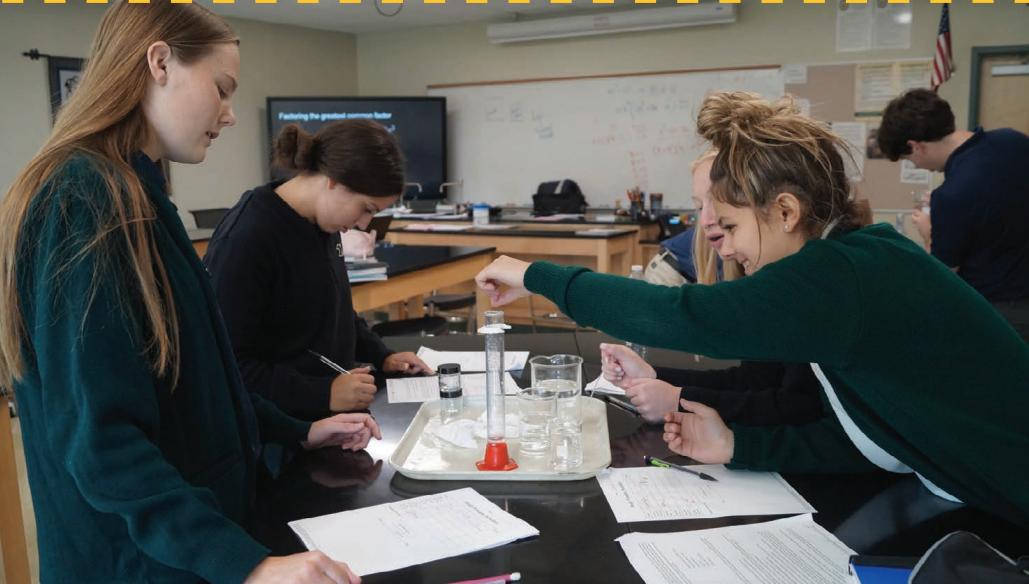


YC YORK CATHOLIC

GREENSLEEVES

FALL 2024/
WINTER 2025





2024-2025 Student Visitation Events

SHADOW FOR A DAY

Available Now 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

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

February 13

Early Enrollment Deadline

April 1

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Tuition Deadline

Visit yorkcatholic.org for the most up-to-date information.

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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Dear YC Family,

In this season of celebrating our Lord's birth, on behalf of the entire York Catholic Middle & High School students and staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas! We thank you for your prayers and support this year as we successfully began another exciting school year. Our students have achieved many accolades in a few short months that you will read about in this issue of *Greensleeves*.

This summer, a significant evolution occurred in the governance of our school and many high schools throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg when York Catholic moved to a President/Principal management model. The York Catholic School Board worked with the Diocesan Department of Education to put this model in place, and in July it was announced that I would assume the position of President and Kathy Hand would be Interim Principal.

The opportunity to continue to work directly with Kathy in this new position is one for which I am extremely grateful. Together she and I have led our beloved school for the last 11 years. Kathy continues to manage the day-to-day activities with the rest of the administrative team, while I will have time to fine tune my focus on the long-term growth and sustainability of our school.

Kathy has most of the lead voice in communication with internal staff, students, and families. I am working with external stakeholders to move the mission forward into the next century of secondary Catholic education in our county (only 4 years until YC celebrates its 100th anniversary!).

This fall, we also launched our new marketing campaign, "You Belong at YC!" Through our partnership with GRIT Marketing Group, a series of social media advertisements were created that show potential students and their families all of the ways they can become a part of the YC family – You Belong in our Classrooms, You Belong on our Fields, You Belong on our Stage, You Belong in our Prayers, etc. Please share your good news about YC with your friends and be a part of the future of York Catholic.



With best wishes for a joyous Christmas season and blessed New Year,

Katie Doyle '96 | President

**Our Best Wishes for a
Blessed and Merry Christmas
and a Healthy and Peaceful
New Year**

Katie Doyle, President
and the York Catholic Family



Original artwork by Bianca Po, Class of 2025



KATIE DOYLE PRESIDENT

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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The Social Institute

Kathy Hand, Principal

We have long known that the cell phone and access to the internet have changed childhood; teachers and parents have watched young teens become altogether consumed by social pressures online and via the cell phone, and have witnessed a loss of innocence that happens all too early, and all too fast. Middle School Director Heather Hoffman answered a phone call from The Social Institute this summer; they were simply casting a line our way and wanted to make us aware of their program. We looked at what they had to offer online, talked with founder Laura Tierney, and knew very quickly that this would be an invaluable educational partnership. We were hooked.

York Catholic has partnered with The Social Institute since August, providing students and parents a resource to help navigate the pressures and influences of social media today alongside the ever-present impact of the cell phone. The Social Institute is a leading educational platform, equipping families with the skills necessary to manage today's social arena, in the classroom and beyond, online and offline, in healthy, high character ways.

York Catholic is featuring monthly lessons to grades 7, 8, and 9, incorporating timely trending topics from social

media and tech use to current events impacting student well being and learning. The Social Institute also offers Family Huddle for parents, a resource designed to help to keep parents current with apps and trends.

Family Huddle offers conversation starters for parents who are struggling to break through the silence of the screen at home, providing a jumping in point for difficult conversations.

Parenting and adolescence have never been so challenging, and we are hopeful that this new partnership with The Social Institute will provide tips, tools, and strategies to help open the lines of communication at home, and enable families to take control over the devices and apps that so heavily influence impressionable young teens. For a glimpse at the platform and programming, visit thesocialinstitute.com.



THE **SOCIAL** INSTITUTE

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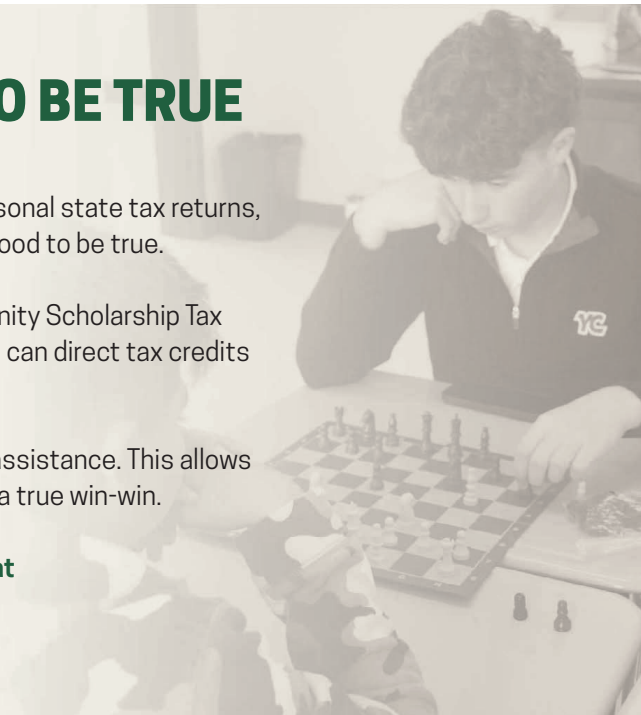
IT'S NOT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

If I told you that you could earn a 90% tax credit on your company's or your personal state tax returns, AND direct that credit to help York Catholic students, you might think it's too good to be true.

But through several programs: Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC), Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), and the Special Purpose Entity (SPE), companies and individuals can direct tax credits to provide much needed financial assistance to YC.

Funds donated through these programs are specifically earmarked for tuition assistance. This allows YC to provide the quality education that some might not be able to afford. It is a true win-win.

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



Former NFL Player Mike McCoy Speaks to YC Students



Mike McCoy, former professional football player, visited with our students this fall to speak about how decisions determine destiny.

Mike is a native of Erie, PA and a graduate of Cathedral Prep High School. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame where he played football and was a Consensus All-American. He was chosen UPI Lineman of the year and was sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting his senior year. He was the #1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers and played eleven years in the NFL – seven with Green Bay, two with the Oakland Raiders, and two with the New York Giants.

Mike's passion is empowering youth and helping them develop a larger vision for their lives. He delivered a message of hope and encouragement to help students overcome challenges, deal with peer pressure, and develop the self-confidence needed to achieve true success. He laid out a faith-based plan around landmines in the field of life to help students lead a life of purpose and meaning.

The Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg sponsored his visit to York Catholic.



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 boxtops4education.com.



Weis Markets

Weis Markets has changed their school support program. Now it's even easier to help YC earn free money! Simply visit weis4school.com, select York Catholic Middle & High School, and click "Link Your Weis Rewards Card" and follow the instructions from there. As a reminder, you do not lose or give away your points. Weis just matches your points and applies them to York Catholic.



Milner Sosa: Dedicated Service

York Catholic’s Middle School Spanish teacher Milner Sosa was honored for his 20 years of service to Catholic education at the Diocese of Harrisburg’s Educational Conference in September. In addition to introducing Spanish language to YC’s 7th and 8th grade students, Señor Sosa has also served as soccer coach to the Fighting Irish boys’ varsity and girls’ middle school teams. Señor was a soccer star in his native Paraguay and travels home every year with volunteers from the non-profit organization he and his wife Eileen started.



Milner Sosa

OutreachPARAGUAY provides meaningful outreach to resource-poor communities in Paraguay and assists in the development of mutual respect and friendship between the people of Paraguay and the United States. OutreachPARAGUAY directors and staff work in collaboration with the Paraguayan Ministry of Health, local community members, educators, and health care professionals to develop and implement meaningful and sustainable projects that focus mostly on education and health care.



During the summer of 2024, the directors of OutreachPARAGUAY, along with volunteers and colleagues in Paraguay, traveled to 15 schools (in San Joaquin, Caaguazú, and Yuty, Caazapá) advocating for early childhood literacy. Educators were provided with training and tools to promote literacy and schools were provided with books and didactic materials. Fun was had by all, particularly while incorporating song and storytelling into lessons on handwashing and dental hygiene.



Volunteers also distributed over 1 ton of donated items (soccer gear, gently used clothing, medical equipment, medications, etc.) to resource-poor communities.

York Catholic students have adopted the OutreachPARAGUAY cause and collect money each year to support the mission. And if you visit Paraguay, don’t be surprised if you see a child wearing a York Catholic sports jersey from a few years back. Señor includes retired uniforms among his donations to the country. We congratulate Señor Sosa and thank him for his 20 years of service to York Catholic and we also thank him for being an outstanding example to our students in living a life of service.

Eileen and Milner Sosa supplying books to Paraguay

Rare Hole-in-One Highlights Golf Tournament



Even though Mother Nature showered us with some rain, lots of birdies and eagles were sunk at the 34th annual York Catholic Golf Tournament. This year's host course, Regents' Glen Country Club, did a great job; **and the highlight of the day was a hole-in-one by Steve Chronister '71 on hole #12.** That sweet swing won Steve a year's worth of Omaha Steaks.



Hole-in-One by Steve Chronister '71

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Congratulations to Our Winners

Open Division:	Seniors Division:
Mike Babinchak	Steve Chronister '71
Mike Dedona	Mike Keeseey '64
Tyler Harman	Scott Knouse '71
Matt Wagner	George Miller '71

The Following Golfers Won Skills Contests

Longest Drive - Male:
Scott Knouse '71

Longest Drive - Female:
Laura Bankos-Kury '94

Closest to the Pin:
Mike Babinchak
Steve Chronister '71
Tyler Harman
Frank Mohar

Skins:
Phil Ferro '72, Ray Kane '72, Mickey Ochs '72, Joe Renda '72; Steve Chronister '71, Mike Keeseey '64, Scott Knouse '71, George Miller '71; Tom Gans, Elliott Kohr, Zach Miller, Nate Wilker '86; Al Geiman, Nick Geiman '15, Tom Lane '77, Tom Sibol '77; Stefan Becket '06, Garrett Brown '06, John Peithman '06, Kyle Waltman '06

SAVE THE DATE!

The 35th Annual York Catholic Golf Outing will be held at Regents' Glen on Monday, September 22, 2025.



NIGHT AT THE RACES

It was another night of Irish fun as alumni, parents, and friends gathered to cheer on their favorite horse at the Night at the Races held in the YC gymnasium in October. Participants named their own horses and reaped the benefits of a successful race. With creative horse names like Edgar Allen Pony and Pasture Bedtime, fans had a fun time cheering and wagering as the videotaped horse races played. The YC Athletic Booster Club hosts this annual fundraiser for the athletics department and raised over \$15,000 this year! **THANK YOU** to our Major Sponsors: Collens-Wagner Agency, Inc., Donegal Insurance Group, and the Juffe Family. **THANK YOU** to our Table Sponsors: Beck Funeral Home, Collens-Wagner Agency, Inc., Scott Dallas, Designer Headlines, Maple Donuts, Jim Mullen, The Uphouse Family, and WellSpan Health. **THANK YOU** to Beer & Soda Mart and Martin's Snacks for their additional support.



GREEN & GOLD *Gala*

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Green and Gold Gala will be held at the Country Club of York on Friday, April 25, 2025.



It is one of the signature events of the school year, featuring silent and live auctions, the Student Experience, and an evening of celebration and fellowship. All proceeds benefit the York Catholic Fund.

Look for details on the YC website in February.
yorkcatholic.org/green-gold-gala



Bill and Judy Hendrey (left and center) were the 2024 York Catholic Green & Gold Gala auction winners of The Gratitude Sailing Institute's Cruise 'n' Dine donated package.

Their sunset sail on the northern Chesapeake was followed by a dinner at the Baltimore Yacht Club. Thanks Bill & Judy and Gratitude Sailing's Captain Frank McKee (right)!



SAVE THE DATE!

The inductees will be introduced Saturday, December 21 at approximately 5:30 PM.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

York Catholic Middle & High School's Athletic Booster Club is inducting four new members into its Sports Hall of Fame. The inductees will be introduced Saturday, December 21, between the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games versus Trinity at approximately 5:30 PM. After the game, the inductees will be honored with a reception in the cafeteria. The Sports Hall of Fame honors former coaches and student athletes, administrators, and volunteers. Those being inducted include: Matthew Lehr '13 (football), Morgan Klunk Lehr '13 (basketball), Rob Linthicum (lacrosse coach), Kevin Ochs '80 (wrestling).

Donor & Volunteer Recognition Event

York Catholic honored its valued donors and volunteers at the annual Donor & Volunteer Recognition Reception in October. York Catholic is blessed by their generosity and tireless dedication to continuously work toward the betterment of our students. We know that everyone is an important thread in the tapestry of our organization and without each individual we would not be able to provide an excellent faith-based education that continues to impact the greater community. Thank you!

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Left to right – Dave Salter, York Catholic; Jim Coombes, Traditions Bank; Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic.



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Left to right front row – Kylah Gans '25, Rosie Mulligan '25, Claire Staub '25, Sydney Thomas '26. Back row – Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic; JT Hand, York Water Company; Laura Bankos Kury '94, Collens-Wagner Agency, Inc.; Christina Bankos Vranich '99, Collens-Wagner Agency, Inc.; Eugene Draganosky, Traditions Bank.

Donor & Volunteer Recognition Event

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Tuition Recipients from Groups
Left to right – Avion Collier '27 (Bravo Foundation), Marissa Smallwood '27 (Crispus Attucks).



Tuition Recipients from Individual Donors
Left to right – Bianca Po '25 (Dr. George M. and Mrs. Mary E. Johnson Scholarship), Georgia Gregory '25 (Schmitt Memorial Scholarship), Matthew Bolli '30 (Dimelow Scholarship), Rosie Mulligan '25 (Spencer Kubala '12 Memorial Scholarship), Madeline Murphy '25 (David J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship).



Catholic Business & Professionals of York

Left to right front row – Erick Arevalo-Sandoval '25, Zoe Oskam '26.
Back row – Dave Salter, York Catholic; Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic;
Betty (McLaughlin) Tuleya '59; Ray Tuleya '55.



Knights of Columbus - PA State

Left to right – Emma Martin '27, John Kellett '26, Kylah Gans '25,
Thomas Freeman '28, Miles Murdocca '28. Missing from photo:
Anthony Doyle '28.



St. Joseph Church York

Left to right front row – Jonathan Latrechiano '30; Carissa Theodore '26; Claire Staub '25; Ava Thoman '29; Sebastian Springer '30. Back row: Father Kyle Sahd, St. Joseph Pastor; Nathan Mullen '28, Xavier Springer '28; Ian Staub '29; Connor Latrechiano '28; Kyle Olinger '28; John Mullen '26; Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic President.



Knights of St. Paul

Left to right – Jim Schneider '72, Knights of St. Paul; Eithan Mateo-Geurrero '26; Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic. Missing from photo: Rosemely Encarnacion '30.



Knights of Columbus – St. Joseph York Council #6353 East York Columbian Home

Left to right front row – Cory Lee '30, Abby Bullen '29, Tatum Proudfoot '30. Back row – Jonathan Baker '29; Kelly Brown, Knights of Columbus; Katie Doyle '96, York Catholic; Ian Staub '29. Missing from photo: Sebastian Springer '30.

ANNUAL FUND

WE'RE (ALMOST) HALFWAY THERE



It's difficult to believe that we're almost halfway through the school year...and so is the York Catholic Fund annual appeal. Every dollar from the YC Fund is crucial for YC to be able to provide a quality Catholic education to our students in all that we do: spiritual development, academics, athletics, music and the arts, and extracurricular activities. To make a gift to the YC Fund, please contact Director of Development, Dave Salter at 717-846-8871 x1325 or dsalter@yorkcatholic.org.

DR. TIM KOCHER '10

Taking Care of Native Americans in Alaska

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

You must have an adventurous heart to live in Alaska all year round, with the long hours of cold and darkness the state has in the winter months. Dr. Tim Kocher '10 and his wife Allison, a schoolteacher, live in Anchorage, AK and when asked why they chose Alaska to live, he said they both love the outdoors, and knew of the wilderness beauty, the wildlife, 34,000 miles of coastline, and the Northern Lights. So, when it became an option for Tim, Allison agreed to go along when he started his career as a clinical psychiatrist there.

Tim is the son of Rosemary (Dowger) Kocher, a YC Math teacher for almost 30 years, and Fred Kocher, who is still a YC Athletic Events employee, as well as brother to Alan '08. After graduating from YC, Tim went to Lycoming College where he got a BS in Chemistry. He graduated in 2014 and decided he wanted to do clinical work rather than research, so he went onto Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. While there, he was president of the Internal Medicine Club and an anatomy teaching assistant. He graduated in the top quarter of his class in 2018. He went onto residency in adult psychiatry at The Ohio State University, graduated in 2022, then completed fellowship training in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry at Ohio's State Dept of Neurology. Since then, his focus has been on dementia care and cognitive impairment.



His favorite part about living in Alaska since 2022 is the slower lifestyle and the many outdoor activities; even in the dark winter months people ride snowmobiles, and he personally has taken up hiking and cross-country snow skiing. His parents came to visit him because the state and national parks are so awesome and there are many different landscapes. The southern part of the state near Juneau is like a rainforest, the south-central section has endless mountains, and the western part has coastal fishing villages known for an abundance of salmon and halibut.

Alaska Native people belong to different tribes, each with different cultures, language, and traditions. They are geographically focused, so hunting and berry picking are very common ways of sustenance. People consider Anchorage a "big city," but it only has about 300,000 people spread over land the size of Delaware. We are used to options for the best healthcare in the United States, but the Alaskan Natives are grateful for any healthcare they can receive because they don't get very much. Native families are very large, and many generations live together. Elders are also very well respected for their wisdom and knowledge. Tim isn't sure what the future will hold for his family in Alaska – just enjoying this spectacular wonderland and knowing he is making a difference in his new community is fine for now!



YC HOMECOMING 2024

Throughout Homecoming week leading up to the football game and dance, our students got into the spirit of the theme of “Hollywood.” Each day they wore different outfits celebrating Movie Star Monday, Golden Globes Tuesday, Western Wednesday, Teen Beach Thursday, before ending the week with the traditional Green & Gold Friday.

Current students, as well as alumni young and old, visited campus for the annual Homecoming football game. Former band members and former cheerleaders got back in action on the sidelines, and our fans were supportive from the stands as our football team put up a valiant effort, but lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Biglerville. After the game, the Alumni Social at Vito’s Pizza and Beer saw a variety of alumni from different classes enjoy catching up with classmates, telling old stories, and enjoying the camaraderie of the Fighting Irish.



Details about the Spring Alumni Social at the White Rose Bar & Grill will follow after the New Year. Check the Alumni page of the YC website in March at yorkcatholic.org/alumni/alumni-events.

YC HOMECOMING 2024



Rosie Mulligan was selected as the queen and Nathan Pollard was selected as the king.



Congratulations to the following seniors who were named to the 2024 Homecoming Court: left to right, seated - Annalise Seufert, Clare Adams, Madelyn Folkerts, Mariah Shue, Olivia Kury, Leilani Garber, Annemarie Doores; standing - Rosie Mulligan Jackson Yingling, Aiden Zallnick, Evan Kipple, Everett King, Eli Grandas, Trey Wisniewski Jack Lawrence, Nathan Pollard, Alexa Firestone.



Exploring a Career of Service

Matthew Brennan, YC English Teacher



“... it feels good to help people.”

As an essential part of its mission, York Catholic Middle and High School aims to prepare students for service to a global community. While most teens walking our hallways are not yet traversing the globe, one need not look far to witness YC students contributing to the greater York community. Look to the west, and you might spot Michael Stein '28 serving with the West Manchester Township Fire Department.

Inspired by family memories of his paternal grandfather—a one-time York City firefighter—Michael wanted to become part of a rescue crew even as a young child. More recently, with his parents' cautious support, Michael did not think twice about accepting his step-father's invitation to become a junior firefighter. Ever since, he has been assisting what he appreciatively describes as a “family-like brotherhood” of volunteer firefighters as they respond to local medical calls, automobile accidents, and fire calls.

While Michael enjoys the adrenaline rush of emergency calls, the trust of adult firefighters who know they can count on him, and the friendly brotherhood of those Michael knows will be “there for anything you'd ever need,” he says he serves his community because “it feels good to help people.” Michael is keenly aware that on some of those calls he and his fellow firefighters step dutifully into the lives of people coping with their very worst day.

Whether he is assisting with CPR in the midst of a cardiac arrest, pulling equipment from a firetruck, helping to lift a gurney into the back of an ambulance, or politely coaxing an uninvited chipmunk out of someone's living room, Michael believes—whatever discomfort or danger he may face—it is more important to deliver relief, save a day, or work to lend an individual and a family time they might not otherwise have had.

Michael treasures the way being a junior firefighter helps him learn to think on his feet, achieve at school, and, beyond holding himself to a higher standard of character, believe he can always be an even better person.

So, does that make a young man feel like making a career of firefighting? Maybe, but, wise beyond his 15 years, Michael Stein is open to change, and he knows he probably ought to have a second plan, just in case. He says he'll probably go to college, where he hopes to wear a football uniform more often than his fire gear, and for now, when he's not working his way through ninth grade, maybe you'll spot Michael near a West Manchester fire truck, helping, because he can, and that makes him so very certain he should.

National Merit Scholars

Kathy Hand, Principal

The National Merit Scholarship Program supports and awards top scholars from across the country based upon qualifying scores on the PSAT. The PSAT is a test that is taken in preparation for the SAT, and most students take it junior year. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation pulls the top scores annually, and awards levels of recognition. A **Commended Scholar** is a top performer who receives recognition but does not progress in the competition. Semifinalists do progress forward, and complete an application to be considered for the title of National Merit Scholar. **Semifinalists** represent less than one percent of seniors in the United States. (The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of graduating seniors.) York Catholic has one of each in the graduating class of 2025, one Commended Scholar and one Semifinalist, both of whom represent the best of the best among their peers.

KYLE SCOTT Commended Scholar

Senior Kyle Scott is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a status earned as a result of his highly competitive composite score on the PSAT. Kyle intends to study civil or mechanical engineering, and his dream school is The United States Naval Academy.

He has applied to West Point, Penn State, Pitt, Rutgers, Duquesne, and Delaware. Kyle will be value added no matter where he lands. We wish Kyle all the best as his senior year unfolds and are eager to learn where his path leads him beyond graduation in May.

Kyle is academically driven, and currently ranks 4 in a class of 84; he has worked hard to attain his rank and has embraced the challenge. He has taken the hardest classes we offer, and handled the rigors of AP Chemistry, AP US History, AP Calculus, and AP Computer Principles with relative ease.

Kyle is a leader and is heavily involved in extracurriculars that extend beyond the school day. He leads by example in a million different ways, and is both liked and respected by the faculty and his peers. At school, he is Student Council Treasurer, and leads as an athlete on the soccer and lacrosse teams. He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and is a yearbook photographer. He has competed in the Science Fair, and served on Prom Committee. Outside of school Kyle is a lifelong Boy Scout, and is currently awaiting council review of his Eagle Scout Award. Honestly, we never see Kyle Scott just sit. He is highly involved in a multitude of other activities, and when he is not in the lead seat, he is giving full support. Kyle represents the best of York Catholic, and we are enormously proud of his many accomplishments and his continued leadership.



Kyle Scott '25

MADELINE MURPHY Semifinalist

Madeline Murphy is a senior at York Catholic High School and a semifinalist competing for National Merit Scholar recognition. Madeline has aspirations and intends to study Bio Medical Engineering or Biology. She volunteers at Carroll Hospital in Westminster, Maryland, spending time in the field. She has applied to Johns Hopkins University, Case Western, Cornell, and Maryland alongside several Ivy League schools. Madeline will embrace academic life on a college or university campus; we are so proud of her and all that she has accomplished at York Catholic, and know that she will be as successful on the collegiate level and beyond. We wish Madeline the best as her senior year unfolds and she charts her next course.

Madeline currently ranks second in a class of 84, and her academic record speaks for itself. She is an AP Scholar and has always been on the honors and AP track, while pursuing the most challenging courses offered. Madeline is determined, and highly competitive. She works for the highest scores and fastest race times, putting in all the hours behind the scenes to achieve success. We have watched Madeline lead the pack on the cross country course since seventh grade and have long admired her grit and intrinsic drive. She loves most subjects, and claims math and science to be her favorites. She runs cross country and track, plays softball, is a student ambassador, a study council representative, and President of National Honor Society. She loves the science fair, a genuine passion, and volunteers at St. John the Baptist, helping elementary students with their science fair projects. She loves art and in her free time is a bee keeper. Madeline represents the best of York Catholic, and we are enormously proud of her many accomplishments and her continued pursuit of academic excellence.



Madeline Murphy '25

ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Advanced Placement Students

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

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

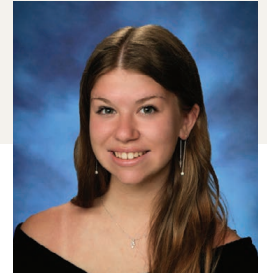
York Catholic Advanced Placement students took a total of 64 AP exams last May in the following subjects: English Literature, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, and 2D Art and Design, achieving a 94% pass rate of a 3 or higher. Of the students who took the exams, 38% scored a 5 and 36% scored a 4.

AP Scholars with Distinction

(3 or higher on five or more AP exams)



Ethan Andrews '24



Miranda Kovach '24

AP Scholars with Honors

(3 or higher on four or more AP exams)



Robert Gilbert '24



Chandler Miltsch '24



Allison Patera '24



Ashley Patterson '24



Carina Roberts '24

AP Scholars

(3 or higher on three or more AP exams)



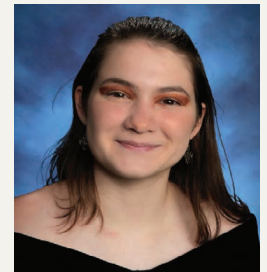
Fahra Gwynn '24



Olivia Struck '24



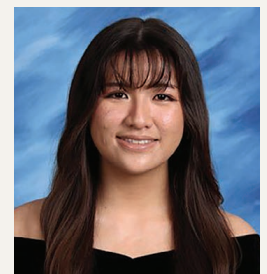
Taylor Thomas '24



Erin Weller '24



Madeline Murphy '25



Bianca Po '25

**Congratulations to all of our
AP students and to their teachers
for the excellent preparation!**

Distinguished Honor Roll

The following students achieved Distinguished Honor Roll all 4 marking periods during the 2023-24 school year. That's a grade of 93 or higher in every class! This achievement speaks to a strong work ethic and desire to excel. We celebrate their academic success and encourage all students to strive for excellence in the year ahead. Special thanks to the faculty and staff whose dedication and commitment is instrumental to the success of those they teach, and special thanks to parents at home who support the mission of our school. We give thanks for the blessings we share to include a love of learning, the joy of teaching, and an environment that fosters the growth of mind, heart, and soul.



National Honor Society Inductions

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Honor Society:

Grade 12: Bennett Bradley, Kylah Gans, Andrew Giesselbach, Elijah Grandas, Bailey Green, Jacob Kelchaw, Samuel Kemp, Evan Kipple, Christian Ludwig, Nathan Pollard, Caden Sentz, Annalise Seufert.

Grade 11: Morgan Campbell, Gabrielle Colburn, Josselyn Collier, Jonathan Dingus, Sheila Driscoll, Kara Euclide, Emma Feil, Ava Firth, Madeline Gilden, Ruby Hartman, McKaylee Jufer, John Kellett, Delaney King, Ava Klinedinst, Kalliope Kunkle, Jacqueline Lepson, Margaret McKeague, Callaghan McKeon, Reagan Miller, John Mullen, Erin Noel, Grace Oakhem, Mason Ogle, Zoe Oskam, Sofia Prego, Cydney Roberts, Carson Stahl, Sydney Thomas, John Uphouse, Emily Weller.



Grade 11 Distinguished Honor Students
Left to right: Caroline Eyler, Bianca Po, Rosalyn Mulligan, Cannon Eyler



Grade 10 Distinguished Honor Students
Left to right: Sean Devitt, John Kellett, Morgan Campbell, Reagan Miller



Grade 9 Distinguished Honor Students
Left to right: Joelle Sprunger, Meredith Doores, Isabella Zimliki, Jaydyn Brown, Nicholas Struck, Patrick Koury, Austin Zallnick, Isaac Otremba, Anthony Zelis, Sean Melhorn, William Wachowski, Leo Bradley



Grade 8 Distinguished Honor Students
Left to right: Nathan Mullen, Ricardo Po, Peter Kellett, Kyle Olinger, Amelia Dobson, Makenna Bradley, Olivia Otremba, Lily Dellinger



Grade 7 Distinguished Honor Students
Left to right: Casey Campbell, Poppi Santillo, Caroline Gross, Ava Hierholzer, Skylar Scovitch, Molly Haines



National Honor Society Inductees

ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Miles Murdocca '28

State Award

Freshman Miles Murdocca was recognized at the PA Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at Hershey Lodge. They recognized his perseverance to make it to the State Competition for the National Civics Bee, and his creation of a 501c3 non-profit organization, Going the Extra Miles. Congratulations Miles!



Diamond Service Award Winners

Service Awards

Two students achieved the York Catholic Diamond Award that acknowledges 200 hours or more of service to the community during the 2023-24 school year. Pictured left to right: Izabella Chapman '26, Amelia Burkey '28.

Student Extraordinary Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The following seniors were commissioned as our student Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They will assist Father Peter in distributing Holy Communion at our school Masses this year. Shown left to right: Christopher Sterling, Everett King, Bianca Po, Father Peter Rettig, Isabella Chapman, Eli Grandas, Bennett Bradley.



Knight of Columbus Essay Winners

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Three York Catholic students were among the award recipients for the Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay Contest. Congratulations to Overall Winner junior John Kellett (center), junior Sheila Driscoll (left), and senior Isabella Chapman (right). The topic of this year's essay was "What two virtues are important in elected leaders, and how do you know the leaders possess these virtues?"



ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Katie Bullen '25 – USA Lacrosse All American

Athletic All-Stars

Congratulations to our spring athletes who were named to Spring Sports All-Star Teams:

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Katie Bullen '25

USA Lacrosse All-American
YAIAA Player of the Year
YAIAA All-Star First Team

Sarah Perry '24

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Sophie Perry '24

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Amanda Reed '24

YAIAA Goalie of the Year
YAIAA All-Star First Team

Delaney Staples '25

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Anna Seufert '25

YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

BOYS' LACROSSE

Jacob McKnight '24

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Trey Wisniewski '25

YAIAA All-Star Second Team

Landon Danes '25

YAIAA All-Star Third Team

Nick DiLuca '25

YAIAA All-Star Third Team

Kyle Scott '25

YAIAA All-Star Third Team

BASEBALL

Luke Campbell '24

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Roman Manfredi '25

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Logan Sutton '24

YAIAA All-Star First Team

Aiden Zallnick '25

YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

TRACK & FIELD

YAIAA Boys Track & Field
Sportsmanship Award

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 (Gaubert) 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 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 or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at lynn.g.maher@gmail.com with questions or to update their information.

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 jmwitman63@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.

Memorials

Kathleen Blier, mother of Mary (Blier) Reynolds '73, William Blier '76.

Dr. Michelle (Fullerton) DeFabio '89, daughter of Scott and Peggy Fullerton; sister of Scott Fullerton II; mother of Anthony DeFabio, Amber DeFabio.

James R. Graham, Jr. '48, son of James Graham (deceased) and Mary (Helfrich) Graham (deceased); brother of Thomas M. Graham '59 (deceased), Carol (Graham) Moran '50; husband of Marlene Graham; father of Mary Beth (Graham) Norburg, Teresa (Graham) Bousum, Robert Graham, Stephen Graham; grandfather to 5 children; great-grandfather to 3 children; grandson of Charles Helfrich (deceased), Mary Ellen (Eyster) Helfrich (deceased) William Graham (deceased), Margaret (O'Brien) Graham.

Thomas M. Graham '59, son of James Graham (deceased) and Mary (Helfrich) Graham (deceased); brother of James R. Graham, Jr. '48 (deceased), Carol (Graham) Moran '50; husband of Mary (Muskus) Graham; grandson of Charles

Helfrich (deceased), Mary Ellen (Eyster) Helfrich (deceased) William Graham (deceased), Margaret (O'Brien) Graham.

Rose Marie (Mummert) Hartinger '57, wife of August Hartinger '55 (deceased); mother of David Hartinger '82, Richard S. Hartinger '84, Christopher Hartinger '89; grandmother of Patrick Hartinger '13, Richard T. Hartinger '13, Anne (Hartinger) Trimmer '13; sister of Richard Mummert '52 (deceased), Joseph Mummert '55 (deceased), Mary Francis (Mummert) Allabach '56 (deceased), Susanne (Mummert) Smith '67 (deceased), Ann (Mummert) Myers '74 (deceased).

Doris (Workinger) Hooper '53, wife of John R. Hooper, Jr. '53; mother of 4 children; grandmother of 10; great grandmother to 4.

Francis (Bud) Munchel '43, husband of L. Leona Munchel (deceased); father of Daryl Munchel '68, Vickie (Munchel) Clinton '73. Bud was a World War II veteran who passed away on Memorial Day this year.

Memorials are only printed when submitted in writing by the family

Class Notes



Joanne & Steve Banks

Steve Bankos '70 and **Joanne (Miliziano) Bankos '71** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in July. Daughters **Laura (Bankos) Kury '94** and **Christina (Bankos) Vranich '99** also graduated from York Catholic.

Carol (Tate) DePolo '72 and her husband, Albert A. DePolo, Jr., D.O., celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their 3 children and their spouses and grandchildren this year.



The DePolos

Marie (Husson) Wagner '74 retired in December 2022, after a career in various administrative roles in healthcare, most recently in Healthcare Compliance. She has been living in Hawaii for 28 years, and enjoying every minute.

Charles "Chip" Reilly '74 is the senior international officer and executive director of services for international students/scholars, study abroad, and global partnerships at Gallaudet University. Gallaudet is the world's only liberal arts university for deaf and hard of hearing people, and those who wish to study in germane fields. For example, ASL Connect is an online resource for learning American Sign Language. You can reach Chip at charles.reilly@gallaudet.edu.



Jeff Merritt '80

Jeff Merritt '80 was named a 2024 Pennsylvania State University Alumni Fellow, the most prestigious designation given by the Penn State Alumni Association, and earned by less than 1% of PSU graduates.

Mary Stein '03 married Evan Brazunas in April. Joe Stein '99, Joseph Stein '25, and Michael Stein '28 were all a part of the special day.



The Brazunas



The Sweeneys

Christina (Bair) Sweeney '09 and her husband, Kevin, are overjoyed to announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Marie Sweeney, born in August.

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This event is for ages 21+