



Quarterly Newsletter



February, March, April

2025-2026



All Things Ack

There are moments in education that remind you exactly why you chose this path—and at York Adams Academy, those moments happen every single day.

Watching our students earn credits toward their high school diplomas is more than a milestone; it's a testament to perseverance, growth, and the belief that every student can succeed. Many of our students have faced significant obstacles, yet they continue to show up, put in the work, and push forward. Seeing them overcome challenges and transform into graduates is nothing short of inspiring.

This is, without a doubt, the greatest job in the world. It's why I got into education in the first place—to be part of something meaningful, to support students as they discover their potential, and to celebrate their achievements alongside them.

I couldn't be more proud of the work we do at York Adams Academy, and even more proud of each and every student who walks through our doors. Their determination fuels our purpose and reminds us that what we do truly matters.

I am especially looking forward to celebrating these incredible students at our graduation ceremony on May 27th. It will be a day filled with pride, joy, and well-earned recognition for all they have accomplished. I look forward to seeing many of you there, as well!



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.

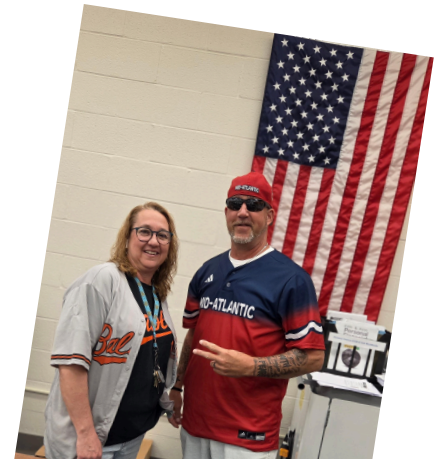
Presentations: March - May

March 26 - Automotive Training Center

April 2 - Stop the Bleed Training



A Few Pictures from Recent Spirit Weeks



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Spirit Week

May 18 – May 22

Monday: *Crazy Hair*

Crazy Socks



Tuesday: *Tacky Tourist Day*



Wednesday: *Patriotic Day*



Thursday:

Beach Day (School Appropriate)

Friday:

Color Wars

(Wear your favorite color)



 **Save the Date** 

Spring Graduation: **May 27, 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

Attending Graduation and WEARING Home School Cap & Gown - \$25

Fee Includes: Diploma & Diploma Cover

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:

May 25 - No school

May 27 - Graduation - remote day for all sessions

[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