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“Jesus answered, Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **John 4: 13-14**

YC Family and Friends,



Welcome back. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Speaking of New Year's, we are excited that we will be completing the accreditation process at Yuma Catholic during the month of March. There will be an outside accreditation team compiled of individuals that work within the Diocese of Tucson that will make their visit to our campus on March 18th. On that day, the accreditation team will meet with our Board of Trustees and the YC faculty. The accreditation team will remain on campus for four days. They will look through all the data that we have compiled for them and will both affirm what we are doing and make recommendations to us as we move forward. Every six years schools go through the accreditation process. This is an exciting time as it allows for the school to spend some time in self-reflection. It is a time to both look back at what has been accomplished and also a time to set new goals.

During the break we had to say goodbye to Father Nicodemus. Bishop Weisenburger has called on Father Nicodemus to return to Immaculate Conception. This was tough as we have been very fortunate to have Father Nicodemus with us for the last year. He was a bright spot for our institution. We have searched long and hard and have been able to hire John Laney as our new freshman theology teacher. Mr. Laney is already doing a fantastic job.

We have two new classrooms that will be available for occupancy within the next week or two. We are a fire alarm test away from being able to put the FFA program in a building until their permanent home is completed over the summer. Also, Mr. Durst's government classes will have a home as well. Their traveling days are close to an end.

The senior class is on track to meet or beat last year's senior class scholarship total of \$10.2 million dollars. We are excited at the possibilities to come as we begin the second semester.

Once again, thank you to all who support us both financially and with your time. You are truly a blessing to our school community.

God Bless,

Principal Stallworth



Upcoming Events

- 1/31 Soccer State Tournament @YC
- 2/3 Soccer State Tournament @YC
- 2/10 ACT Testing 8am @YC
- 2/10 Keeping the Dream Dinner
- 2/12-2/18 Love Your Shamrock Fundraiser
- 2/23 Sadie Hawkins Dance
- 3/5 Spring Showcase Concert
@YC, 6:30pm, \$2 Admission
- 3/16-3/17 Pasquinelli Shamrock Open

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2018-2019 Enrollment and Registration Information

We are now accepting applications online for incoming freshmen and new students.

Call today to set up a campus visit or have your student shadow a Shamrock for the day.

We are currently taking names next available placement test date, so don't miss out.

**If you have any questions please
call or email**

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<http://www.yumacatholic.org/admissions>

Students Stepping Up In The Season Of Giving

At the center of our faith-filled family is the spirit of giving back to the community in both time and money. The first semester of the school year was no exception as our students worked together to raise funds and awareness for causes close to their hearts.

In October, again on behalf of the Yuma Community Food Bank, the entire student body took part in the KECY Food Bowl and brought in more than 6,000 pieces of canned or boxed food. In November it was announced that we were winners of our second consecutive food bowl, collecting more food than all the larger public schools in town.

The student council got December off to a great start by inviting United Blood Services to campus for the first of two blood drives. Faculty, staff, students and parents helped donate 52 pints of blood.

Our National Honor Society continued their support of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Students worked to collect toys and the NHS invited Marines from the MCAS to join them at the Rachel Determan Memorial Rib Cook Off to greet the community and raise money. In the end, the NHS delivered several large boxes of toys and cash to the Marines.

Finally, our Spanish club looked to help some folks south of the border. Spanish Club faculty advisor David Duran reached out to several organizations in need and the students chose the Casa hogar ninas Santa Maria de Guadalupe orphanage in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico. The students sold snacks during athletic events and before and after school to raise funds to buy warm coats, clothing and some toys for the kids at the orphanage. In all, 80 gifts were given to Sister Angelica Mendoza and the 40 children at the orphanage. The club also provided a party with food, beverages and fun for the kids.

Looking forward to what happens this semester, stay tuned!



Rock'em, Shock'em Robotics Gearing Up For Competition

Yuma Catholic High School's first community Robotics team, Rock'em Shock'em Robotics, is a competitive, academic STEM club. We are dedicated to inspiring the next generation of engineers by introducing them to software programming and design techniques used in modern industry. FIRST Robotic Competition™(FRC) combines the excitement of sports with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules, limited resources and time limits, students will design, build and program a semi-autonomous robot.

Much more than just a robotics club, Rock'em Shock'em Robotics provides students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that teaches students teamwork, hands-on building experience and critical thinking skills. During our six week build season, we organize our club into two primary branches: mechanical engineering and programming. This allows each student to specialize in the discipline that most interests them. With such limited time to build, efficient use of resources is necessary to ensure success.

This year's challenge is called FIRST POWER UP, a game in which teams will manipulate Powercubes within a game field to strategically score against their opponents. Alliances of three teams play against each other in 150-second matches where robots perform specific tasks to score points.

With the help of our mentors and sponsors from General Motors, the Robotics Club will be representing the city of Yuma, Arizona at this year's 2018 FRC Arizona North Regional in Flagstaff, Arizona from March 7th through March 10th.

In preparation for the AZ North Regional, the Yuma FRC team will be participating in a scrimmage match on February 17th in Phoenix, Arizona. This will help expose the young team to a competition-type environment that will allow them the opportunity to work out any kinks or bugs their robot might have. By doing so, this will help the team perform better in the actual competition, with the ultimate goal of qualifying for the FRC championship in Houston, Texas.



Please support your future and the FRC team by participating in our fundraisers to come. Donors may designate an Annual Fund donation to the team.



Yuma Catholic Chapter of the Future Farmers of America



Yuma Catholic's first FFA program is up and running! They kicked off before the school year began with a visit from the Arizona State FFA Association officers. This was a great way to get the year started as the kids learn about the FFA presentations and team building exercises. They also get introduced to the calendar for all the upcoming Career Development Events throughout the year.

Speaking of Career Development Events (CDE), these are opportunities for FFA members to compete as a team or as individuals in job skill categories that range from marketing to mechanics.

The District CDE Day was held at Arizona Western. Isabel Torok and Brielle Olsen placed 2nd and 3rd respectively as Creed speakers. The marketing plan team, who worked closely with Mrs. Lutes at Fruit Growers Supply took first place, along with Abby Norred, Jake Fanning and Alexa Bernal taking the top three spots as individuals. Novice Extemporaneous speakers Liz Castenon and Emily Martinez took 1st and 2nd place respectively. Our Food Science and Technology and our Floriculture teams took 4th and 5th respectively.

All teams that competed at districts moved on to the state competition in Phoenix, at the ASU Polytechnic campus. The competition level was very high and the kids learned a great deal from the experience, with Liz Castenon being the only winner, coming in 4th in the Novice Extemporaneous Speaker category.

The kids were exposed to some leadership training at Antelope Union HS where the Arizona State FFA Association officers put the kids through some team building exercises. All the area high schools were involved and it was great way to develop some unity with the other chapters.

Throughout the semester various members assisted with volunteer service in the community. Abby Norred, Brielle Olsen, Kaitlyn Greene, Isabel Torok, Sara Figueroa, Zoey Auza and Alexxis Douglas helped with booth activities and stuffed pillow cases for kids in the hospital at the Kids Cuddle Kit Fun Run. The members also assisted at the San Pasqual barbecue and several tag days throughout the semester.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who continue to support our inaugural year, it's been exciting and in the very near future we will move into one of our new classrooms!



Alumni Spotlight: Vanessa Edwards, Class of 2007

Go-getter, that's our very own Vanessa Edwards. Vanessa attended Yuma Catholic High School all four years, graduating in 2007 at the top of her class while dually enrolled at Arizona Western College during her last two years at YC. Upon graduation, Vanessa studied at the University of Arizona majoring in Family Studies and Human Development. She currently works as a Resource Development Coordinator for the Department of Defense and lives here locally. Vanessa credits her time staying active with school activities and volunteer work as a student at Yuma Catholic which led to her career path. "I developed great relationships and contacts here in Yuma and know where I can do outreach for fund development and support." Not only does Vanessa give back on a professional level, it is her passion and life's work. She states,

"I continue to help out the orphans in Mexico and those families that are in need living in the outskirts of San Luis. I help raise funds to cover the tuition of the children in Nigeria, who so eagerly want to learn, but have no income. I am very driven to help the local victims of domestic violence abuse. Safe House is an organization that is very dear to my heart. Also, the homebound, disabled and elderly adults who are in need of socialization and personal care needs. I am also very involved with the local young adult group at my parish. There are so many opportunities to get involved and give back to our community or reach out to those in need of love!"

Vanessa, we agree. Giving back to our community is the founding mission of Yuma Catholic and we could not be prouder.

On advice for current students, Vanessa shares, "Take this chapter as a stepping stone to what may lie ahead in the future. Make mistakes and learn from them. Your life probably won't go as planned, but that's okay! Just don't wait around for everything to fall into place. Search for answers. Discover who you are, what your interests are, what you're passionate about, etc. Learn to be happy with yourself. Don't rely on the approval of others. Stop waiting. Start living!"

Go get 'em, Vanessa. Our love to you and all of the 2007 graduates who celebrated their ten year reunion recently!

Written and submitted by Liz Williams, Class of 2005



Your faith in our students and staff is highly valued!

YOU CAN SHOW YOUR LOVE by making a donation in honor of a student, family member, and/or YC staff member!!

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LOVE YOUR Shamrocks!!...

MAKE a donation the week of February 12th-18th & have a VALENTINE posted through February 24th on the **YC WALL OF LOVE**

Giving Levels:

- Pink \$5.00**
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Give the Gift of Quality Education!

Yuma Catholic High School would like to remind you that the Arizona's Individual Tax Credit Program allows you to direct your tax dollars to help children in our parochial schools with their tuition.

Won't you support the Yuma Catholic High School students?

INDIVIDUAL TAX CREDITS

It won't cost you any extra and you will earn a deduction on your Federal return too! You are investing in your community by supporting the students of Yuma Catholic High School. Single filers can contribute up to \$1,089 and Married/ Joint filers can contribute \$2,177, but any amount would help.

Please note that the tax credit donations must be made directly to a school tuition support organization, please remember to designate Yuma Catholic! You have until the filing deadline to make your donation for the 2017 tax year.

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