



Quarterly Newsletter



November, December, January

2025-2026



All Things Ack

As we move into the heart of the school year, I am excited to share some wonderful updates from our program. We currently have 55 graduates lined up for our January 15th Graduation Ceremony, with several additional students on track to meet the deadline for participation. This is an incredible milestone and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

This year, our students have benefited from a wide range of guest presenters who have opened doors to numerous post-graduate opportunities. We are grateful to partners such as York Technical Institute (YTI), Academy for Media Productions (AMP), Automotive Training Center (ATC), the Manufacturers' Association, York Vo-Tech's Adult Education Program, and many others for exposing our students to pathways that can help shape their futures.

We continue to be truly blessed by our strong partnerships with 20 school districts across York and Adams Counties, all working together to support student success.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating our graduates at the January 15th, 2026 Graduation Ceremony, which will be the first of two ceremonies this school year. It promises to be a meaningful celebration of perseverance, growth, and achievement.

If you know of a student who may be a good fit for our program, please encourage them to speak with their guidance counselor to learn more about the many benefits and opportunities we offer.

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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: October - January

October 30, 2025 - Manufacturer's Association

November 6, 2025 - Job Corp presentation

December 9, 2025 - YTI

December 18, 2025 - Stop the Bleed



A Few Pictures from Recent Spirit Weeks



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Spirit Week

February 9 – 12, 2026

Monday: Tie-Dye Day



Tuesday:

HAT DAY

Wednesday: MisMatch Day



Thursday: JERSEY DAY





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 March 1, 2026.*

Mark Your Calendar:

January 15 - Remote Day for all Students

January 16 - No school for students

January 19 - No school for students or staff

Feb. 13 - No school for students

Feb. 16 - No school for students or staff

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

York Adams Academy Locations:

York: 300 E 7th Ave #500, York, PA 17404

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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

