

Dear Shooting Irish Family,

Lacrosse season is finally here and in full swing. From the sidelines I see passion and energy to excel, and positive teamwork both in winning and after tough losses. I also appreciate the great parent body that has worked hard to make sure their kids make it to practice, and support their Shooting Irish teams with pride every Saturday and Sunday.

As a lifelong lacrosse player, I am also very proud to see lacrosse growing in York County. This sport can last a lifetime for our players as well, teaching them valuable lessons on the field and off. With that in mind, for the 2019 season, and with the intent to continue beyond, **Shooting Irish is partnering with the York County Food Bank to support a dedicated cause which is ending hunger in York County.** Earlier this year I was privileged to learn personally of the amazing work this organization is doing. It touched me to learn of the challenges not only adults face, but also children. Children the same age as my son, and children in our community.

The York County Food Bank team has partnered with Shooting Irish to create some fantastic events that will allow our teams to learn about the value of civil service, and giving to those in need. To introduce our Shooting Irish parents and team members to this initiative, **Shooting Irish and YCFB will be hosting “Kids Feeding Kids” Partnership kick-off on Wednesday, April 24th at York Catholic in the auditorium from 6:00-7:00pm. We would like all parents and players to attend this event.**

Coaches have been supportive to move practices usually held on Wednesdays to make this evening possible, and I look forward to everyone’s participation. At this event, we will follow a simple outline to introduce the mission of YCFB, opportunities for participation, and youth-oriented nutritional guidance from leading experts from S3 Performance Fitness.

Following this event, our confirmed spring event will be at the **Rev’s stadium on Monday, May 6th, for a “Stick it to Hunger” event where all YCLA team members and parents entering with a monetary donation or a non-perishable food donation will receive free admission.** Please wear your team pinnies in support of Shooting Irish and YCFB. Non-Perishable donations also can be brought to practice and will be collected throughout the season.

One of the fathers of lacrosse, Native American Oren Lyons who played for Syracuse once said:

Although we are in different boats you in your boat and we in our canoe we share the same river of life.

I encourage you to share this message of community with your children, so we can make this kickoff and first event such a meaningful experience for all of us.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any details or questions. Coaches will also provide information during practices and on TeamSnap.

Sincerely,

Chris Heim and April Carroll