

Good morning YECA Families!

I hope everyone stays safe and warm during this snowy season! As we move into the second half of the year, let's continue working together in service to our scholars by encouraging their regular attendance to ensure that they experience uninterrupted learning and can thrive in our early college program!

As a reminder, 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 Moses James
Class of 2019 Zion Bryan
Class of 2025 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? (Required for school trips & special events)
If not, click the link below!

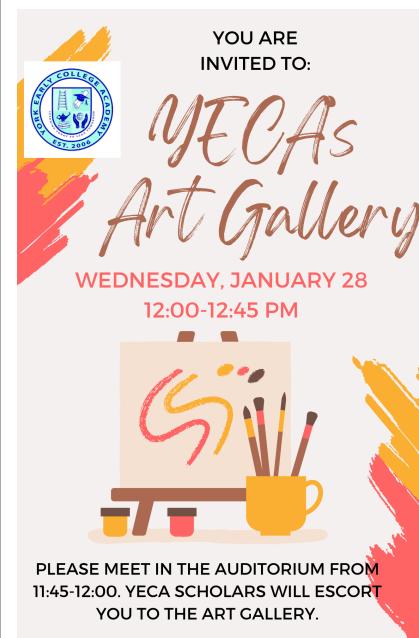
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2. Calendar, Save the Dates

Looking forward: January Calendar

* Wear college swag on Wednesdays & Fridays! *

Date	Grades	Save the Date
Tuesday, Jan 27	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!

SAPIS PARENT WORKSHOP

The Substance Abuse Prevention

Intervention (SAPIS) program provides a range of prevention and intervention services in grades K-12. The goals of the program are to:

- Reduce the prevalence of substance abuse among youth
- Delay the initiation of substance abuse behavior among youth
- Decrease the negative health, social, and educational consequences associated with substance abuse
- Prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors to levels requiring treatment

More Than "No"
How Open Conversations
Help Prevent
Substance Use

Register Here:

SCAN ME



<https://forms.gle/4gK6eSwQPxPEf4bQ8>

Friday, January 30, 2026

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SAPIS | Life Changers
Substance Abuse Prevention
and Intervention Specialists



3. YECA News/Action Items

8th Grade Promotion Requirements and Stepping Up Ceremony (reminder)

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://w1.ww.schools.nyc.gov/>.

Important Notice About York College Bills (reminder)

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 (reminder)

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

Secret Valentines for Purchase! (Open to all grades)



Scholars can send a Secret Valentine by filling out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/4EyfWJPV8HUREovE7>. Payment will be collected during morning arrival starting February 9. Secret Valentine's will be distributed in school on Friday, February 13.

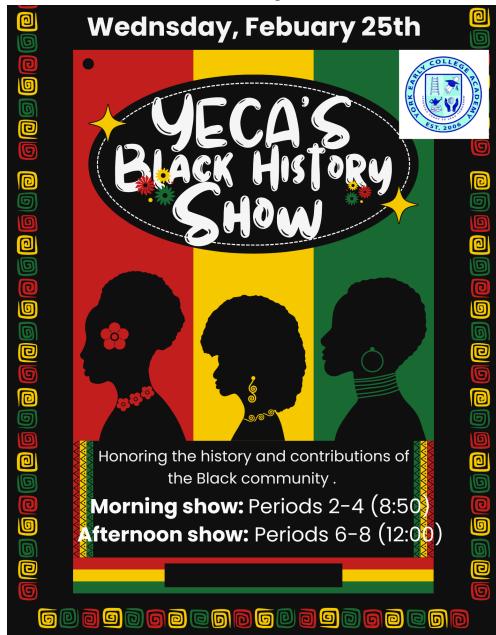
Updated Electronics Policy

We appreciate your ongoing support, as the state-wide electronics policy has had a positive impact on our early college classrooms! To ensure consistent implementation, we are making a small update to our procedures. **Beginning Tuesday, January 27, all York Early College Academy students will be assigned an individual Yondr pouch. Students must bring their assigned pouch to school each day.** Please see the letter sent to families for additional information: [Letter to Families REVISION to Electronics Policy](#)

Valentine's Day Dance (Open to Grades 8-12 only)



YECA's Black History Show



On Wednesday, February 25, YECA will be hosting our first Black History Show! Please encourage students to participate! If you have any questions, please refer to the FAQ sheet below and/or contact the show coordinators, Ms. Boykin or Ms. Monestine.

★ [YECA's Black history show FAQ sheet](#)

11th Graders SAT Prep begins this Thursday with Real Dreams Prep.

With the **March SAT approaching**, now is the time to prepare. This program is **fully paid for by YECA**, and **attendance and commitment are mandatory** for enrolled students. Registered scholars should visit **Room 1D03** before Thursday.

A flyer for the Real Dreams Prep SAT Prep program. It features a brown header with 'RDP x YECA' and a brown footer with 'COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP'. The main content is a grid of text and images. The left column lists the 'SAT PREP SCHEDULE' for a 6-week course, divided into weeks 1-4 and a 'Mid-Winter Recess'. The right column shows a photo of a person writing in a notebook. The bottom right section is for the 'COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP' with a grid of dates and times for weeks 7-10.

(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:

Congratulations on completing your winter session courses!

(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

4. Opt-In Opportunities / Resources

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?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1>

- **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

Date	Grade	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

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!



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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