

**Good morning YECA Families!**

Tonight is our monthly **virtual PTA meeting from 6:30-8:00pm**. Elevate Education will be facilitating a workshop on the latest in AI. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PTA Meeting**  
Please join us!  
Your voice is important.

**MARCH PTA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16**  
**6:30-7:30 PTA**

**7:30-8:00 AI WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY ELEVATE EDUCATION**

Founded in 2001, Elevate has become an award-winning global provider of study skills programs. Elevate helps students develop proven and effective study habits. Working with over half a million students across the US, the UK, Australia, South Africa, and Singapore, Elevate has developed a proven track record of engaging students, fostering critical thinking skills, and improving student outcomes

**The Studying with AI seminar covers:**

- **Understanding LLMs and their limitations**
- **AI and issues of copyright/plagiarism**
- **Effective prompt engineering**

Service Perseverance Advocacy Reflection Collaboration

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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? If not, click the link below!**

*(Required for school trips & special events)*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOf97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss\\_gL77YrCawHn3DG0ltw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=116530319803870859313](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbSOf97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss_gL77YrCawHn3DG0ltw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=116530319803870859313)

**2. Calendar, Save the Dates**

**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!

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

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

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

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

Important Info.

Early College Senior Breakfast May 29th

Class Ring November 5th

Pictures taken before March 31!



# 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
<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
	9th Grade	Trip to Bowl360
	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 (6:30 pm)
<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=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaYeR4.1">https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaYeR4.1</a> Meeting ID: 994 8761 1681 Passcode: 178812
Wednesday, March 18	ALL	 Career Day
Thursday, March 19	YECA Building	 <b>Early Dismissal (11:15 am)</b>  Middle of Year SLCs (Remote 12:20-2:20, 5-8) <h1>Middle of year</h1> Student Led Conferences (Mandatory for all scholars.)  <p>The purpose of a student-led conference is to provide scholars with the opportunity to share their college readiness with their families. The <b>middle of the year</b> SLC is an opportunity for scholars to reflect on their school year so far and come up with an action plan to end the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year STRONG!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 30%;"> <p><b>SLCs are MANDATORY for all YECA Scholars!</b></p> <p>Student-led conferences are held three times a year at YECA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning of Year SLC (November)</li> <li>• Middle of Year SLC (March)</li> <li>• End of Year SLC (May)</li> </ul> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 30%; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Thursday, March 19</b></p> <p><b>(Half Day for Students Dismissal at 11:12 am)</b></p> <p><b>Appointments from 12-2:20 &amp; 5-8pm</b></p> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Make an appointment with your child's advisor today!</b></p> </div>
Friday, March 20	ALL	 <b>YECA &amp; York College Closed</b>
Monday, March 23- Friday, March 27	ALL	 Spring Into Spirit Week!
Tuesday, March 24	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 3V3 Basketball Tournament
<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>	York College	 Spring Recess (York College Closed)
<b>Thursday, April 2 - Friday, April 10</b>	YECA Building	 Spring Recess (YECA Building Closed)

### 3. YECA News/Action Items

Is your scholar interested in audition for YECA's Spring Show? (Open to ALL Grades 6-12)



#### **(Reminder) Summer Rising: Message from Dr. Tosin, Director of GRYC**

The Summer Rising application will open on **March 3, 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 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**. The deadline to accept your child's offer is **May 5, 2026**.
- Summer Rising placements are determined through a **lottery-based system**.

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

**DYCD NYC**  
The Department of Youth & Community Development

Here's How to Apply to **Summer Rising 2026**

- 1 Go to MySchools.nyc**  
Log into your existing account, or create one for free.
- 2 Search for Summer Rising near you**  
Browse programs by school or neighborhood.
- 3 Fill out the application**  
Select your program(s) and complete the form.
- 4 Submit before March 27**  
That's it. Offers go out April 21. Program starts July 1.

**Not in NYC Public Schools?**  
Get a free creation code at a Family Welcome Center first:  
[schools.nyc.gov/fwc](https://schools.nyc.gov/fwc)

Free for all NYC students, grades K-8.  
Takes about 5 minutes.

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Log into your existing account, or create one for free.

- 2. Search for Summer Rising near you.** Browse programs by school or neighborhood.

**Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Inc.**  
*(York Early College Academy)*

**RELOCATED FOR SUMMER RISING**  
**Hillcrest High School**  
**160-05 Highland Ave,**  
**Jamaica, NY 11432**

**APPLY NOW**

### 11th Graders

This is a reminder that next **Tuesday, March 25th**, all 11th graders will be taking the **SAT exam**. There is no **registration required on your end**. This week also marks the final week of our **SAT Prep Course Monday and Thursday at York College**. Let's make the most of it! Scholars, take advantage of every session, ask questions, and get any last-minute support you may need. Parents and guardians, please continue to encourage your scholars who have committed to **SAT prep** to finish strong and utilize all available resources.

### (Reminder) TGIF (For 11th & 12th Graders in the College Program)

TGIF is baaaaack!!! Friday, March 27th in the York College Physical Education Building. We will be hosting a 3v3 Basketball Tournament. **To sign up for the tournament please follow the directions on [the google form](#).** AP Reece will be monitoring the sign-ups and be approving the teams.

<https://forms.gle/FGmTN1wvoW2s71fN7>



#### [4. Opt-In Opportunities / Resources](#)

#### [ADHD Resources](#)

#### [New Family Engagement Resources for Health Education](#)

NYCPS has launched new family engagement toolkits and health education caregiver videos. These resources focus on the health education Growth and Development units for elementary grades and the Sexual Health units for middle and high school students. Each toolkit contains resources for caregivers. Materials for caregivers are available in all NYCPS languages.

[Understanding Growth and Development in Grades K-5](#)

[Understanding Sexual Health Education in Grades 6-8](#)

[Understanding Sexual Health Education in Grades 9-12](#)

[Understanding Sexual Health Services in NYC Schools](#)

[Best Practices for Parent-Child Communication](#)

[Marble-Health Parent-Workshops March-26 English.pdf](#)

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

[March 2026 Food Court Menu With Halal Option \(H\).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

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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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Exam</b>
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!!!</b> Wednesday, April 29th & Thursday, April 30th	<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

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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