



“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it *NEW* in the kingdom of God.”

Mark 14:25

A message from the desk of Principal Stallworth



Yuma Catholic Family,

We are off to another great start this year. Enrollment has grown for the 4th year in a row and we are knocking on the door of 400 students. Our growth has been so significant that we added four modular buildings this year. We hope to move into them by Christmas Break.

Our Faculty and administration are continuing to align our curriculum with not only the State Standards but also the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards. Once again our teachers have been placed in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) in order to finalize the mapping of our curriculum and begin working on cross-curricular goals of writing across the curriculum. Our efforts of aligning our curriculum with the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards have already paid off. In just one year, our number of students that reached the Math and Science benchmarks set forth by ACT grew 9%. That is an enormous amount of growth.

Sherryl Gerber has been named Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Gerber's position is allowing Yuma Catholic teachers the support and guidance needed to help reach our institutional goals. The addition of Mrs. Gerber's position allows us to be much more efficient at identifying both strengths and weaknesses and then allowing us to grow from our strengths and fix our weaknesses.

On October 27th we will once again host a Future Shamrock Day for all the private schools in town. We are expecting over 100 students from St. Francis, Immaculate Conception, Yuma Lutheran, and Southwestern Christian schools. These students will be allowed to experience high school life for a day. They will attend classes, partake in the Homecoming Pep Assembly and rub elbows with their future peer leaders. We will hold another Shadow Day for the rest of the Yuma Community in January with an emphasis on the students who come to us from the public schools.

We are excited to announce that Yuma Catholic has officially started a Robotics Club. Our Robotics Club has partnered with General Motors and has already begun the process of working on a project to compete at the state and regional levels later in the year. This partnership with General Motors will be of great value to our students as they will be exposed to coding and other

engineering principles as they work side by side with General Motors engineers.

Finally, I would like to thank all the community members who have stepped up and help support Yuma Catholic over the years. Without your support, our students would not be able to flourish like they do. This year we have had a few amazing donors step up and help Yuma Catholic accomplish their goal of paying off the debt of the school. Due to the generosity of these donors, we made a payment of two million dollars to service our debt. We are continuing to work to pay off the debt of our institution. This will solidify the future of Yuma Catholic for many years to come. Our students have never been more prepared to go out into the awaiting world and make a positive difference.

God Bless,

Rhett Stallworth
Principal
Yuma Catholic High School



Interested in becoming a Shamrock?

Call Laura Cuen @ 317-7902

Set up a Future Shamrock Day and shadow a current student & experience a day on campus.

For more information about the enrollment and applications process check out our website

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

Upcoming High School Placement Test Dates:

Saturday November 4, 2017

Saturday December 2, 2017

Pre-Registration is Required

\$25 cost for the test

2018-2019 Applications are currently being accepted online! APPLY TODAY!

Alumni Spotlight: Riley Vance

It hasn't been that long since she walked the halls at Yuma Catholic, but 2016 graduate, Rylie Vance is making the most of her experience at the University of Arizona.

Rylie is studying Agribusiness, with an emphasis in international sales and marketing, which is a perfect fit for the four-year member of the YC student council. Rylie's "spirit coordinator" background should come in handy while out on the sales trail or developing some cool marketing programs. Rylie stated her time on the student council "was really cool (especially) being behind the scenes setting up events for students, planning pep rallies and spreading the shamrock spirit."

Rylie has taken that high energy and desire to get involved along with her to Tucson. She has joined UofA's chapter of Sigma Alpha, which is an ag-based sorority whose motto is to "cultivate young women in agriculture." Rylie has also joined the collegiate 4H, currently as vice president and is active with She's the First, which is a program for female students to raise money for young girls in third world countries to further their education.

Rylie tells us her active schedule is a result of her desire to get over what she described as her hardest college hurdle, "The hardest thing about adjusting to college life was being surrounded by so many people I didn't know. My graduating class had around 52 students and here one of my basic classes alone had over 600 other students in it. I found that it was really important to join clubs, live in the dorms, and introduce yourself to people in your classes. It's easy to kind of lose yourself and what you believe in when there are so many people surrounding you so I highly suggest to any new college student to join as many things as possible and see what you like and don't like and meet some

really cool people along the way."

Rylie was very excited to hear that YC has added an FFA program this year. "I was never in FFA because YC did not offer it at the time, but I was in 4H for over thirteen years. I believe the FFA is an amazing organization that helps students to learn about agriculture and how it is important in our everyday lives.

I am excited that YC students now

have the opportunity to represent our small school with pride by wearing the blue jacket and getting involved."

Yuma Catholic's rigorous curriculum and dual credit offerings have played a part in Rylie's first few years on campus. The

forty-two college credits she earned while attending YC have allowed her the flexibility to add several minor emphasizes and a certificate to her goals for graduation. She intends to graduate with the aforementioned bachelors along with a double minor in Business Association and Soil and Water and a certificate in Agriculture Leadership, while still graduating in less than four years. This wouldn't be possible without the options that YC offers all its students.



Introducing Yuma Catholic's 1st Robotics Club!



Yuma Catholic has its first robotics club, thanks to the efforts of YC Teacher, Mr. Cid and the folks at GM Desert Proving Grounds.

Engineers from the GM Desert Proving Grounds have a long-established relationship with the Yuma

community and robotics. They founded Yuma Community Robotics and have worked with many of the area high schools in the past to create and support a robotics program.

Members of YCR, Chris Stubbs, Alex Friar and Jason Burke, along with Mr. Cid have organized a small but mighty group of Yuma Catholic students to design, build and enter competitively robots of all shapes and sizes.

The students are able to compete due to a non-profit organization called F.I.R.S.T. inspires. Their mission is "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster

well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership."

Their first qualification test will come in March 2018, in Flagstaff. If they qualify, the international championships will take place in Detroit and Houston in April 2018.



Yuma Catholic Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Hello, my name is Zoey Auza. I am a 15-year-old sophomore that goes to Yuma Catholic High School. I am the very first Yuma Catholic FFA Chapter President.

Even though this is only my second year in FFA, I have been involved in agriculture all my life. My dad is a local farmer in Yuma. I remember when I was little, I would ride around in the back of my dad's truck and go around looking at fields with him. Every year, when I was little, I couldn't wait for fall because my dad used to grow pumpkins. We would go pick our own pumpkins straight from the fields. It was so much more special than going to the store or the pumpkin patch to get pumpkins.

When I turned nine, I started showing sheep for 4-H. I showed sheep for three years then took a couple years off. Last year, I got back into showing animals. I showed a Holstein Calf for the first time. I absolutely loved the whole experience of raising and showing a veal. To top off the brand new experience, I got Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman.

I was really happy when I heard our advisor is totally into CDEs. I love competing in the Career Development Events. Last year I competed in Food Science, Job Interview, and Agricultural Issues. My favorite CDE I did last year was Food Science. I love it because I enjoyed the aromas at the competition. The aroma part is where they set out different spices and extracts and you guess what it is. Another reason I like Food Science is that it is a very competitive competition. All the schools start practicing months in advance and are over prepared.

I am so excited to be the very first Yuma Catholic FFA President. I cannot wait to make memories with new people this year and hope everything goes smoothly



Left to Right; Caden Dunn: Treasurer, Jordan Rutledge: Reporter, Alexa Bernal: Secretary, Zoey Auza: President, Abby Norred: Vice President



The FFA is grateful for all the support we have received. Here are few ways that you can continue to support us!

595 Chukka Boot Raffle

\$5 a ticket for a chance to win a pair of Chuka Boots and a Red Wing Belt!

Contact a YC FFA member or call the school office 317-7900

Winner to be announce December 7, 2017

Christmas Wreaths!

Time is running out! Orders due by Nov 3rd

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<http://www.yumacatholic.org/student-life/ffa.cfm>

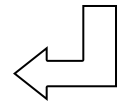
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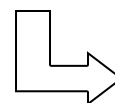
Mr. Beck's art classes are in full swing and here are a few of the teacher's top choices in his painting class. The students were able to paint anything that fell in the theme of their Artist's Proposal. These are made in different mediums and are their 1st paintings of the school year.



**Sophomore
Jordan Curry**



**Junior
Isabel Herrera**



Congratulations to Our Chess Team!

Submitted By: Mr. Cain

The Yuma Catholic Chess team coached by Mr. Dean Cain recently took 3rd place in Region Competition. Jose Mojardin of YC is ranked the number one individual chess player among all High School players in the region. On October 21st the regional competition for individuals was held and Jose Mojardin finished

second and has qualified for the state chess tournament to be held on November 17th and 18th in Phoenix. Congrats to Jose and to all the chess team members.

(Saul Silva and Jose Mojardin practicing this year in Mr. Cain's Classroom)



A letter from the Yuma Catholic Advancement Office



As we move ever closer to the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations that are just around the corner, we just want to share our gratitude for a fantastic school year (so far!) and remind every one of the opportunities to participate and support Yuma

Catholic before the end of 2017. Thank you and let's share the love into 2018 and beyond!

Love your YC Shamrocks? The 2nd Annual Day of Giving is Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Please support the students and programs of Yuma Catholic by making a donation that day. We have ten donation categories with match donors lined up already promising to match \$20,000. Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 in one day!

Love Ribs? The 15th Annual Rachel Determan Memorial

Rib Cook Off promises to be a fun-filled day on Saturday, December 2nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy tasty ribs and sides, vintage cars and live, classic rock from the band, Upper Room! It is not too late to sponsor, enter a team, enter a car or buy tickets. Just check out the YC website.

Love Yuma? Do you want to share an iconic part of our community? Do you have friends and family that live outside of Yuma? Do they miss Chile Pepper and Mr. G's? Here's your chance to participate in Yuma's Big Burrito Drop. You can share your love of Chile Pepper to anyone in the United States in time for Christmas! Information and order forms are on the YC website.

<http://www.yumacatholic.org/support/bigburritodrop.cfm>

Blessings at Thanksgiving and Christmas with love to all!

Bobbi Ukura

YC Advancement Director



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