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Mother and Daughter, Marianne and Isabella Conte pose for a picture with their trophies at the Annual CYO Memorial Day Weekend 5K Race. Marianne was the winner of the Female 40-49 age group and Isabella was the Female 13U winner!



CYO students and staff pose for a picture in front of the new 2015, 29 passenger school bus. Thank you to the major bus donors that made this purchase possible: James Kerney Foundation, Mercer Fund of the Community Fund of NJ, and Mary Owen Borden Foundation. In addition, we appreciate the numerous individuals and organizations who supported this fund-raising effort!



Lily Hardiman (left) and Caroline Holub, Yardville T-ball league teammates pose for a picture together at season's end, proudly showing the medals they received.

HELP SUPPORT THE CYO GOLF CLASSIC 20-20 VISION

The 20th CYO Golf Classic is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Mountain View Golf Course in West Trenton. This year the CYO has set a goal to raise \$20,000 in this, the 20th Golf Tournament, to help us reach our 20-20 vision as proceeds from this year's tournament will support the recent purchase of a new school bus.

The golfer entry fee is \$135.00 per golfer and includes golf cart, tee gift package, lunch, dinner & cocktails, and prizes. Registration will start at 11:00AM, lunch served from 11:30AM-1:00PM, and shotgun start at 1:00PM. Following golf, cocktails will start at 5:15PM and buffet dinner at 6:15PM followed by awards and prizes. Tournament features include: Callaway scoring, bag drop service, putting, closest to the pin, hole in one, and longest drive contests. Additionally, the Fahey Cup and cash prize will be awarded to the winner.

For more information, or to register, visit our website at www.cyomercer.org and click on the golf link, or contact Patrick Hardiman at (609) 585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org

Clip below, fill out, and mail back to CYO Yardville, 453 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Yardville, NJ 08620 if interested in sponsorship opportunities:

\$2,000.00 Tournament Sponsor (includes 4 golfers, 4 dinner guests, your banner displayed at golf course, 18 tee signs, 1 greens flag)

\$1,000.00 Corporate Sponsor (includes 4 golfers, your banner displayed at golf course, 10 tee signs, 1 greens flag)

\$500.00 Major Sponsor (includes 2 golfers, your banner displayed at golf course, 6 tee signs, 1 greens flag)

\$500.00 Hole-In-One Sponsor (includes your logo on sign at hole for hole in one prize, 1 greens flag)

\$500.00 Beverage Sponsor (includes your name on banner displayed at cocktail hour and on beverage cart on course)

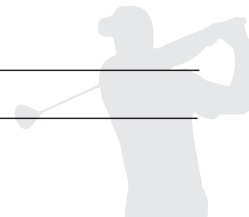
\$500.00 Tee Gift Sponsor (includes your company name and logo on one of the tee gifts given to the golfers)

\$250.00 Greens Flag Sponsor (includes commemorative nylon "greens" flag from a hole which is yours to keep)

\$100.00 Tee Sign Sponsor (includes your company name on one individual tee sign on golf course)

\$50.00 Dinner Only (includes cocktails & dinner starting at 5:15pm)

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# Climbing High at the CYO Bromley Center



Pictured left to right: Kurt Simmons, Bromley Center employee, Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director, Daughter of Charity Sister Joanne Dress, Executive Director for Catholic Social Services and CYO board member, Donna Marie Clancy, Bromley Center Assistant Director, John Kilcoyne, Bromley Center volunteer, Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede, Patrick Hardiman, Bromley Center Director, and Marty Flynn, Hamilton Township Director of Recreation, Senior, Veteran, and Health Services, with Bromley Center members above, all pose for a picture on the new playground piece as Mayor Yaede cuts the ribbon.

The \$35,000 playground jungle gym, which features two slides, ladders, climbing poles, a bridge and bongo drums was secured with a grant from Hamilton Township's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Other good stuff happening at the Bromley Center includes a 7 week Summer Camp for 5-9 year and a Summer Food Service Program for 5-14 year olds, both from June 29-August 14. The Food Service Program is a Free Lunch Program at 1:00pm each weekday for Hamilton Township residents and registered participants. The Evening Teen and Pre-Teen Program for 9-17 year olds is also a free program and operates Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:30pm. Highlights from this past year included trips to the Trenton Thunder, Rider University for a basketball game, and the Sun Bank Arena for WWE Wrestling and Ringling Brothers Circus. For more information on any Bromley events, call (609) 587-8100 or visit the website at [www.cyobromley.org](http://www.cyobromley.org).



Rider University students pose for a picture at Farmingdale Park for the Bromley Neighborhood Clean Up Day. Over 60 students from Rider participated in the Clean Up Day along with 20 other neighborhood residents as local parks and streets were cleaned and spruced up. The CYO is completing its' second year of this partnership with Hamilton Township in operating the Bromley Center.



## Tadpoles, Chicks, & Caterpillars - Oh, My!

The preschoolers at Yardville CYO have been busy learning about animals, reptiles and insects this Spring. Each classroom has participated in its own life cycle project. The children documented the changes of each life cycle in their own science journals and actively participated in keeping the animals and insects safe and healthy while in our care.

We hosted twelve chicken eggs in an incubator after Easter. The preschoolers celebrated when all twelve chick eggs hatched. One classroom welcomed two tadpoles into their room. We are waiting for the tadpoles to grow their back legs and other frog features.

The preschoolers also loved having the butterfly pavilions. We had two dozen caterpillars that created chrysalis around themselves to later become beautiful painted lady butterflies.

## Fun at the Hamilton Based After School Programs

The CYO Satellite After School Programs have been extremely busy this spring. We received a grant from PSE&G to purchase computer tablets. 14 Kurio 7 tablets were purchased and are being used in the Hamilton Based Satellite After School Programs. The students are enjoying learning and exploring on the tablets. Miss Amanda has them making videos, learning about photography, and participating in a motion games tournament.

We also received a grant from The MAXIMUS Foundation for a Hip Hop Dance Program at the Lalor After School Program. The students are learning the different forms of Hip Hop Dance during a 45 minute class weekly for 7 weeks.

All of the sites also had a visit from the AmeriCorp Watershed Ambassador. They had the students exploring samples from nearby water bodies with sponges and paint brushes to see what creatures they could find. My, how much fun and a variety of things can be learned at our After School Program!





Summertime is not just a time for swimming and relaxing. At the CYO on S. Broad Street, it is also a time for hands on learning. Thanks to a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb and training from NJSACC and Rutgers 4-H, last year was spent building roller coasters out of insulating piping and building trebuchets out of yardsticks and milk gallon jugs. The Design-It program gave kids the opportunities to be engineers as they used physics to make their creations work. But instead of being preoccupied with formulas and vocabulary, the kids got right into teaching themselves how things worked or why they did not.

This year, the kids will be experiencing Explore-It, a similar program but with an emphasis on science exploration as opposed to engineering. Some kids will be making their own cakes from scratch with no recipe so that they can learn the science behind the ingredients. While others will be learning why an apple floats but why a crayon sinks and why milk sinks, but mineral oil floats. At the CYO, we try to ensure that each kid has a fun and safe Summer; but if we can squeeze in a little learning, then everyone's happy.



## Local Storyteller Shares Her Talents with Ewing CYO Pre-School

Recently, the Ewing CYO Pre-School had a visit from Zarinah Shakir, a local motivational/inspirational speaker who offered to share her finely tuned speaking skills to read stories aloud to the children. Ms. Shakir visited Rooms 101, 102 and 103 and read a number of well known children's books that when read aloud, totally captivated the listeners. The children enjoyed books such as Anansi the Spider, Chicka, Chicka Boom, Boom, Where the Wild Things Are, and a number of others that have been loved by generations of children the world over.

## CYO ATHLETICS

### CYO Soccer:

The Mercer County CYO Soccer Season began on Monday, April 13th. This year there are 5 teams in the Girls Soccer League and 6 teams in the Boys Soccer League. Catholic schools and parishes that are represented in the leagues include: Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic Academy. The regular season is scheduled to conclude at the end of May with the playoffs taking place in early June.

### Freshmen Soccer:

The CYO is excited as the inaugural season of the coed freshmen soccer league started on May 21st. The league geared towards children in 4th grade and under and serves as an instructional league so they can develop the necessary soccer skills for when they move on to the Girls and Boys CYO Soccer Leagues. This year, the league features 4 teams from 3 different parishes (Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Paul's and St. Raphael's), with OLS having 2 teams in the league. Games are played on short sided fields and are being played at Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Good Counsel (West Trenton). Similar to the other CYO soccer leagues, the regular season is scheduled to conclude at the end of May with the playoffs taking place in early June.

### CYO Track & Field Meet:

The 54th Annual CYO Track and Field Meet was held on Sunday, May 17th at the beautiful facilities of Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ and featured teams from Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Gregory's, St. Ann's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's and Trenton Catholic Academy. After a fun-filled day which included over 50 running and field events, Trenton Catholic Academy captured their 7th consecutive team title, with St. Ann's finishing in 2nd place, followed by St. Raphael's in 3rd place.

### Diocesan Basketball Tournament:

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March following the conclusion of the CYO Basketball Playoffs. Each of the four counties in the Diocese (Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean) were represented as a total of 8 teams (2 from each county) qualified for this year's tournament in each of the four divisions (GJV, BJV, GV & BV). On Sunday, March 8th, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Gabriel's (Marlboro) captured the GJV title by defeating St. Gregory's while St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) won the BJV title by defeating St. Mary's of the Lakes (Medford). In Varsity action, Our Lady of Good Counsel (Moorestown) won the girls title by defeating St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) while St. Mary's (Middletown) won the Boys Championship by defeating Sacred Heart (Riverton).

### CYO Basketball:

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its' 62nd season of CYO Basketball during the 2014-15 season. This year there were over 60 teams that participated in the 7 CYO Leagues for elementary school-aged children and the Boys High School League. Congratulations to all of this year's winners that were crowned in March. In CYO playoff action, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels captured the title for the Girls Freshmen Playoffs. In the Boys Freshmen League, St. Gregory's White won the championship for the Blue Division while St. Gregory's Blue captured the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, St. Gregory's won the Girls Championship while Our Lady of Sorrows captured the BJV title. In Varsity playoff action, St. Gregory's won GV Championship while the St. Gregory's Blue team captured by BV title by defeated TCA in overtime.



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## Memory Lane

The CYO Yardville Day Camp will begin its 57th Summer starting on June 22. These photos are classic shots from the inaugural 1958 season! The Yardville camp has served over an estimated 12,000 boys and girls, and is now entering into a third generation of families. The tradition continues!



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## Recent Grants Awarded

\$2K award from Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) Foundation to purchase 20 computer tablets for the Hamilton public schools before/after school programs.

\$1,300 award from MAXIMUS Foundation for Hip-Hop dance program in the Hamilton public schools before/after school programs.

\$10K award from Trenton Diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) for CYO's Food Program.

\$50K award from Mission & Ministry, Inc., a ministry of the Daughters of Charity St. Louise Province, for CYO's East State St. Center programs.

\$2,950 award from Margit and Eli Marie Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ for CYO's Food Program.

\$1K awarded from NJM Insurance Company that CYO will use towards the new bus.