

**Good morning YECA Families!**

**Black History Month is alive at YECA!** Throughout the month, scholars are honoring the achievements and lasting impact of African American leaders and innovators through engaging lessons, creative projects, and powerful discussions. Our 7th graders brought history to life by creating "Histogram" pages spotlighting notable Black individuals, while our 9th and 10th grade scholars researched and presented on groundbreaking African American inventors and scientists.

Across all grade levels, advisory lessons continue the celebration through poetry, art, music, literature, culture, and storytelling. We are especially excited to announce our **first-ever Black History Month Showcase** on **Wednesday, February 25th**, featuring scholar performances of song, dance, and spoken word inspired by influential African Americans.

At YECA, we proudly celebrate Black excellence—**yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

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

**Did your family complete the YECA Family Guidebook survey yet?** (Required for school trips & special events)  
**If not, click the link below!**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOj97UewYojjh-j-c9rhWKb9Ss\\_g177vrCgwHn3DGoltw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOj97UewYojjh-j-c9rhWKb9Ss_g177vrCgwHn3DGoltw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313)

## 2. Calendar, Save the Dates



<i>Date</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Save the Date</i>
<b>Monday, Feb 9</b>	SLT Members	SLT (5:00-6:00 pm, Remote)
	ALL	PTA Meeting (6:30-8:00, Remote)
	York College selected 11th Graders	SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
<b>Tuesday, Feb 10</b>	8E	Trip to Brainpower
<b>Wednesday, Feb 11</b>	Honor Roll/ Principal's List	Trip to Dave & Buster's
	Dance Team	Performance at Bayside HS
<b>Thursday, Feb 12</b>	York College selected 11th Graders	SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
<b>Friday, Feb 13</b>	Grades 8-12	Valentine's Day Dance (5:00-8:00, Gym)
<b>Mon, Feb 16- Fri, Feb 20</b>	<b>YECA Building</b>	<b>YECA BUILDING CLOSED- Midwinter Recess</b>
<b>Week of Mon, Feb 16- Fri, Feb 20</b>	<b>York College (Grades 11-12)</b>	<b>YORK COLLEGE CAMPUS CLOSED- No college classes Mon 2/16 and Tues 2/17</b>  <b>YECA BUILDING CLOSED-</b>

		<b>No Gym Classes Wed 2/18</b>
		 <b>Regularly Scheduled Classes for College Scholars on Thur 2/19 and Fri 2/20</b>
<b>Monday, Feb 23</b>	York College selected 11th Graders	 SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
<b>Thursday, Feb 26</b>	York College selected 11th Graders	 SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep

### 3. YECA News/Action Items

#### Secret Valentines for Purchase! (Open to all grades- **reminder**)



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 (**reminder**)

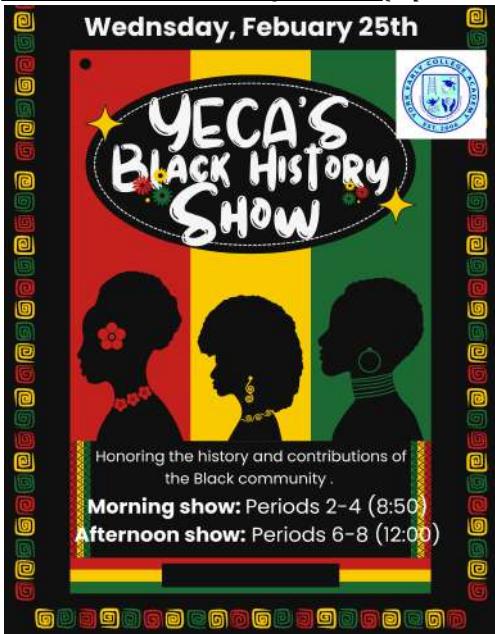
*We appreciate your ongoing support, as the state-wide electronics policy has had a positive impact on our early college classrooms! To ensure consistent implementation, we are making a small update to our procedures.*

**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- **reminder**)



### YECA's Black History Show (Open to all grades- **reminder**)



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](#)

### **(Reminder) 11th and 12th Grade College Program**

We invite 11th and 12th grade families to a brief Parent Session on Zoom February, 10th 6pm- 8pm, the meeting will highlight attendance expectations, academic progress, upcoming school events, and an opportunity for Q&A. This is a great opportunity to stay informed and connected as we support your scholar's success. Complete the survey to book your spot. <https://forms.gle/c7QYHAQcSY5MEdC8>.



11th & 12th Grade College Program

# Parent Meeting Invitation

Your participation matters! Join us to discuss important updates and upcoming activities for our scholars.

Tuesday, February 10th 2026

11<sup>th</sup> grade Session  
6PM – 6:45PM

12<sup>th</sup> grade Session  
7PM - 7:45PM

**Agenda:**

- Attendance & Expectations
- Academic Progress
- Upcoming School Events
- Q&A Session

## **11th Graders Winter Session recap with WLWD**

As part of our Winter Session programming, our juniors participated in the **Love Leader 101** relationship-skills series in partnership with **WhenLoveWorks Dynamically**. This program supported students in building healthy communication skills, practicing conflict-resolution strategies, and developing stronger self-awareness.

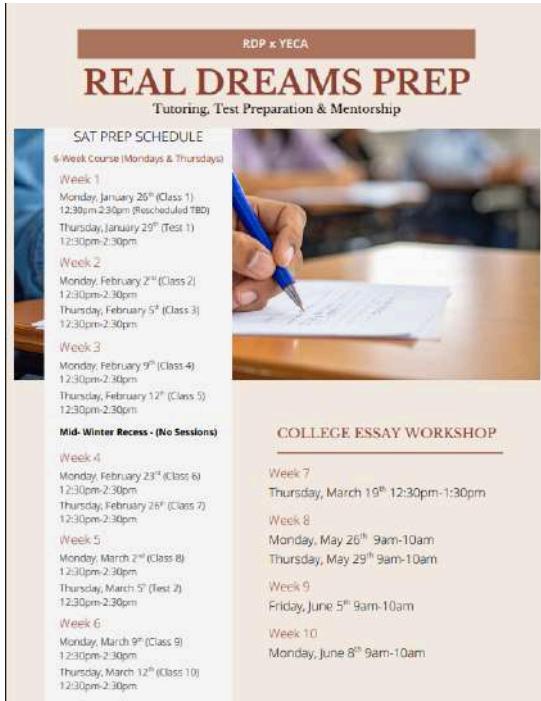
The WLW team shared a summary of student growth based on pre- and post-series surveys, highlighting key themes in students' development and reflections. We are proud of how thoughtfully our students engaged throughout the sessions and their positive feedback.

We are grateful to WhenLoveWorks Dynamically for partnering with YECA and pouring into our students with intention and care.



**(Reminder) 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. Scholars are to bring their SATs materials at each meeting Monday and Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30pm.



The image is a flyer for the Real Dreams Prep SAT Prep program. At the top, it says "RDP x YECA" and "REAL DREAMS PREP" with the tagline "Tutoring, Test Preparation & Mentorship". Below this is a "SAT PREP SCHEDULE" for a 6-week course (Mondays & Thursdays). The schedule is divided into weeks 1 through 10, with a "Mid-Winter Recess" in week 4. Each week entry includes the date, class number, and time (12:30pm-2:30pm). A photograph of a hand writing on a piece of paper is on the right side of the schedule. At the bottom, there is a "COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP" section with dates and times for weeks 7 through 10.

**SAT PREP SCHEDULE**  
6-Week Course (Mondays & Thursdays)

**Week 1**  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (Class 1)  
12:30pm-2:30pm (Rescheduled 180)  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (Test 1)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**Week 2**  
Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Class 2)  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> (Class 3)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**Week 3**  
Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (Class 4)  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (Class 5)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**Mid-Winter Recess - (No Sessions)**

**Week 4**  
Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Class 6)  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (Class 7)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**Week 5**  
Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Class 8)  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (Test 2)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**Week 6**  
Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Class 9)  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (Class 10)  
12:30pm-2:30pm

**COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP**

**Week 7**  
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Week 8**  
Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-10am  
Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-10am

**Week 9**  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-10am

**Week 10**  
Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-10am

**(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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008)

**SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE EMAILED FOR INTERVIEW BY FEBRUARY-MARCH**

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [www.nycsca.org/Career/Internship-Program](http://www.nycsca.org/Career/Internship-Program)



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



**Seniors:**

**(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](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](mailto:owecsascholarship@gmail.com)

**4. Opt-In Opportunities / Resources**

 [February 2026 Food Court Menu With Halal Option \(H\).pdf](#)

[February 2026 NYCPS Family Update backpack letter](#)

[Student Opportunity \(MS & HS\)](#)

Day 1/ Feb 17th: Learn **what is Credit? How to manage credit cards and build credit?**

Day 2/ Feb 18th: Learn how to **Manage Money FOR & IN College**

Day 3/ Feb 19th: Learn about **Future Planning & setting yourself up for success financially!**

**REGISTER HERE!!!** Zoom Link will be provided once you register. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email [nroy@girlsincnyc.org](mailto:nroy@girlsincnyc.org).



## Student Opportunity (Grades 10-12)

Students in grades 10-12 interested in becoming leaders and serving their community can apply now for [Service in Schools Leadership Institute](#) - a five day, in-person workshop over Spring Break with a follow up afterschool session May 7 in preparation for a daylong culminating Summit May 22. Applications close Feb 13 - email [ServiceInSchools@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ServiceInSchools@schools.nyc.gov) with questions.

## Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

All students ages 14–24 are invited to apply to participate in the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) [2026 Summer Youth Employment Program \(SYEP\)](#), which is now accepting [applications \(translated applications and resources\)](#) for summer 2026 via the general lottery through February 27. For questions, email [SYEP@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SYEP@schools.nyc.gov).

Additional Guidance for Students with IEPs for the SYEP Application: Interested students should follow the [2026 TCAC SYEP Guidance](#) form and submit an [online application](#) for their age group through their borough's [Transition and College Access Center \(TCAC\)](#) office by 5:00 p.m. on February 27. TCACs will support students with IEPs and 504 Plans with adding the necessary information to their applications for the TCAC-specific lottery and to receive targeted support during their summer employment. This enhances their chances of being placed in their respective borough and program choice.

Information Session for All Students and Families: Students and families are invited to [register](#) to attend the virtual DYCD SYEP information session from 5:00–6:00 p.m. on February 10. Participants will learn more about the program and summer opportunities. Interpretation will be available in Arabic, Mandarin, and Spanish.

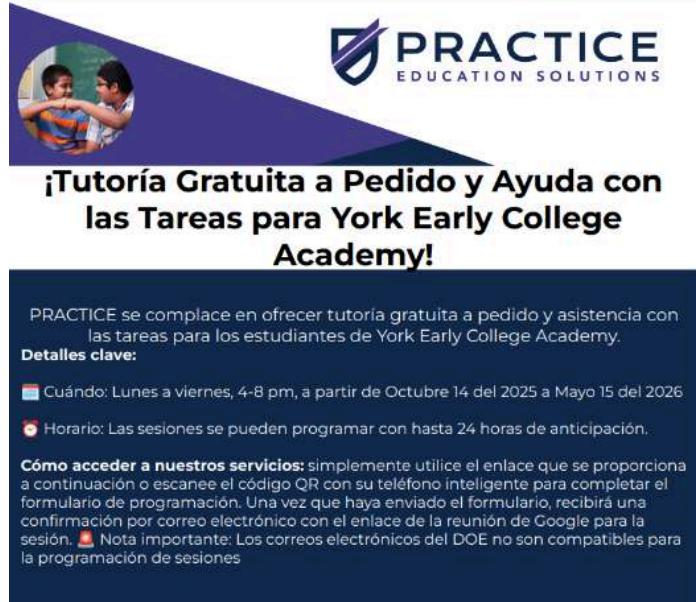
## Virtual On-Demand Tutoring

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.



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](mailto: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](#). [Operoo](#)

**PTA Zoom Link** (This is a recurring meeting)

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

Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681

Passcode: 178812



### 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**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Exam</i></b>
<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 &amp; Friday, April 17th</i>	<i>6, 7, 8</i>	<i>NYS ELA (computer based)</i>
<i>Monday, May 4th &amp; Tuesday, May 5th</i>	<i>6 &amp; 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 10</i>	<i>Algebra I Regents Global Regents</i>
<i>Thursday, June 18th</i>	<i>8 9</i>	<i>Biology Regents Earth &amp; Space Regents</i>
<i>Monday, June 23rd</i>	<i>9 10</i>	<i>US History Regents 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 PE 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



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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