

Good morning YECA Families!

It's December, and we're nearly halfway through the school year! The days are getting shorter and colder, but nearly **95% of our scholars are attending school consistently**—and your partnership is a huge part of that success!

You can continue supporting at home by establishing strong routines and encouraging your child to come to school motivated and ready to learn each day. Every day in class is a chance for students to grow, build confidence, and connect with their teachers and peers. Even a few absences can make it harder for them to stay on track, feel connected, and reach their full potential!

Thank you for your continued support, commitment, and dedication to your child's success!

Year-to-Date Attendance

Grade	Average Attendance
6	95.3%
7	93.7%
8	94.3%
9	95.5%
10	93.9%
11	96%
12	94.6%
All	94.8%

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](#)

Make sure your family completes the family guidebook acknowledgement survey!
 (It is required for your scholar to participate in field trips and school events!)


Did your family complete the YECA Family Guidebook survey yet? If not, click the link below!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSO97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss-gl.77yrCgwHn3DGoltw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=116530319803870859313>

2. Calendar, Save the Dates

WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE DECEMBER CALENDAR?



DATE	GRADES	SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, December 2	By application only. (Deadline has passed and program has begun.	🚌 Trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
	PSAL	🏀 Boys Basketball Home Game 4:30pm
Wednesday, December 3	Grades 6-11	📷😊✨ SMILE! PTA Picture Day
	9d & half of 9e	🚌 Trip to Queens College
Friday, December 5	718 & half of 720	🚌 Trip to LaGuardia College
Monday, December 8	ALL	🇺🇸🎉🎊 Day 1 of 12 Days of Spirit: Crazy Socks
Tuesday, December 9	ALL	🎀🎄 Day 2 of 12 Days of Spirit: Holiday Hair Don't Care
Wednesday, December 10	ALL	🧙❄️ Day 3 of 12 Days of Spirit: Character Winter Wonderland
Thursday, December 11	ALL	🧸💤 Day 4 of 12 Days of Spirit: Polar PJ Day
Friday, December 12	ALL	🧣❄️ Day 5 of 12 Days of Spirit: Frosty Flannel Friday
Monday, December 15	ALL	❤️🍬 Day 6 of 12 Days of Spirit: Candy Cane Day

	York College	 → Last Day of Classes
Tuesday, December 16 <i>(York College Final Exam Week)</i>	ALL	💚😞 Day 7 of 12 Days of Spirit: Grinch Green Day
	PSAL	🏀🕒 Boys Basketball Home Game 4:30pm Boys Basketball Home Game 4:30pm
Wednesday, December 17 <i>(York College Final Exam Week)</i>	ALL	🌍❄️ Day 8 of 12 Days of Spirit: Winter Around the World
	ALL	☀️🧊 Winter Show!
Thursday, December 18 <i>(York College Final Exam Week)</i>	ALL	🎉🌟 Day 9 of 12 Days of Spirit: Festive Flare Day
Friday, December 19 <i>(York College Final Exam Week)</i>	ALL	🍪🏠 Day 10 of 12 Days of Spirit: Gingerbread Day
	York College 11th Grade	🍕🧩🎧 TGIF: Pizza, Puzzle and Playlist
Monday, December 22	ALL	🌟🏰 Day 11 of 12 Days of Spirit: Disney Day
	Grades 11&12	❄️🛷 Trip to World of Ice
Tuesday, December 23	ALL	❄️🧣 Day 12 of 12 Days of Spirit: Snowed-In Sweater Day
Wednesday, December 24- Sunday January 4	ALL	🚫⚠️ YECA and York College CLOSED (Winter Recess)



YORK EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY'S
12 DAYS OF SPIRIT
DECEMBER 8 - 23

Monday, December 8th
Crazy Socks
Show off your most festive or crazy socks.

Tuesday, December 9th
Holiday Hair, Don't Care
From Santa hats to reindeer antlers or fuzzy earmuffs, students can wear holiday-themed or winter hats.

Wednesday, December 10th
Character Winter Wonderland
Dress up as a character from a favorite holiday movie or winter classic, like the Grinch, Frosty the Snowman, or an elf.

Thursday, December 11th
Polar Pajama Day
Wear pajamas for a cozy day at school.

Friday, December 12th
Frosty Flannel Friday
Everyone wears their coziest flannel shirts and scarves, channeling a comfy winter cabin vibe.

Monday, December 15th
Candy Cane Day
Come dressed in red and white stripes or other candy-cane-inspired colors.

Tuesday, December 16th
Grinch Green Day
Everyone dresses in all-green!

Wednesday, December 17th
Winter Around the World
Culture Day! Our favorite day, but in the winter!

Thursday, December 18th
Festive Flare Day
Add any holiday-themed accessories, such as tinsel, lights, or jingle bells, to your everyday outfit.

Friday, December 19th
Gingerbread Day
Dress as a gingerbread person or wear brown, white, and candy-colored accessories.

Monday, December 22nd
Disney Day
Dress as your favorite Disney character!

Tuesday, December 23rd
Snowed-In Sweater Day
Wear the ugliest or most outrageous holiday sweater you can find.

3. YECA News/Action Items

6th Graders Explore York College!

Last week, our 6th graders had an exciting opportunity to visit York College for a guided campus tour. Students explored the Nursing, Aviation, and Music departments, getting a firsthand look at real college classrooms, laboratories, and creative learning spaces.

A special highlight of the trip was when some of our 11th graders, who currently take classes on the York College campus, stopped by to speak with our 6th graders. They shared their experiences, answered questions, and helped our scholars envision what their own future academic pathways could look like.

To wrap up the visit, our students enjoyed a few minutes of play in the campus gym, where they interacted with college students and experienced a taste of campus life. Our scholars were engaged, curious, and enthusiastic throughout the entire trip!



College Campus 11th and 12th Grade: Updates

TGIF: A Day for Juniors – Friday, December 19 Physical Education Building: Juniors, get ready for games, music, pizza, and fun with friends, teachers & staff! Let's celebrate and connect—don't miss it. [Be sure to fill out the survey](#) if you plan on attending and would like pizza.



PTA Fundraiser: Meadow Farms

YECA's PTA is running a fundraiser, and we need your help! We're working with Meadow Farms Fundraising, with products purchased from them directly supporting our fundraising efforts.

<https://vimeo.com/1001316057>

Get started by registering here - <https://portal.meadowfarms.com/?page=authSignup&groupid=1001896>

Free shipping code on 11/29/25 Small Business Saturday only: YORK



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 16th & Friday, April 17th	6, 7, 8	NYS ELA (computer based)
Monday, May 4th & Tuesday, May 5th	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](#)

Take advantage of virtual on-demand tutoring/homework help! Tutoring is available **Monday through Friday, from 4:00–8:00 PM**. Tutors are available in multiple languages and can support all subject areas and grade levels.

To book a session, complete the sign-up form here:

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

After submitting your request, a tutor will contact you with a link to join your virtual session. You can also watch this short [video tutorial](#) to see how to sign up.



¡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

- ★ 35,000 estudiantes atendidos
- ★ Con sede en la ciudad de Nueva York
- ★ Organización reconocida a nivel nacional
- ★ Más de 750 aspirantes a docentes capacitados
- ★ Tutores con experiencia real en la escuela

4. Opt-In Opportunities

Opportunities for Students

FREE

CODING BOOTCAMP

(AGES 14-24)

BECOME A WEB DEVELOPER

- Build your own websites
- Create projects using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, API, or Deployment

8 WEEKS COURSE DEC 1, 2025 - FEB 4, 2026

SCHEDULE MON, WED, THU | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

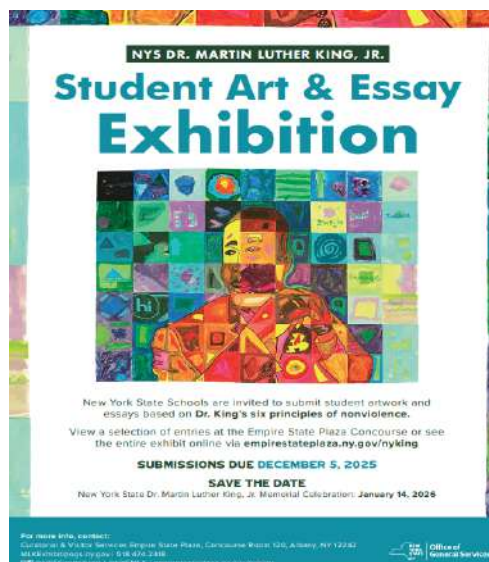
CONTACT NOW
info@projectnewyorker.org
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82-17 Parsons Blvd,
Jamaica, NY 11432

SCAN TO REGISTER









Anyone interested in participating in the *Student Art & Essay Exhibition* should reach out to Mr. Gross at mgross4@schools.nyc.gov for more details.

[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](#).

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[PTA Zoom Link](#)

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

[https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?](https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1)
[pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1](#)

- **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!



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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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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