



## Greetings from the York Academy:

### Changes to the School Calendar

Due to the recent storm and the need to close school March 14 and 15, 2017, the York Academy will utilize the two Snow Make-up Days provided in the school calendar. School will be in session Friday, March 24 and Monday, April 17, 2017.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
**School Calendar Changes**

### *Please note these additional changes to the calendar:*

Previously, March 23 was scheduled as an Early Dismissal for children. This Early Dismissal will be moved to Friday, March 24, 2017. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m.

Children will be in school for the full day March 23 and the Early Dismissal will move to Friday, March 24.

Additionally, cafeteria changes are as follows: March 23—Chicken and Gravy; March 24 (Early Dismissal Day) - bologna or turkey and cheese sandwich.

### PTO Dress Down Day

Friday, March 24, 2017 is now a scheduled Dress Down Day. Any student who elects to dress down on Friday, March 24 is to bring \$1.00 to be donated to the York Academy PTO.

### Lifetouch Spring Picture Information

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The individual spring pictures that were taken on March 3 have been sent home with students. For those of you who ordered a class picture, they have not yet arrived. When they do, they will be sent home with your child.

You may or may not wish to purchase any of the individual pictures. Either way, money and/or pictures must be returned to your child's teacher no later than Monday, March 27.

### Literacy Night

Literacy Night at the York Academy will be held Thursday, March 30, 2017, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., for all children in kindergarten through grade five. Activities for the evening will include a variety of reading opportunities including flashlight read and includes the use of iPads, newspapers, magazines, reading with a stuffed animal, and whisper phones.

**Come Join Us For Literacy Night!!!!**



Parents/Guardians are welcome to enjoy some quality reading time with their children and enjoy snacks that will be provided by the York Academy staff.



### Student –Led Conferences

A special thanks to every parent/guardian that participated in our Student-Led Conferences. Parents/Guardians are expected to attend these conferences as part of the commitment to the York Academy. If you did not attend a conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a visit and receive a progress report.

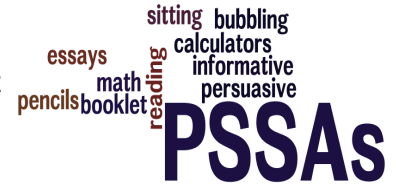
### Summer Reading Club

Please be advised that the York Academy Summer Reading Club will begin **Monday, June 19** and end **Monday, July 31, 2017**. Registration forms will be distributed in mid-May and are due June 1. Children may register for selected Mondays to the entire schedule.



## Pennsylvania State System of Assessment (PSSA)

Beginning Tuesday, April 4, 2017, our school will be administering assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, as required by law. Students in grades three through seven will be participating in these assessments. It is extremely important that students arrive to school prepared to demonstrate their best work. As parents/ guardians of our students, please assist us in preparing your child to take these assessments. Here are some suggestions:



Make sure your child has adequate rest the night before each day of assessment.

Our school will continue to provide breakfast for children; however, if your child does not participate in our breakfast, do make sure they are provided an adequate breakfast.

Make sure your child arrives at school by 8:00 a.m. Once assessments begin in our school, students arriving late for school will not be permitted to enter class until the assessment period is concluded. Should students miss an assessment due to lateness or absence, our school is required to have those students make-up the assessment.

The Pennsylvania Assessments are an important part of your child's academic program and results assist us to evaluate your student's academic progress. In addition to our own comprehensive assessment program (MAPS, Fountas & Pinnell, Unit Assessments), these scores provide another opportunity to gather data on school performance.

It is also important to understand that as a charter school, we are evaluated on the academic performance of our children. It is important that every child puts forth their best effort to respond as best they can on all parts of the assessment. Your support at home is critical to your child's performance.

### Pennsylvania Assessment Schedule:

#### English/Language Arts Testing Dates

Tuesday, April 4  
Wednesday, April 5  
Thursday, April 6  
Friday, April 7

#### Mathematics Testing Dates

Tuesday, April 25  
Wednesday, April 26  
Thursday, April 27

#### Science Testing Dates (Fourth Grade Only)

Tuesday, May 2  
Wednesday, May 3

#### Make-up Schedule

Monday, April 10  
Tuesday, April 11  
Wednesday, April 12  
Friday, April 28  
Monday, May 1  
Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12

### York Academy Sweatshirts

*The York Academy PTO will be selling the remaining sweatshirts on Tuesday, March 28, after school in the playground area.*

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