

## Good morning YECA Families!

I want to extend warm wishes to all who celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights. May this time bring joy, peace, and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all families to attend our upcoming virtual PTA meeting on **Monday, October 27th from 6:30-8:00: [PTA Zoom Link](#)**. These meetings are a vital way for us to stay connected and work together to support our scholars.

We look forward to seeing you there!

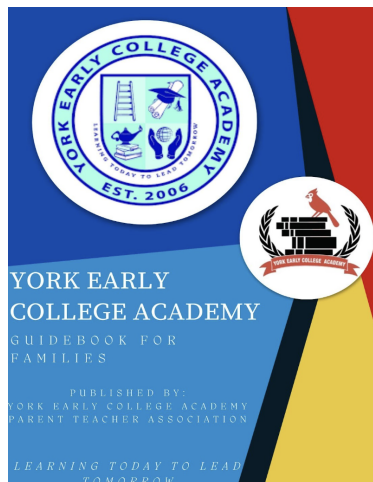
Warm regards,

*Principal Krempa*

### Please review this email for the following:

1. YECA Family Guidebook
2. Calendar, Save the Dates
3. YECA News / Action Items
4. Parent Resources / Opt-In Opportunities
5. Helpful Links / Resources

## [1. YECA Family Guidebook](#)



To make sure that all YECA families are on the same page, we are asking that all parents/guardians review the [YECA Family Guidebook](#). This comprehensive guide contains key information that will support you throughout your child's journey at YECA. After reviewing the guidebook, please take a moment to complete the survey below.

★ [Link YECA Family Guidebook: \(NEED TO REVIEW\)](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a09MNLe8uiHKKcV281beValyeWjCIYrP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313&rtpof=true&sd=true>

★ **Link to Family Guidebook Survey (NEED TO COMPLETE)**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSO97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss\\_gL77yrCgwHn3DGoJtw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSO97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss_gL77yrCgwHn3DGoJtw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313)

**\*\*\* Please note, students will not be able to participate in field trips and school events until the guidebook has been reviewed and the survey submitted.**

## 2. Calendar, Save the Dates



### WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR?

| Date                         | Grades        | Save the Date                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday, October 1</b>  | York College  | York College Closed for Yom Kippur<br>(No schedule change: All 11th & 12th Graders report to the YECA Building for Physical Education.) |
| <b>Thursday, October 2</b>   | ALL           | YECA and York College Closed for Yom Kippur                                                                                             |
| <b>Monday, October 6</b>     | YECA Building | Evacuation Drill                                                                                                                        |
|                              | 8th Grade     | <a href="#">HS Application Night (Remote, 6:30 pm)</a>                                                                                  |
| <b>Tuesday, October 7</b>    | York College  | Midterm Assessments Begins                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday, October 8</b>  | 10th Grade    | Bowling Trip                                                                                                                            |
|                              | 11th Grade    | PSAT Administration                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thursday, October 9</b>   | YECA Building | Evacuation Drill                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Monday, October 13</b>    | ALL           | YECA and York College Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day                                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday, October 14</b>   | York College  | Follows a Monday Schedule                                                                                                               |
| <b>Wednesday, October 15</b> | YECA Building | PAC Meeting (Period 5, Room 401)                                                                                                        |

|                              |               |                                                          |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | YECA Building | Open House #1 for Prospective Students (Remote, 6:30 pm) |
|                              | York College  | Last Day of Midterm Assessments                          |
| <b>Thursday, October 16</b>  | YECA Building | Open House #2 for Prospective Students (Remote, 6:30 pm) |
| <b>Monday, October 20</b>    | ALL           | YECA and York College Closed for Diwali                  |
| <b>Wednesday, October 22</b> | YECA Building | Soft Lock Down Drill (9:00 am)                           |
|                              | YECA Building | PAC's New Student Ice Cream Social (Period 5, Room 331)  |
| <b>Friday, October 24</b>    | Grades 6 & 7  | Fall Festival (Gym, Periods 5-8)                         |





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|                              | York College  | Follows a Monday Schedule                               |
| <b>Monday, October 26</b>    | SLT Members   | SLT Meeting (Remote, 5:00 pm)                           |
|                              | ALL           | <a href="#">PTA Meeting</a> (Remote, 6:30 pm)           |
| <b>Wednesday, October 29</b> | YECA Building | In-Person Open House for Prospective Students (8:30 am) |

## 2025-2026 YECA LUNCH CLUBS

### Mondays

Choir (Ms. Monestine 301)  
Penmanship (Ms. Perry 118)

### Tuesdays

Creative Writing (Ms. Solaiman 412)  
Lego Club (Coach Solomon 423)

Hooked & Happy: Crocheting Club (Ms. Whitney 326)

### Wednesdays

Arts & Crafts (Ms. Bueche 331)  
Computer Games (Ms. Solaiman 412)  
Cosmetology (Ms. Gordon 326)  
Debate Club (Ms. Roa 413)  
Dominos (3x/month) (Ms. Reece 410)  
GSA (Ms. Raptis & Coach Solomon 416)  
Penmanship (Ms. Perry 118)  
Principal's Advisory Committee (1x/month)  
(Principal Krempa, AP Olarte, I.A. AP Reece 401)

### Thursdays

Aqua Roots (Ms. Reece 401)  
Culture Club (Ms. Rodriguez 422)  
Lego Club (Coach Solomon 423)

### Fridays

Drama (Ms. Monestine 301)  
Doodle and Chill (Ms. Roa 413)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING A CLUB, REACH OUT TO THE CLUB ADVISOR TO SEE IF THEY HAVE SPACE FOR A NEW MEMBER. (ADVOCACY)



## School Events

**Fall Festival:** Fri, October 24  
(Grades 6 & 7, Periods 5-8)

**Beginning of Year SLCs:** Thur, Nov 20 (Remote)

**Winter Show:** Wed, December 17

**Pep Rally:** Tue, December 23  
(Grades 6 & 7, Period 4  
Grades 8-12, Periods 7-8)

**YECA Alumni College Panel:** Wed, January 14

**Art Gallery:** Wed, January 28

**Honor Roll/ Principal's List Trip:** Wed, February 11

**Valentines Day Dance:** Fri, February 13  
(Grades 8-12, 5-8 pm)

**Career Day:** Wed, March 6

**Pi Day:** Fri, March 13

**Middle of Year SLCs:** Thur, March 19 (Remote)

**Science Fair:** Wed, April 1

**Spring Talent Show:** Wed, April 29

**Decision Day:** Wed, May 13

**Multicultural Day:** Wed, May 20

**End of Year SLCs:** Thur, May 21 (Remote)

**Spring Carnival:** Friday, May 22 (Periods 5-8)

**PSAL Awards Ceremony:** Tuesday, May 26 (5pm)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Play:** Wednesday, June 3

**National Honor Society Induction:** Wed, June 24

**HS Academic Awards Ceremony:** (Grades 9-12)  
Fri, June 26 (8:30)

**MS Academic Awards Ceremony & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Stepping Up Ceremony:** Fri, June 26 (10:00)

CA HS  
JUNIO

## upcoming College PRESENTERS

OCT 7

Anna Marti, Columbia University

OCT 14

~~Savion Thorpe, SUNY Farmingdale (Monday Schedule)~~

OCT 21

Dr. David, Sophie Davis School of Medicine

OCT 28

Asya Henriquez, CUNY

OCT 30

Savion Thorpe, SUNY Farmingdale

NOV 4

Jarvis Dieujuste, Hunter

**YORK COLLEGE CAMPUS**  
**12 NOON**

Email [sabrams2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:sabrams2@schools.nyc.gov) if you have any questions

## YECA SENIOR EVENTS 2026

MAY 6TH

**SENIOR TRIP**

More details to come!

**DECISION DAY**

@ York Early College Academy  
More details to come!

MAY 13TH

JUNE 2ND

**PROM**

@ Terrace on the Park  
6pm - 10pm

**BBQ**

@ York College  
1pm - 3:30pm

JUNE 8TH

JUNE 11TH

**GRADUATION**

@ Queens Theatre  
4pm - 6pm

Important Info.

Early College  
Senior  
Reception  
TBD

Class Ring  
November  
5th

Pictures  
taken  
before  
January  
31!



# Financial Aid Night Workshop

**Cheryl Morrison**  
Interim Director of Student Financial Services

**JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL AID!**

We'll walk you through the FAFSA step-by-step — what you need, how to apply, and how to avoid common mistakes.

**WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WORKSHOP:**

- Get a clear timeline of what forms to complete and when, so you don't leave money on the table.
- Learn how to access grants, scholarships, and financial aid opportunities that can make college more affordable.
- Discover how to find and apply for scholarships that match your goals and strengths.

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 PM**

**Virtual**

**MORE INFORMATION AND ZOOM LINK TO COME!**

## **3. YECA News/Action Items**

### **Community Safety Meeting**

Please join us on **November 5th at 8:15 am** for our Community Safety meeting which will be held in the auditorium. It's an opportunity to meet the Building Response Team and bring up any safety concerns you have.

### **Class of 2026: Updates**

The [Senior Letter](#) is being sent out today to all parents/guardians and members of the senior class. Please take time to **read it carefully**, as it includes important dates, expectations, and action items related to senior events, dues, and graduation requirements.

**Senior Class Ring** orders will take place on **Wednesday, November 5th** in the **YECA Auditorium**. Students interested in purchasing a ring should review the flyer and details in the Senior Letter.

We're hosting a **Virtual Financial Aid Night** for senior families on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**. This is an important opportunity to learn about FAFSA, scholarships, and financial planning for college. **Please be on the lookout for the Zoom link**, which will be shared closer to the date. We encourage all families to attend and get informed!

### **National Honor Society**

York Early College Academy is excited to announce the start of the National Honor Society (Grades 10-12) and Junior National Honor Society (Grades 6-9) selection process. Students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character will be invited to apply for membership. Selected students will be honored at an induction ceremony and are expected to continue modeling these qualities throughout the year. For more information, please reference the following documents:

- [YECA Junior National Honor Society Selection Procedure Description](#) OR
- [YECA National Honor Society Selection Procedure Description](#)

### **Testing Calendar**

| Date                                       | Grade   | Exam                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 20th                      | 10      | English Language Arts Regents Exam       |
| Tuesday, March 10th                        | 10      | PSAT                                     |
| Wednesday, March 25th                      | 11      | SAT                                      |
| Wednesday, April 14th                      | 9       | PSAT                                     |
| Thursday, April, 23rd & Friday, April 24th | 6, 7, 8 | NYS ELA<br>(computer based)              |
| Thursday, May 14th & Friday, May 15th      | 6 & 7   | NYS Math<br>(computer based)             |
| Tuesday, June 9th                          | 10      | Chemistry Regents                        |
| Wednesday, June 10th                       | 9       | Algebra II Regents                       |
| Wednesday, June 17th                       | 8<br>10 | Algebra I Regents<br>Global Regents      |
| Thursday, June 18th                        | 8<br>9  | Biology Regents<br>Earth & Space Regents |
| Monday, June 23rd                          | 9<br>10 | US History Regents<br>Geometry Regents   |

### **Virtual On-Demand Tutoring**

Virtual tutoring begins tomorrow, Wednesday October 15! It is available Mondays to Fridays, 4-8 PM. For scholars who struggle with homework, need additional support, or even need someone to help them catch up with work, this is a great opportunity! The PRACTICE team has tutors available who speak multiple languages and can cover the subject material.

Booking a session is simple! Click on this [video link](#) to see how to sign up. To take advantage of the extra support, please sign-up here: <https://form.jotform.com/252785670951165>




### Free On-Demand Tutoring and Homework Help for York Early College Academy!

PRACTICE is thrilled to offer free on-demand tutoring and homework assistance for York Early College Academy students.

**Key Details:**

- When: Monday to Friday, 4-8 pm from 10/14/2025 to 5/15/2026
- Schedule: Sessions can ONLY be scheduled on **the same day of the request**
- Important Note: DOE emails are not compatible for session scheduling

How to Access Our Services: Simply use the link provided below or scan the QR code with your smartphone to complete the scheduling form. Once you've submitted the form, you will receive an email confirmation with the Google meeting link for the session.

<https://form.jotform.com/252785670951165>



**About PRACTICE**

- ★ 35,000 students served
- ★ New York City Based
- ★ Nationally recognized organization
- ★ Over 750 Aspiring teachers trained
- ★ Tutors with real in-school experience




### ¡Tutoría Gratuita a Pedido y Ayuda con las Tareas para York Early College Academy!

PRACTICE se complace en ofrecer tutoría gratuita a pedido y asistencia con las tareas para los estudiantes de York Early College Academy.

**Detalles clave:**

- Cuándo: Lunes a viernes, 4-8 pm, a partir de Octubre 14 del 2025 a Mayo 15 del 2026
- Horario: Las sesiones se pueden programar con hasta 24 horas de anticipación.

**Cómo acceder a nuestros servicios:** simplemente utilice el enlace que se proporciona a continuación o escanee el código QR con su teléfono inteligente para completar el formulario de programación. Una vez que haya enviado el formulario, recibirá una confirmación por correo electrónico con el enlace de la reunión de Google para la sesión. **Nota importante:** Los correos electrónicos del DOE no son compatibles para la programación de sesiones

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- ★ Con sede en la ciudad de Nueva York
- ★ Organización reconocida a nivel nacional
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- ★ Tutores con experiencia real en la escuela

## 4. Opt-In Opportunities

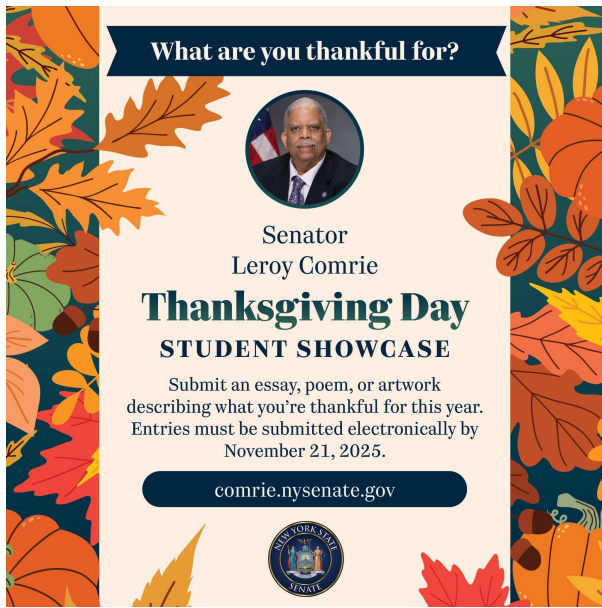
### Workshops for Parents

#### CUNY District Literacy Family Workshops

| <u>Workshop Title</u>               | <u>Date</u>                   | <u>Registration Link</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Understanding Literacy Intervention | Wed, November 19th<br>5:30 PM | Registration Link - TBA  |

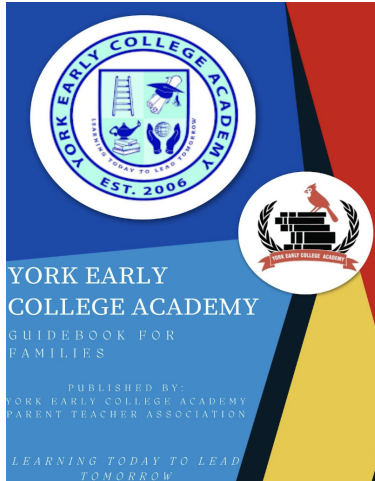
### Opportunities for Students

#### Thanksgiving Day Student Showcase



Please submit your entries by Friday, November 21, 2025, using the following link:  
<https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/what-are-you-thankful>.

## [4. Helpful Links / Resources](#)



### [2025-2026 Guidebook for Families](#)

#### [IXL - Sign In](#)

Your scholar has access to this online program at home! With skills that match what they're learning in their classes and insights into their progress, IXL is a great resource to supplement your scholar's learning experience.

#### [Jupiter Grades Log-in](#)

#### [Jupiter Grades Parent Quick Start Slides](#)

#### [NYC School Bus App](#)

## NYC Schools Account

- [NYC Schools Account \(NYCSA\) set up guide](#)
- If you assistance with your NYCSA, please reach out to our Parent Coordinator Ms. Perry at [lperry5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lperry5@schools.nyc.gov).
- **NYC Schools Account Portal- How to reset your child's password**

You can reset your student password easily by following these instructions:

1. Click on **Settings**.
2. Click on **Student Password**.
3. Select the child whose password you want to update.
4. Enter a new password. Your password must:
  - Contain between 8–32 characters.
  - Contain at least one number (0–9).
  - Contain at least one lowercase letter (a–z).
  - Contain at least one uppercase letter (A–Z).
5. Retype the new password.
6. Click on **Save**.
7. That's it! Your password has been reset.

**NYC Teenspace**, powered by [Talkspace](#), offers NYC teens ages 13–17 virtual therapy with a licensed therapist at no cost. Teens can connect to a licensed therapist for ongoing support and/or access online mental health exercises to complete on their own. Teens can sign up for this program independently by following these [steps](#).

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## PTA Zoom Link

### 2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

[https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?](https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1)

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- September 15
- October 27
- November 17 (In-person)
- December 15
- January 12
- February 9
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15 (In-person)



## Respect for All Handouts

## SORA

Students can access thousands of ebooks and audiobooks, for FREE!

- 1) Download the Sora app from your app store, or go to <https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/discover-sora/nyc/>
- 2) Enter setup code **NYCSCHOOLS**
- 3) Tap "Sign in using New York City Department of Education" button
- 4) Sign-in using your Student Account ID & password.

### **Staff Directory**

Please see our staff directory with email addresses. While we encourage you to reach out to staff members, we ask that you allow staff up to 3 school days to respond to emails. If it is an emergency situation or you have made several attempts to reach a staff member and they have not responded, please email or call our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Perry.

### **Uniform Company- Flynn O'hara**

All scholars from Grades 6 - 10 are required to wear the appropriate YECA attire, as outlined below and can be found in York Early College Academy's program handbook. Our uniform policy is as follows:

- **Your choice of shirts:**
  - Blue Uniform Polo **or**
  - Gray T-Shirt **and/or**
  - Sweater with school logo **and/or**
  - Fleece with school logo
- **Your choice of bottoms.**
  - Bottoms can be bought from any store, and must be *appropriate for the educational setting*. We recommend jeans, skirts no shorter than your knees, loose fitting pants, and minimal to no rips.
- **Gym** - Gray YECA P.E Shirt and pants appropriate for physical education such as sweatpants or mesh shorts.

### **YECA App**

The YECA App is a great way to view all of YECA's updates and access important links right at your fingertips! It can be downloaded onto iPhones and Androids. Please utilize this wonderful resource! *Have you downloaded the YECA App yet? If you haven't, scan this QR code!*



# OUR SCHOOL HAS AN APP!

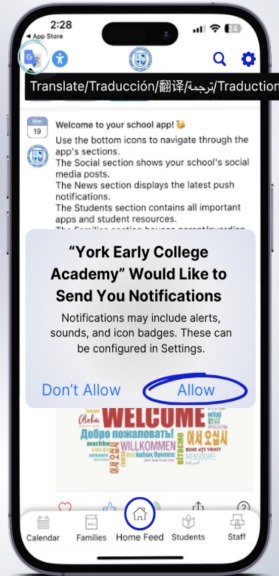
Make sure to turn on notifications to keep up-to-date with all latest news from York Early College Academy



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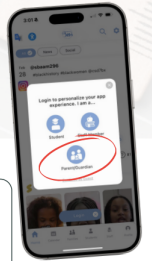
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## School App Guide For Parents

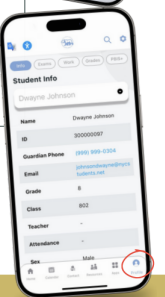
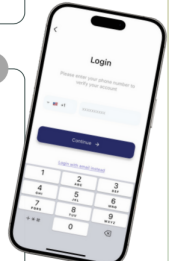
### 1 Login

- When prompted, **select Parent/Guardian** to personalize your experience.
- Enter your **phone number** to log in.



### 2 View Your Child's Info and School Updates

- Home** - The latest news, updates, and social media posts from your school
- Calendar** - School events, important deadlines, and days off
- Contact** - School phone, address, staff directory
- Resources** - Important school info, policies, and forms
- Apps** - One-tap access to the tools your child's school uses
- Profile** - Your child's info, test scores, scanned assignments, marking period grades, and PBIS rewards.



Check the app regularly to stay involved in your child's academic journey.

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