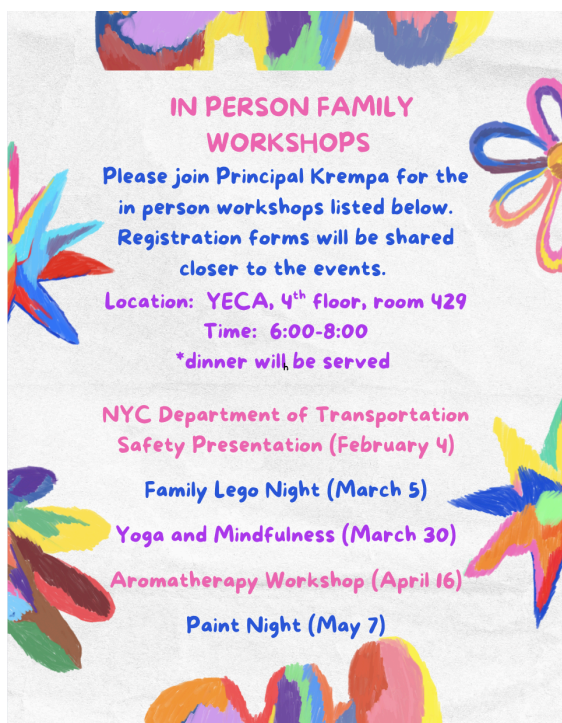


Good morning YECA Families!

Last Wednesday, we hosted our annual YECA Alumni College Panel. It was uplifting to hear our alumni's journeys and accomplishments! Providing our scholars with some meaningful advice, alumni said to *"strive to do your best while at YECA"*, *"YECA helped me with time management"*, and *"it's easier to transition into college on your own because of the experience at YECA."* We are also proud of our 10th grade PAC members, Emily and Alexa, for emceeing the event!



The first workshop is the NYC Department of Transportation Safety Presentation on **Wednesday, February 4th from 6:00-8:00 pm**. Please complete the registration form [HERE](#). I look forward to seeing you there!



Warm regards,

Principal Krempa



COLLEGE AWARENESS MONTH



YECA Alumni College Panel

Wednesday, January 14th
2nd & 3rd Period



Taylor Campbell
Class of 2021



Moscis James
Class of 2019



Zion Bryan
Class of 2023



Victoria Johnson Bennett
Class of 2023

College Swag Days

Wear your swag on Wednesdays & Fridays!



















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

Pi Day: Fri, March 13

Career Day: Wed, March 18

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!


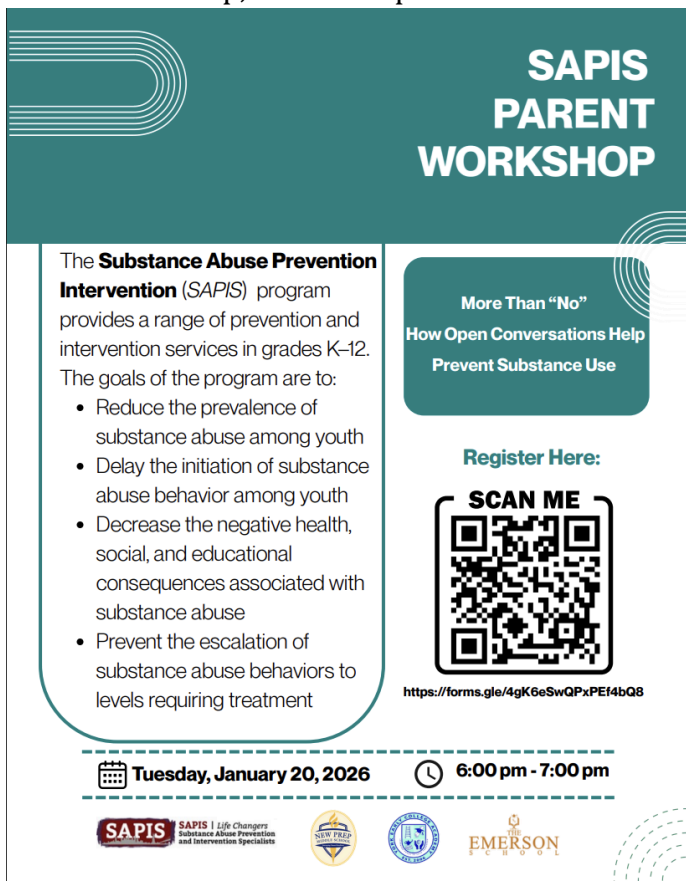







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2. Calendar, Save the Dates

Looking forward: January Calendar

* Wear college swag on Wednesdays & Fridays! *

Date	Grades	Save the Date
Monday, Jan 19	ALL	  Martin Luther King Jr. Day (YECA and York College Closed)  
Tuesday, Jan 20 <u>Regents Week</u> No classes for Grades 9, 10 & 11	YECA Building	  Beginning of Marking Period 3
	10th Grade	  ELA Regents Exam

	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Biology & Chemistry
	ALL	Virtual Substance Abuse Prevention Intervention Parent Workshop, 6:00-7:00 pm 
Wednesday, Jan 21 <u>Regents Week</u> No classes for Grades 9 & 10	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: US History, Geometry & Algebra
	ALL	 Wear College Swag!
Thursday, Jan 22 <u>Regents Week</u> No classes for Grades 9 & 10	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Global History & Algebra II
Friday, Jan 23 <u>Regents Week</u> No classes for Grades 9 & 10	YECA Building	 Report Cards Available to Families on NYCSA
	Re-Take	 Regents Administrations: Global History & Algebra II
	ALL	 Wear College Swag!
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
	PSAL Senior Night	 Boys Basketball Home Game 4:30pm
Wednesday, Jan 28	YECA Building	 Art Gallery (Room 331) 
	8D	 Trip to Adelphi University
	ALL	 Wear College Swag!
Friday, Jan 30	8F	 Trip to Adelphi University
	ALL	 Wear College Swag!

3. YECA News/Action Items

8th Grade Promotion Requirements and Stepping Up Ceremony

As noted in York Early College Academy's Guidebook for Families, please see the guidance below. If you have any questions, please reach out to School Counselor, Ms. Richard at crichard4@schools.nyc.gov

Middle School

At York Early College Academy, we offer an accelerated program that begins when students enter middle school. These accelerated classes provide the opportunity for students to earn high school credits while they are in middle school. Included in York Early College Academy's accelerated program are the Algebra I and Life Science Biology courses. Upon entering the 8th grade, all students are registered for these classes. Successful completion of the classes and a passing grade on the Regents exams allow for students to have access to college classes when attending our high school.

As per the Department of Education's Middle School Academic Policy, students who fail one of the major subjects, including [Life Science Biology](#) and [Algebra](#), in June of their 8th grade year will be

programmed to attend traditional Middle School Summer School which is held at the Richard Grossley Campus (YECA building).

- ★ Attendance and participation in summer school is mandatory.
- ★ Promotional decisions will be made at the end of summer to determine whether or not the student is promoted into 9th grade.

How does this impact my scholar's early college sequence? As a result of students failing [Life Science Biology](#) and/or [Algebra](#) courses while in the 8th grade, they will be behind in credit accumulation according to York Early College Academy's Scope and Sequence.

Why does this matter? Students will not be eligible to attend York College until the credits for Life Science Biology and Algebra are obtained. They will have an opportunity to take these classes the summer of 9th and 10th grade, which means that they will not be programmed to participate in the courses at York College.

Please note that students must meet the promotion benchmarks set forth by the Department of Education to participate in YECA's Stepping Up Ceremony.

The Middle School Academic Policy Guide can be found at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/>.

Digital Wellness

The New York State Office of Mental Health is pleased to announce Digital Wellness on the BeWell website! The [Digital Wellness Section of the 'Be Well' site](#) includes: Information on how to maintain healthy habits with smart phones, tablets, and computers, and how using these devices can impact mental well-being.

Midterm Exams (reminder)

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!**

Regents Week- January 20th-23rd (reminder)

- **Grades 9-12:** This year, the January Regents Exams are being administered from *Tuesday, January 20th to Friday, January 23rd*. **During this timeframe, students in grades 9-12 do not report to YECA for their regularly scheduled classes unless they are** scheduled to take a January Regents Exam. All students scheduled for an exam will receive their invitation next week. For questions regarding exam status, please reach out to our HS Guidance Counselor, Ms. Evripiotis at sevripiotis@schools.nyc.gov.

- **Grade 10:** On Tuesday, January 20th, ALL 10th grade students report to YECA no later than 9:00am for the English Language Arts Regents. The exam will begin promptly at 9:15am. Students must arrive on time in order to sit for the exam. Please note that students will be dismissed once they complete the exam.
- **Grades 6-10:** On Monday, January 26th, there is **no school** for students in **grades 6-10**.
- **Grades 11-12:** On Monday, January 26th, students will attend college classes for the first day of the Spring semester.

Important Notice About York College Bills

Families, if you receive any bill from the York College Bursar, please **do not worry** and **do not make any payments**. YECA families are **not responsible** for these charges. Instead, please **forward the bill immediately to Mr. Madden, our College Liaison**, at rmadden@york.cuny.edu so he can address it quickly and ensure it is corrected.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Safety Drills

Please see below for our upcoming Safety Drills.

Soft Lock Down Drills:

- ★ Thursday 1/29/26 9:00am
- ★ Tuesday 2/24/26 9:45am
- ★ Alternate date- Thursday 3/5/26

Evacuation Drills:











- ★ Tuesday 3/24/26 8:30am
- ★ Thursday 3/26/26 8:30am
- ★ Rain/Alternate date- Monday 4/13/26
- ★ Rain/Alternate date- Tuesday 5/12/26

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. **January 26th first day of the Spring Semester In person for our 11th and 12th grade scholars. All Students should have access to their schedule**

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January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check google classroom DAILY for links to meetings, times, and updated information! 11th Grades for WLWD workshops arrival Group 1 arrive at 830am and Group 2 at 930am In Room 1M06			1 	2  12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade No Class
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12 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade Workshop a YORK	13 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade Workshop a YORK	14  GYM @ YECA	15 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade Trip to Nanadu Skating	16 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade Workshop a YORK
19   York & YECA Closed	20 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session 11 th grade Regents Week No Classes or Workshops	21 Regents Week No GYM	22 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session- Last Day 11 th grade Regents Week No Classes or Workshops	23 12 th grade Virtual Winter College Session- Final 11 th grade Regents Week No Classes or Workshops
26  Spring Semester First Day of Classes  11 th grade SAT Prep 12:30pm 2pm a YORK	27 Spring Semester Classes	28  GYM @ YECA	29 Spring Semester Classes  11 th grade SAT Prep 12:30pm 2pm a YORK	30 Spring Semester Classes

(Reminder) Paid Internship Opportunity: Apply Now for the 2026 NYC School Construction Authority Summer Internship Program!

The application window is **January 2 – March 6, 2026**. This is an amazing chance to gain hands-on experience this summer!

What you'll need to apply:

- ★ An up-to-date resume
- ★ Official high school transcript
- ★ SIP Recommendation Form (completed by a teacher or counselor)

Interviews will take place **February 17 – mid-March**, and selected students will work from **July 6 – August 14, 2026**. Visit the [SCA website](#) to apply.

2026 HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH THE NYC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

The School Construction Authority designs and constructs safe, attractive and environmentally sound public schools for children throughout NYC. We are dedicated to building and modernizing schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in safety, quality and integrity.



ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY 2ND - MARCH 6TH

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Six-week paid internship from July 6th through August 14th
- Internship areas include: **Architecture, Engineering, Business Administration, Marketing, Real Estate, Construction Administration, and related areas**
- Participants are matched with an SCA department or partner company in NYC, based on their career interests and skills
- Participants gain training, work experience and career guidance from industry experts to build skills for the construction field
- Participants attend weekly career trainings
- Participants earn **\$17/hour**, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–4 PM (30 hours/week)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- NYC public high school student
- Good academic standing
- Must be available for the entire program duration
- Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills
- Involvement in school/community activities preferred
- Working knowledge of MS Office is a plus

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit your online application at www.nycsca.org or by scanning the QR code below
- Must submit a current resume and complete transcript
- SIP Recommendation Form (available on the SCA website) must be completed by a teacher or school counselor and submitted directly to SIP

IF SELECTED

- Must have valid unexpired government-issued identification and eligibility to work in the US
- Age-appropriate working papers (if born after July 6th, 2008)

SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE EMAILED FOR INTERVIEW BY FEBRUARY-MARCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
www.nycsca.org/Careers/Internship-Program



Email: SCAinternships@nycsca.org
Phone: (347) 231-0010
Location: 25-01 Jackson Avenue, LIC, NY 11101



Seniors:

From January 2 through January 23, 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. It is important that you check Google Classroom regularly. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

(Reminder) For all our Female Seniors: Scholarship Opportunity

The Organization for Women Empowerment of the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (OWE-CSA) is now accepting applications for their **Annual Scholarship and Leadership Awards!**

This year's celebration will take place on **March 8, 2026—International Women's Day**. The 2026 theme, "Give to Gain," highlights the power of supporting one another and uplifting women across our communities.

OWE-CSA will award five scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors from NYC public high schools—**one from each borough**.

 Application & Eligibility Details: https://owe-csa.org/?page_id=523

 **17** Deadline: Friday, February 6, 2026

This opportunity is for all eligible young ladies and individuals who identify as female.

Questions? Email: owecsascholarship@gmail.com

American Heart Association Resources

 **Heart & Headlines - American Heart Association, September 2025 NYP.pdf**

 **Women Know_Signs.pdf**



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=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1>

Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681

Passcode: 178812

2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

[https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?](https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1)

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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.

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

QR Code

ANDROID APP ON Google play | Download on the App Store

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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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