

York High School

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of York High School Alumni



York Sports Update

Track



Congratulations to the York Boys 4x8 relay team for placing 4th in State with a time of 7:52.65! The team, pictured above, includes Sam Ayers, Thomas Braun, Garrett Schwan, and Colin Hill.



York Girls Track received state honors in the 4x8 relay, placing 7th with a time of 9:32.25. The girls' relay team includes Katelyn Winton, Allison Fitzgibbons, Margaret Owens, and Brooke Berger.

Boys Lacrosse



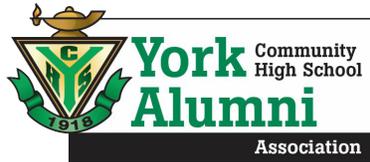
The York boys lacrosse team also wrapped up their season placing 3rd in the State after a win against Wheaton Academy!

Donation Update

Foundation 205 proudly supports York High School. As the only high school in our district, all of our students benefit from the resources, programs, and initiatives that are supported by the generous donations directed towards Foundation 205.

For alumni, community members, and parents, a gift to York High School is an investment in the next generation of York graduates. Your support strengthens our community and beyond. To help ensure that your donation will make the greatest impact on our student experience, we have identified 4 keys focus areas. Please [click here](#) for more information.

This is also an excellent opportunity for reunion classes to come together as a group and make a lasting impact on students. If your class is interested in putting together a collective gift, please reach out to [Foundation 205](#) and we can assist with helping you pay it forward for future generations.

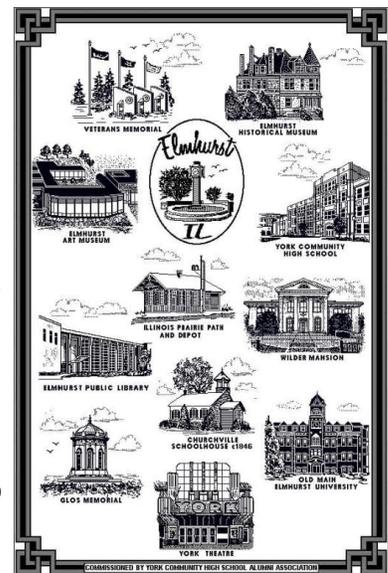


Fellow York Graduates,

The York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) has not been able to hold any Alumni Events since March 2020. YCHSAA joined District 205 & District 205 Foundation at the Elmhurst Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 7, 2020. Lives have been lived a little differently since that sunny bright day over a year ago. York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) is looking forward to 2021/2022 events. We will keep you informed via the Monthly Newsletter. You can schedule a member of the York High School Alumni Association to attend your reunion with YCHSAA Merchandise for sale. You can also follow YCHSAA on Facebook, [here!](#)

Last year, the York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) commissioned an updated version of the Elmhurst, IL Woven Throw. The original throw was offered for sale by the U205 Foundation in the 1990's thru the early 2000's. The updated version will be available in 2 colors: Green & Cream or Black & Cream measuring 48x68 Made in the USA! All proceeds will be used for the YCHSAA Scholarship program & Archiving Project. We have received a new shipment of Elmhurst Woven throws and they will be available at the Elmhurst Farmers market on **Wednesday, July 28, 2021**, or you may order online, [here!](#)

The York Community High School Alumni Newsletter has been spotlighting York Graduates. In the April 2021 Spotlight, Jay Webb (Class of 75), Founding President of the York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) was featured. Webb served as President from 2016 until May 2020. We would like to thank Jay for his leadership & dedication to YCHSAA since 2016.



York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) would like to congratulate Jenna Ernst, Administrative Assistant, Office of Communication & Alumni Relations, on her new job. Jenna has been a great asset to YCHSAA and we wish her the best in her career going forward.

Once A Duke, Always a Duke!

Kathryn Wilson Class of 1965
President York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA)

in our minds and hearts throughout our lifetimes

Duke Spotlight

Ann Fannon Thoele, York Class of 1950, moved to Elmhurst at age five and started school at the Old Field School that was located where City Hall now stands. She attended seventh and eighth grades at Hawthorne Junior High School when the current elementary school functioned as Elmhurst's middle school. Ann looks back at her York experience fondly. She participated in chorus, and with a radiant smile recalls that she had a lot of fun in high school. A few of her favorite teachers were Mr. Cady, who taught bookkeeping, and Mr. Meitz, a young geometry teacher fresh out of the army.

After graduating from York, Ann went on to Northern Illinois University, which at the time was Northern Illinois State Teachers College. She earned a teaching degree and did her student teaching at Hawthorne, an elementary school at that time because Sandburg had been built. The Lincoln principal then hired her to teach kindergarten at Lincoln School. There were one hundred and thirty kindergarten students and only one classroom that was used for an AM and PM section. She had her hands full teaching a class filled with sixty-plus rambunctious kindergartners, but Ann really loved teaching and gave it her all. She taught for four years and left to be a stay-at-home mother, a common choice for women at the time.

The truly interesting thing about Ann's story as a teacher is the fact that at 88, she is still in touch with and beloved by such a large number of her students! If she could locate former students, she wrote them a letter upon their high school graduation. Through her part-time employment at the YMCA, her involvement at church and in the community, and the creation of Facebook, she continued to find more and more students to connect with and loves communicating with them to this day. The feeling seems mutual among her students as well. She truly appreciates that "Eddy" (laughingly invoking the name she called him in kindergarten) Ed Sandner from her first kindergarten bunch invited her to the York High School Class of 1967 50th Reunion. She had a blast attending the event where she felt like royalty, she was treated so well.

Ann most recently went back to visit Lincoln this May because the public was offered one last look at the school before it was to be demolished this summer. Ann went directly to her kindergarten classroom but the door was locked. As she was the first to teach in that room, she was curious as to whether decals that she put on the door in 1955 to help the children distinguish between the boy's bathroom and the girl's bathroom would still be there. She found someone to open the door for her, and low and behold, the boy's bathroom still amazingly had the Little Boy Blue decal from 1955 stuck to the door.

In addition to her students, Ann has really enjoyed keeping in touch with her York classmates and organizing and attending her class reunions, which for many years drew alumni from all over the country. They have become smaller and less formal over the years, but are still enjoyed by the group of attendees.

As Elmhurst has done with so many demolished schools from the past, this year we say goodbye to the former Lincoln and Field Elementary Schools as they are replaced with new, modern buildings. However, Ann's story reminds us that the important thing is not the brick and mortar, but the experiences and connections that were made in those buildings, and the memories and people that remain in our minds and hearts throughout our lifetime.



Update your information!

Have you moved or changed your phone number, [visit us online](#) and update your information!

Reunions

During these uncertain times, we will be maintaining updated information on the [Reunion page](#), located on the District 205 website.

If your reunion has been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19, please email your updates to alumni@elmhurst205.org.

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