

Knight News

York Academy Regional Charter School

February 13, 2019



Early Dismissal & Spirit Day: Friday, February 15

Please be reminded that **Friday, February 15** is a scheduled Early Dismissal and PTO Spirit Day for students.

The York Academy will dismiss Lower School students at 12:15 p.m. and Upper School students at 12:30 p.m. Teachers are scheduled for training during the afternoon. Please make sure arrangements are made to have children picked up at the designated times.



Students wishing to participate in Spirit Day are asked to wear an article of clothing that represents their favorite athletic team or sport. If your student chooses to participate, we ask that they kindly make a \$1.00 contribution to the PTO. These dollars are used to provide enjoyable activities for our students and families throughout the year. Students that elect not to participate should wear the regular school uniform.

Snow Make-Up Days



Please disregard any previous directive about the rescheduling of Snow Make-Up Days. After examining the calendar and considering feedback from families and staff, the York Academy will follow the calendar previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Therefore, Monday, February 18 will be a Snow Make-Up Day and school will be in session. The second Snow Make-Up Day will be Friday, March 22. We truly apologize for the confusion and appreciate your understanding.

Selecting the Next Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Trustees previously extended an invitation to over 100 stakeholders in the York Academy to hear the final two candidates make their 30-minute presentations and answer several prepared interview questions on February 6 and 7. Those in attendance had the opportunity to offer written feedback at the close of each presentation.

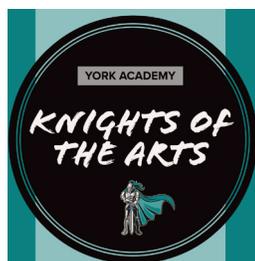
After the Board of Trustees reviews the content shared in each candidate's presentation, reads the written comments and checks references, they plan to appoint an individual to the position at the next meeting on **Monday, February 25**.

PTO Updates

The next deadline for box tops is **Friday, February 15**. Please send in as many as you can to help the PTO.

The Skating Party that was scheduled for February 12 will be rescheduled. A new date will be shared soon.

Thanks to those who participated in the Yankee Candle fundraiser, the PTO made a \$582 profit!



Knights of the Arts

Please join our "Knights of the Arts" for an evening of music, dance and drama on **Friday, February 22** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper School Center for Creative Expression. There will be performances by the drama class and various rock bands, as well as electronic music compositions. Artwork will also be on display in the glass case in the cafeteria. Tickets are by donation only (\$3) and proceeds will benefit the performing arts at York Academy. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. We hope to see you there!



Jump Rope for Heart to Benefit the American Heart Association

Through Jump Rope for Heart, students learn to stay healthy and make a difference in the lives of others. All Lower School students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart in physical education class during the week of February 18. Although it's optional to raise money for the American Heart Association, our goal is to beat last year's total of \$7,120.30 (a YARCS record)! As an added incentive, Ms. Kinard will dye her hair blue for the entire month of March if we are successful! Plus, the class that raises the most money will receive extra recess time with her in the gym.

Your student received a donation envelope that shows which prizes can be earned, as well as directions to set up an online account. Donation envelopes are due by Friday, March 1. Please help York Academy raise funds for this worthy cause.

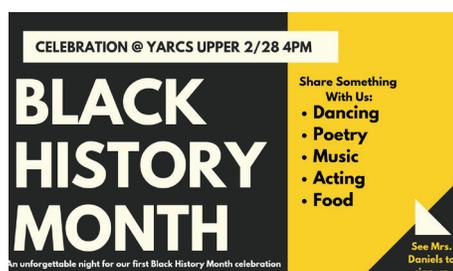
Suicide Awareness & Response Training for Parents - Register Today

Mrs. Cunningham, School Counselor of the Lower School and certified QPR Trainer, will provide QPR Suicide Awareness and Response training to York Academy parents/guardians on Wednesday, March 6 from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the Lower School media center. Ms. Reese, the Upper School Counselor, will also assist with the event. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a certificate of completion.



QPR is a nationally recognized suicide prevention program that provides community members with the skills necessary to respond to a person of any age who may be thinking about suicide.

Preregistration is required. Please contact Mrs. Cunningham at acunningham@yorkarcs.org or (717) 801-3900, ext. 1145 by Thursday, February 28 to save your seat for this important training.



Black History Month Celebration

Come join us for the first ever Black History Month celebration at York Academy on Thursday, February 28 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Upper School! A variety of performances will take place by students and community members. All are welcome and we encourage families to bring a favorite dish to share. To get involved or find out more, contact Library Media Specialist Kate Daniels at kdaniels@yorkarcs.org.

York Academy Schedules Auditions for Inaugural Upper School Musical

The York Academy Upper School will present *Disney's Aladdin Dual Language Edition (DLE)* on May 9, 11 and 12! The DLE version includes the Academy Award-winning score from Disney's animated classic, with lyrics in both Spanish and English. This bilingual adaptation has been a smash hit in schools and regional productions, including Houston's Theatre Under the Stars.

Disney's Aladdin DLE features a revamped plot that creates dramatic necessity for the bilingual script. The story begins centuries ago when the royalty of Agrabah spoke one language, and the citizens another. Communication is impossible without translation, which is controlled by the evil vizier, Jafar. When the rebellious princess Jazmin and a delinquent street rat Aladdin meet in the marketplace, they find something special in one another. Together, they work to transcend the barriers between them and, with a little magic, help create a better future for themselves and for Agrabah.

Auditions are open to York Academy eighth and ninth-graders. The cast will be announced on Friday, March 1.



- Auditions for singing roles will take place on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Center for Creative Expression. Students should prepare a 60-second song they are comfortable performing that highlights their vocal ability. Although not required, they may also share a monologue.
- Mandatory vocal callbacks and auditions for the dance ensemble will be held on Wednesday, February 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Center for Creative Expression. No preparation is needed for students interested in being part of the dance ensemble.