

***Good morning YECA Families!***


We are thrilled to kick off **YECA's March Madness** today! 🎉 Throughout the month, our scholars will participate in exciting activities focused on **literacy**, **math** and **career exploration**.

 **Week 1 – Read Across America Week**

Scholars will vote on their favorite books and enjoy special visits from mystery readers!

 **Week 2 – Pi Day Celebration (March 13th)**

Students will celebrate Pi Day with engaging, hands-on math games and activities.

 **Week 3 – Career Day**









Our annual Career Day gives scholars the opportunity to learn from professionals across a wide range of fields. We are especially proud that **90% of this year's presenters are YECA alumni!**

 **Week 4 – Scholastic Book Fair**

We will close out the month with our Scholastic Book Fair, where students can explore and purchase books to enjoy at home.

Please be sure to ask your scholar about their experiences, and keep an eye out for photos and highlights in my upcoming emails. It's going to be an exciting month at YECA! Stay tuned for more updates as March unfolds! ✨

As a reminder, I'm excited to invite you to two special evening workshops this March - dinner will be provided at both events! All sessions will take place on YECA's 4th floor in Room 429. Please see the dates and registration details below.

- **Family Lego Night with Coach Solomon**  
   *Thursday, March 5th |*  *6:00–8:00 PM*
- **Mindfulness Workshop with Tanya from Little Flower Yoga**  
   *Monday, March 30th |*  *6:00–8:00 PM*

If you would like to attend one or both workshops, please complete the registration form below as soon as possible. Space is limited to 20 participants per session, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/wxs2RKriePoCsuWo7>

*I look forward to coming together for these engaging and meaningful experiences.*

Warm regards,

**Principal Krempa**



**YECA'S BLACK HISTORY SHOW**

Honoring the history and contributions of the Black community.

**RESCHEDULED**  
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

**New Date: Wed, March 4**

**Morning show:** Periods 2-4 (8:50)  
**Afternoon show:** Periods 6-8 (12:00)

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**IN PERSON FAMILY WORKSHOPS**

Please join Principal Krempa for the in person workshops listed below. Registration forms will be shared closer to the events.

**Location:** YECA, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, room 429  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00  
\*dinner will be served

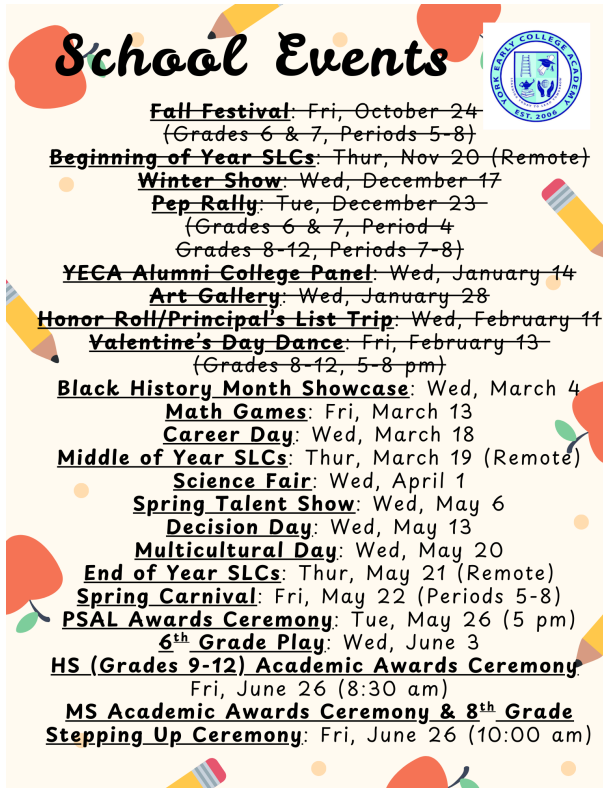
NYC Department of Transportation Safety Presentation (February 4)

Family Lego Night (March 5)

Yoga and Mindfulness (March 30)

Aromatherapy Workshop (April 16)

Paint Night (May 7)



## 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

**Valentine's Day Dance:** Fri, February 13 (Grades 8-12, 5-8 pm)

**Black History Month Showcase:** Wed, March 4

**Math Games:** 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, May 6

**Decision Day:** Wed, May 13

**Multicultural Day:** Wed, May 20

**End of Year SLCs:** Thur, May 21 (Remote)

**Spring Carnival:** Fri, May 22 (Periods 5-8)

**PSAL Awards Ceremony:** Tue, May 26 (5 pm)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Play:** Wed, June 3

**HS (Grades 9-12) Academic Awards Ceremony:** Fri, June 26 (8:30 am)

**MS Academic Awards Ceremony & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Stepping Up Ceremony:** Fri, June 26 (10:00 am)



## YECA SENIOR EVENTS 2026

**MAY 20TH SENIOR TRIP**  
More details to come!

**MAY 13TH DECISION DAY**  
@ York Early College Academy  
More details to come!

**JUNE 2ND PROM**  
@ Terrace on the Park  
6pm - 10pm

**JUNE 8TH BBQ**  
@ York College  
1pm - 3:30pm

**JUNE 11TH GRADUATION**  
@ Queens Theatre  
4pm - 6pm

Important Info.

Early College Senior Breakfast May 29th

Class Ring November 5th

Pictures taken before March 31!

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!***

(Required for school trips & special events)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbS0P97UewYojh-j-c9rhWRk9Ss\\_gL77yrcGwHn3DG0jtw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbS0P97UewYojh-j-c9rhWRk9Ss_gL77yrcGwHn3DG0jtw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313)

## 2. Calendar, Save the Dates



### MARCH MADNESS AT YECA!

All YECA Scholars will participate in the following:

**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

Mystery Readers, Book Ads/Commercials, Book Bracket Voting to encourage reading for fun!

**THE MATH GAMES**

Friday, March 13:  
We will celebrate PiDay with a fun math competition: Game Show Style!!






















**CAREER DAY**







Wednesday, March 18:  
Guest speakers from multiple fields will visit YECA!

**SPRING INTO SPIRIT WEEK**

Week of March 23:  
Themed Days & The Scholastic Book Fair

Date	Grades	Event / Save the Date
Monday, March 2	York College selected 11th Graders	📚✍️ SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
Tuesday, March 3	PBIS Scholars	🚌☀️ PBIS Trip to Bounce
Wednesday, March 4	ALL	📝🕒🏁 Family School Survey Due (Please submit your completed school survey to your child's SLC Advisor.)
Thursday, March 5	YECA Building	🔒🚫⚠️ Lock Down Drill (9:00 am)
	ALL	🧱🏠🌟 Family Lego Night w/ Coach Solomon (6:00-8:00pm)
	York College selected 11th Graders	📚✍️ SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep

<b>Monday, March 9</b>	York College selected 11th Graders	 SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	7th Grade	 Trip to Lucky Strike
	10th Grade	 PSAT Administration
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	York College selected 11th Graders	 SATs Prep with Real Dreams Prep
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	YECA Building	 Math Games
	8th Grade	Virtual 8th Gr. Parent Meeting, hosted by PTA (time TBD)
<b>Monday, March 16</b>	SLT Members	 SLT (Remote 5:00-6:00 pm)
	ALL	 PTA Meeting (Remote 6:30-8:00 pm) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNI5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1">https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNI5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1</a> Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681 Passcode: 178812
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	ALL	 Career Day
<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	YECA Building	 Early Dismissal (11:15 am)  Middle of Year SLCs (Remote 12:20-2:20, 5-8)
<b>Friday, March 20</b>	<b>ALL</b>	 <b>YECA &amp; York College Closed</b>
<b>Monday, March 23- Friday, March 27</b>	ALL	 Spring Into Spirit Week!
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	YECA Building	 Evacuation Drill (8:30 am)
	ALL	 Virtual Parent Symposium: Women's History Month (10:30 am and 6:30 pm)
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	YECA Building	 SAT Administration (11th Grade)
	8th Grade	 Trip to Xanadu Roller Skating
	10th Grade	 Trip to Museum of Moving Image
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	YECA Building	 Evacuation Drill (8:30 am)
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	YECA Building	 End of Marking Period 3
	York College 11th & 12th Graders	 "TGIF" Game Day
<b>Monday, March 30</b>	ALL	 Family Mindfulness Workshop with Tanya from

		Little Flower Yoga (6:00-8:00 pm)
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	ALL	 Science Fair 
<b>Wednesday, April 1 - Thursday, April 9</b>	<b>York College</b>	  <b>Spring Recess (York College Closed)</b>
<b>Thursday, April 2 - Friday, April 10</b>	<b>YECA Building</b>	  <b>Spring Recess (YECA Building Closed)</b>

### 3. YECA News/Action Items

**Summer Rising: Message from Dr. Tosin, Director of GRYC**

The Summer Rising application will open on **March 3, 2026**. If you would like your child to participate in Summer Rising this year, please log into your **MySchools portal (Summer Rising)** and complete the application as soon as possible. The application deadline is **March 27, 2026**, and no applications will be accepted after this date.

When completing your child's application, please be sure to select **three choices**. Your **first choice should be York Early College Academy (hosted by Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Inc.)**. You may then select two additional schools as your second and third choices.

Summer Rising offer letters will be released on **April 21, 2026**. Please note that Summer Rising placements are determined through a **lottery-based system**, and I do not have control over the application or selection process. The deadline to accept your child's offer is **May 5, 2026**.

The Summer Rising program for middle school students (Grades 6–8) will run from **July 1, 2026 through August 7, 2026 (Monday-Friday)**.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at **347-951-0120**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this, and I look forward to supporting your child's participation in the Summer Rising program this summer.

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

#### **March 2026 NYCPS Family Update backpack letter**

#### **Middle School Arts Audition Boot Camp**

Middle School Arts Audition Boot Camp is a **free, two-week summer arts program** for New York City Public Schools students entering grade 8 in September 2026. The program also includes one weekend in the fall for follow-up sessions before high school auditions begin. **Free bus transportation is provided in all five boroughs to and from camp.** [MS Arts Audition Boot Camp 2026 Application Flyer English](#)

#### **(Reminder) 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.*



## ¡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

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### 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](#).

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### [PTA Zoom Link](#) (This is a recurring meeting)

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## 2025-2026 PTA MEETING DATES

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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](#)

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)
<b>PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!! Wednesday, April 29th &amp; Thursday, April 30th</b>	<b>6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>NYS Math (computer based)</b>
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!



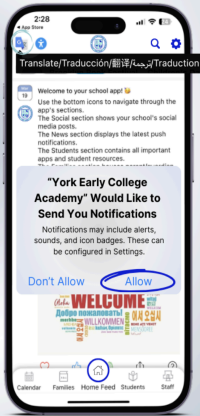
# OUR SCHOOL HAS AN APP!

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

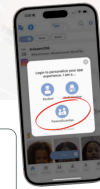
- When prompted, **select Parent/Guardian** to personalize your experience.
- Enter your **phone number** to log in.

### 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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