

Good morning YECA Families!

Last week, we kicked off our college trips with our 11th graders visiting Yale University and our 12th graders visiting Princeton University. They had the opportunity to learn about the programs offered, tour the beautiful campuses, and visit the dorms. These experiences are a valuable part of helping our students envision their futures and make informed decisions about their next steps after high school. YECA is early college proud!



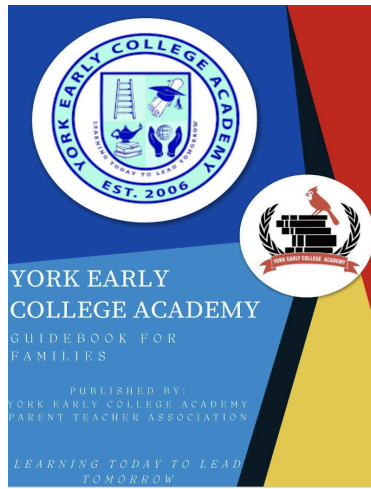
Warm regards,

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

***** 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
Monday, September 29	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill
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)
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)
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)

3. YECA News/Action Items

8th Grade Courses (reminder)

At YECA, 8th graders are considered "high schoolers" because of their accelerated coursework! All 8th grade families, please carefully read the letter below. The letter contains a link to a survey to confirm that you have read the letter. Please reach out to our 8th grade School Counselor, Ms. Richard at crichard4@schools.nyc.gov with any questions.

- [Link to Letter about 8th Grade Accelerated Classes](#)

8th Grade High School Application Night

We invite you to join us via Zoom on **Monday, October 6th from 6:30-7:30** as York Early College Academy's Student Services Department presents on the topic of high school admissions to our 8th grade families. Please take this opportunity to learn important information/dates that will support our 8th grade students with completing their high school applications and registering for the specialized high school exams. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Richard (school counselor): crichard4@schools.nyc.gov or Ms. Perry (parent coordinator): LPerry5@schools.nyc.gov

- **Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95269813429?pwd=38rBk3m0V9QAfUMAUHhAdqe7ZjH3H.1>

Meeting ID: 952 6981 3429 **Passcode:** 791177

11th Grade SAT Prep

As in years prior, YECA is providing 11th grade students with an opportunity to receive SAT Prep facilitated by [Real Dreams Prep](#). If you are interested in participating in this experience, please complete the [SAT Test Prep](#) form as soon as possible as there are only 30 spots available.

Level Up Reading & Math (Grades 6-10) (reminder)

Our goal is to support all scholars in reaching their maximum potential, ensure that they meet the New York State Learning Standards and prepare for early college. In order to do so, we provide Reading and Math Interventions. Based on your child's beginning of year reading & math assessments, state exam scores and/or teacher recommendations, your child may be eligible for and will be offered Level Up! Please look for an email invitation this week. Please feel free to contact your scholar's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Lunch Clubs (reminder)

Please review the lunch club offerings with your scholar. If they are interested, please have them report to the room(s) listed during Period 5 lunch!

2025-2026 YECA LUNCH CLUBS

Mondays

Choir (Ms. Monestine 301)

Penmanship (Ms. Perry 118)

Tuesdays

Creative Writing (Ms. Solaiman 412)

Debate Club (Ms. Rodriguez 422)

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)

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)

SEL Through Doodling (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)**

Lost Your Student ID? (reminder)

If you've lost your student ID card, please fill out <https://forms.gle/aiULTdsVCPgHKt5e8>. Please note: this form is only for reprinting your ID using the photo we already have on file. We are not retaking ID photos at this time. Thank you!

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.

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.

Technology Requests (reminder)

If your child is in need of a laptop, please reach out to Dean Gross at mgross4@schools.nyc.gov.

Testing Calendar

Date	Grade	Exam
Wednesday, October 8th	11	PSAT
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

Uniform Expectations (reminder)

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.

Uniform shirts can be purchased at <https://flynnohara.com/>.

Welcome Back Night

Thank you for attending welcome back night last Thursday, September 25! If you did not attend, please reach out to your scholar's advisor to get the important information shared that evening! At YECA, the expectation is that all families attend Student Led Conferences. Save the date! The Beginning of Year Student Led Conference is on **Thursday, November 20**. Advisors will be making outreach to schedule your appointment.

	Welcome Back Night 2025
6	43 families (49%)
7	19 families (23%)
8	11 families (13%)
9	27 families (32%)
10	35 families (45%)
TOTAL	135 families (32%)

4. Opt-In Opportunities

Workshops for Parents

CUNY District Literacy Family Workshops

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Link</u>
Intro to Literacy Assessments (repeat session)	Monday, September 29th 5:30 PM	Registration Link

Understanding Your Child's Assessment Report	Wed, October 8th 5:30 PM	Registration Link
Understanding Literacy Intervention	Wed, November 19th 5:30 PM	Registration Link - TBA

A Gut Feeling: Investigating Nutrition and Mental Health by Dr. Theresa DeLorenzo



School Mental Health Resource Training Center
A project of the Mental Health Association in New York State

UPCOMING WEBINAR

A Gut Feeling:
Investigating Nutrition
and Mental Health

October 15 7:00 - 8:00 PM

 [Register Now](#)

Join Dr. Theresa DeLorenzo, RD for a timely webinar on the link between nutrition and mental health. This presentation will go over how gut health impacts our mental health. We will delve into lifestyle and dietary strategies that can be employed to improve the gut brain connection and mental health. We will also discuss body image and its connection with gut health and mental health and how to navigate triggers and have productive conversations. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

Opportunities for Students

JFK Redevelopment Aviation & Aeronautics Academy at York College

A **FREE** STEM program for Queens students (K-12) to explore aviation, drones, robotics, & more through hands-on learning!

Program Dates: Nov 1 - Nov 22, 2025 (4 Saturdays)

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: York College

Cost: Completely Free!

Spots: 350 available

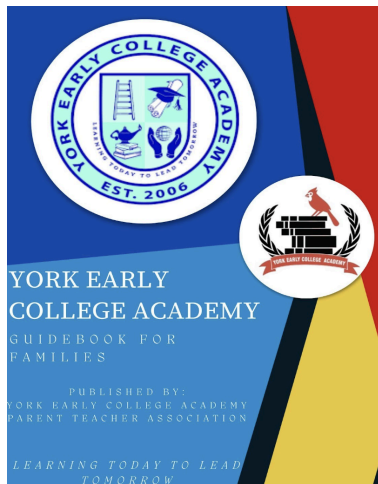
The deadline to apply is **Oct 8, 2025** (or when full). Priority given to students who can attend all 4 sessions. Registration is open! **Apply here!** <https://www.york.cuny.edu/aviation-and-aeronautics-academy>
Questions? Email jfkrstemacademy@york.cuny.edu

Legal Explorers Program

District Attorney Melinda Katz is excited to host the Legal Explorers Program for the 2025-2026 school year and would like to extend the invitation to students from your school. The Legal Explorers program aims to educate high school students throughout Queens about the legal system and expose them to various careers

within law and law enforcement. More importantly, through this program, participants will have the opportunity to enhance their workforce readiness skills. We will be hosting our first meeting of the fall cycle on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 4:30 pm**. The program will then continue to meet biweekly on **Tuesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm** until **Tuesday, January 20, 2026**. This year, the program will feature speakers such as Court Officers, Forensic Scientists, Assistant District Attorneys, Paralegals, and other legal professionals in their respective fields. Students who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to RSVP via email at YouthEmpowerment@queensda.org or by registering through the following link: bit.ly/nyexploring.

[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 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=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1)

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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](#)

[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!

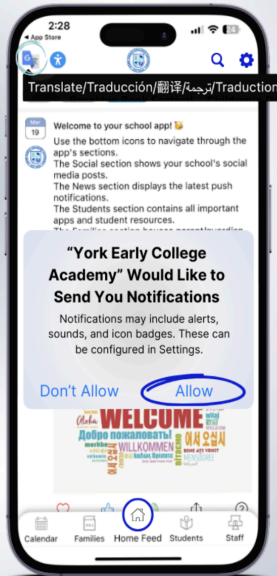
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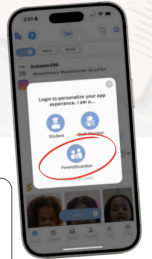
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School App Guide For Parents

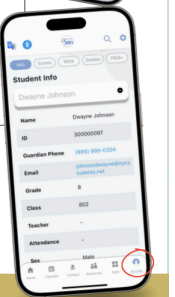
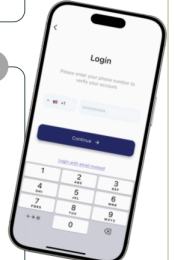
1 Login

- 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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