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SUMMER 2024



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2024-2025 Student Visitation Events

SHADOW FOR A DAY

Available Sept 2024
through May 2025

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 DATES

July 16: 6-7:30 pm

October 20: 12-2 pm

February 6: 6-7:30 pm

May 6: 6-7:30 pm

Enjoy a campus tour and connect with students, teachers, and administrators to see what sets the York Catholic experience apart. Reservations required.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 22

Admissions Applications Due

February 13

Early Enrollment Deadline

April 1

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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,

Last month, when our students of the Class of 2024 walked across the stage during Graduation, the administration, faculty, and staff joined the proud family members in beaming with pride over the accomplishment. A York Catholic education means something and the York Catholic diploma signifies lessons and preparation that are priceless.

What sets York Catholic apart? It is our highly competitive academic program, with test scores that exceed national and state averages, more AP and College in the Classroom offerings that allow students to graduate YC with college credit, and our award-winning participation in academic competitions to include our recent success in the Diocesan Geography Bee and state Future Business Leaders of America performance. It is our outstanding Fine Arts program, where one-third of the student body chooses to participate in choir, band, performing arts, and our AP and Advanced Art programs, sending multiple students to places like Savannah College of Art & Design and Maryland Institute College of Art, and music performance programs upon graduation. It is our other extra-curricular programs, including athletics, where over 75% of the student body competes on multiple teams annually, clinching league, district, and state titles.

But most importantly, what sets YC apart is the Catholicity of our school community. York Catholic welcomes people of all faith backgrounds and always has. In doing so, we foster a respectful and a rich culture of respect for the dignity of all human persons, while deepening the tenets of the Catholic faith that are good practice for all of humanity. In the pages ahead, you will be introduced to our new Chaplain who will highlight his goals for our student body and greater community as he takes on this new role. You will hear how the corporal works of mercy are alive and intrinsic among all students as they further the gospel values by choosing to serve among our various campus ministry clubs and organizations. And, you will read how our graduates represent YC through their community impact in their chosen fields.

I challenge you to ask yourself, is York Catholic fulfilling its mission? Yes, we are, and I am proud beyond words to work and live in this environment, where our students are learning and growing into leaders whose greatest achievement is serving the global community with grace.

Sincerely,

Katie Doyle '96
Principal



KATIE DOYLE 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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York Catholic Gymnasium

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYv-h3EFOOCwCJWfOSwWwAyQ>

York Catholic Stadium

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4EXPG-mAYUN4xmUgpgUrQ>

On the Cover: Valedictorian Ashley Patterson & Salutatorian Bobby Gilbert

Guiding Our Students' Spiritual Life

Rev. Peter Rettig, Chaplain

Nature AND nurture, right? Our personalities are formed by both! The same goes for me, and I'm excited to apply my personality and skill traits to my newest assignment as Chaplain at York Catholic. My name is Fr. Peter Rettig. I am 30-years-old and the youngest of three children. Although studies show that priests are typically the oldest children of families, I am proud to break the mold! I may come off as an extrovert because I tend to think out loud, but behind the scenes, I love to mentally recharge by spending time alone in the woods, hunting, fishing, and hiking.

Before being assigned to York Catholic, I was ordained in June of 2021 and served two years as an assistant priest at Sacred Heart Parish in Lewistown, PA and St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Mifflintown, PA. Since then, I have been reassigned to St. Joseph Parish in East York, PA, where I currently reside and proudly serve as the assistant priest.



Welcome to Our New Chaplain
Rev. Peter Rettig

When it comes to my new assignment, I am a visionary. Using my imagination is one of my strengths, which will hopefully help form a fun and holy atmosphere for students. My passion is to celebrate the Mass beautifully and to expose the beauty of Jesus in the Eucharist so congregants can grow closer to God.

When I took a personality profile test, I was identified as a "healer," which is probably why hearing confessions is my favorite thing (besides the Mass) about the priesthood. Preaching is my next favorite thing about the priesthood because I can be creative with applying the message of Jesus Christ to the everyday lives of the parishioners.

Another passion of mine is youth ministry, which may be why God placed me at York Catholic. I believe every Catholic should know the Bible very well, which is why another one of my goals is to delve into scripture during my homilies at school-wide Masses. I hope to be creative and resourceful in forming the Faith in the students at York Catholic.

I also have a strong drive to guide people in their prayer life through spiritual direction. One of my smaller goals is to meet with every theology class to discuss prayer life techniques students can use in their free time. It's been rewarding to get to know the students, faculty, and staff on a personal level.

My biggest goal, however, is to help get everyone at York Catholic to Heaven, and I pray that you help me get there too! May God bless you!

Confidentes pro Christo estote.
Be **bold** for Christ.



The Gospel in Action

Paul Miller, Director of Faculty & Spiritual Life

St. Augustine said, “the true measure of love is to love without measure.” The students participating in York Catholic’s Campus Ministry clubs have been living out this quote through service, prayer, and action. Two of the most active clubs have been York Catholic’s Service Club and Students for Life.

The Service Club’s purpose is to support YC’s mission of instilling a love for Christian charity within the hearts and lives of all YC students. They communicate service opportunities through their YC Google Classroom. One of their most successful service activities was a focused letter writing campaign to the elderly in nursing homes, called “Sending Sunshine.” Mr. John Driscoll, moderator of the Service Club says, “What an inspiration it has been to see YC students have such passion for responding so wholeheartedly to Jesus’ call to go out into the world and love our neighbors.”

The Students for Life advocate for the respect for human life, especially the unborn and most vulnerable. Through Respect Life Month activities, bi-weekly meetings, guest speakers, and community outreach, the Students for Life promote a culture of life within the YC community. One of their many acts of service is their Advent party held in December that benefits Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. Students donate a variety of gifts to help the moms know they are cared for and to celebrate the gift of life of their babies.

There are other Campus Ministry groups, activities, and opportunities for students to get connected to and put the Gospel into action, such as the Lenten Sojourners, the Theology Club, and Scripture Slices. Mr. Driscoll added,

“Loving and serving without counting the cost—this is the path that Jesus calls us to follow, and the YC community is doing just that.”



GREEN & GOLD *Gala*

Thank you to everyone who joined us for YC's Green & Gold Gala at the Country Club of York in April! The event raised over \$100,000 to support York Catholic! Special thanks to our major sponsors Maple Donuts, Stewart & Tate, Inc., and Tim & Krista Tate.

The highlight of the night was honoring the work of our Academic Assistance Center (now renamed the Academic Achievement Center) and its founder and leader, Mrs. Carolyn Obermeier who received the Maria Impende Juvamen Award that recognizes those who "bestow their aid" in exceptional ways through time, talent, or treasure. Bria Schneider '18 and Holly Mayer spoke from the heart in sharing how the AAC and Mrs. O have been transformative in their lives and the lives of their families. *Read more about Carolyn and her work on page 8.*



Jennifer Geubtner-May '91

Penn State York's OLLI Director

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

Are you a lifelong learner? Lifelong learners are curious, creative, willing to take risks, and like to connect with others. They also tend to leave cultural and entrepreneurial impressions on their families and communities. Jennifer Geubtner-May has been Penn State York's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Director for the last 5 years. OLLI is a jewel in the York community; it offers noncredit courses, social events, special interest groups (SIGs), and trips to anyone over 50 years of age that loves to learn! In 2023 OLLI offered 230 different courses to over 800 members. Jen explained, "the beauty of OLLI is that members can utilize all that we offer to fit their needs. Some members just take courses. Some take a course or two but enjoy the SIGs most. Others immerse themselves in OLLI courses, in committees (such as curriculum), social events, and SIGs. For our \$65 annual membership, you can do a lot with OLLI, or a little, it is your preference." Anyone in the York community can go to the 90-minute classes held at the Penn State York campus, but the advantages of being a member are the cost of each class is only \$8, receiving spring and fall catalogs in the mail with a description of courses for each semester, social events and SIGs that are members-only, and access to the local bus trips.



Jennifer Geubtner-May '91

Course choices are varied but many focus on health, art, music, law and history. Courses on local and American history are always a sellout. Recent instructors have included local historians Jim McClure, Dominish Miller, and Jamie Noerpel; retired Judge John Uhler, former PSY Chancellor Don Gogniat, and current York City Police Commissioner Michael Muldrow. These instructors always pack the classroom. Additional Zoom classes are also offered through University Park so the choices are endless! Social events have included progressive dinners in York City, lunch at Food Truck Fridays at Springettsbury Park, and trivia on Zoom during the winter months. OLLI offers 6 SIGs which allow members to meet on a regular basis: Beginner Bridge, Board Games, Creative Writing, Knitting, Pickleball, and Walking. OLLI York also provides local tours and one-day bus trips. Penn State's University Park organizes domestic and international trips, which are open to both members and non-members. Probably the most unspoken benefit of OLLI is the friendship and support among the members. Stimulating conversation and seeing new things during local tours is priceless!

It was Jennifer's mother, Suzanne Geubtner, who originally inspired Jen with a love of education. A former teacher at both York Catholic and St. Joseph Elementary in York, she also was enamored with OLLI. Suzanne would always tell Jen about the courses she was taking. When the position of OLLI Director opened up, Jen had 3 young children and was commuting to Reading for her job. Finally, a perfect fit! It took many years to get there. After graduating from West Chester University with a degree in elementary education, she soon decided that was not for her. It took seven years to earn her master's and doctorate in Educational Leadership from The University of Pennsylvania, then she spent the next sixteen years in different capacities ranging from adjunct faculty at various universities, consultant for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), professional development for those in the field of education, and director of a nonprofit. "My career path was anything but linear, nevertheless it has been very rewarding, and I gained a lot of experience in the various roles that I have held. I hope this can be a glimmer of hope to those who are recent high school or college graduates and are uncertain about their 'life path.' For me, there wasn't one path, my path swerved many times based on opportunities that presented themselves, as well as what was best for my family at that particular time in life." Her perseverance was worth it; Jen has found her passion in leading OLLI. More information about OLLI can be found at www.oli.psu.edu/york/ and on Facebook and Instagram.

Inspiring Students to Achieve

Kathy Hand, Director of Studies



**We celebrate and thank
Carolyn Obermeier for 22 years
of service to York Catholic!**

At this year's Green & Gold Gala, we were blessed to have the opportunity to honor Carolyn Obermeier with the Maria Impende Juvamen Award, given to those who "bestow their aid" in exceptional ways through time, talent, or treasure.

We celebrate and thank Carolyn for 22 years of service to York Catholic. This month, she and her husband, Ralph, are relocating to Knoxville, Tennessee, to enjoy family and grandchildren. In her time at York Catholic, Carolyn has fully developed the Academic Assistance Center (AAC), now known as the Academic Achievement Center, from small beginnings into a highly regarded instructional support program, a legacy she leaves behind. Carolyn grew up in Queens, New York, and attended the Mary Louis Academy, a Catholic school for girls. She met Ralph at West Point, and after his retirement from the Army, Ralph's career eventually landed them in York, Pennsylvania. The Obermeier's raised two sons, both of whom graduated from York Catholic, Kevin in 2007, and Sean in 2009.

As an instructional support teacher at YC, Carolyn sees over one hundred students a day in grades 7-12. She helps them uncover and employ strategies necessary to navigate their academic challenges. She gets to know her students well, and instills confidence as they progress through the grades. She supports students in all subject areas, and over time has absorbed a solid grasp of all disciplines from US History to Physical Science. If you would like to know what is going on in Forensics class on Monday, or English 12 on Tuesday, Carolyn knows. She understands Punnett squares and embraces algebraic equations. She is an academic coach, cheerleader, and advocate for her students, and the AAC room is home base. They know she is there with full support and a pep talk.

One of her graduating seniors shared that he will always remember her kindness and understanding. He remembers having a hard first day of school in 7th grade, and at the end of the day he found himself in the nurse's office needing a break. Carolyn found him there, and reassured him that he was not the only one to stress and struggle over the transition, and not to worry, tomorrow would be better. And it was. One of my favorite memories of Carolyn Obermeier happened on Graduation Night in 2014. She was standing outside the main office after the event concluded, watching and taking it all in. Families lingered on the front lawn, and graduates were enjoying that beautiful night, and that wonderful moment. One senior came running back into the building, green gown unzipped, flying open as he ran, looking for her. She saw him coming, and recognized that he was crying, overcome by the evening. She hugged him, and I remember what she said. She said with a grin, "You've got this. You are going to do great, and I will always be here for you."

Carolyn loves to garden, bike, boat, and run; she is also a competitive powerlifter. She plans to enjoy all these activities and more as she and Ralph embark on their next adventure. We wish them good health, happiness, and time to soak it all in as they settle into their new next chapter. Carolyn will be missed at York Catholic, and two decades worth of students will remember her always as their greatest advocate and academic coach. She worries ever so slightly about what life holds as she downshifts, but we can tell you, Carolyn, you got this. You're going to do great. And we will always be here for you. (Please visit!)



Maria Impende Juvamen Award

Carolyn Obermeier (center) was honored by Bria Schneider '18 (left) and Holly Mayer (right) at the Green & Gold Gala



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Exploring Future Career Paths During the High School Years

How Students in Grades 7-12 Can Begin to Define Their Future Direction Today

The York Catholic Guidance Department has been providing our community helpful information to navigate the challenges teens face as they transition from children to adults. Topics have included: Prepping for Back-to-School, Digital Citizenship, Earning College Credits in High School, and the most recent topic, Exploring Career Paths. This information is being shared across social media platforms and is highly engaging as parents outside of York Catholic are seeing the benefits of a YC education. Here is a sample of Exploring Career Paths:

When parents and other adults ask younger people, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”, a cute or unrealistically ambitious response is typically expected in terms of what the young child believes they will pursue as a career in the future. However, this question begins to take on more weight as students enter their middle and high school years. This is when it becomes helpful for students and their parents and caregivers to begin giving future career direction sincere thought and taking steps toward formulating solid plans.

Career exploration is an essential step in determining the right path for your student’s future, and it’s a great way to figure out whether a traditional college experience is next or if your student might be more inclined to pursue a trade, technical training experience, or military service.



Students Should Get Started with Career Exploration by Getting to Know Themselves

Self-awareness serves as a compass, guiding students toward fulfilling and meaningful career paths. Having established a clear understanding of their preferences, skills, and values, students can explore various industries and professions with greater confidence and purpose. Of course, parents, teachers, and school counselors will guide and support students along the way, but each student needs to undertake the self-reflection process with the goal of getting to know who they truly are—and who they want to be in the future.

The following steps can be used as a basic roadmap to begin the self-reflection journey before pursuing more targeted career exploration activities.

Identify Skills & Interests with Reflective Questions

- What subjects or concepts spark your curiosity or excitement?
- What do you most enjoy doing in your time away from school and extracurriculars?
- What extracurricular activities, sports, or clubs do you enjoy, and why do you like them?

Think About Personal Core Values & Goals for Life

Take Aptitude Tests

- Bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Mynextmove.org
- Collegeraptor.com



Career Exploration Next Steps: Get to Know the Jobs & Try Them Out

Once students have a sense of their personal values and possible future career pathways, it's time to delve into research on specific jobs that align with their goals. Begin by exploring broad categories of jobs—sometimes called career clusters—that call for related skillsets. STEM careers, business management careers, and professional trades are just a few examples of career clusters. There are lots of high-quality online resources that provide excellent overviews of these categories, as well as the individual jobs themselves.

Students and families should also take note of the requirements to obtain these roles and the future outlook regarding whether they are susceptible to negative impacts from automation, outsourcing, or other job security threats.

While vital to the career exploration process, simply researching jobs cannot show students everything they need to know. Families can look into immersive ways for students to try jobs that interest them now. Job shadowing is a wonderful way to discover what the day-to-day looks like in many careers, and many professionals are willing to invite students into their workplaces for a few hours or a day to observe. Other ways to begin actively trying out career paths may include taking college courses in high school or “earning while you learn” in a summer job or internship opportunity.

Explore career research resources online:

The following sites offer high-quality, data-backed information about many different career options.

- onetonline.org
- collegescorecard.ed.gov
- scoir.com

How Do I Ensure My Student Finds the Best Career?

The path to identifying the right career is very personal, and each student will have a unique journey based on their individual preferences, goals, and circumstances. Taking an intentional approach that starts early with conversations, reflection, and deliberate exploration and continues through facilitated opportunities to get early experiences with careers of interest can build a strong foundation for future planning.

YC Provides a Personalized Approach to Career Exploration for Every Student

Preparing students of all faiths and backgrounds for future success in college and their careers is at the core of our approach at York Catholic. The heart of YC's academic program is a dedication to helping students cultivate their passions, develop their strengths, and ready them for a rapidly changing world.

If you have any questions, we invite you to get in touch with our Director of Admissions/College & Career Advisor, David Butler, Jr., at dbutler@yorkcatholic.org or 717-846-8871 x1354.



Real World Advice



Women's Day Panel

The YC Diversity Club hosted a panel of successful women to share their stories with our students as YC celebrated International Women's Day in March. Joining us were Katie Doyle, York Catholic Middle & High School; Brittany Morgan, University of Pennsylvania Health System; Bianca Cropper, Anne Arundel Medical Center; Briana Cropper, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Laurie Sprecher, Your Financial Community of PA; and via Zoom, Dr. Sharee Livingston, UPMC. The panelists are pictured with Mrs. Dynellia Washington, YC Business Teacher & Diversity Club Moderator, and the Diversity Club Executive Board, Taylor Thomas '24, Ashley Patterson '24, Kara Harris '24, and Carina Roberts '24.



Young Alumni Panel

Recent York Catholic graduates came back to campus over their Christmas break to answer our current students' questions about life after YC. The alumni talked about their transition to college, career choices, work life, and other new ventures they have taken on since graduation. Thank you to Helene Cox '22, Mary Kate Dick '20, Matthew Gick '21, Nate Gingerich '22, Grace Keesey '21, Ryan Kerchner '22, Brooklyn Moir '22, Nick Moir '23, Sarah Nigro '20, Addie Seufert '23, Ryan Shanko '21, and Sean Warren '23.



Business Management Career Panel

The YC Guidance Department hosted a panel of business management executives to speak to our students about future careers. Thank you to Joe Langione, Novelty Manufacturing; Todd Moir, FLSmidth Mining; Nicoletta Prezioso '18, Friends School of Baltimore; Shannon Seitz, Country Club of York; Mary Kate (Skehan) Rogers '08, Penguin Publishing; Joe Skehan '03, York Water Company; and Sean Skehan '06, M&T Bank.



STEM Career Panel

The YC Guidance Department hosted a panel of STEM executives to speak to our students about future careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Thank you to Michael Allen '04, Adhesives Research, Inc.; Nicholas Bartkowiak '17, Booz Allen Hamilton; Michele Karnes, Coterie Environmental LLC; Joe Stein '99, Warehaus, pictured with students Lily Sturm '25 and Alexis Courtright '24.

Heartfelt Ties to YC

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

The robust sense of community of our “YC Family” is still deeply felt for many alumni. Because of that, York Catholic is fortunate to have a long list of graduates who return to substitute teach or coach. Giving back to the school that gave much to them in their formative years is especially rewarding. Many still have friends and relatives who have students in the school and that is a bonus.

The Brady family legacy continues at YC. Paul Brady '94 has coached youth basketball for almost 25 years. Beginning at the West York Boys Club, he then coached at York Country Day for 6 years. When his own children were school age, he began coaching them at St. Joseph, York and simultaneously ran the Athletic Association at the school for many years. Nine years ago, he saw Coach Blaine Claiborne '93 at a YC baseball game. Blaine was the YC head basketball coach at the time, and he asked Paul to coach with him. Being the youngest of 6 children who all attended York Catholic, Paul thought it was a great place to continue his passion.

“Coaching has taught me to be more patient and take time to have fun and enjoy the game. We try to remember as a coaching staff that while we certainly have high expectations of our players, we want them to compete with good sportsmanship, be of good character, carry themselves in a certain way, no matter if we are winning or losing. There will always be ups and downs in sports as in life, but integrity must always be at the forefront.” Paul coached his own sons Grasen '22 from kindergarten through senior year at YC, and has coached Landon '26 while he was at St. Joseph. Grasen still plays basketball in a recreational league, so his love of the game continues.

Paul's combined family and work life are all-encompassing. His wife Charlene has had a 30-year career at American Express and is now Manager of Business Development of their Global Commercial Services. Grasen is a sophomore at Penn State York and working full time at Chick-fil-A. Twins Eden and Landon are finishing up their sophomore year at York Catholic. Eden enjoys YC cheerleading, and Landon spends much time helping his older brother in his small business, Brady Brothers Lawn Care. Interestingly, Paul worked in the insurance industry for 16 years. After he went on the St. Joseph Jamaican Mission Trip in 2012, he was inspired to leave corporate life and start his own non-medical, home care business, Compassionate Hearts Personal Assistance. “We provide care for the elderly so they can remain independent in their own homes; while they age with grace.” His business speaks volumes about Paul's own heart.

York Catholic appreciates the alumni who have returned to YC to share their talents. With 19 substitute teachers and coaches and 14 teachers and staff who planted their roots at YC as students, it's apparent that the “YC Family” tradition lives on.



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Continuing the Legacy of Keffer Funeral Home

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

There's a common statistic that only 30% of family businesses survive into the 2nd generation, 13% into the 3rd generation, and only 3% into the fourth. It illustrates just how difficult it is for a family to transition a business; especially one that is built on helping others who are at their most vulnerable. Sisters Emma Keffer '14 and Grace (Keffer) Ireland '07 know when family members have trust, shared values, and common purpose, these odds are not only beaten, but bolster business efficiency, strengthen their own family relationships, and make a genuinely positive experience for families they serve. John W. Keffer '52 and his wife Helen (Ream) Keffer '52, started serving the York Community in December of 1966. John had been working in a funeral home in Philadelphia before deciding to open his own business. The business quickly grew, and Joseph V. Keffer '78 joined his father in the late 1980s after he attained his mortuary degree. Today, Joe's daughter, Emma, has made the choice to follow in her family's footsteps and has completed schooling at Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science and passed the national boards. Her courses included pathology, anatomy, funeral service laws, psychology of grief, and embalming. As a requirement to graduate mortuary school, a person must embalm 30 bodies. She is currently working on her one-year internship and studying for the PA State boards, which is her final certification. Her sister Grace graduated from West Chester University with a degree in professional studies and is now managing the business side of the funeral home. She is likely the first person to speak with you when contacting Keffer Funeral Home.

Emma told me the choice to go into this field was an easy one for her. Growing up, the funeral home



All in the Family

Grace (Keffer) Ireland '07 & Emma Keffer '14

was always there. The funeral industry can be intimidating; the hours and emotions are demanding. "My sisters and I knew that when my dad had to work late or was awake in the middle of the night, he was helping families through the loss of a loved one." Despite all of that, like her grandfather and her father before her, she has a calling to help others. "Most people think of becoming a doctor or a nurse...but there is always going to be someone needed for the time when someone passes away. We are there to comfort and guide a family through grief that comes at the end of life. We work with the dead, but funeral professionals are there primarily to help the living."

Their business is truly a family effort. Joe is always on the move, and his year-round daily routine frequently starts with a bicycle ride. Although he rides for pleasure, he sometimes rides to the office or to the crematorium to check on business there. (The crematorium is only one of two in York and 70% of families are now choosing cremation.) Joe is friendly, well-read, and has an unassuming sense of humor. The sisters know their dad is an incredible funeral director and they believe it is an honor to have him teach them the ropes. Their mother, Kris, has always been an integral part of the business, although not in recent years as her daughters have become more involved. Kris helps as needed, and many times does hair and cosmetics for female decedents. She



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is an artist by nature and can frequently be seen designing flowerbeds and planting flowers at their facilities. Emma

and Grace know their mom

sacrificed a lot when they were growing up; all 4 daughters (twins Margaret '11 and Sarah '11 are not in the business) were involved in many activities, but Kris was still helping to grow the business during those years. A second location was opened on West Market Street in York in 1995.

Grace and Emma are in a field that has been long dominated by men, but that is rapidly changing. While some seek out a woman's guidance at this delicate time, many still think women are incapable of doing the job; it is a hurdle

the ladies face daily. Emma is comforted by knowing she always has Grace's support and calls her the “fix-it master” for the mostly male staff they

currently employ. Finally, Emma wanted us to know that death is something that shouldn't be seen as taboo; it is an inevitable part of life. Burying the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy and the Keffer family deeply wants to uphold the respect and dignity of a person continuing their journey. There is something special about being able to assist someone who has just lost a loved one. “We are trying to help families say goodbye and provide them with closure and guidance in the process.”



YOU'RE INVITED!

YC OPEN HOUSE
JULY 16 FROM 6-7:30PM

Register at yorkcatholic.org/open-house

It's a Small World

This past school year, we welcomed four international students who chose to experience an American education at York Catholic. Heather Hoffman '91, YC's Middle School Director, and her husband, Chris, have been host parents to numerous international students over the years. Heather helped to give us a glimpse of the students' impressions of our culture through a brief **Question & Answer** session. We hope you enjoy getting to know our international students, Lisa Demurger '25 from Annecy, France; Bhumichak (Zarn) Tantirasmee '26 from Bangkok, Thailand; Ayaka Takeda '25 from Tokyo, Japan; and Mert Can Bozdogan '25 from Iskenderun/Istanbul, Turkey.



LD
Lisa Demurger



ZT
Zarn Tantirasmee



AT
Ayaka Takeda



MB
Mert Bozdogan



International Students

Lisa Demurger '25, Bhumichak (Zarn) Tantirasmee '26, Ayaka Takeda '25, Mert Can Bozdogan '25

What activities/sports have you participated in at York Catholic?

LD: Cross Country, Basketball and Lacrosse

ZT: Soccer, Ping Pong Club, working out in the weight room, Mini-THON

AT: High School Band, installing the Cemetery of Innocents, Mini-THON, Foreign Language Week

MB: Soccer, Tennis, Mini-THON, football games, service opportunities, Halloween events

What is your favorite thing about York Catholic?

LD: I don't have one favorite thing, but I like the fact that it is a small school so it's easier to make friends. I like my teachers and sports coach. I also like the uniform and the general atmosphere of the school.

ZT: The people are friendly and kind.

AT: My favorite thing about York Catholic is the people because whenever I ask my teachers or friends a question, they try to help me.

MB: That the individual person matters and is more relevant to the teachers and those around them because of the size of the school, and of course the religious aspect. Everyone knows one another and therefore no one goes unnoticed.

How have the YC students helped you?

LD: They are always being nice, patient, and inclusive, as well as talking to me and offering help.

ZT: They helped me adjust to York Catholic more easily, and my teammates gave me rides to team dinners.

AT: My friends gave me some advice when I got stuck on my homework, and they took me to the nurse's office when I wasn't feeling well.

MB: We've formed mutual relationships to help one another in our journey to strive to be better, firstly under God, and secondly to be the future pillars of our society.



What has been your favorite thing about your experience in the US (school, family, etc.)?

LD: I love how the American school system works with the sports, the musical, etc.

ZT: The fire pit at the lake with my host family.

AT: Wearing dresses is my favorite thing because there are no opportunities to buy or wear dresses in Japan.

MB: I have been pretty homesick; such a drastic change isn't so easily done or achieved. People who have lived here their entire lives call this place their home, and that is true for me as well. However, I have multiple homes, ones that I left behind which weighs on the person's conscience. Considering all of that, I feel like I have managed to become part of this place in the last year or so more fully than I thought I would have, which is nice.

What has become your favorite American food?

LD: Chick-fil-A

ZT: Steak

AT: Macaroni and cheese, hamburger, and waffle fries with Chick-fil-A sauce

MB: American burgers and fries

What is a strange American food that you had never tried, but now you like?

LD: Jell-o and pot pie

ZT: Turtle soup

AT: Scrambled eggs with syrup

MB: I'd never think a lactose and carb blast that is the Mac and Cheese would be so delicious, yet have so much toll on the digestive system.

What is an American food that you don't like?

LD: Meatloaf

ZT: I mostly like everything here

AT: Pumpkin pie, baked beans, pickles, and peanut butter sandwich

MB: I wouldn't know, I tend to see food and eat food

What is the strangest thing you've noticed that Americans do?

LD: It's not really something they do, but I think it's weird that the children don't have IDs and that Americans use their cars for everything, even when they could walk instead.

ZT: Flags are everywhere.

AT: Walking around the house with shoes on, chewing gum all the time, and wearing pajamas in public.

MB: People here tend to like living in their comfort zones more often than not. I would guess this comes from having an easier life compared to other parts of the world.

Please share anything else about your experience.

ZT: There are a lot of cultures that are different from my country. Almost every day I find something new here and it's interesting how things work here, but overall from my experience, it's a nice and lovely country.

AT: The first time I went to an American movie theater, I was surprised to find that they had reclining chairs that you could sit on with your legs stretched out. There are no such chairs in Japanese movie theaters.

MB: Well, the experience isn't fully done yet, I still have another year to go!

Mary Foley Wilson '04

Neonatal Flight Nurse

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

Mary Foley Wilson, MSN '04 is the daughter of George '78 and Laurie Foley; and sister to Kate '00 and Megan '02. She's had a stellar career starting out as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nurse, stints as a Clinical Instructor for 2 different universities, rose to Clinical Resource Nurse, and is now a Neonatal Flight Nurse for Abington Jefferson Health in Philadelphia. In addition, Mary is a busy wife and mother, so I was especially grateful to have her tell me about her career and other specific accomplishments in her neonatal intensive care field.

Why did you choose the nursing field? And how did you choose Gwynedd Mercy University and Drexel University for your education?

In high school, I volunteered at York Hospital in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and got a lot of insight into time management, collaborative care and communication, and the patient experience. When I was applying to nursing schools, Gwynedd Mercy University was my first choice because their program at the time involved clinical practice in the first semester (typical programs at the time had no clinical time until 3rd year). I knew I needed a program that got me into the hospital setting as soon as possible, because I couldn't imagine 2 years of being away from patients. At that time, GMU had what was called a "2+2" program—meaning after 2 years, I graduated with my ASN and took my boards that summer. I could have stopped there and just started working full time, but instead I continued another 2 years and earned my BSN, all while working part-time night shift in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Abington Memorial Hospital (now called Abington Jefferson Health). I continued my MSN after working in the NICU for 7 years. I chose Drexel University because their online programs are top-notch and when it comes to a resume and increasing chances of being hired, most people will tell you it doesn't particularly matter where you go for Undergrad, but more where you go for Graduate-level studies. It was also a program that fit my life at the time. I was recently married and had found out I was pregnant with my first child the same week I was accepted into the program. The flexibility of the program allowed me to still work full-time in the NICU while raising a family. I actually took a Statistics final the day I came home from the hospital with our first, and graduated on the day I found out I was pregnant with our third! It also helped that there was a tuition assistance program established between the hospital and Drexel at the time.

Can you talk about your path from clinical instructor at 2 different universities, to Neonatal nurse, to Clinical Resource Nurse in Neonatology. How did you come to specialize in Neonatology?

When I was applying for jobs, I wanted either Labor and Delivery or NICU because I love the acuity of both areas, but also the fact that there are a lot more positives than negatives in those fields. At the time I was hired, it was back when we would accept inexperienced nurses into the NICU—something



Mary Foley Wilson '04

that doesn't happen now outside of a specific training program called a Nurse Residency. I worked straight bedside in the NICU for the first 7 years and then transitioned into the Clinical Resource Nurse in the same unit. After I finished my MSN, I was offered some Clinical Instructor rotations for both Holy Family University and Gwynedd Mercy University in their maternity rotations. Luckily, one of my good friends and fellow clinical instructors who had recommended me also gave me a crash course in maternity since I hadn't done those areas since nursing school!



As a Clinical Resource Nurse, you have a lot of responsibilities including Retinopathy Coordinator, chart reviews, and Neonatal Elective Surgery Coordinator. Of these responsibilities, what has been most challenging and why?

They're all challenging for different reasons. As the In-Patient Retinopathy of Prematurity Coordinator (IP-ROPC), there is a significant amount of legal responsibility to that role. When we started doing neonatal surgeries, I created the Neonatal Elective/Emergent Surgical Team (NEST) to coordinate between our unit, anesthesia, the surgeons, parents, and other involved departments. That was challenging because there was a lot to coordinate, and when things didn't go totally seamlessly, it fell on my shoulders. I still take patients and have bedside time in a patient assignment, but as the Clinical Resource Nurse, it allows me to be the second (or third) set of hands for critically ill cases. So, the hardest part of the job will always be when a baby dies. To be able to provide the highest level of medical care for the baby, but also providing the family the care they need is always hard, but also very meaningful.

Conversely, what has been the most rewarding part of your job? Can you relay any personal stories that warmed your heart about your work?

There are certainly families that stick with you—and often that we remain close with after the baby leaves our unit—but the most meaningful thing that someone can experience is being told “you really helped me” or that you made an experience easier for them. Often when we have a patient die, we stay in touch with the families and check in on them. It's important for them to know that just because their baby isn't physically here anymore, their child is still with us just as much as they're with the parents. Helping a family through that grieving process is a true honor.

You also are a Flight Nurse transporting fragile little lives. Why do you like this work? How do you stay calm?

Flights are the best! Nothing makes you feel cooler than walking into another hospital to pick a baby up, wearing the helmet, flight suit, and boots. Our hospital is across the street from a daycare, so when the weather is nice, you'll see all the little kids outside waving and watching the helicopter land and take off. It's a job our team takes very seriously and trains regularly with our transport partners to ensure everyone is safe and knows how to perform their duties. The best way to stay calm is to practice, practice, practice! We do a lot of drills and training, where we practice worst-case scenarios and emergency situations. And ask questions if you're unsure—it's not worth risking someone's safety or your own, just because you're embarrassed you don't know the answer.

Are College Classes in High School Right for My Student?

Things to Consider for Parents of College-Bound Students in Grades 9-12

Many high school students today are eager to jump into college-level coursework and earn post-secondary credits before high school graduation. There are several advantages to this educational approach, including well-established programs that have been proven to help students and their families save time and money during the college years.

A successful transition to college coursework requires more than just academic prowess—it demands the ability to handle everything from increased independence to more challenging workloads. Parents should engage in open conversations, assess their child's level of responsibility, and encourage them to explore their interests. By fostering a deeper connection and comprehensively evaluating their teenager's readiness, parents can make informed decisions about whether their high schooler is prepared for the challenges and responsibilities of pursuing early college classes.

What is College in the Classroom?

College in the Classroom allows students to earn college credit at their desks in their high school classrooms, taught by accredited high school faculty members. Available subjects and the total cost per course will vary depending on which college(s) have partnered with the high school.

York Catholic partners with Alvernia University for College in the Classroom. Based in Reading, PA, Alvernia is well-known for being a rigorous yet caring and inclusive liberal arts institution rooted in the Franciscan tradition. In fact, Alvernia is one of a list of prestigious colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and Maryland that offer Guaranteed Admissions to YC students as well.

At the end of senior year, students request that a transcript be sent from the institution where they earned the course credit to the college or university of their choice. Those college credits can be used to fulfill graduation requirements toward their undergraduate degree. And, if they have taken multiple qualifying courses, students could potentially enter college with enough credits to graduate a semester or a year early.



What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows older high school students—typically seniors—to take collegiate-level courses at a local university, college, or community college at a discounted rate.

For mature students who want an immersive introduction to college coursework before high school graduation, dual enrollment presents an excellent opportunity. Students are permitted to leave their high school campus to take a class on a college campus or complete an online college class independently. Both offer the opportunity to earn credits awarded at the college or university and their high school.

While not every local college or university will have a dual enrollment agreement with a given high school, students will often have some choice between where they can take classes. For instance, YC students can choose courses at Penn State York, York College of Pennsylvania, and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC).

The introduction to the collegiate classroom in 12th grade has obvious benefits for college preparation and the transfer of credits. Students are encouraged to utilize dual enrollment to fulfill general education requirements, but many are also able to explore career possibilities and eventual majors on the introductory level.

3 Big Ways Earning College Credits Before Graduation Benefit a High Schooler

How does the process of earning college credits benefit a high school student as they prepare to graduate and move on to full-time college studies? It's true that colleges and universities do not directly discount a semester tuition bill accounting for credits that are transferred; however, the early investment in post-secondary education has great appeal for **three simple reasons**.

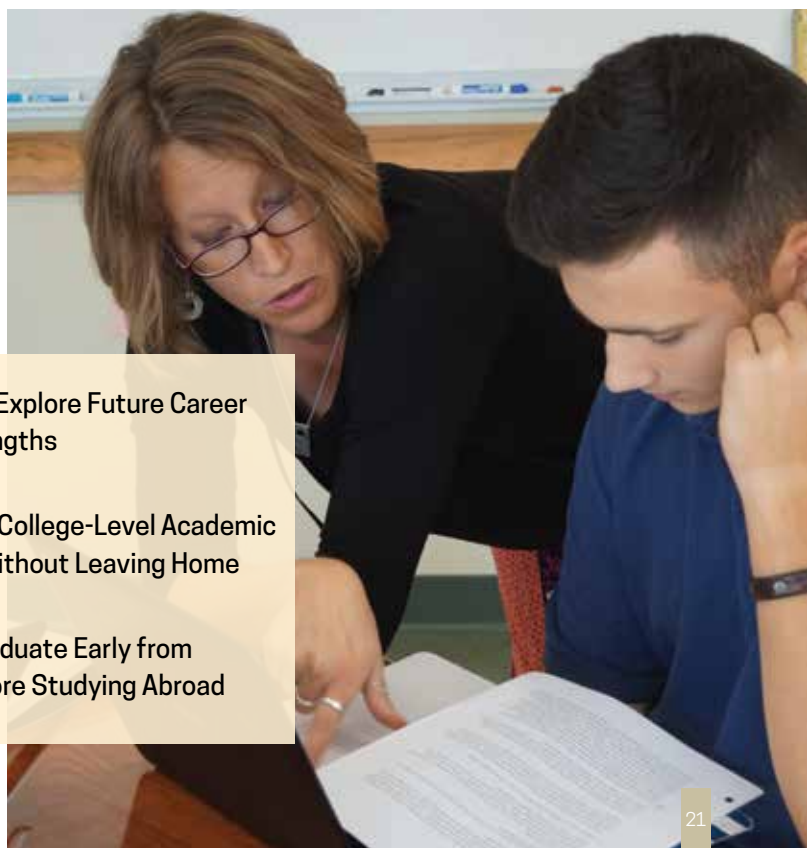
- 1 Opportunity to Explore Future Career Paths and Strengths
- 2 Introduction to College-Level Academic Expectations without Leaving Home
- 3 Potential to Graduate Early from College or Explore Studying Abroad

How to Get Your Student Started with Taking College Courses in High School

York Catholic offers a personalized approach to college prep. Students are presented with opportunities from the moment they begin Middle School, and proactive, integrated preparation informs their academic journey every step of the way. YC counselors guide students and their families through setting goals and making informed decisions about their futures, hand-in-hand with our talented YC faculty and staff.

Families who decide college courses in high school are a fit for their student should look forward to banking college credits as an investment in academic success upon graduation from high school. Students are encouraged to work with their school counselor to set up a game plan for course selection to maximize the benefits of Dual Enrollment and College in the Classroom options.

For more information about these educational programs, we invite you to get in touch with YC's Director of Studies, Kathy Hand, at khand@yorkcatholic.org or 717-846-8871 x1313.



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2024

York Catholic celebrated the accomplishments of the class of 2024 with Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies last month. Diplomas were conferred to 81 graduates who collectively earned over \$13 million in college scholarships and provided 10,526 hours of service to the community during their time as a YC students.

Bishop Timothy Senior celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass along with York Catholic Chaplain, Reverend Peter Rettig, and other clergy from the York Deanery. Daniel Breen, Superintendent of Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg, conferred diplomas at Graduation the following evening. Katie Doyle, Principal of York Catholic, and Kathy Hand, Director of Studies, announced major academic award recipients.

We are very proud of the graduates of the class of 2024 and wish them well in their future endeavors.



Senior Reflections

Meredith Smith '24, YC Student Council President

Looking back on the past six years, I am proud of the successes of York Catholic's Class of 2024 as classmates, teammates, and friends. Our resilience to any obstacle that came our way and immense support for each other is something I strongly admire about our class.

On our first day of 7th grade, no one believed our teachers when they said time would go by fast, but we all agree that time flew, yet it feels like we have been with each other our whole lives. Our class made the most of every moment despite how fast time went. Many of us made the honor roll, won county and district championships and marching band competitions, and participated in successful musical performances. We made the most out of our time together. As a class, we experienced the effect of physically not being with each other daily, but instead talking through a screen during Covid. We may have lost a year of "normal" high school, but our time apart brought us closer and developed an appreciation for each other.

The comfort we have found within the walls of York Catholic will soon be replaced, and we will face a world that may seem daunting. However, each one of us has the strength and potential to achieve greatness. We have the power to change the world, make a positive impact, and be a good force. The preparation we have received for our next chapter does not come from textbooks, but rather, it's the lessons of perseverance, resilience, and empathy that have allowed us to acquire knowledge, hone skills, and discover our passions. We are ready for this next step.

We will embrace the challenges we will face in life. We will take the resilience we have developed here at YC, and we will chase our dreams. We will forever be classmates and can always count on each other. We will go out into the world with an open heart and mind. Our potential is limitless, and this is just the beginning of our future.

YC *moves me* **FORWARD**



Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Ashley Patterson was named Valedictorian and Robert Gilbert was named Salutatorian for York Catholic's Class of 2024. 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.

While at York Catholic, Ashley was President of the National Honor Society, Co-founder of the YC chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, Captain of the Volleyball team, and served on the Executive Board of the Diversity Club. She was also involved in Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Musical Cast, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Outside of school she was active in Club Volleyball, Tenfold, 7th District Summer Theater Program, Ignite Student Ministries, and she held a part-time job. Her favorite memories of her time at YC were playing Ariel in "Footloose the Musical" her senior year, and winning the district championship in volleyball against Trinity her junior year. Her advice to underclassmen is to "Do your best and work hard, but don't forget to take a break. Remember to maintain balance in your life and don't neglect your relationships, as the people you surround yourself with will shape you. Also, take advantage of the opportunities that come your way. Even if something seems like a risk or an experience you never imagined yourself doing, go for it! You'll learn something no matter what and never know when an opportunity can change your life." Ashley offers great advice to students considering transferring to York Catholic, "The transition may be difficult at first, but it is so worth it. I came from a public school in Maryland and transferred during the pandemic, so the transition was definitely strange, but I am so glad I came. The family environment at York Catholic is unique and such an incredible community to be a part of, and I do not regret making the switch." She is most grateful for Mrs. Washington, who Ashley says, "has taught me so much in and outside of the classroom. I love having a role



Ashely Patterson & Robert Gilbert

model in the business world, and she has helped me find opportunities to pursue my interests, from Future Business Leaders of America to my internship at Tenfold." Ashley is the daughter of Charles and Jennifer Patterson and is a member of Hereford Faith and Life Church in Maryland. She will attend the University of Maryland to study Finance.

Bobby was involved in National Honor Society, Football, Baseball, and CYO Basketball while at YC. His favorite memories of his time at YC were participating in the talent show with his friends and winning a district football championship. His advice to underclassmen is to "Always give your best effort and try new things!" He wants students considering transferring to York Catholic to know, "It is a great environment to learn, play sports, and make great friends!" He is most grateful for his math teacher, Mrs. Staats, because "she always greets me with a smile." Bobby is the son of Erika Nicholson and Robert Gilbert and is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in York. Bobby plans to attend Vanderbilt University to major in Economics.

Congratulations Ashley and Bobby!

Principal's Award of Irish Excellence

The Principal's Award of Irish Excellence goes to one male and one female in the graduating class who have each demonstrated their understanding of the mission of York Catholic High School through their curricular and co-curricular involvement and their overall example as a Fighting Irish citizen. It is also accompanied by a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used toward their future educational endeavors. Congratulations to the 2024 Principal's Award of Irish Excellence recipients, Logan Stahl and Olivia Struck.

Logan was involved with the Football and Baseball teams, served on the Executive Board for Student Ambassadors, and participated in Student Council, Stewards of the Earth, Ping Pong Club, Yearbook Club, and Concert Band while owning his own landscaping business and working a part-time job. His favorite memory of his time at York Catholic was becoming a member of the 1,000 lb. Club and breaking 3 personal records showing that anyone can do anything with hard work and dedication. Logan's advice to underclassmen is "Don't be scared to ask for help—it's always available. Ask as many questions as you can and get involved—it's the best way to enjoy high school." His advice for students considering transferring to York Catholic is "Go for it! It's a decision you will never regret, York Catholic is a family of its own—right as you walk through the doors you will instantly feel welcomed." Logan plans to attend East Carolina University to study Finance.



Principal's Award Recipients
Logan Stahl & Olivia Struck

Olivia was Student Council Secretary, Cheerleading Captain, Student Ambassadors Vice President, and was involved in National Honor Society, Musical Theater, and Concert Choir. Her favorite memory of her time at YC was being named Homecoming queen. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Do not wish your time away! Time goes by way too fast!" Olivia plans to attend Saint Vincent College to pursue a career in Education.

Congratulations to Logan and Olivia!

CLASS OF 2024

81

Graduates

\$13 million

earned in scholarships

73%

*earned
scholarships*

89%

*continuing
education at
college/university*

7%

*entering
technical/
trade school*

4%

*entering the
workforce*

10,526

*service hours to
the community*

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FORWARD

ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Tyler Spangler '24

Mensa

Congratulations to Tyler Spangler who was recently admitted into Mensa, a group of high intelligence members who range in age from 2 to 106 and includes engineers, homemakers, teachers, actors, athletes, students, and CEOs. To qualify for Mensa, members scored in the top 2 percent of the general population on an accepted standardized intelligence test. Tyler has been taking college courses during his time at York Catholic and will graduate a year early. He has been accepted to Temple University and will study at their campus located in Tokyo, Japan. Congratulations Tyler!

Rotary Students of the Month

Juniors Kyle Scott and Rosalyn Mulligan were honored as Rotary's Students of the Month. They will also attend RYLA, a Youth Leadership Conference held at Messiah University this month, compliments of the Rotary Club of York. Both are exemplary students, athletes, and most importantly, leaders.



Rotary Students of the Month



York County Science & Engineering Fair

Pre-Apprenticeship

Eli Mazziott '24 completed the York Electrical Institute's Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship Bootcamp. Eli completed the 12-week program which gives him a head start over his peers as he plans to pursue a career as a general electrician.



Eli Mazziott '24

County Science Fair

The following awards were granted to YC students who participated in the York County Science & Engineering Fair at Penn State York:

Junior Division:

- Olivia Otremba '28 for her work on the effect of oil on plant growth: 3rd Place
- Ellis Alas '27 for her work on the effect of flag area and rotational velocity: 3rd Place
Ellis also earned an award from the Engineering Society of York.
- Patrick Koury '27 for his work on the effect of color on reaction: 2nd Place

Senior Division:

- Caroline O'Neill '24, Sara Piccolo '25, and Grace Rapp '24 for their work on the effects of distracted driving: 3rd place
Caroline, Sara, and Grace also earned a very prestigious award from the American Psychological Association!



MathCounts Team

MathCounts

Congratulations to our Middle School students who competed in the Regional MathCounts Competition. Pictured left to right - front row: Thomas Freeman, Amelia Dobson, Dylan Forry; back row: Wyatt Brodbeck, Peter Kellett, Ricardo Po, Gideon Coley. Missing from picture: Parker Kovach, Miles Murdocca.



Parker Kovach '28

Geography Bee

8th grader Parker Kovach won both the York Catholic Middle School Geography Bee and the Diocese of Harrisburg Geography Bee.



Miles Murdocca '28

Civics Bee®

8th grader Miles Murdocca placed 2nd in the Local Civics Bee® and moved onto the state competition which was held in June.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners

The Knights of Columbus selected the following YC students as winners of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: 8th Grade Winner - Maddox Gans; Overall Winner - Isabella Chapman; 12th Grade Winner - Allison Patera.



Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners



Gianna Bird '25

VFW Essay Competition

Junior Gianna Bird placed 4th in the Voice of Democracy category of the Spring Grove VFW Essay Competition. The topic of her essay was "What are the greatest attributes of our democracy?"



Kailey Amspacher '29

York County Libraries Poetry Contest

7th grader Kailey Amspacher won 3rd place in the 7th & 8th Grade category for the York County Libraries Poetry Contest.

ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Future Business Leaders

FBLA Awards

Brenna McKnelly '25 (Business Management) and Ashley Patterson '24 (Business Calculations) won awards at the PA Future Business Leaders of America Conference in Hershey in April. Both students are pictured with their Business teacher, Mrs. Dynellia Washington.



Prom 2024

Prom King & Queen

Congratulations to Bill Gillmen and Sarah Perry who were crowned Prom King and Queen from the class of 2024.

ART AWARDS



YCASE Award Winner

Recycled Art Contest

Madeline Murphy '25 was awarded 2nd place in the York County Solid Waste Authority's Recycled Art Contest celebrating Earth Day at the York County Agriculture and Industrial Museum.



Recycled Art Contest

York Community Art Scholars Exhibition

Congratulations to our talented artists who were selected for the Finalist Exhibition of the York Community Art Scholars Exhibition (YCASE). Erin Weller received the Jurors' Choice Award for her crochet piece, "Obsession." Other finalists from YC included Kara Euclide, Kara Harris, Kalliope Kunkle, Eden Lepson, Allison Patera, Bianca Po, Claire Staub, Ella Stephen, Logan Sutton, and Norah Sweigart.

MUSIC AWARDS



Encore High School Musical Awards

Congratulations to our cast from “Footloose the Musical” who performed at the Encore High School Performing Arts Awards. Grace Oakhem '26, Ashley Patterson '24, and Olivia Struck '24 were awarded scholarships!



Encore Scholarship Winners

Grace Oakhem '26, Ashley Patterson '24, Olivia Struck '24, and Mr. Curtis Nelson, YC musical director



York County Honors Choirs

Ellis Alas '27, Grace Oakhem '26, Kara Dobe '26

York County Honors Choirs

Congratulations to Ellis Alas '27 who auditioned and was selected for the York County Junior High Honors Choir, and to Grace Oakhem '26 and Kara Dobe '26 who auditioned and were selected for the York County Senior High Honors Choir.



Ethan Andrews '24 and Ashton Bruno '25

District Band

Senior Ethan Andrews (trumpet) and junior Ashton Bruno (1st chair baritone) auditioned and were selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 District Band.



Ashton Bruno '25

District Chorus

Junior Ashton Bruno auditioned and was selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus.



Mert Can Bozdogan '25 and Ethan Andrews '24

District Modern Band

Mert Can Bozdogan '25 (electric guitar) and Ethan Andrews '24 (electric bass) auditioned and were selected for the District Modern Band Festival.

MUSIC AWARDS



York County High School Honors Band



York County Middle School Honors Band

York County Honors Bands

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County High School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Fahra Gwynn '24 (flute), Ethan Andrews '24 (trumpet), Miranda Kovach '24 (baritone saxophone), Ashton Bruno '25 (euphonium), Abby Gehring '24 (clarinet), Juliana Doyle '24 (clarinet).

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County Middle School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Luke Andrews '28 (trumpet), Parker Kovach '28 (trumpet), Amelia Burkey '28 (clarinet), Wyatt Brodbeck '28 (clarinet), Amelia Dobson '28 (alto saxophone), Xavier Springer '28 (percussion).



Symphony Musicians

YC Students Performing in Symphony

8th graders Amelia Dobson (bass clarinet & clarinet) and Parker Kovach (trumpet) and 7th grader Zoe Santillo (violin) auditioned and were selected for the York Junior Symphony Orchestra.

Towson University Honors Band

Fahra Gwynn '24 and Ashton Bruno '25 were selected for the Towson University Honors Band. They participated in a day of master classes that culminated in a performance at Towson University's Kaplan Concert Hall.



Ashton Bruno '25 and Fahra Gwynn '24

Macy's Great American Marching Band

Hannah Stover '24 auditioned and participated in the colorguard of Macy's Great American Marching Band for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in November. The band was comprised of selected students from across the United States.



Hannah Stover '24

ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



District III-A Boys Cross Country Silver Medalists & District III-A Girls Cross Country Silver Medalists



**Madeline Murphy
District Champion*

Athletic All-Stars

Congratulations to the following fall and winter athletes who have been named to various All-Star Teams. Spring athletes will be recognized in the next issue of *Greensleeves*.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

District III-A Boys Silver Medalists

Mitchell Bradley

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

Jack Driscoll

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

District III-A Girls Silver Medalists

YAIAA Division Champions

Sheila Driscoll

District III Silver Medalist

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

Gwen Kerr

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

Madeline Murphy*

All-State Team

PIAA 7th Place

District III Champion

YAIAA Division III Girls Runner of the Year

GOLF

Olivia Kury

YAIAA Division III All-Star

Sam McKim

YAIAA Division III All-Star

BOYS SOCCER

Matt Felker

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Joey Kelchaw

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Christian Ludwig

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Ryan Outhout

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Kobin Proudfoot

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Andrew Schuler

Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches

Association All-State Team

YAIAA Division III Player of the Year

Ryland Staub

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Joe Nattans

YAIAA Division III Coach of the Year

GIRLS SOCCER

YAIAA Division III Officials'
Sportsmanship Award

Emily Anthony

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Katie Bullen

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Leilani Garber

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Caroline Rapp

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Claire Staub

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Girls Volleyball District III-AA Silver Medalists

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

District III-AA Silver Medalists

Kayla Dinh

PA Volleyball Coaches Association
Class AA All-State Team

District III-AA All-Star First Team

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

Bailey Green

District III-AA All-Star Second Team

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Honorable Mention

Paige O'Brien

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team

Caroline O'Neill

District III-AA All-Star Second Team

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team

Ashley Patterson

PA Volleyball Coaches Association
Class AA All-State Team

District III-AA All-Star First Team

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
First Team

FOOTBALL

Bill Gillmen

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team - Defensive Tackle

Everett King

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team - Tight End

Evan Kipple

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team - Athlete

Sean Melhorn

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Second Team - Corner

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
Honorable Mention - Running Back

JP Watson

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star
First Team - Punter

YAIAA Division III Coaches
All-Star Honorable Mention -
Outside Linebacker

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Katelyn Bullen

YAIAA Coaches' Division III
Honorable Mention

Paige O'Brien

YAIAA Coaches' Division III 2nd Team

Amanda Reed

YAIAA Coaches' Division III
Honorable Mention

Mariah Shue

YAIAA Coaches' Division III 1st Team

Meredith Smith

YAIAA Coaches' Division III
Honorable Mention

Kevin Bankos

YAIAA Coaches' Division III
Coach of the Year

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jake Dallas

All-State Second Team

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star
First Team

GameTimePA All-Star Second Team

Sam McKim

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star
Honorable Mention

GIRLS SWIMMING

Congratulations to Sarah Geisselbach, Delaney King, and Sheila Driscoll who competed in the District III Swimming Championships. Sarah placed 3rd in the 100 Free with a time that advanced her to the PIAA State Championships.

ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



1,000 lb. Club

Eli Mazziott '24, Logan Stahl '24, Bennett Bradley '25, Bill Gillmen '24

Weightlifting

Eli Mazziott '24, Logan Stahl '24, and Bill Gillmen '24 lifted their way into YC's 1000 lb. Club with combined weight from the bench press, squat lift, and dead lift. Bennett Bradley '25 became a member of the club his freshman year and continues to better his lifts each year. He currently holds the school record in each lift and in total pounds.



National Champion
Parker Maizels '26

National Champion

Parker Maizels '26 placed 1st in her weight class at the U.S. Powerlifting High School National Championships in Baton Rouge, LA. She broke national records in the bench press and squat lift on her way to the championship title. She also deadlifted nearly twice her own body weight.



Junior Olympian
Emma Martin '27

Junior Olympian

Freshman Emma Martin competed in the Junior Olympics in fencing in Charlotte, NC.



All-State Athletes

Ashley Patterson (volleyball), Kayla Dinh (volleyball), Andrew Schuler (soccer), Madeline Murphy (cross country), Jake Dallas (basketball)

HOMECOMING

Join us for the Homecoming Football Game Friday, October 4, at 7 PM versus Biglerville. Pre-game festivities begin at 6:15 PM including the Marching Band performance and Homecoming Court introductions. *Go Irish!*



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

More than two dozen alumni celebrated their affinity and affection for their alma mater in March at the White Rose Bar and Grill in York. It was the second Alumni Social organized for the school year, and it was fun to hear decades of memories. We will continue to organize these outings simply for alumni to reconnect with their classmates and share some favorite old stories.

Our next Alumni event will be during Homecoming. Please stop by and say “Hi” at the Homecoming Football game on Friday evening, October 4. We will have an Alumni Table situated near the entrance to the stadium as a convenient meeting spot. After the Fighting Irish tangle with the Cannons from Biglerville, all Alumni are invited to meet up at Vito’s Pizza & Beer on South Queen Street for an afterparty. This is an opportunity to connect with your classmates, and we hope to double our attendance at the event from last year’s inaugural effort. For more information, please contact Director of Development, Dave Salter at 717-846-8871 x1325 or alumniassociation@yorkcatholic.org.



Marie Stoltz '68 & Dan Shiflet



John Anthony '66 & Dave Salter



Sharing YC Memories

Eileen Cavnor '86, Angie Santiago '83, Margaret (Ruffner) Clanagan '82, Kathleen (Cavnor) Weichert '85

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2024 York Catholic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 23, at Regents' Glen Country Club. Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for a day of friendly competition and fun. Information about golfer registration and sponsorship opportunities is available on the YC website at yorkcatholic.org/golf-tournament.



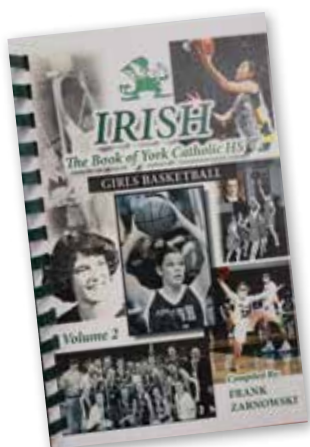


2024 Hall of Fame Class

Mike Staab '70 representing his uncle Kenneth Staab '40, Karli McFatridge '12, Sheila and Uwe Spoden representing their daughters, Anna '13 and Ava '11 Spoden

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

York Catholic High School's Athletic Booster Club inducted four new members into its Sports Hall of Fame in January. The Sports Hall of Fame honors former coaches and student athletes, administrators, and volunteers. Those being inducted include: Karli McFatridge '12 (basketball), Ava Spoden '11 (tennis), Anna Spoden '13 (tennis), Kenneth Staab '40 (service to country).



GIRLS' BASKETBALL HISTORY BOOK

As promised, Frank Zarnowski '61 has penned another history book for York Catholic basketball fans. As a follow-up to the boys' legacy he recounted and released in 2023, his new book takes a look at the renowned YC girls' basketball program. Frank's painstaking research uncovered little-known facts and provides a

wealth of information for your next YC trivia game. Frank's book is available for purchase at York Catholic during regular business hours for \$35. Orders can also be placed by phone or email to Deb Kemp at dkemp@yorkcatholic.org or 717-846-8871. Additional shipping fees will apply.



NIGHT AT THE RACES

Get ready for another exciting Night at the Races October 26 at 6:00pm at York Catholic. Our athletic department takes a break from prepping fields and game managing and shifts gears to raise funds in support of York Catholic Athletics.

The event includes videotaped horse races, games of chance, a silent auction, and amazing food and drink throughout the evening—all for an amazing cause! For information on tickets, sponsorships, or volunteering opportunities at this event, look for details on the YC website at yorkcatholic.org/night-at-the-races coming in September!

TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

Too Good to Be True?

Alumni, parents of current students, friends, and business owners, would you like to save on your State Income Tax return? Additionally, what if those savings can directly impact York Catholic students? Sounds too good to be true? It's not!

Businesses can file for either the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) or the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC). Both of these programs can be applied for through the PA State Department of Community and Economic Development. Eligible companies receive a 90% dollar-for-dollar reduction in state tax liability, and those tax credits can be dedicated to York Catholic Middle and High School.

Individuals can enjoy similar tax savings through the Special Purpose Entity (SPE) program. All tax credit funds are only utilized for tuition assistance.

For more details, please contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325 or dsalter@yorkcatholic.org.

YORK CATHOLIC FUND UPDATE

We can't thank everyone enough who contributed to the 2023-2024 York Catholic Annual Fund. Every dollar from the YC Fund is crucial for us to be able to continue to provide a quality and a meaningful experience to our students in all that we do: academics, athletics, music, the arts, and extracurricular activities.

The actual cost to educate one Fighting Irish student is approximately \$12,000, but the YC Fund helps fill in the gaps so all of our families benefit and won't pay more than \$8,400 (the lowest high school tuition in the diocese). This allows all of our students to benefit from small class sizes, dedicated faculty, a diverse student population, and student enrichment programs. To make a gift to the YC Fund and allow us to continue to offer lower tuition costs, please use the convenient envelope located within this *Greensleeves* issue, or contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325.



Catholic Business & Professionals Association

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

While reading the history of the Catholic Professionals Association written by Dr. Robert Landis '55, "staying power" emerges as the inspiring theme. The association has over 70 years of dedication to helping York Catholic students.

In the mid 1950's, four close friends led by local attorney William W. Wogan joined together to raise funds and grow the York Catholic athletic program. The other three were doctors and consisted of John J. Angelo '37, Edward T. Lis, and William C. Yohe '40.



Catholic Business & Professionals Association

Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Dr. Robert Landis '55; Joe Stein '99; Andria Terveer '24

By 1961, the group had grown to about 50 professionals and a charter application was sent to Bishop George Leech with the name Catholic Professional Men's Association. In 1962, a constitution and bylaws were established, and the first officers were elected. Fun fact: the yearly dues were \$10 and the speaker at the first formal meeting was Art Donovan of the Baltimore Colts. In 1970, membership was opened to multiple businessmen. Around the same time, the need for school tuition arose, so the club also began giving full tuition to one deserving student. In later years, it was felt the donation would be better spent giving half tuition to two students, which the club is still currently providing—a legacy for over 70 years!

Women were invited to join in 1998 and the name was formally changed to Catholic Professional Association of York, and in 2009, the group changed its name to the Catholic Business & Professionals of York. It is estimated that since its inception, the Club has donated just under \$300,000 to York Catholic High School. Today, the club has 40 members and will raise over \$8,000 in 2024 from dues collected. The members meet three times a year for dinner with a selected speaker, and once yearly for a business meeting. They are always looking for new members to keep the club vital and relevant. Current President Dr. Landis states, "This Club represents a very affordable and pleasurable way to donate to Catholic education."

BUSINESSES GIVE BACK

The following businesses donate a percentage of your purchase amount to York Catholic. Thank you for supporting these vendors and YC!

Box Tops for Education

Check your boxed and canned goods for the Box Tops for Education logo and use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to YC's earnings online. Be sure to select York Catholic High School as your school of choice. For more information, visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Weis Markets

Help YC earn a share of \$500,000 from Weis Markets! On your next visit to Weis, simply scan this barcode or ask your cashier or customer service desk for the YC barcode to scan. The YC barcode only needs to be scanned one time to register. Use your Weis Club Card as usual. You will receive your Club Card benefits, and YC will earn cash based upon your qualifying purchases. Purchases of gas, lottery tickets, postage, alcohol, tobacco, and other products prohibited by law do not qualify.



Investing in the Future

York Catholic is blessed to have a generous community who has invested in the future by supporting our students today through scholarships, donations, and tax credit programs. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #6353 established a scholarship program for 6th graders of St. Joseph Catholic School when entering 7th grade at York Catholic Middle School. The scholarship continues in 8th grade provided the students maintain or exceed their grade point average. Recipients this year are 7th graders Jonathan Baker, Abby Bullen, and Ian Staub, and 8th graders Mathew Reynoso and Xavier Springer.

Shown left to right: Katie Doyle '96, YC Principal; Pat Worker, K of C Grand Knight; Xavier Springer '28; Sean Brennan, K of C Program Director; Ian Staub '29; Kelly Brown, K of C District Warden; Abby Bullen '29; William Fullerton, Knights of Columbus Trustee; Jonathan Baker '29; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Mathew Reynoso '28.



Dimelow Scholarship

Tom Dimelow '61 and his wife Susanne established the Dimelow Scholarship for a 6th grade student from St. Rose of Lima to study at YC for 7th grade. Pictured are scholarship recipient Tyler Liptak '29 and YC Principal Katie Doyle '96.



DONORS

Catholic Woman's Club

When YC's Lady of Guadalupe statue was moved from the front lawn to be highlighted in the Rosary Walk, the Catholic Woman's Club donated their statue of Mary to the front so that we could keep our meditative space that was created by our Spanish Club students in 2007. Pictured left to right: Anne (Campbell) Bahn '70, Patti Owen, Katie Doyle '96, Bridget Schell '64, Beth Brennan, Chris Pawlikowski, Roxanne Castellanos.



Davis Science Quilt

Dr. Ruth Davis, mother of YC Chemistry teacher, Jeanette Davis, handcrafted a quilt for added décor to the Physics lab. Pictured are YC Physics Teacher Brian Gilbert, YC Principal Katie Doyle '96, YC Chemistry Teacher Jeanette Davis.



TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

M&T Bank

M&T Bank utilized the Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) to benefit tuition opportunities for York Catholic students. Pictured are Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Kailey Amspacher '29; Jocelyn Amereihn '29; Gail D'Angelo, M & T Bank; Tom Koppman, M & T Bank; Ashley Naylor '26; Lillian Amspacher '28; Katie Doyle '96, YC Principal.



PeoplesBank

PeoplesBank utilizes the Pennsylvania Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC) program that is offered to businesses to support students who wish to receive a York Catholic education. Shown left to right: Allison Patera '24; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; John Moss, PeoplesBank; Anthony Doyle '28.



Traditions Bank

Traditions Bank supports York Catholic students through the PA Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC) program that is offered to businesses. Their gift is directly applied to providing tuition assistance to YC students and their families, helping to make a YC education accessible to more of our communities' youth and young adults. Shown left to right: Katie Doyle '96, YC Principal; Lillian Doyle '24; Teresa Gregory, Traditions Bank; Jim Coombes, Traditions Bank; Cathy Cella, Traditions Bank; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Norah Sweigart '24; Mitchell Kilgore '24.



Monarch Products

Monarch Products utilizes the PA Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC) program that is offered to businesses to support the education of York Catholic students. Pictured left to right are Paige O'Brien '24; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Ed Wagman '71, Monarch Products Owner; Katie Doyle '96, YC Principal; John Kellett '26.



York Water Company

The York Water Company uses Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to support YC families who otherwise would not be able to attend YC. Pictured left to right are Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Joe Skehan '03, York Water Company; Jacob Mountain '24; Vernon Bracey '79, York Water Company; Sheila Driscoll '26; Jeff Waser '16, York Water Company; Katie Doyle '96, YC Principal.



The Pasch Foundation

The Pasch Foundation supports York Catholic students by participating in the PA EITC program through Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS). Pictured left to right are Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Tim Pasch '83, The Pasch Foundation; Gabrielle Schneider '28.



SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITIES

Thank you to the following individuals who completed the one-page form that allowed them to receive tax credit and have the funds benefit York Catholic students. One page—it was really that easy!

Norm & Tina Basso
Charlie '63 (deceased)
& Susan Burnside '61
Randy '69 & Susan Byrnes '69
Steve Carr '74
George Dotzel '70
Greg & Vickie Fazio

Derrick '93 & Annmarie Hamm
Tom & Marie Kellett
Ed & Meg Mann
John & Mary Beth McGreevey
Jeff '80 & Jean Merritt '80
Todd & Laurie Moir
Donald & Marci Reihart

Brian Schuler & Danielle Conti
Patrick & Mondie Sterling
Brian '86 & Andrea Strong
Ed '71 & Sally Wagman
David & Christi Zelis
David '91 & Lana Zimlikli

Class Reunions

Our alumni have a special connection to York Catholic. Whether it's volunteering for school committees or hiring a YC grad, the Irish spirit runs deep. Class Reunions are typically held every 5 years for graduating classes, but many meet monthly. If you're planning a class get-together, let us know so we can help you spread the word.

We can place your notice in upcoming *Greensleeves* issues, post information on our website, and help you with a mailing list. Please contact the Advancement Office at 717-846-8871 x1325 or development@yorkcatholic.org to let us know about your upcoming reunion.

Class of 1955

Anyone interested in gathering with classmates for lunch on the first Thursday of each month should contact Louie Gangloff at 302-530-4291 or Joan (Orendorff) Witmer at 717-845-8128.

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. Please contact Charles Small at 717-578-6730 or Charlie Staub at 352-408-9604 at least 5 days in advance so a group reservation can be made at the restaurant.

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

Classmates gather monthly for breakfast on the 4th Thursday at the Lyndon Diner. Contact Liz (Wotherspoon) Kohler at 717-259-9082 or eak913@verizon.net, if you wish to be notified each month

Class of 1964

Plans are underway for the 60th reunion for the class of 1964 on September 28, 2024 at the Country Club of York. If you have moved within the last five years,

please contact Mary Ann Houck at mahouck137@gmail.com to update the mailing list. We look forward to seeing many of our classmates.

Class of 1967

Class members meet the last Saturday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Victory Athletic Association, 471 S. Ogontz St., York. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at rkuhn7@comcast.net.

Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at Hoss's on White Street in West York. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at martytassia@comcast.net, Paul Faulise at paulffaulise@gmail.com, or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at lynn.g.maher@gmail.com with questions or to update their information. Also, plans are underway for the 55th Class Reunion!

Class of 1970

Class members gather the 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations published at YCHS Class of

70 Reunion site on Facebook. For more information, contact Jeff Witman at 717-615-9002 or jmwwitman63@gmail.com.

Class of 1973

Class members meet for monthly get-togethers. For dates, times, and locations, contact David E. Concino at 717-858-0880 or seabiscuit1108@verizon.net.

Class of 1974

Planning is underway for the 50th reunion for the Class of 1974! Please mark your calendars for October 18-20, 2024. To be sure the committee has your most recent contact information or if you have any questions, please contact Steve Sentz at ssentz74@yahoo.com. We look forward to catching up with all of our classmates!

Class of 1984

Save the date for the 40th reunion October 19, 2024 from 6:30-10 PM at Bridgewater Public House. The classes of 1983 and 1985 are welcome to join us! For details, check out the York Catholic Class of 1984 Facebook page.

Class of 1973 Reunion



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Class Notes

Lifelong friends and YC graduates met in Annapolis, MD last fall for a day on the water with **Dave '73 and Mary (Brickner) '76 Heltzel**. Friends **Kirk '74 and Karen (Abbott) '73 Zutell**, **Ed Mecier '73** and his wife Kim, **Eileen (Rudisill) Miller '73** and her husband **Jeff**, **Patti (Abbott) Desiderio '73**, **Camille Tanner '73**, and **Stephanie (Liegey) Paulachok '73** were ready to take in all Annapolis has to offer. Although the weather didn't cooperate, eleven thirsty classmates boarded the "My Sandpiper" with help from the dock crew. Snacks, drinks, and plenty of talk and laughs prevailed over the wet weather. Next stop was the Eastport Yacht Club for cocktails, a five-course lunch, and plenty of views of Downtown Annapolis and the Naval Academy.



50+ Years of Friendship

Eileen "Rudy" Rudisill-Miller; Karen (Abbott) Zutell; Kirk Zutell; Dave Heltzel; Camille Tanner; Kim LeSage-Mecier; Stephanie (Liegey) Paulachok; Jeff Miller; Mary (Brickner) Heltzel; Ed Mecier at the entrance to the Eastport Yacht Club.

Lance Knaub '89 is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, owner at Breakthru Physical Therapy + Fitness, and consultant/coach at Denali Consulting. He co-authored the book, "The Drive to Success Vol II," which focuses on how failure can serve as a stepping stone to success.

Lauren (Kline) Rivellini '09 married Anthony Rivellini in August. The couple reside in Bellevue, NE.



The McKim's

Matthew McKim '14 married Taylor Shenk in November. Groomsmen included **Gerald McKim '17** and **Sam McKim '26**. Class of 2014 alumni in attendance included **Meaghan Bilyeu**, **Erich Hartman**, **Ian Shelley**, and **Ben Smith**.



Anthony & Lauren
(Kline) Rivellini '09

Memorials

Memorials are only printed when submitted in writing by the family

Judith Andrews (Sr. Judith SJH) '56, sister of Michael Andrews '58 (deceased), Terisa (Andrews) Bucks '72, Lorita (Andrews) Smeltzer '74.

Charles Burnside '63, husband of Susan (Steckler) Burnside '61; brother of Frank Burnside; father of Christopher Burnside '79, Damian Burnside '81, Nathaniel Burnside '83; father-in-law of Mary Anne (Keffer) Burnside '87, Stacie (Ellis) Burnside; grandfather of Luke Burnside '07, Megan Burnside '08, Hillary (Burnside) Mock '10, Mark Burnside '12, Charles (CJ) Burnside '15, John (Jack) Burnside '15, Matthew Burnside '20, Nicholas Burnside, Alex Burnside; great-grandfather of Maxton Burnside, Olivia Burnside, Reese Burnside.

Mary (Swarney) Dennis '68, sister of Kathy (Swarney) Noll '71, Theresa Swarney '72 (deceased).

Gerald Dougherty, son of Donald M. and Sadie L. (McAndrew) Dougherty; brother of Ann (Dougherty) Johnson, Mary Dougherty, Francis Dougherty; uncle to many nieces and nephews. Gerry found a home at York Catholic High School in 1966 where he started his 43-year career as a social studies teacher, football coach, and wrestling coach. At numerous class reunions when reminiscing about school memories, Mr. Dougherty's life stories are almost always part of the conversation. His YC wrestlers can never say enough good things about Coach D, his cooking, and even his stair-running workouts. Whether he was taking the Backpacking Club on trips to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, the Appalachian Trail, or organizing the Civil War Reenactment on campus, Mr. Dougherty was the epitome of a teacher who taught his students beyond the books and our alumni are forever grateful.



Gerry Dougherty

Margaret Farrell, wife of Vincent Farrell; mother of Timothy Farrell, Vincent Farrell, Steven Farrell; grandmother of Erin Farrell, Evan Farrell, Kathleen Farrell '13, Grant Farrell '17. Peg was the Art teacher at York Catholic from 1978-1984.



Peg Farrell

Robert Keller '55, husband of Mary (McDannell) Keller; son of Theresa Keller (deceased) and Charles Keller (deceased); brother of Sylvia (Keller) Swanson '56, Dolores (Keller) Hendricks '57, Wanda (Keller) O'Leary '60, Susan (Keller) Boyer '63, Carol (Keller) Euculano '70, Cathy (Keller) Bankoske '70.

Andrew Mingora '55, husband of Gesua (Fregapane) Mingora '56 (deceased); father of Anthony Mingora '77 (deceased), Marie (Mingora) Bair '80, Rose (Mingora) DeGregorio '81.

Jose Portillo, son of Luis Gonzalez (deceased) and Ana Julia Romero (deceased); husband of Nikki (Rovito) Portillo '88; father of Carmen Portillo '19, Sofia Portillo. Jose was the York Catholic girls' soccer coach from 2017-2018.

Rodney Roth '50, husband of Barbara A. (Cronin) Roth (deceased); son of Guy R. (deceased) and Esther Gertrude (Baker) Roth (deceased); brother of Jean G. (Roth) Shaffer (deceased); father of Diana (Roth) Masterson '72, Karen (Roth) Starner '73, Rodney J. Roth II, Patricia (Roth) Gordon '78, Stephanie (Roth) Shiflett '83; father-in-law of Chris Masterson, W. Norris Starner, Karen Roth, Donald Gordon; grandfather of Colleen Masterson '00, Kenneth Gordon '06, Crystal (Gordon) Meroni '08, Chelsea (Shiflett) Witte '09, Ryan Roth, Laura (Roth) Olewiler; great-grandfather of Aria Ressler, Collin Bannon, Cooper Roth, Sam Roth, Callum Roth, Nicholas Meroni; uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Rodney joined the staff at York Catholic High School as the Mechanical Drawing teacher in 2000. He retired from YCHS in 2009.



Rodney Roth

John Tassia '65, husband of Carolyn Tassia (deceased); father of Melissa (Tassia) Hatala '93, John Tassia, Jr. '95, Anthony Tassia; brother of Marie Tassia '57, Margaret Tassia '59, Peter Tassia '61, Anne (Tassia) Neuvirth '62, Martha Tassia '69.

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