



# York Academy Lower School



## Welcome Back

As the summer draws to a close, we cannot wait to have all of our Knights back in the Kingdom and ready to dive into learning for the new school year!

Our first day of school for grades 1 through 6 will be on Monday, August 14, 2023. Kindergarten will officially start on Tuesday, August 15 and more details are listed below.

This year, we continue to work hard to support your children and families with a wonderful and dedicated staff, ready to help grow our learners throughout the year.

We have a high priority focus on academic and behavioral success and greatly look forward to the opportunity to work together to help support our school Mission and Vision. We have a number of school initiatives and goals focused on growth, community, and positivity. As our school continues to grow, we have a variety of new staff to welcome into the Knights Kingdom. You will have a chance to meet them all as the school year gets underway.

Doors will open on the first day of school at 7:30am and all students should arrive no later than 8:00am each day. While breakfast is served daily at school, there will be no breakfast on the first day of school. Please make sure that students arrive on time and ready for the day with a full belly and an open mind and heart. Students will gather on the playground for grades 1 through 3 and in the courtyard (front of the school) for grades 4 through 6. Teachers will have signs so you can start to make connections right away! Students arriving by bus/van will be escorted and directed to their proper gathering locations.

## Kindergarten

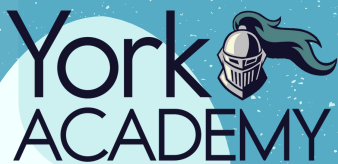
The first full day of school for Kindergarten is on Tuesday, August 15th. Students being dropped off will gather on the playground with their classroom teachers and be walked in by our caring staff to begin their official introduction to school and to dive into learning! On Monday, August 14th, families will have the opportunity to come to school, meet the teachers, see the classroom, and receive valuable information for the school year. To sign-up for a 30-minute visit, please select your child's teacher below and sign-up a time to come in. If you should have any issues with selecting a time, please call into the main office at 717-801-3900.

Mrs. Paul

Ms. Frederick

Mrs. Thoman

Mrs. Wetcher



Regional Charter School  
International Baccalaureate World School

## Dress Code

We will be strongly enforcing the school's uniform code this year and ask for your help in advance. Please review the Dress Code and discuss this with your students. This visual can also be a helpful tool:



### YORK ACADEMY UNIFORM GUIDELINES

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#### UNIFORM TOPS

Shirts must have a collar and be white, light blue, or navy.



Sweaters, sweatshirts, cardigans, and vests must be SOLID NAVY OR GRAY and may not have hoods or logos.



#### UNIFORM BOTTOMS

Bottoms are NAVY, KHAKI, or BLACK uniform style pants, shorts, skirts, or skirts. Polo dresses and jumpers are permitted.



#### UNIFORM SHOES

Shoes are mostly black, brown, navy, or white.



No hoodies



No maroon clothing



No sweatpants or leggings



No colored shoes

## Sapphire Login

Parents can log into Sapphire to see their class assignments for the 23/24 school year. Usernames and passwords remain the same from year to year. This platform allows you to view your child's grades, behavior, attendance and more. If you already have a Sapphire account, please log in now to make sure you can access it. If you do not have an account, go to [www.yorkacademy.com](http://www.yorkacademy.com) and follow the directions below to create an account:

1. Find the Sapphire login link and Click on "Create a Web Portal Account" - link is under the login details.
2. On the next screen, when prompted to enter the KEYWORD, type in the word: charter.
3. Your account will be verified within a day or two so that you are linked to the proper child/ren.

Questions? Please contact the main office at 717-801-3900.

Please know that some minor changes and adjustments are still being made.

## Back To School Night

is scheduled for Thursday, August 24th at 5:30pm. This event is intended for adults only, so please make accommodations now for your children to be cared for during this event.

## PTO

The York Academy Parent Teacher Organization is a wonderful way to be involved in a variety of ways at the York Academy. We are always looking for additional members and community connections to support our school. The PTO allows families an opportunity to make a positive impact within the school, so please consider joining! If you wish to receive more information, please email [pto@yorkarcs.org](mailto:pto@yorkarcs.org).