



# Quarterly Newsletter



August, September, October

2024-2025

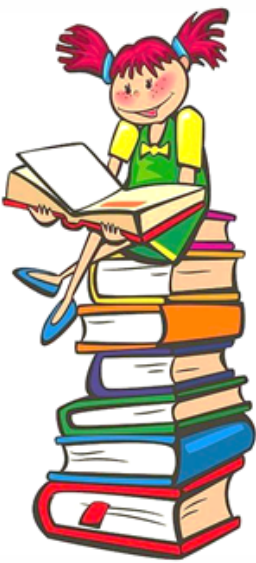
## All Things Ack



Welcome back to the 24-25 school year! Big things are happening here at York Adams Academy. We want to welcome some new additions to the YAA Family: Jessica Hoffman, Administrative Assistant to the Director at the York location and Caitlin Hoffman, Administrative Assistant at our Adams location. We are thrilled that they have joined our family. And, we want to acknowledge that our own Melissa Stafford has moved into the role of Coordinator of Student Service. She has been with YAA for many years and we are excited to have her in her new, full-time role with us. As you can see, we also approved a new logo which is very exciting. We feel it encompasses the heart and soul of who we are, what we do for our students, and the amazing relationships we have with our partnering districts. We also would like to officially welcome Northern York County School District (who jumped on board halfway through the year last year) and Southern York County School District, who joined us this year. We love that you have decided to partner with us and we are excited to help your students reach their graduation goals!

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## 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 - November**

SSGT Tyler Mielcarek (US Army) - Stop The Bleed Training

- Presentation on US Army

Mark Shouldis - Presentation on Automotive Training Center

Alexis John (Nov. 13) - Presentation on York Tech Adult Ed. program

## **Coming Soon**

Empire Beauty School

CareerLinks

Manufacturer's Association

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## ***First Quarter Graduates***

*August 2024 started a new year with over 50 new students enrolling from multiple school districts. Currently, we have 103 students enrolled who attend either our York site or our Adams County site. The students have been working hard to achieve the credits needed for graduation. Thirty (30) students have already reached the finish line and graduated. That brings our total graduates to 4656 since our inception in 1990 and 383 graduates since Mrs. Ackerman took over in July of 2021.*

*Congratulations to the following districts on their graduates so far this year:*

*Conewago Valley (2)*

*Dallastown (2)*

*Dover (3)*

*Eastern (1)*

*Northeastern (5)*

*Northern (1)*

*Red Lion (1)*

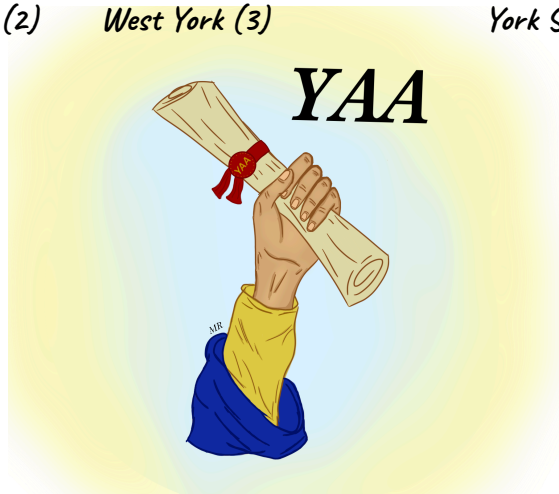
*South Western (1)*

*Spring Grove (4)*

*West Shore-Cedar Cliff (2)*

*West York (3)*

*York Suburban (5)*



# JOIN IN THE FUN!



## SPIRIT WEEK

PAJAMA  
DAY

**PJ Monday- October 28**

Wear your favorite lounge wear - must be school appropriate



**Fanatic Tuesday - October 29**

What are you a fan of? From Harry Potter, to Star Wars to sports teams, to rock bands and more...embrace your inner fandom today!!



**Wear PINK Wednesday - October 30**

Who do you wear PINK for? Show your support for loved ones who battle breast cancer by wearing your pink.



**Terrifying Thursday - Oct. 31**

Show your Halloween Spirit with your favorite Halloween costume.  
**NO FULL MASKS!**



**Wear PURPLE Friday - Nov. 1**

Wear your purple to support all those who battle pancreatic cancer and those who love and support them.





**Winter Graduation:** January 22, 2025

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 - \$20**

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.*

#### **Mark Your Calendar:**

November 25, 2024 - December 2, 2024 - Thanksgiving Holiday (no school for students)

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 - Winter Holiday (no school for students)

January 20, 2025 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school for students)

[Click to view the YAA School Calendar](#)

# COMING SOON

***Beginning soon, YAA will be collecting 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.***

## WHAT'S NEW?

### YAA LOGO



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