Good morning YECA Families!

We hope everyone had a smooth transition back to school! It was wonderful to see so many of our scholars in their YECA polos and shirts! As a reminder, uniform shirts can be purchased at https://flynnohara.com/. Please reference our YECA Family Guidebook for more information.

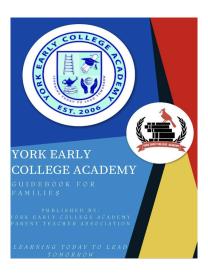
Warm regards,

Principal Krempa

Please review this email for the following:

- 1. YECA Family Guidebook
- 2. September Calendar, Save the Dates
- 3. YECA News / Action Items
- 4. 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)

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★ Link to Family Guidebook Survey (NEED TO COMPLETE)

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

2. September Calendar, Save the Dates



WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR?

Date	Grades	Save the Date	
Wednesday, September 10	Grade 12	Senior Meeting w/ Ms. Greer (Auditorium Period 4)	
Friday, September 12	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill (9:30 am)	
Monday, September 15	SLT Members	School Leadership Team (Remote 5:00-6:00)	
	ALL	PTA Meeting (Remote 6:30-8:00) https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDt UNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1 PTA Meeting PT	

Wednesday, September 17	PAC Members	PAC Meeting (Room 401, Period 5)	
Thursday, September 18	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill (9:15 am)	
Friday, September 20	ALL	YECA Family Guidebook <u>Survey</u> Due	
Monday, September 22	Grade 11	Yale College Tour (York College Closed)	
	Grade 12	Princeton College Tour (York College Closed)	
Tuesday, September 23 & Wednesday, September 24	YECA Building and College Campus	YECA and York College Closed (Rosh Hashanah)	
Thursday, September 25	Grades 6-10	SAVE THE DATE! Welcome Back Night (Remote, 5-8 pm) Please be on the lookout for an appointment with your child's SLC advisor. WELCOME BACK NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 YECA TEACHERS WILL GO OVER WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR! FAMILIES CHOOSE WHICH SESSION TO ATTEND: SESSION 1 5:00-5:50 PM SESSION 2 6:00-6:50 PM SESSION 3 7:00-7:50 PM THE EVENT IS REMOTE. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR INBOX! YOUR CHILD'S ADVISOR WILL BE EMAILING THE LINK.	
Friday, September 26	YECA Building	Soft Lockdown Drill (8:30 am)	
Saturday, September 27	Grades 11-12	14th Annual NY Black College EXPO (10am- 3pm)	
Monday, September 29	YECA Building	Evacuation Drill (9:45 am)	

3. YECA Campus News (Grades 6-10)

At YECA, 8th graders are considered "high schoolers" because of their accelerated course work! All 8th grade families, please carefully read the letter below:

★ Link to Letter about 8th Grade Accelerated Classes

<u>Dads Take Your Child to School Day (Mayor Adams' Initiative)</u>



College Program (reminder)

York College is closed on Monday, September 22. Students in Grades 11-12 will report to YECA to go on a College tour to Yale and Princeton. Please complete the trip permission slip on Operoo.

Department of Education's Safety Protocol (reminder)

Please read the letter below about General Response Protocols:

★ Link to Letter about General Response Protocols

Electronics Policy (reminder)

Thank you for your partnership in following YECA's electronics policy! Please review the document below to familiarize yourself with the new policy.

- ★ YECA Letter to Families: Electronics Policy 25-26
- ★ YECA's Electronics Policy 2025-2026

Fall College Orientation

Thank you to those who attended the fall college orientation held on August 21. If you missed the orientation or would like to reference the information, please see the slides here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1heI0C1Svzsn8XQs0AJVaqTe5GGmd4Uzv/view?usp=sharing

Level Up Reading & Math

Our goal is to support all scholars in reaching their maximum potential, ensure that they meet the New York State Learning Standards and prepared 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 informational email next week. Please feel free to contact your scholar's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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 limendizabal@schools.nyc.gov.

NYCDOE Email

Please remind your scholar to check their NYCDOE emails daily. As early college scholars, this is an essential routine to foster. Thank you for your partnership!

NYC Schools Account Portal

NYCSA Parent Portal



The NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) Portal will allow you to:

- See your child's grades, test scores, update emergency contact information and more in My Student
- · Take classes in Parent University
- Report bullying
- · Access forms for your child
- · Reset your child's DOE account password
- Access SupportHub

All with one login!

Please ensure that you have access to your NYC Schools Account. You will need it to access your scholar's report cards. You can also reset your scholar's email password on NYCSA. (See instructions below) For a guide on the the NYCSA please refer to this manual from the DOE 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.

Parent Resources (reminder)

• CUNY District Literacy Family Workshops:

Workshop Title	<u>Date</u>	Registration Link
Intro to Literacy Assessments (repeat session)	Monday, September 29th 5:30 PM	Registration Link
<u>Understanding Your Child's Assessment</u> <u>Report</u>	<u>Wed, October 8th</u> <u>5:30 PM</u>	Registration Link

- Mental Health Resources: Marble Health Schedule and registration linked here.
 - These weekly, virtual workshops are designed to provide parents with guidance and tools as they navigate common challenges with their children
 - Workshops are led in English, but closed captioning is provided in additional languages

PBIS (Grades 6 & 7)





Important Information!

Please download the parent app for you and the student app for your scholar!



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What is PBIS?

We're excited to share that our school is using the PBIS

(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program!

PBIS helps create a positive school environment by encouraging and rewarding students for showing good behavior through a point system based on our PBIS expectations.

How does it work?

Your child can earn points for positive actions, and you can stay connected by tracking their progress in real time! Just scan the QR code your child received and download the app to see their points and what behaviors they 're being recognized for. Your child will then be able to use their points to "buy" snacks and prizes from the PBIS store!

Partnering for Student Success

We believe that by working together, we can create a positive and supportive environment that encourages our children to thrive both academically and socially. Your involvement is key to the success of PBIS, and we are thrilled to partner with you in this exciting journey!

PTA Meetings https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?
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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)



Student Resources (reminder)

• <u>Black College EXPO Free Ticket</u> Don't miss this free opportunity at LIU Brooklyn, home of Jay-Z's Roc Nation School! High school Juniors and Seniors can meet HBCUs and other colleges, get accepted and earn scholarships on the spot (please bring transcripts & test scores). Enjoy waived application fees, internship opportunities, prizes, and a Dance-Off hosted by celebrity guests. Please note: This is not a supervised school trip, so please attend with your family. Must secure your free ticket eventbrite



• September 2025 Food Court Menu With Halal Option (H).pdf

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:

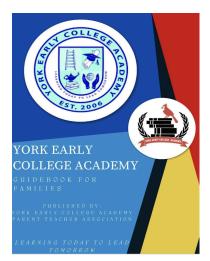
- o Blue Uniform Polo or
- Gray T-Shirt and/or
- Sweater with school logo and/or
- Fleece with school logo

> 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/.

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.

<u>Jupiter Grades Log-in</u>

Jupiter Grades Parent Quick Start Slides

NYC School Bus App

NYC Schools Account

NYC Teenspace, powered by <u>Talkspace</u>, 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 <u>steps</u>.

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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!

