Quarterly Newsletter

August, September, October

2025-2026

All Things Ack

I hope this message finds you well and that your student is off to a strong start. Here's what's happening at York Adams Academy:

• Strong Start by the Numbers
— We currently have 90 students enrolled.
— We're thrilled to celebrate 10 graduates already this school year!

• Real-World Learning on Campus
We've lined up a robust slate of guest presenters to speak with students about careers, post-secondary pathways, and life skills. These sessions help students connect coursework with real opportunities and build confidence about next steps.

• **ASVAB Testing** – Wednesday, November 12, 2025
We will administer the ASVAB on campus for interested students. The ASVAB is a great tool for career exploration—not just for military pathways.
— Who should consider it? Any student curious about strengths, aptitudes, and potential career matches.
— How to sign up: Students can stop by the office or email us to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

• New Elective Workshop: "Change the Narrative" with Tavon Parker:
One of York's Most Influential People in 2022! This workshop is focused on mindset, leadership, resilience, and goal-setting. This is for students interested in building confidence, communication, and positive habits.
— Credit: Eligible for elective credit upon completion (Must attend all 6 sessions on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

As always, thank you for your partnership. Your support at home—checking in on progress, encouraging attendance, and celebrating wins—makes a real difference. If you have questions about graduation planning, ASVAB, the new workshop, or any other aspect of YAA, please reach out to our office and we'll be happy to help.

PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION!

Are you anxious about graduating from high school? Not exactly sure what you want to do with the rest of your life? You are NOT alone. Many high school students and even some adults are unsure of taking that next step. We are here to help!!

YAA offers CAREER AWARENESS opportunities for you to explore career paths. Throughout the year there will be special presentations from local colleges, trade schools and business people to provide you with information about the opportunities their organization has to offer. The presentations will take place during school hours and will fulfill your career awareness graduation requirement. Each student is required to attend a minimum of three (3) presentations.

If you already have a plan for your future you can fulfill this requirement by completing the appropriate paperwork to prove you have attended workplace or college visits.

Presentations: August - September

Sept. 11, 2025 - Empire Beauty School

Sept. 18, 2025 - Career Links

Sept. 30, 2025 - Stop the Bleed training

Coming Soon

October 30 - Manufacturer's Association

November 12 - ASVAB Testing

Endings and Beginnings

August 2025 started a new year with over 50 new students enrolling from multiple school districts. Currently, we have 90 students enrolled who attend either our York site or our Adams County site. The 2024-2025 school year was a great year for YAA, with 212 graduates for the year; we had the second highest number of graduates in a single year, and the highest total of graduates that did not include any adults learners. We have had 10 graduates already this year, bringing our total graduates to 4848 since our inception in 1990 and 579 graduates since Mrs. Ackerman took over in July of 2021. The staff at YAA is committed to helping our students attain their high school diplomas and move on to the next chapter of their lives.

A Few Pictures from August Spirit Week

Join in the fun!

Spirit Week

October 6-10

Monday: College Day

Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday: Sports Day

Wear your favorite "sporty" outfit.

Thursday: CAMO DAY

Friday:

COZY SWEATS DAY

I Love Cozy Sweats

🎓🎓🎓 Save the Date 🎓🎓🎓

Winter Graduation: January 15, 2026

Students/parents are encouraged to speak to teachers Mr. Newman, Mr. Smith or Mrs. Walter regarding student progress and anticipated graduation date. Regular attendance has a direct correlation with graduation success, attend school to give yourself the best opportunity to graduate.

Find helpful graduation information on the York Adams Academy website.

GRADUATION FEES:

Attending Graduation and PURCHASING Cap & Gown - $50

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet, Cap & Gown

Attending Graduation and RENTING Cap & Gown - $35

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet

NOT PARTICIPATING in Graduation - $25

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet

REMINDER

If you plan to attend graduation at your home school, you are REQUIRED to attend graduation at YAA (as per agreement between YAA and participating school districts). You MUST be in contact with your guidance counselor to make sure that you have ordered your cap and gown.

New for 2025-2026

YAA has implemented a refundable enrollment fee of $25 from all new enrollees. This fee will be used toward graduation fees when a student graduates. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn, the fee is refundable provided all YAA materials have been returned.

**If you enrolled after July 2025 and have not yet paid your enrollment fee, please bring your $25 in cash by October 30, 2025.*

Mark Your Calendar:

October 10, 2025 - Half day for students - (All daytime students should attend 8 am session)

October 13, 2025 - No school for students or staff

November 22 - December 1, 2025 - Thanksgiving Holiday (no school for students)

Click to view the YAA School Calendar

York Adams Academy Locations:

York: 300 E 7th Ave #500, York, PA 17404 Phone: 717-718-5836

Adams: 2904 Carlisle Street, New Oxford, PA 17350 Phone: 717-624-3535

RESOURCES:

York Adams Academy Website	YAA Website
York Adams Academy Calendar	Calendar Link
Suicide Prevention Hotline - 1-800-273-8255	Suicide Prevention Website
Mental Health Services	Mental Health Services Adams County Mental Health Services York County
Food Bank	South Central Community Action Programs York County Food Bank Adams County Food Bank
Federal Student Aid	FAFSA
Eating Disorders	National Eating Disorders Association
Domestic Violence	National Domestic Violence Hotline
Children's Health Service Program	CHIP
Services for Young Children, Teens, Adults & Elderly	Crispus Attucks