

Knight News

York Academy Regional Charter School

February 22, 2019



Tonight: Knights of the Arts Performance

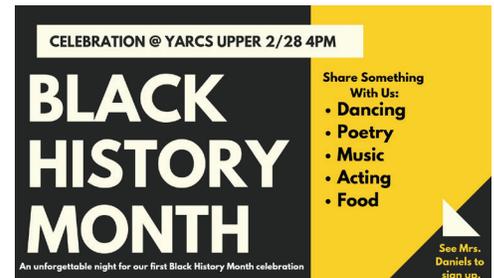
Please join our talented eighth and ninth-graders **tonight** for the 2nd Trimester “Knights of the Arts” performance in the Upper School Center for Creative Expression. There will be over 20 acts, including rock bands, a string trio, dances, monologues, acted scenes and electronic music compositions. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. and the show will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Tickets are by donation only. Let’s fill the theatre!

Student-Led Conferences: March 7 & 8

Student-led conferences will be held on March 7 and 8. The deadline for scheduling conferences is **March 5**. If you have not signed up yet, [click here](#) to register now.

Black History Month Celebration: February 28

Come join us for the first ever Black History Month celebration at York Academy on **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. Planning to come? Please [click here](#) and check “going” on our Facebook event. Thank you!



Suicide Awareness & Response Training for Parents: Register by February 28

Mrs. Cunningham, Lower School counselor and certified QPR trainer, will provide QPR Suicide Awareness and Response Training to York Academy parents/guardians on **Wednesday, March 6 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Lower School media center. Ms. Reese, our Upper School counselor, will also assist with the event. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a certificate of completion. Registration is required.

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. QPR = Question, Persuade and Refer.

To reserve your seat, contact Mrs. Cunningham by **February 28** at (717) 801-3900, ext. 1145 or acunningham@yorkarcs.org.

Aladdin Auditions: February 25 - 27

The York Academy Upper School will present “Disney’s Aladdin Dual Language Edition (DLE)” in May. Auditions for interested eighth and ninth-graders are scheduled next week in the Center for Creative Expression. The cast will be announced on **March 1**.



- Vocal Auditions: **February 25 & 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
 - Students should prepare a 60-second song that highlights their singing ability. They may also share a monologue (not required).
- Mandatory Vocal Callbacks & Dance Ensemble Auditions: **February 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
 - No preparation is needed for students interested in being part of the dance ensemble.

Jump Rope for Heart Reminder

Thank you for helping York Academy raise funds to benefit the American Heart Association! Please remember to turn in your Jump Rope for Heart envelopes by **March 1**. Currently, we’ve raised \$4,167! As a reminder, if we beat last year’s total (\$7,120.30), Ms. Kinard will dye her hair blue for an entire month!



Early Dismissal & PTO Spirit Day

Please be reminded that **March 1** is a scheduled Early Dismissal and PTO Spirit Day for the Lower School.

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 arrangements to have children picked up at the designated times.

Lower School students wishing to participate in the Spirit Day are asked to dress like their teacher (or a teacher). Those participating are asked to donate \$1.00 to the PTO. Those not participating are to dress in their approved uniform.

All Upper School students must wear the approved uniform on **March 1**.

York Academy Parents' Night Out: Friday, March 1

Mrs. Chester and members of our National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) are hosting "Parents' Night Out" on **March 1 (First Friday) from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Upper School**. The event is a fundraiser for the NJAHS spring field trip to Philadelphia.



Parents - here's your chance to have dinner, catch a movie, meander through the glittering galleries during First Friday - or even chill (quietly) on your couch! Meanwhile, a Pajama Party & Movie Night will be happening at York Academy. Mrs. Chester and the Upper School students will provide snacks and refreshments before settling into a big-screen viewing of "The Incredibles 2" in the Center for Creative Expression! There will also be games and activities available before and after the movie. Children are welcome to bring dinner to eat upon arrival. You may also send a stuffed toy and a blanket for snuggling up during the movie.

This event is for York Academy students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Siblings who are not students of York Academy are welcome as long as they are at least five years old.

Cost: \$20 for one child and \$10 for each additional sibling (must be for the entire evening - not by the hour)

You may drop off a check/cash (exact amount, please) at the front office of either school or pay when you drop off your child that night. Make checks payable to York Academy Regional Charter School and write Parents' Night Out in the memo section.

Stay tuned for additional Parents' Night Out events. We appreciate your support of our student artists!



PTO Roller Skating Party

The PTO Skating Party has been rescheduled for **March 26** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Roll "R" Way. Skate rental is \$1.75 and blade rental is \$3.00. Join us for an evening of family skating.



Joy Agummadu to Represent Region at State Poetry Out Loud Contest



Congratulations to ninth-grader Joy Agummadu on winning the Poetry Out Loud (POL) Regional Competition last month! Joy competed against other students from Adams, Franklin, Fulton and York Counties. She will join 14 other regional winners at the state finals in Harrisburg on **March 4**. We wish her the best of luck!

[Poetry Out Loud](#) is a free program offered to every high school student in Pennsylvania. It encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

Thanks to the assistance of Jenny Hill and Justin Ayala of "[stARTSomething Arts in Education.](#)" York Academy participated in POL for the first time. Earlier this school year, they led five classes in Mr. Dunklebarger's Language and Literature classes to help prepare our students for the school-wide competition when they had to memorize and recite poetry in front of their peers. In preparation, the students engaged in rich inquiry and demonstrated the attribute of knowledge while applying what they learned through their expressive interpretations of the poems. Ultimately, five finalists (pictured at right) presented three poems in front of the student body, and Joy was chosen as the winner.

From left to right: Jenny Hill, Joy Agummadu, Ane Kirk-Jadric, Michaelina O'Rourke, Justin Ayala, Erica Baum, Mr. Jacob Dunklebarger and Sam Brenner.



Gertrude Hawk PTO Fundraiser

The PTO is currently holding a Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. The deadline for paper and online orders that are delivered by the seller is March 11. Online orders that are shipped to the customer can be made through April 14. All paper orders should be sent in with one check made out to the York Academy PTO. If paying with cash, orders must be handed in at the front office and not sent in with the student. Thank you!



Enrollment Opportunities

The York Academy Regional Charter School has openings in grades eight and nine. We are looking for students that are interested in pursuing an academically challenging curriculum through the [International Baccalaureate Programme](#). If you are aware of a student in any school district that would be interested in entering our school, please direct them to complete and return [the application](#) to either the Lower or Upper School.

Please keep in mind that students enrolled in the York Academy will have the opportunity to select classes that could provide them with college credit depending on the college or university they choose. Parents should also be aware that this is a tuition-free school.

Applications for the 2019-20 School Year

Applications for enrollment for the 2019-20 school year must be received **no later than February 28** to be included in the lottery. The public lottery will be held on April 1 in the Lower School media center. [Click here](#) for details and the application.

Siblings of current students wishing to apply for enrollment for next school year must also complete the 2019-2020 application.

Students who are on the current waiting list for this school year must submit a new application for the 2019-2020 school year, as well.

York Academy Diploma Programme Application for Candidacy

The International Baccalaureate Organization provided communication to the York Academy that our application for candidacy for the [Diploma Programme](#) was approved on **February 7**. The staff will now begin implementing and designing those requirements established by the International Baccalaureate Organization.



Congratulations to everyone who worked diligently to secure our candidacy for the Diploma Programme!

Parenting Program Event on March 12 Drugs: Dilemmas & Decisions

Join the York Academy PTO on **March 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the [Byrnes Health Education Center](#) (515 S. George Street, York) for the program "Drugs: Dilemmas & Decisions."

The program examines the harmful effects of substance abuse on the nervous and respiratory systems and will focus specifically on vaping, juuling, e-cigarettes and heroin.

This event is exclusively for YARCS parents. On-site parking is available.



York Academy Staffing Needs for the 2019-2020 School Year

The York Academy will have the need for several additional members of the teaching staff. [Positions posted](#) include:

- School Counselor
- Science Teacher: Chemistry
- Math Teacher: Grades 9-12
- Language & Literature Teacher: Grades 9-12
- Individuals & Societies Teacher (Social Studies): Grades 9-12
- Language Acquisition Teacher (Spanish): Grades 9-12
- Half-Time Physical Education/Health Teacher & Half-Time Instructional Assistant

Should you know of highly qualified and certified individuals interested in teaching at the Academy, cover letters and resumes should be submitted to dbaughman@yorkarcs.org or:

Dr. Dennis P. Baughman, CEO
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Club and WIN Ending Dates

Monday Clubs:	March 11
Tuesday Clubs:	March 12
Wednesday Clubs:	March 6
Thursday Clubs:	February 28
WIN:	March 14

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