczyk and Joseph Rizzuto who auditioned and were selected for the York County Senior High Honors Choir.

## Congressional Art Show

The 2021 Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the United States. Since its inception in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the "Artistic Discovery" competition. We are proud to announce that sophomore John Forjan was selected as the winning artist from Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District. His artwork is part of a national exhibition of outstanding high school artwork currently displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the United States Capitol Building through May 2022.



Congressional Art Show

## York Community Art Scholars Exhibition

Congratulations to the following students who were award winners in the York Community Art Scholars Exhibition (YCASE) and had their work displayed at Marketview Arts:

**Jury Award:** (work judged by jury of York College teachers)

### Painting Award

### Other Category



Bethany Weaver "The Triangle"  
Mairin Landis "Birds of a Feather"

Chaeli Firestone - 3rd place  
"Geode Heart"

Abby Shaffer (printmaking) - 2nd place  
"None"  
Bethany Weaver (paper design) - 3rd place  
"Stems"

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Sports Awards

### Sports Post-season

Congratulations to all of our sports teams on outstanding seasons! We had a record-setting 12 teams make it to Districts this year! Congratulations to the Boys' Cross Country team, Girls' Cross Country team, and Girls' Lacrosse team for their gold medal wins, and to the Girls Volleyball team, Football team, and Girls Basketball team for their silver medal performances.



Cross Country District Champions

### All-Star Athletes

Congratulations to the following athletes and coaches who have been named to various All-Star Teams:



Girls' Lacrosse District Champions

### Boys Cross Country

Moseley Driscoll - YAIAA Division III Male Runner of the Year  
Daniel Giesselbach - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
John Marinelli - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Joe Rizzuto - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Jack Stromberg - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Jeff Alloway - YAIAA Division III Boys Coach of the Year

### Girls Cross Country

Maddie McKee - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Aleya Miller - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Maggie Motter - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Gabbie Tully - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team  
Jeff Alloway - YAIAA Division III Girls Coach of the Year

### Golf

Patrick Doran - YAIAA Division III All-Star 1st Team

### Boys Soccer

Nathan Anthony - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Nick Phillips - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Riley Santiago - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Colin Smith - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team  
Dylan Staub - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team  
John Weisser - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Jon Yinger - Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association All-State Team  
Jon Yinger - YAIAA Division III Player of the Year  
Jon Yinger - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team  
Joe Nattans - YAIAA Division III Coach of the Year

### Girls Soccer

Kathleen McKeague - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Sydney Mentzer - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team  
Carly Poff - YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team  
Bernie Schintz - YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

### Girls Tennis

Ireland Brennan - YAIAA Division II All-Star Honorable Mention  
Ella Linthicum - YAIAA Division II All-Star Honorable Mention  
Carina Roberts - YAIAA Division II All-Star First Team  
John Renard - YAIAA Division II Coach of the Year

### Girls Volleyball

Lindsey Beck - District III-AA All-Star First Team  
Lindsey Beck - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team  
Mia Citrone - District III-AA All-Star First Team  
Mia Citrone - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team  
Hope Leavy-Gaskins - Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Class AA All-State Team  
Hope Leavy-Gaskins - District III-AA All-Star First Team  
Hope Leavy-Gaskins - YAIAA Division III Coaches Player of the Year  
Shannon Toomey - Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Class AA All-State Team  
Shannon Toomey - District III-AA All-Star First Team  
Shannon Toomey - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team  
Madeline Walker - Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Class AA All-State Team  
Madeline Walker - District III-AA All-Star First Team  
Madeline Walker - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Football

Andrew Adams - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Outside Linebacker  
Nick Andrasi - Pennsylvania Football News Coaches Select All-State 2nd Team - Class 2-A  
Nick Andrasi - All-EasternPaFootball.com All-Star 1st Team - Class 2-A  
Nick Andrasi - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team 1st Team Kicker  
Nick Andrasi - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team Kicker  
Nick Andrasi - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team Punter  
Nicholas Casagrande - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention Offensive Tackle  
Nicholas Creisher - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Middle Linebacker  
Landen Eckert - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Defensive End  
Michael McBairty - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Defensive Tackle  
Michael McBairty - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention Guard  
LeVan McFadden - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team Honorable Mention  
LeVan McFadden - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team Quarterback  
LeVan McFadden - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Cornerback  
Ryan Tully - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention Guard  
Brennan Witman - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team Honorable Mention  
Brennan Witman - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team Wide Receiver  
Brennan Witman - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team Safety  
De'Kzeon Wyche - PA Scholastic Football Coaches Association East-West Big 33 Small School All-Star Team  
De'Kzeon Wyche - All-EasternPaFootball.com All-Star 2nd Team - Class 2-A  
De'Kzeon Wyche - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team Honorable Mention  
De'Kzeon Wyche - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team Running Back  
De'Kzeon Wyche - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention Safety  
Coach Eric Depew - PA Scholastic Football Coaches Association East-West Big 33 Small School All-Star Team

## Boys Basketball

Caden Boeckel - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention  
Preston Boeckel - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team

John Forjan - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention  
Luke Forjan - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team 2nd Team  
Luke Forjan - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team

## Girls Basketball

Team Award - YAIAA Division III Sportsmanship Award  
Sam Bulik - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 2nd Team  
Drew Kile - YAIAA GameTimePA All-Star Team Honorable Mention  
Drew Kile - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star 1st Team  
Kevin Bankos - YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Coach of the Year

## Swimming

Laura Laux - District III-AA 100-yard backstroke - 5th Place  
Laura Laux - District III-AA 100-yard freestyle - 6th Place  
Timmy Ventura - District III-AA 200-yard IM - 11th Place  
Timmy Ventura - District III-AA 100-yard breaststroke - 10th Place

## Baseball

Anthony Catterall - 1st Team Infielder  
Brady Walker - Honorable Mention

## Boys Lacrosse

Nick Creisher - 1st Team Goalie  
Daniel Devitt - 2nd Team Face Off  
Preston Boeckel - Honorable Mention Attack  
Austin Cremen - Honorable Mention Attack  
Matthew Gick - Honorable Mention Midfield  
Brennan Witman - Honorable Mention Midfield

## Girls Lacrosse

Sydney Mentzer - Central Pennsylvania All-American  
Sydney Mentzer - YAIAA Most Valuable Player  
Sydney Mentzer - Co-Midfielder of the Year  
Sydney Mentzer - 1st Team Midfield  
Olivia Staples - Co-Midfielder of the Year  
Olivia Staples - 1st Team Midfield  
Ella Linthicum - Attacker of the Year  
Ella Linthicum - 1st Team Attacker  
Grace Doyle - Central Pennsylvania All-Academic Team  
Grace Doyle - 1st Team Defender  
Grace Doyle - Co-Defender of the Year  
Shannon Staples - Central Pennsylvania All-Academic Team  
Shannon Staples - 2nd Team Midfielder  
Kelly Nguyen - 2nd Team Attacker  
Keely Brennan - 2nd Team Defender  
Jessica Daugherty - Honorable Mention Attacker

## Softball

Kelleigh Pollock - 1st Team Infielder





# Grow Today

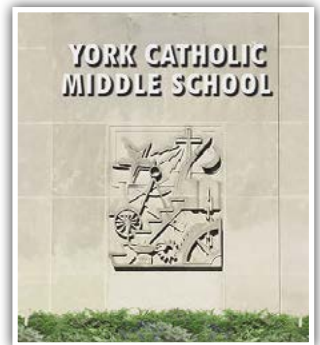
## IMPACT TOMORROW

## Phase II



Just a short time ago, York Catholic had a vision of renovating our 1950's facilities into a campus that would fit the vision that we have for our students. We dreamt of a building and grounds that would allow our students the greatest chance to grow into their incredible potential and become scholars, athletes, musicians, and people of faith. To accomplish this, we knew changes needed to be made to update our building, infrastructure, technology, and athletic facilities to reflect 21st century expectations for York County.

In just two short years, York Catholic, through the incredible generosity of our community, was able to complete all of Phase I. Even through the COVID pandemic, renovations stayed on track, ensuring YC students returned to an amazing, updated space for the 2020-2021 school year. We are so thankful and appreciative to our donors who made Phase I possible and we are excited to announce that we have already raised over \$3.2 of our \$4.5 million goal for Phase II of our Capital Campaign!



## Phase II Projects

### Brady Wing Conversion

- 26,000 Square Feet
- 19 Air-Conditioned Classrooms
- Large Group Instruction with Folding Partition
- 2 Offices
- Additional Lockers
- New Restrooms
- Roof (7,500 Square Feet)

### Interior Improvements

- Whiteboards
- Casework
- Doors and Hardware
- Paint
- Flooring and Ceilings
- Existing Terrazzo in Corridors
- 2 Stairwells and 3 Corridors

### Infrastructure Improvements

- HVAC
- Security
- Technology Upgrades in Every Classroom
- Fire Safety

### Exterior Improvements

- Rosary Walk
- Grotto Relocation
- Signage Upgrades
- Replace Concrete Walks & Curbs
- Parking Lot Repaving

### Stadium Facilities

- Bleachers that will seat 1,000
- New Press Box

# How You Can Help

In order to raise the remainder of the funds for Phase II, we need the support of our alumni, parents, and community. There are many ways you can give to the campaign including a one time gift or through a pledge over multiple years. There are also several naming opportunities available to recognize the generosity of donors. The gift levels associated with these opportunities reflect the honor of naming those facilities, and do not imply gift restrictions.



## Naming Opportunities

### Classroom - \$60,000

Those who contribute \$60,000+ will have the opportunity to name one of our newly renovated academic classrooms in honor or memory of an individual(s).



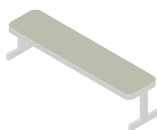
### Rosary Walk - \$5,000

Donors contributing \$5,000+ will be recognized on our Rosary Walk through a Prayer Bead stone. This beautiful new Rosary Walk will be stationed in the relocated Grotto.



### Stadium Facilities - \$1,000 - \$75,000

Brand new bleachers will be installed at our Athletic Stadium. Contributions of \$1,000 will purchase one bleacher seat\* or a bleacher section can be donated for \$75,000.



\*The honor of naming a bleacher seat does not guarantee admission to events or reserve the actual seat.



## Phase II Timeline

### SUMMER 2020

Phase I Completed

### FALL 2021

Phase II Begins

### SUMMER 2021

Parking Lot, Sidewalks and Signage

### SUMMER 2022

Middle School Conversion, Stadium Bleachers & Press Box, Relocate Grotto, Create Rosary Walk

### FALL 2022

Phase II Completed

Contributions to the campaign can be sent to the school or made online at [yorkcatholic.org](http://yorkcatholic.org).

*Thank you for your support!*



# York Catholic Fund

While the past year has certainly been unprecedented, be assured that our commitment to student learning, faith formation, and community connectedness remain unwavering. 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!



## 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 2021, you can find your PA tax liability on Form PA-40 Line 12 of your 2020 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.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please visit the York Catholic website's Give 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 2021 Tax Year.

For more information about this easy tax donation, please contact Katie Seufert, York Catholic Principal, at [kseufert@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:kseufert@yorkcatholic.org).

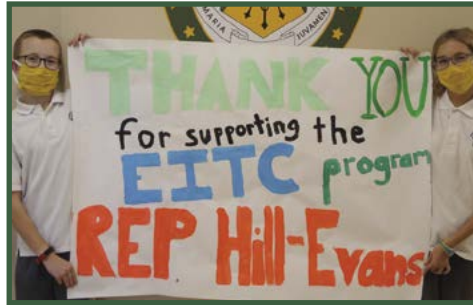




# Community Support for York Catholic Students

## The Bridge Foundation

The Bridge Foundation recognized the businesses and lawmakers who continue to serve as partners in the educational tax credit programs (EITC) that provide scholarships for students. York Catholic was a recipient of this generosity and our students were honored to thank Rep. Carol Hill-Evans and M&T Bank.



## K of C Supports YC Students

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. Anamaris Reynoso and John Mullen are the recipients of the 2020-21 St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #6353 scholarships. Andrew Gilbert and Claire Staub received the scholarships last year and have had the aid renewed for their 8th grade year. Pictured left to right are John Mullen; York Catholic Principal, Katie Seufert; Claire Staub.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

## Traditions Bank

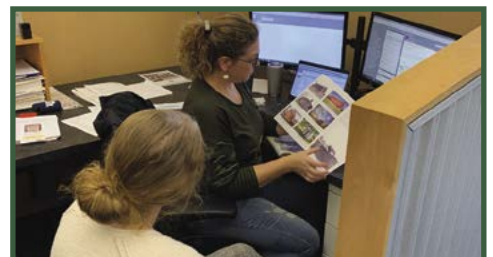
Traditions Bank supported student education with generous contributions through EITC (Educational Incentive Tax Credit) through the Neumann Scholarship Foundation. EITC contributions enable talented students to study at York Catholic, and offer participating companies up to 90% in tax credit. Pictured left to right are York Catholic Principal, Katie Seufert; York Catholic students Emily Schlosser and John Weisser; James Coombes, Traditions Bank Senior Branch Manager.



Traditions Bank Supports YC

## Warehaus

YC junior, Lindsey Beck, one of Leadership York's Future Leaders of York students, shadowed architect Erin Himmelberger at Warehaus where she also met fellow YC alumnus Matt Falvey '89, Business Development Director of Warehaus.



Warehaus Mentors YC Student

## Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg

Alumni of the University of Notre Dame living in the Harrisburg area recognize scholarship by presenting a Book Award annually to an outstanding junior student in each of the Catholic high schools in York, Lancaster, and Harrisburg. The winner of this year's Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg's Book Award at York Catholic was Natalie Javitt. Pictured is Principal Katie Seufert presenting Natalie with her book and award money.



Notre Dame Club of  
Harrisburg Scholarship

# Paying It Forward

*By Carolyn Obermeier, Academic Assistance Center Director*

The mission statement of York Catholic High School states, "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." Two former York Catholic students are living the mission statement and helping others through basketball. Jaime Orr '18 and Melik Martin '17 are two former standout basketball players who are living and modeling the York Catholic mission statement through their participation in the See More Good Foundation (SMG). Jaime and Melik are part of the seven founding members of this nonprofit organization.

The ultimate goal of SMG is to help young men and women from York have a better future than those who have come before them. Although SMG is in its early years of development, the members already have a corporate sponsor, BLK Capital. They have also partnered with several educational facilities to provide tutoring. Jaime Orr, who attends Central Penn College, said his own experiences growing up in York gave him a desire to help the next generation of young people to be successful. When Melik Martin realized basketball could be his ticket to a better life, he took the opportunity and ran with it earning a scholarship and becoming a standout player at Monmouth University and continuing at Drexel University. Basketball has bonded the founding members together and they knew they could use this as an avenue to create a program to help the young people of York.

Even though the program is using basketball as its main focus, the leaders of the group want to also teach the participants life skills they wouldn't get in high school. The sessions largely focus on basketball, but finish with lessons in financial literacy to include topics such as how to save money and how to set up a bank account. They would eventually like to start teaching kids about the stock market and investments.

The key focus of SMG that is so important to the foundation is that they believe kids need to have strong adult role models in their life. They realize York community problems won't be solved by them alone. They are hopeful that other people will see what they are doing to help the young people of York and that others will pay it forward.



Melik Martin '17



Jaime Orr '18

# Bob Tuleya '65 is Virtual Guest Teacher for YC Students

*Mairin Landis '22, Editor of Spectator Student Newspaper*

Robert "Bob" Tuleya '65, has been working in the field of meteorology since his graduation from Pennsylvania State University in 1971, having obtained a Master's degree in the field. Tuleya has since been involved in numerous projects pertaining generally to climate change and its effects on the environment. Ms. Hallisey's environmental science classes had the opportunity to sit in on a virtual lecture from Professor Tuleya himself, learning first hand from his years of experience and innovation in the subject.

Tuleya began by disclosing his vast amounts of experience studying meteorology, and he described the process of predicting and measuring things like storms, weather, and climate. Though there can be many complications in the collection of this type of temperamental data, ranging from water vapor to volcanic activity, the information obtained points in one direction: climate change.

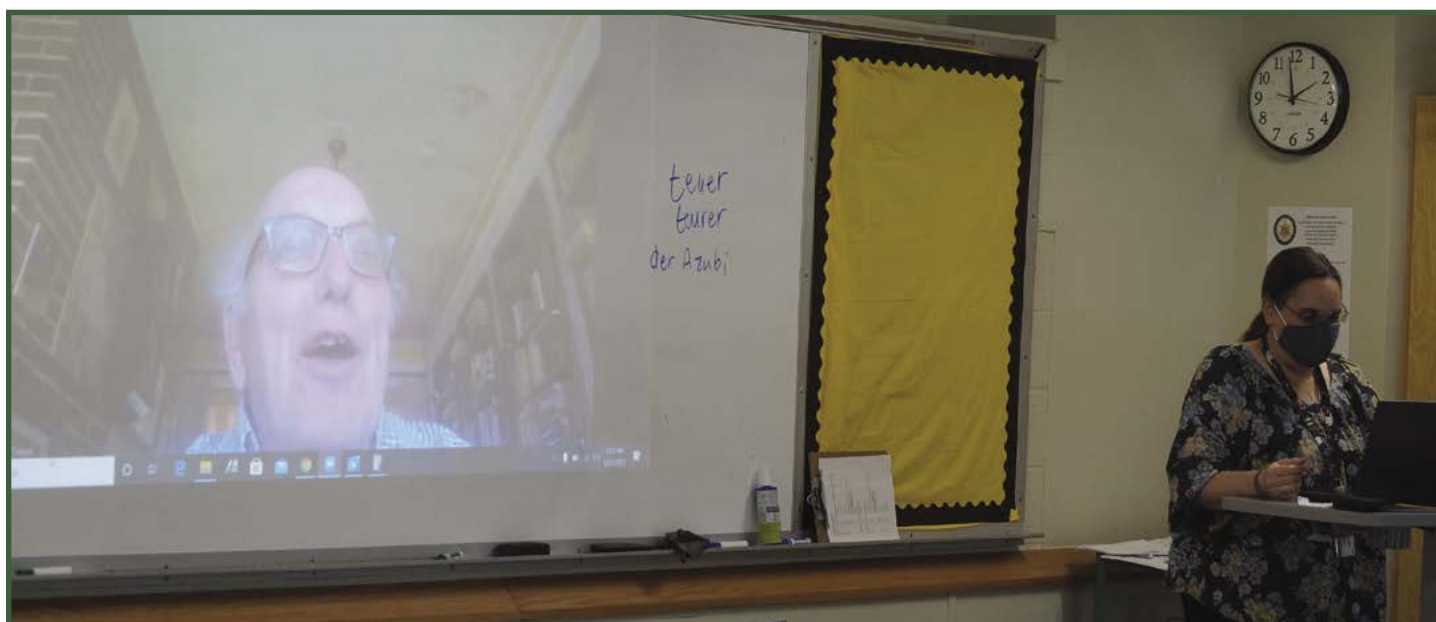
He explained that as early as 1894, there was speculation that the global surface temperature would "increase in response to rising carbon dioxide levels." We have been aware of this issue for a long time, and yet very few preventative measures were taken. Carbon dioxide continues to insulate the earth and affect not only the average global temperatures, but in turn, sea levels.

An uneven distribution of global warmth resulted in "polar amplification," the end result being what is commonly referred to as the "ice caps melting." Additionally, the sea levels rise in correlation with the rising temperatures. You know how the density of the air in your tires decreases in the winter? This is like the opposite of that—it's called "thermal expansion." These exaggerated climate changes have contributed to more extreme tropical cyclones, rainfall rates, and other weather disasters such as wildfires, hail, and hurricanes.

Professor Tuleya's talk was insightful, providing an expert's opinion on the fact of global warming; he emphasized that this is not a political issue—it's reality, and we as a global community need to start dealing with it. He urged us as students to keep an open mind and to take this seriously. Do some reading, raise awareness, plant a tree. It is vital to teach and to learn, and York Catholic is the best place to start.



**Bob Tuleya '65**



**Professor Tuleya visits a YC class through Zoom.**



# Mrs. Obermeier Receives Golden Apple Award

Mrs. Carolyn Obermeier, Coordinator of York Catholic's Academic Assistance Center (AAC), was among six teachers and one principal in the Diocese of Harrisburg who were honored for their excellence and dedication in guiding the lives of young students.

Through the generosity and kindness of the Donahue Family Foundation, the Golden Apple Award has been established to symbolize a teacher's professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and devotion to teaching in Catholic schools.

Awardees must be a practicing Catholic, a full time teacher, and must have completed a minimum of six full years in the elementary or secondary school at which they are currently employed. They must have a Pennsylvania Instructional II certificate and the appropriate catechetical certification. An elementary teacher applicant must be nominated by a teacher, parent, or student and parent. A secondary teacher applicant must be nominated by a student or parent.

Mrs. O has built her professional life around service as a mentor, coach, instructor, and adviser. Service to others has been at the forefront of everything she does and she proudly puts all of these vocations into practice every day as the Instructional Support Teacher at York Catholic. She has the privilege of working with students from across York County, who represent diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, many of whom face great economic hardship, and learning challenges. These students come to York Catholic with varying skills and abilities, yet are alike in their goal to have a rewarding school year. Provided they work hard, all students will meet with some degree of success. However, for some, this success depends on YC delivering additional academic support and encouraging mentorship. In 2005, Mrs. O helped develop the Academic Assistance Center (AAC) at York Catholic to address the varying needs of students enrolled in our school. She says, "I am blessed every day to coach, mentor, teach, and pray with the students who come through my classroom door."

Her philosophy on teaching encompasses the York Catholic mission by cultivating the pillars of faith, mind, heart, and family. The patron saint of the AAC program is Mary the Undoer of Knots. Mrs. O says, "We all have some "knots" in our lives... and Mary can untie them!" A York Catholic education is meant to shape the development of students intellectually and spiritually so they are drawn closer to God. During instructional support time, students receive special attention and assistance in subject areas with which they are having trouble, as well as work on areas to strengthen their academic and study skills. This requires Mrs. Obermeier to be familiar with the curriculum of every class YC offers and be astute in providing instruction to accommodate all levels of learning challenges. Students have a chance to work on individual obstacles that might impede their educational process and ultimate success. The students enrolled in the AAC program have the drive and willingness to learn and put their whole heart into their work to succeed. She developed the program as a collaborative effort to work together with teachers, parents, mentors, and students to help develop a more active learner and promote the achievement of greater success in the classroom.

Her commitment and dedication to Catholic teachings goes beyond the classroom. She supports student needs by coaching cross country and track, instilling Sports Leader virtues, and helping students realize their own potential. She has witnessed firsthand the power of a Catholic education through her own sons who attended York Catholic High School.

When it was announced that Mrs. Obermeier was a recipient of this year's Golden Apple Award, her fellow colleagues were generous and sincere with their congratulations. Middle School English teacher Rachel Shanko said, "This is so well deserved. YC is blessed beyond words to have you here working your magic!" Religion teacher Kathy Rough summed it up best by saying, "It was very telling when my 9th period class was so excited to hear the news of her award on the announcements... they began cheering and clapping – expressing the sentiment of us all!"



Mrs. Carolyn Obermeier

# New Branding



York Catholic has a new look! And it extends beyond the brick and mortar building improvements and renovations. We debuted a new logo and a new website this summer to align with our friendly, family feel that is welcoming and engaging. The new brand places greater emphasis on storytelling and successes

and is admissions-focused while still retaining important information and event details. Even though the new Middle School classrooms won't be finished until 2022, we are already getting used to calling the former Junior High the new Middle School, and referring to the former Senior High as the High School. We thank GRIT marketing agency for their detailed work on the new website and logo that distinguishes between the Middle School and High School.

## Combo Couples

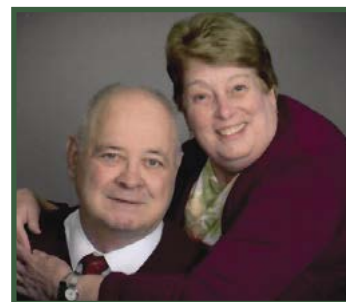
### Matt '87 & Jill (Eppley) Euclide '94

"We started dating after chaperoning the Civil War Reenactment in 1996... after a night of 'patrolling' the camps and playing trivial pursuit with Mr. Spiese, Mr. Dougherty, and the other chaperones. YC is truly in our blood--we met here, we both work here, and our children (minus the baby!) attend school here and our oldest daughter graduated from here in 2020. This is truly our second home."



### Sam '64 & Nancy (Nolin) Spiese '68

Nancy's sister, Joanie Nolin '73, takes credit for this YC combo. She was in Sam's science class at the time and introduced him to Nancy. Sam and Nancy were married at St. Mary's by Fr. Waldron. Sam taught Science and Nancy volunteered with costumes for the musicals before also joining the faculty. Both were instrumental in the Civil War Reenactment. This past October they celebrated their 46th anniversary.



## Sports Archives

Frank Zarnowski '61 is in the middle of creating an ambitious comprehensive basketball record-book (for both boys and girls) dating to the sports arrival on campus nearly a century ago. Using secondary sources from digital newspapers (game accounts, features, box scores and photos) he's accumulated an enormous amount of information, but not every piece of evidence ever made it into local daily newspapers so he's looking for a little bit of help from the primary sources like official scorebooks. We have a few of the more recent scorebooks but most, before 2007, have slipped through the cracks and may be sitting in someone's basement, attic, or garage. If you have access to any of the scorebooks (Varsity, JV, boys or girls) please let Frank know if he can borrow them for a few weeks. Frank can be reached at [C.Frank.Zarnowski@dartmouth.edu](mailto:C.Frank.Zarnowski@dartmouth.edu) or [zarnowsk@msmary.edu](mailto:zarnowsk@msmary.edu).



### Celebrate the Glory Days

We have a variety of old sports uniforms that are available for purchase. Email Assistant Athletic Director Josh Cross at [jcross@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:jcross@yorkcatholic.org) to schedule a time to come in to see what we have!

# Upcoming Events



## We Are YC Celebration

Join us as we enjoy a beautiful evening with fellow alumni, parents, and friends in our newly renovated school. It's the We Are YC Celebration the evening of September 11. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided by local YC alumni restauranteurs. This event is for ages 21+. Visit the YC website at [www.yorkcatholic.org](http://www.yorkcatholic.org) for complete details and ticket order forms. For more information, contact Laurie Moir at [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x322.

## Golf Tournament

All skill levels are welcome at the York Catholic Golf Tournament on Monday, September 20, at the Out Door Country Club. Check-in starts at 7:30 AM with a Shotgun Start at 8 AM. Cost is \$125/individual or \$500/foursome and includes Greens Fee, Cart Rental, Refreshments on the Course, Lunch, and Prizes. For more information about the tournament, contact Laurie Moir at [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x322.



## A Night at the Races

The York Catholic Athletic Booster Club is hosting "A Night at the Races," on Saturday, November 6, from 6-10 PM at YC. Join us for simulcast horse races, silent auction, raffles, rip tickets, and all you can eat food and beverages. Dress is casual. This event is for ages 21+. Visit the YC website at [www.yorkcatholic.org](http://www.yorkcatholic.org) for complete details and ticket order forms after October 1. Please support one of our biggest fundraising events and come prepared to play and have fun while supporting YC Athletics. For more information, contact Laurie Moir at [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x322. This event is pending COVID-19 restrictions.

## Homecoming 2021

Friday, September 24

Alumni Tent at bus circle with School Tours	5:30-6:30 PM
Pre-Game Festivities at football stadium	6:15-7 PM
Football Game vs. Biglerville	7 PM

Marching Band Alumni: Bring your instruments & sit with the Band!  
Get your music in advance by emailing [cmezza@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:cmezza@yorkcatholic.org)

Cheerleading Alumni: Cheer and dance during the 3rd and 4th quarters.  
Contact Heather Hoffman at [hhoffman@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:hhoffman@yorkcatholic.org).

Saturday, September 25

Alumni Social 6-9 PM at Central Market

It is time to share our smiles and catch that "Irish Spirit" once again! Mark your calendars as we plan our first York Catholic Alumni gathering since the pandemic. Let's come together to celebrate as only YC Alumni do best...renew friendships, enjoy memories, share laughter, and SMILE! Attendees must be 21 or older. Watch our York Catholic Alumni Facebook page for updates. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to be part of our YC Alumni planning events at [alumniassociation@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:alumniassociation@yorkcatholic.org).





# York Catholic Business Partnership Program

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## Marketing That Makes a Difference

The York Catholic Business Partnership Program is a one-stop-shop for marketing opportunities throughout the school year, while providing vital financial resources to help underwrite all of York Catholic's athletic and musical programs. This advertising initiative is designed to provide your business with true marketing value through a wide variety of multi-platform advertisements.

The three tiers of the York Catholic Business Partnership Program include: Emerald (\$3,500), Gold (\$2,000), and Green (\$1,000). Business Partnerships run for an entire year, July 1st through June 30th, and are renewed on an annual basis. These packages provide numerous and creative marketing impressions for our partners to our extensive York Catholic community. With more than 8,000 alumni and friends in our database and thousands of visitors to our school, stadium, gymnasium, and auditorium annually, our reach is extensive.



## Our Mission

While there may be alternatives to Catholic education, there is no substitute for the educational experience provided at York Catholic. Since 1928, York Catholic has been a pillar of York County, excelling in academics, athletics, the arts, student life, and service. Through our York Catholic Business Partnership Program, we hope to give exposure to philanthropic businesses who go above and beyond to support our students' education and extracurricular activities. This is our way of saying thank you for the incredible generosity and continued support.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Advancement Office at 717-846-8871 x322.



"When you wear the York Catholic uniform on a Friday night or on the soccer field, you are a part of an historic program — a program filled with great tradition and success. I am a part of a family that will take care of me while I'm in school and once I graduate. Once an Irishman, always an Irishman."

~ Antinio Staub '19

# 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 the Advancement Office at 717-846-8871 x322 or [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org) to let us know about your upcoming reunion!

## Class of 1952

Classmates will 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rkuhn7@comcast.net).

## Class of 1969

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

## Class of 1976

The 45th class reunion is scheduled for September 18, 2021, from 7:00-10:00 PM at Mudhook. Order off the menu and enjoy music from the 70s and 80s. We will be outdoors and will move inside to Central Market if it rains. If you have any questions, contact Mary (Shuman) Bohn at [marybohn27@gmail.com](mailto:marybohn27@gmail.com).

## Class of 1980

This year we are going to celebrate our Quarantine 40/41st Reunion! Let's do this, masks and all! Friday, October 8, 2021 an informal gathering will be held at Heritage Hills in York. Saturday, October 9, 2021, our celebration will be at the Central Market House in York from 6-10 PM. Please contact Jackie (Spece) Martin at [Leithauser@hotmail.com](mailto:Leithauser@hotmail.com). Please see reunion details on our Facebook group.

## Class of 1981

The Class of 1981 is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Central Market House in York from 6-10 PM along with the Class of 1980. Please contact Lynn (Raymond) Siford at [Lrsiford@gmail.com](mailto:Lrsiford@gmail.com).

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# Class Notes

**Theresa (Terry) (Brezler) Fenstermacher '65** recently retired as Parish Manager from St Patrick Church, York after 38 years of service. She was privileged to work for 5 wonderful pastors and many other assistant pastors, many of whom remain good friends. She is planning to spend her retirement enjoying the company of her 8 siblings, all of whom graduated from York Catholic and reside in Pennsylvania and their 22 children, who live in Australia, California, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and many in Pennsylvania with their 40 children. Terry will be doing some traveling as soon as COVID restrictions end.

**Maria Musti-Cook '75** was named the first female president judge in York County Court of Common Pleas history. She graduated from York College of Pennsylvania and Dickinson School of Law. She was also the first woman to serve as president of the York County Bar Association in 1995.

**Manuel Ramos '84** has been a part of the Knights of Columbus since the early 1990s during his military service days. He served the Knights in Texas, Maryland, and Virginia. He was recently recognized as the Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year 2019-2020 for the Virginia District Calvert Province. He has also served in leadership roles as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and Trustee.

**Jill (Fitzpatrick) Whittaker '91** was elected as a Councilmember for the City of Schertz in Schertz, TX, which has a population of approximately 42,000 people, about the same size as York, PA. Jill has lived in or around Schertz since 1999 when she was stationed there as a 2Lt in the United States Air Force. She's now a licensed realtor in San Antonio, TX. Her husband is still serving in the U.S. Air Force, but will be retiring in just a couple years so they decided to establish roots in Schertz, giving Jill the opportunity to get involved in local politics. Her opponent had previously served on City Council for over 10 years. It was a close election, but in the end she won the seat. She will serve a 3 year term which started last November. Jill's parents are Doug and Nancy (Zehnder) Fitzpatrick, both YC class of '66.



Whittaker Family



4 generations of the Lenz Family

**Travis Lenz '03** and his wife, Sabrina, welcomed son Clark in April 2020, and posed with four generations of the Lenz family: Travis; great-grandfather R. Raymond Lenz; baby Clark; and grandfather Robert Lenz

**Jacob Baum '11** was recently promoted to Captain in the US Army Reserves Corp of Engineers while currently being deployed for a year-long tour of duty in Kuwait



Jacob Baum '11





**Sarah & Damiano Cuppone**

**Sarah Fuller '13** married Damiano Cuppone in September 2019 in Perugia, Italy. Sarah graduated from Columbia University in 2019 with a Master's in International Educational Development and currently works as an education research consultant for the United Nations, while Damiano, a 2015 graduate of the University of Perugia's Law School, works as a relationship banker for UniCredit

Bank. The bridal party included two fellow YC graduates, Theresa Starceski '13 and Katie Deats '13. The couple currently reside in Italy.

**Carrie (Fix) Mitcheltree '14** and Tyler Mitcheltree were married on August 22, 2020. The wedding took place at the Country Club of York. Juely Baez '13 was a bridesmaid. Carrie is in her second year of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Messiah University. Carrie and Tyler reside in York.



**Carrie & Tyler Mitcheltree**

## Share Your Story

We want hear from you!  
And so do your classmates!

Keep us up-to-date on what you've been doing since you left York Catholic so we can share your news in upcoming issues of *Greensleeves*.

**Send your updates to  
[info@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:info@yorkcatholic.org)**

If you have a classmate who has an interesting story, but might be too shy to contact us, reach out and let us know and we'll take it from there.

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# Memorials

**Donald F. Crumbling**, husband of Lois A. (Becker) Crumbling '52; father of Diane (Crumbling) Sargeant '74, Joe Crumbling '79; brother of Richard Crumbling (deceased), Robert G. Miller (deceased); father-in-law of Tom Sargeant, Kay Crumbling; grandfather of Abby (Crumbling) Becker, Josh Sargeant, Patrick Crumbling. Don was a charter member of the York Catholic Athletic Association and long-time supporter of York Catholic. Don and Lois celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in December with an event coordinated by Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care.



The Crumbling Family

**Anne (White) Kubeldis '74**, wife of Robert "Bob" Kubeldis (deceased); mother of Nathan Kubeldis, Lucas Kubeldis, Rachael Kubeldis; sister of Joan White '65, Robert White '66, Maria White '81, Joe White, Chris White, Mike White.

**Larry G. Leiphart Jr. '90**, father of Adam G. and Jacob C. Leiphart; son of Jane (Mitzel) Leiphart '67; brother of Tori (Leiphart) Byers; nephew of John D'Ottavio '65 (deceased), Rita (Mitzel) D'Ottavio '68 (deceased), Father Daniel Mitzel '72, Deanna (Mitzel) Sweitzer '74; cousin of Chad D'Ottavio '88. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Robert Byers, cousins, nieces and nephews.

**Sr. Loretta Francis Mann, OSF, '49**, born Doris Jean Mann, daughter of John (deceased) and Loretta (Murnane) Mann (deceased); sister of Susanne (Mann) Snyder '52, Francis Mann (deceased), Robert "Billy" Mann '53 (deceased). Sr. Loretta ministered primarily in education as teacher and principal, as well as in diocesan administration. Her gift of giving back took her to Haiti to assist the Haitian Health Foundation and to St. Francis Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Hartford, CT where she would sing, rock, and read to babies.

**Naomi (Brasch) Schiding '38**, wife of Robert W. Schiding (deceased); mother of Dorothy (Schiding) Daniels '67, Frederick R. Schiding '64; mother-in-law of Michael Daniels '63, Carol Schiding; grandmother of Patrick Schiding '90, Katie (Schiding) Bussard '00, Cecelia (Schiding) Bailey '96, Mark Daniels '78, Patrick Daniels '83, Alissa (Daniels) Williams; great-grandmother to 15 great-grandchildren. Naomi was employed at York Catholic for 27 years and was a founding member of the YC Alumni Association.



Naomi (Brasch) Schiding '38

**Cletus Strausbaugh '49**, husband of Patricia Strausbaugh.

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