



# Monthly Newsletter

## December 2018

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### What a wonderful end to 2018!

Thank you, YES community! It is because of your support, generosity and commitment that we were able to raise **\$16,500** at this year's Pride Stride! This money will allow the York PTA to advocate for **all children** by bringing STEM programs and workshops into each classroom this year! STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) curriculum encourages relevant problem-solving and enhances basic literacy and math skills. A special **THANK YOU** to our Fundraising Committee, led by Casey Parvin and Blair Jernigan, and event sponsors!

There are only a few short weeks before the well-deserved Winter Break. Be sure to check out The Enchanted Forest Book Fair this week! Students will be given the opportunity to shop for books during the school day and we invite all families to join us for a **FREE** Literacy Night this Thursday @ 6:00 pm. This is an event you won't want to miss! The teachers have prepared plenty of activities for your enjoyment. The Wandering Moose food truck will be onsite as well as pizza slices and cupcakes for sale by the PTA. A portion of the book and food sales will go to benefit York PTA.

Lastly, if you're interested in joining PTA and serving on a committee, please complete the Willingness to Serve form (found in your PTA Welcome Packet) and return to your child's teacher or to Nominating Chair Sharaka Bert at [sharaka\\_bert@yahoo.com](mailto:sharaka_bert@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,  
**Melissa Smith, 2018-2019 York PTA President**



### Justin Scott

*P.E. Coach*

Coach Scott is the kind of teacher every student loves to have! He knows most, if not all, of York's students by name and is always able to make a connection to get the students to laugh or feel like he cares about them (because he truly does). He is the type of educator who always wants to be helpful because he knows what it takes to make sure the school runs successfully and has what it needs. He attends numerous school events and is always one of the individuals who will greet students first thing in the morning or wave as they leave campus in the afternoon. He manages the York Running Club, First in Fitness, Pride Stride, serves on multiple committees for the school, attends PTA meetings, and ensures the safety of our student body by leading Safety Patrol. He leads by example and is a fitness fan who is a runner outside of school and has even placed in recent local marathons! We are so excited to highlight Coach Scott. Thankful for all that you do and bring to the YES community!

### Calendar of Events

- December 3-7- York Book Fair
- December 6- Literacy Night
- December 13- York PTA Board Meeting (4:30pm)  
- York Winter Chorus Concert
- December 14- York PTA Holiday Luncheon
- December 19- School Tour (10:00am)  
Holidays Around the World Perf. (1:30pm)
- December 24 - January 2- Winter Break
- January 10- York PTA Board Meeting (4:30pm)
- January 11- Staff Birthday Lunch (hosted by 3rd grade)

### Points of Bulldog Pride

- ❖ Thank you to the entire York family – staff, parents, students, sponsors, donors- for making this year's Pride Stride a success!
- ❖ Congratulations to Ms. Sam's class for winning the PTA membership/hub drive! They'll be celebrating their victory with a pizza or donut party!
- ❖ Way to go, York! During Readvolution (Sept. 24- Nov. 16), York had an overwhelming 125 students participate and read a whopping 1672 books! We had 38 reading rock stars meet or exceed the 800 minutes goal, and earn free tickets to a Carolina Hurricanes game! (These students can login into their Readvolution dashboards to claim their free tickets, if they haven't already done so.)

### How You Can Help York

- ✓ Donate to the York Clothing Closet on Member Hub. To volunteer, contact Melody Bennett at [mbennett@wcpss.net](mailto:mbennett@wcpss.net).
- ✓ Consider how you'd like to serve the York community for the 2019-2020 school year. To learn more about available positions or complete a Willingness to Serve form, contact newly-elected Nominating Chair, Sharaka Bert, at [Sharaka\\_bert@yahoo.com](mailto:Sharaka_bert@yahoo.com).
- ✓ Make an Angel Tree donation to one of the 50 families York is sponsoring this year. If you're interested, please stop by the tree in the school lobby. Gifts are due by **Wednesday, December 12**. For questions, contact Susannah Wheat ([swwheat@wcpss.net](mailto:swwheat@wcpss.net) or 919-881-4960 x26284).