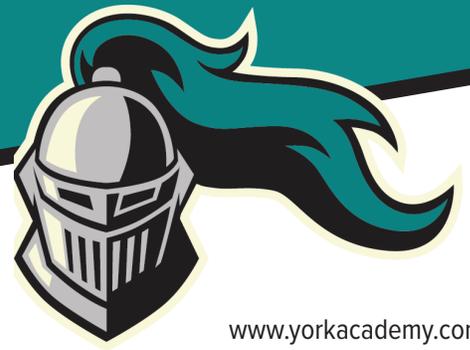


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The D.E.W. Good Academy Café Celebrates Grand Opening



The [D.E.W. Good Academy Café](#) is officially open Monday through Friday from **6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** It is named after the late Dennis E. Willman, an owner of York Container Company who was passionate about education. The idea came about after students were challenged to create a business plan and has evolved into the first local public school-based coffee shop. Ultimately, with the guidance of manager Heather Smith, the Café will be student-run.

A full menu of locally sourced freshly ground coffee, espresso drinks, non-coffee drinks and pastries are available. Customers may park in the Upper School lot and enter the Café around the back of the left side of the building, along the Codorus Creek walkway. Please stop by soon for a delicious drink or sweet treat!

[Click here](#) to like The D.E.W. Good Academy Café on Facebook. [Watch a video](#) from the Grand Opening and check out [this clip](#) from Fox43. Learn more about the Café in this [York Daily Record article](#).



PTO Fundraising Update

Gertrude Hawk candy pickup is scheduled for **Monday, April 8** in the cafeteria during dismissal through 6:00 p.m. Thanks to everyone who participated, the PTO made a profit of \$2,872.50! As a reminder, there is still time to shop online until **April 14**. [Click here](#).

Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser

Don't miss the last Chuck E. Cheese PTO fundraiser of the school year on **Wednesday, April 10** from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.! York Academy staff members can show their school ID badge and get a free pizza or salad, too.



York Academy Knights Got Talent

You're invited to the Lower School Talent Show on **Friday, April 12** at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower School gym. Thirteen acts comprised of students in first through fifth grade will perform for York Academy families and friends - and they've definitely got talent! We would like to thank the York Academy PTO for organizing this first-time event.

School Spirit Wear Store Open Now

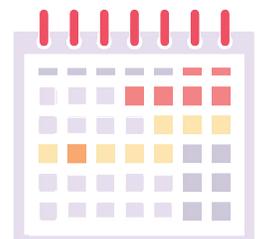


The York Academy School Spirit Wear Store is open now through **Sunday, April 14**. Please check out the new spring merchandise available for students and adults. [Click here](#) to place your order now.

School Calendar Reminders

Please be reminded of the following changes in the school calendar:

- **Thursday, April 18** is a scheduled Early Dismissal. Please arrange to have your child/children picked up at 12:15 p.m. (Lower School) or 12:30 p.m. (Upper School)
- **Friday, April 19** is a holiday for students and staff.
- **Monday, April 22** is a snow make-up day. School will be in session.





Traffic and Parking Announcement

Due to drivers that are seriously impatient on the way to work, there have been a number of incidents that have caused the school to enlist the assistance of the York City Police Department to manage driving patterns. Although this information has been shared several times previously, it is important that every parent understand the guidelines for arrival and pick-up.

Parents are not permitted to stop on any street and allow children to exit a vehicle. At the Lower School, we have developed an effective procedure for dropping off students in the morning. Parents need to use Cherry Lane and enter the York Academy parking lot. Drive west toward Beaver Street and drop off children in the parking lot. They will be able to safely walk to the school. In addition, one of our staff will be at this location to assist parents with exiting the parking lot. Please note that when coming out of the parking lot, we ask that you make a right turn only.

Parents are not permitted to drop off children in the designated bus lanes on Beaver Street or Hamilton Avenue. These lanes are reserved during specific hours to allow buses and vans to drop off students in front of the school.

During afternoon pick-up at the Lower School, parents must park in the gravel lot on Beaver Street. The Warehouse parking lot is not available to York Academy families, however parents may utilize the Small's Athletic Field parking lot.

Pennsylvania Assessment Schedule

All students in grades three through nine will be participating in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The assessments will be administered to students beginning **Tuesday, April 23 through Friday, May 3**.

It is critical that you discuss these assessments with your children and communicate the importance of having them do their best. Clearly, we want our students to demonstrate their competencies when taking these assessments.

Please do your part at home by:

- Sending your child to school rested and with a good breakfast.
- Encouraging your child to read the assessment carefully and respond to every question.

Primary Years Programme Reauthorization Visit



Representatives from the International Baccalaureate Organization recently visited the Academy to conduct a review of our academic program and ensure that our staff is designing instruction as designated by the IB Organization.

During the two-day visit, they met with teachers, parents, students and administrators to gather information about the programming offered in our school. I am pleased to say that the visit went well and the Academy should receive a determination letter from the International Baccalaureate Organization in three to six months. The letter will provide us with commendations, as well as recommendations for improving our program. We are extremely pleased with the reauthorization visit and look forward to continuing to offer the IB programmes in our school.



Apply for an IB Student Excellence Award

The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools offers Student Excellence Awards each year. A separate \$500 award is given to a PYP student and MYP student. All York Academy students are encouraged to apply. The deadline is **Friday, April 19**.

Students should be prepared to list and describe the top three school/community activities they are involved in. They will also need to share one of the following: a narrative essay regarding IB attributes (topic provided), a poem or short story that highlights the importance of the [IB Learner Profile](#) characteristics, or a graphic/visual that highlights the value of the IB Learner Profile attributes. [Click here to apply online now.](#)

MYP Neighborhood Cleanup and Kickball

The York Academy PTO is hosting an event for all MYP students (6-9) on **Friday, April 26** from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. In celebration of Earth Day, students will take part in a neighborhood cleanup at Small's Athletic Field (31 N. Hamilton Ave.) and wrap up the day with a game of kickball in the Upper School gym. No younger siblings may attend since this event is specifically for MYP students. Parents should plan to pick up their students at the Upper School (Door #12/cafeteria entrance). Permission forms are due by **Wednesday, April 24**. [Click here](#) to view and print the form.

