

Good morning YECA Families!

As we leave for the holidays, I want to thank you for your continued partnership! Your encouragement at home and collaboration with our staff help our scholars grow as learners, leaders, and advocates for themselves and others!

As we look forward to the year ahead, we wish you and your families a restful, joyful holiday season! We look forward to welcoming our YECA scholars back in the new year refreshed and ready to continue their journey.

Warm regards,

Principal Krempa

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

Monday, December 8th	Tuesday, December 16th
Crazy Socks Show off your most festive or crazy socks.	Grinch Green Day Everyone dresses in all-green!
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 17th Winter Around the World Culture Day! Our favorite day, but in the winter!
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 18th Festive Flare Day Add any holiday-themed accessories, such as tinsel, lights, or jingle bells, to your everyday outfit.
Thursday, December 11th Polar Pajama Day Wear pajamas for a cozy day at school.	Friday, December 19th Gingerbread Day Dress as a gingerbread person or wear brown, white, and candy-colored accessories.
Friday, December 12th Frosty Flannel Friday Everyone wears their coziest flannel shirts and scarves, channeling a comfy winter cabin vibe.	Monday, December 22nd Disney Day Dress as your favorite Disney character!
Monday, December 15th Candy Cane Day Come dressed in red and white stripes or other candy-cane-inspired colors.	Tuesday, December 23rd Snowed-In Sweater Day Wear the ugliest or most outrageous holiday sweater you can find.

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)
Black History Month Showcase: Wed, February 25
Career Day: Wed, March 18
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
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)

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

Did your family complete the YECA Family Guidebook survey yet?

If not, click the link below!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOj97UewYojjh-j-c9rbWKB9Ss_gL77yrCgwHn3DGoJtw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=116530319803870859313














2. December Calendar, Save the Dates

December Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Save the Date</i>
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
	11th and 12th Graders	Report to the YECA building for the school day 🎵🥁🎆 Pep Rally
Wednesday, December 24- Sunday January 4	ALL	🚫⚠️ YECA and York College CLOSED (Winter Recess)

Looking forward: January Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Save the Date</i>
Friday, Jan 2	York College 12th Grade	❄️📖 First Day of Winter Session
Monday, January 5	York College 11th Grade	🔧❤️ WLWD Report to York by 830am 1st Day
Monday, Jan 12	ALL	👥🏠 SLT Meeting (5:00-6:00 pm) 📢👥 PTA Meeting (6:30-8:00 pm) https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1 Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681 Passcode: 178812
Wednesday, Jan 14	ALL	🎓🎤 Alumni College Panel
Thursday, Jan 15	11th Grade	🚗🎵 Trip to Xanadu Roller Skating
Friday, Jan 16	YECA Building	📝🏁 End of Marking Period 2
	8d	🏠🚌🎓 College Trip to Adelphi
Monday, Jan 19	ALL	🚫🏠⚠️ Martin Luther King Jr. Day (YECA and York College Closed) 🚫🏠⚠️
Tuesday, Jan 20 Regents Week	YECA Building	📺🎬 Beginning of Marking Period 3

No classes for Grades 9 & 10	7th Grade	 Trip to Bowl360
	10th Grade	 ELA Regents Exam
	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Biology & Chemistry
Wednesday, Jan 21 Regents Week No classes for Grades 9 & 10	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: US History, Geometry & Algebra
Thursday, Jan 22 Regents Week No classes for Grades 9 & 10	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Global History & Algebra II
Friday, Jan 23 Regents Week No classes for Grades 9 & 10	YECA Building	 Report Cards Available to Families on NYCSA
	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Global History & Algebra II
Monday, Jan 26	YECA Building	 No Students (Teacher PD Day)
	York College 11th & 12th Graders	 First Day of Spring Semester
Tuesday, Jan 27	YECA Building	 Bulletin Board #3 Due
Wednesday, Jan 28	YECA Buildings	 Art Gallery (Room 331)
	8D	 Trip to Adelphi University
Friday, Jan 30	8F	 Trip to Adelphi University

3. YECA News/Action Items

Midterm Exams

When we return from Winter Break, it's time for Middle of Year Assessments!

- ★ All scholars will take the Middle of Year Reading & Math Assessments. This measures your child's grade levels in Reading and Math.
- ★ If your scholar is taking a course attached to New York State Assessment, they will be taking a midterm that is designed to be a "practice" exam. These exams measure how your child would do if they take the assessment right now.

To get the most accurate assessment of how your scholar would perform and how teachers can support their progress, please encourage your scholars to try their best on their middle of year assessments. (Eat a good breakfast, get a good night's rest and try your absolute best!) **It is expected that scholars actively study for their midterm exams so we can measure their progress and determine individualized next steps for your scholar's academic success!**

Pep Rally (Tuesday, December 23)

I SAID BRRRR!!!! It's cold in here! There must be some YECA BEARS in the atmosphere! We will celebrate our athletes in a Pep Rally on Tuesday at school! Dress up your uniforms! Show your school spirit!

- ★ 6th & 7th graders, get excited! The Harlem Magic Masters are coming to YECA! (Period 4)
- ★ Grades 8-12, join us in cheering on all of our PSAL athletes! (Periods 7 & 8)

TGIF Game Day (11th Grade College Scholars)

On Friday December 19, 2025, we hosted our second **TGIF: Pizza, Puzzle & Playlist**, which was an incredible success! The Class of 2027 enjoyed a variety of activities including **basketball, Jenga, Kahoot, volleyball**, and more. We had some great moments that truly reflected the energy and excitement of the day.

YECA remains committed to creating experiences that extend beyond the classroom, and this event was a perfect example of that mission. A heartfelt thank you to our **administrative team, YECA staff, York College Staff, and the College Team** for making this possible

Special congratulations to **Ariel Chester, winner** of the Class of 2027 Kahoot challenge!



We look forward to seeing even more of our community at the next TGIF event. Stay tuned for details in upcoming communications!

Important York College Campus 11th & 12th Grade January Updates

Families, please be sure to regularly check the [January 11th and 12th graders Calendar](#), along with Google Classroom and student email, for important updates and assignments.

Seniors:

From January 2 through January 26, seniors will be on remote asynchronous learning. In-person classes will resume at the start of the spring semester on January 26. Please note that Work-Based Learning continues during this time, and attendance is required for all scheduled activities.

Juniors:

The January schedule for juniors looks different. Some days will be in-person, while others will be remote, depending on the activity. Please help your student carefully track which days they are expected to attend in person and what they are participating in each day. [The calendar link](#) is live and updates in real time. Any schedule changes will be reflected there first, so please check it regularly.

Thank you for your continued support!

(Reminders) 12th Graders Scholarship Opportunity : Queens Borough President Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors

The Office of the Queens Borough President and the **African American Heritage Committee** are excited to

announce scholarship awards for graduating high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Eligible applicants must be **Queens residents**. Don't miss this chance to support your child's academic journey!

- ★ **Students Apply online:** <https://forms.gle/cBQSFWCbaJ3MgzrG6>
- ★ **Deadline:** January 9, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
- ★ Applications must include an **official transcript** (email to scholarship@queensbp.nyc.gov or fax to 718-286-3134).
- ★ Recipients will be notified by **February 6, 2026**.

4. Opt-In Opportunities / Resources

Parent Resources

 EOY-family-letter.pdf

Student Resources


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. 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 (This is a recurring meeting)
<https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1>
 Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681
 Passcode: 178812

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

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

Testing Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Exam</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 20th</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>English Language Arts Regents Exam</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 10th</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>PSAT</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 25th</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>SAT</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 14th</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>PSAT</i>
<i>Thursday, April 16th & Friday, April 17th</i>	<i>6, 7, 8</i>	<i>NYS ELA (computer based)</i>
<i>Monday, May 4th & Tuesday, May 5th</i>	<i>6 & 7</i>	<i>NYS Math (computer based)</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 9th</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Chemistry Regents</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 10th</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Algebra II Regents</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 17th</i>	<i>8</i> <i>10</i>	<i>Algebra I Regents</i> <i>Global Regents</i>
<i>Thursday, June 18th</i>	<i>8</i> <i>9</i>	<i>Biology Regents</i> <i>Earth & Space Regents</i>
<i>Monday, June 23rd</i>	<i>9</i> <i>10</i>	<i>US History Regents</i> <i>Geometry Regents</i>

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!



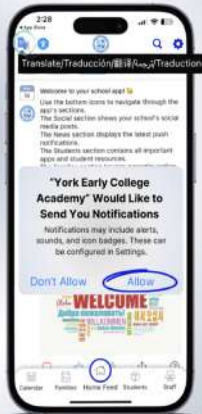
OUR SCHOOL HAS AN APP!

Make sure to turn on notifications to keep up-to-date with all latest news from York Early College Academy



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York Early College Academy



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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