

Good morning YECA Families!

I want to extend a warm welcome back as we begin another exciting school year at York Early College Academy! I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a restful, joyful summer!

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 [THIS SURVEY](#). Please know that students will not be able to participate in school events until the guidebook has been reviewed and the survey submitted. *Additionally, the **first 50 families** to complete the survey will receive a **YECA uniform shirt**!*

Additionally, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest member of our administrative team, ***Interim Acting Assistant Principal Ms. Reece***. She brings a wealth of experience in education, with expertise in math, data, special education, restorative practices, and post-secondary readiness. If you haven't met Ms. Reece yet, you will have an opportunity to meet her at our first ***PTA meeting on September 15th from 6:30-8:00***.

As we embark on this new year together, I'm excited to partner with you in creating a space where academic success, personal growth, and meaningful experiences can thrive.

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community!



Warm regards,

Principal Krempa

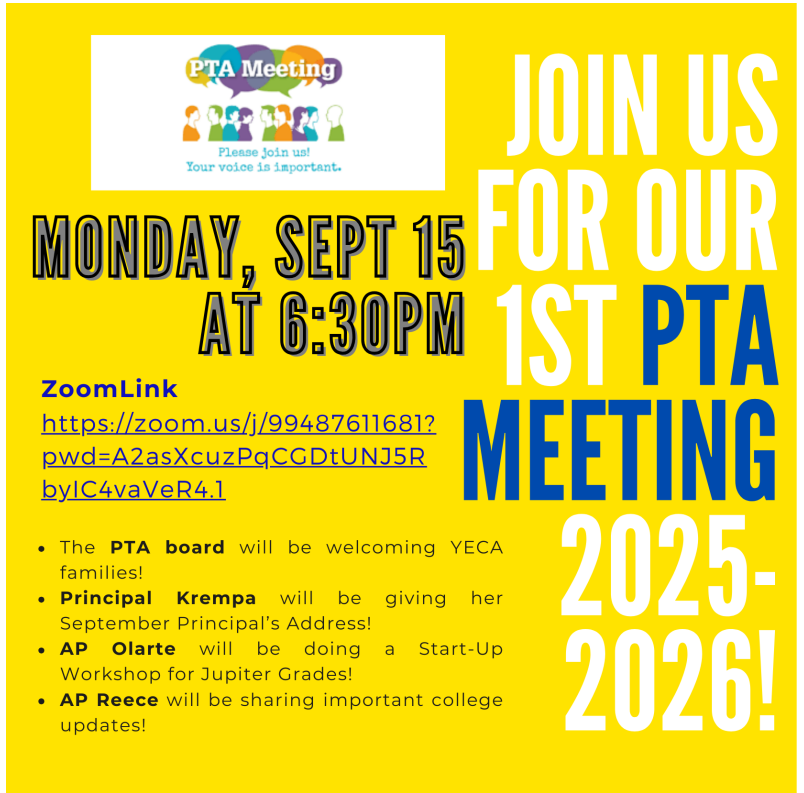
Please review this email for the following:

1. September Calendar, Save the Dates
2. YECA News / Action Items
3. Helpful Links / Resources

1. 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=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1  JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST PTA MEETING 2025-2026! MONDAY, SEPT 15 AT 6:30PM ZoomLink https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1 • The PTA board will be welcoming YECA families! • Principal Krempa will be giving her September Principal's Address! • AP Olarte will be doing a Start-Up Workshop for Jupiter Grades! • AP Reece will be sharing important college updates!
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 Survey 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) <i>Please be on the lookout for an appointment with your child's SLC advisor.</i>



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)

2. YECA Campus News (Grades 6-10)

8th Grade Courses

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](#)

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

Please read the letter below about General Response Protocols:

★ [Link to Letter about General Response Protocols](#)

Electronics Policy

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](#)

Lost Your Student ID?

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

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.

New Student Survey

Are you new to YECA this school year? Don't forget to do your 1st YECA Assignment! To help us best support all of our scholars, we ask that all of our **new to YECA** scholars fill out the survey below:

- ★ [Link to New Student Survey](#)

Parent Resources

- CUNY District Literacy Family Workshops:

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Link</u>
<u><i>Intro to Literacy Assessments</i></u>	<u><i>Wed, September 10th</i></u> <u><i>5:30 PM</i></u>	<u><i>Registration Link</i></u>
<u><i>Intro to Literacy Assessments (repeat session)</i></u>	<u><i>Monday, September 29th</i></u> <u><i>5:30 PM</i></u>	<u><i>Registration Link</i></u>
<u><i>Understanding Your Child's Assessment Report</i></u>	<u><i>Wed, October 8th</i></u> <u><i>5:30 PM</i></u>	<u><i>Registration Link</i></u>
<u><i>Understanding Literacy Intervention</i></u>	<u><i>Wed, November 19th</i></u> <u><i>5:30 PM</i></u>	<u><i>Registration Link - TBA</i></u>

- 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

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

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

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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

- [**Black College EXPO Free Link**](#) 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.



- [September 2025 Food Court Menu With Halal Option \(H\).pdf](#)

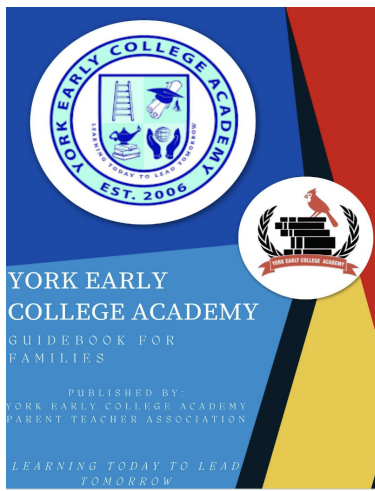
Uniform Expectations

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/>.

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 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](#)

[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!

