

Good morning YECA Families!

As an early college school, consistent attendance and participation in class is vital for academic success. Please support your children by:

- Establishing a daily routine with consistent times for waking up, eating, recreation, homework, and bedtime.
- Setting a clear expectation that attendance is priority. (*Please avoid taking trips when school is in session.*)
- Identifying and talking about any potential obstacles to attendance and working together to find solutions.



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Let's work in collaboration to keep our scholars "in the green" for attendance! If your family requires support with attendance, please reach out to your child's school counselor so we can support you!

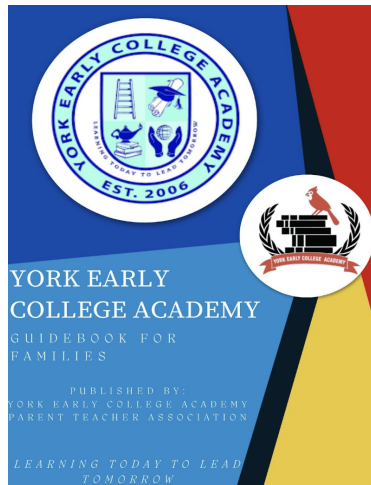
Warm regards,

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/1a09MNLe8uiHKKcV281beVaIyeWjCIYrP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOf97UewYojjh-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
Wednesday, October 1	York College	York College Closed for Yom Kippur (No schedule change: All 11th & 12th Graders report to the YECA Building for Physical Education.)
Thursday, October 2	ALL	YECA and York College Closed for Yom Kippur
Monday, October 6	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill
	8th Grade	HS Application Night (Remote, 6:30 pm)
Tuesday, October 7	York College	Midterm Assessments Begins
Wednesday, October 8	10th Grade	Bowling Trip
	11th Grade	PSAT Administration
Thursday, October 9	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill
Monday, October 13	ALL	YECA and York College Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, October 14	York College	Follows a Monday Schedule
Wednesday, October 15	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
Thursday, October 16	YECA Building	Open House #2 for Prospective Students (Remote, 6:30 pm)
Monday, October 20	ALL	YECA and York College Closed for Diwali
Wednesday, October 22	YECA Building	Soft Lock Down Drill (9:00 am)
	YECA Building	PAC's New Student Ice Cream Social (Period 5, Room 331)
Friday, October 24	Grades 6 & 7	Fall Festival (Gym, Periods 5-8)
	York College	Follows a Monday Schedule

Monday, October 26	SLT Members	SLT Meeting (Remote, 5:00 pm)
	ALL	PTA Meeting (Remote, 6:30 pm)
Wednesday, October 29	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)

6th 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 & 8th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony Fri, June 26 (10:00)

CA HS
JUNIOR

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 1

Jarvis Dieujuste, Hunter

**YORK COLLEGE CAMPUS
12 NOON**

Email 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!

3. YECA News/Action Items

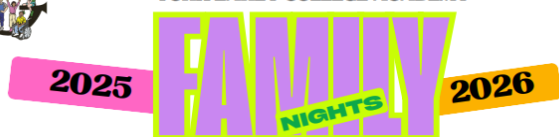
Community Safety Meeting

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.

GRYC Family Events



THE GREATER RIDGEWOOD YOUTH COUNCIL, INC.
YORK EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY



OCT 16	Game Night
NOV 20	Multicultural Night
DEC 12	Winter Showcase
FEB 26	Karoke Night
MAR 19	Bingo Night
APR 30	Ice Cream Social
MAY 20	Family Brunch & Awards Night

PROGRAM DIRECTOR DR. NUSIRAT WAHEED-AMEEN (DR. TOSIN OR DR. T)

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Mandatory Forms (reminder)

All mandatory forms must be submitted via Operoo no later than **October 1st**. [Operoo](#), is a platform for managing all of our online forms. This system will simplify the process of completing and submitting necessary documents for the school year. Once you log in, you will be able to access, fill out, and submit a the following forms:

- ❖ Emergency Contact Information
- ❖ Lunch Form Link
- ❖ Medical Forms (to download)
- ❖ Media Consent Form

Please note that students will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities or school events/trips without their mandatory forms on file. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Ms. Mendizabal lmendizabal@schools.nyc.gov.

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 (computer based)
Thursday, May 14th & Friday, May 15th	6 & 7	NYS Math (computer based)
Tuesday, June 9th	10	Chemistry Regents
Wednesday, June 10th	9	Algebra II Regents
Wednesday, June 17th	8 10	Algebra I Regents Global Regents
Thursday, June 18th	8 9	Biology Regents Earth & Space Regents
Monday, June 23rd	9 10	US History Regents 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

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



Sobre PRACTICE

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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 5:30 PM	Registration Link - TBA

VIRTUAL FAMILY LITERACY WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN YOUTH:

Unpacking the Puzzle,
Understanding Youth Mental Health



Begin the journey with a foundational look into what mental health means for children and adolescents. Learn to recognize early warning signs, bust common myths, and understand how developmental stages impact emotional well-being.

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 21,
— 2 0 2 5 —**

6:00PM–7:00PM

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)




Register: <https://www.dignityofchildren.com/events/family-parents-virtual-workshops>

Opportunities for Students

Thanksgiving Day Student Showcase

What are you thankful for?



Senator
Leroy Comrie

Thanksgiving Day STUDENT SHOWCASE

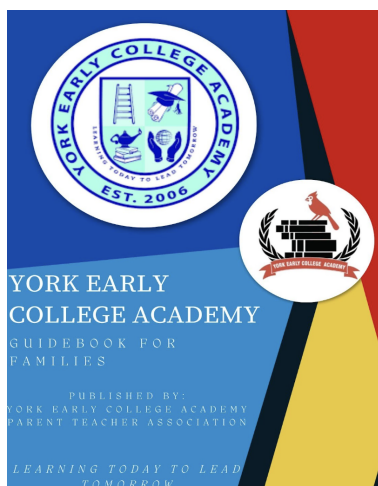
Submit an essay, poem, or artwork
describing what you're thankful for this year.
Entries must be submitted electronically by
November 21, 2025.

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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.
- **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](#).

[Operoo](#)

[PTA Zoom Link](#)

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

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

- 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

QR Code

ANDROID APP ON Google play | Download on the App Store

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York Early College Academy

Smartphone screen showing: Translate/Traducción/ترجمة/Traduction, Welcome to your school app!, Use the bottom icons to navigate through the app's sections, "York Early College Academy" Would Like to Send You Notifications, Don't Allow / Allow, and a bottom navigation bar with Calendar, Families, Home Feed, Students, and Staff.

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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