

Good morning YECA Families!

We have 2 exciting in-person workshops for families coming up- An Aromatherapy Workshop and Family Paint Night! **Please see the details below and register [HERE](#).** We look forward to seeing you! ❤️

★ **Thursday, April 16th from 6:00-8:00 (Aromatherapy Workshop)** 🌿 ✨

Step away from the daily hustle and pour back into yourself with calming scents, simple self-care rituals, and meaningful moments of relaxation. You'll learn how to use essential oils to reduce stress, boost your mood, and create peaceful spaces at home - for both you and your family.

✨ Includes a hands-on activity where you'll create your own massage oil blend to take home

🍽️ Dinner will be served.

★ **Thursday, May 7th from 6:00-8:00 (Family Paint Night)** 🎨

Our art teacher, Ms. Bueche will lead us in painting a beautiful scene on a vase.

🍽️ Dinner will be served.

★ 📢 **Don't Forget!** Our next in-person parent workshop is **tonight from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 429.**

Topic: Tools for Anxiety

Hosted by: [Tanya](#) from Little Flower Yoga

I'm looking forward to connecting with you and your families for these exciting workshops!

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/1FAIpQLSeNbS0f97UewYojh-i-c9rbWKb9Ss_gL77yrCqwHn3DGoltw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=116530319803870859313

[2. Calendar, Save the Dates](#)

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)

6th Grade Play: Wed, June 3

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

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

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, 4th 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)

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.













Class Ring
November 5th

Pictures taken
before
March 31!



April's school-wide Advisory themes are:
 Autism/Neurodiversity Awareness Month &
 Spring Forward to the Finish Line (Goal Setting for the End of the Year)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Event / Save the Date</i>
<p>Wednesday, April 1</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p> Science Fair</p> 
<p>Thursday, April 2 - Thursday, April 9</p>	<p>York College</p>	<p> Spring Recess (York College Closed)</p> <p><i>* 11th and 12th Graders still report for GYM Wednesday, April 1st</i></p>
<p>Thursday, April 2- Friday, April 10</p>	<p>YECA Building</p>	<p> Spring Recess (YECA Building Closed) York College in Session on Friday April 10th.</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 14</p>	<p>Grade 8</p>	<p> Trip to Lucky Strike</p>
	<p>Grade 9</p>	<p> PSAT Administration</p>
<p>Thursday, April 16</p>	<p>9th Grade</p>	<p> Trip to Central Park</p>
	<p>Grades 6, 7 & 8</p>	<p> NYS ELA Exam (Day 1 of 2)</p>

Friday, April 17	Grades 6, 7 & 8	 NYS ELA Exam (Day 2 of 2)
Monday, April 20	School Leadership Team	 SLT Meeting (Remote 5-6 pm)
	ALL	 PTA Meeting (Remote 6:30-8:00 pm) https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1
Tuesday, April 21	8D	 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
Wednesday, April 22	8E	 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
	10D	 Trip to SUNY FIT
Friday, April 24	8F	 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
Monday, April 27	10E	 Trip to SUNY FIT
Wednesday, April 29	Grades 6 & 7	 NYS Math Exam (Day 1 of 2)
	Grade 8	 Trip to Launch
Thursday, April 30	Grades 6 & 7	 NYS Math Exam (Day 2 of 2)
	10F	 Trip to SUNY FIT


3. YECA News/Action Items

9th Grade ACTION ITEMS: Important Summer Session Preparation – York College

In preparation for the Summer Session at York College, taking place *July 6 through July 29*, we are asking 9th grade families (and families eligible for the college program for the 1st time) to complete the following action items by **THIS Friday, April 3**. We thank you for your continued support and prompt attention to this matter.

Action Item #1: Complete the Google Form below

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=s_BgbwZfCU6XFZiduozH2G687echMctPp8aLIGs5z_pUMktLMDZPM0dLTFRFVzBWUDBBQ0ExWVNBWi4u&route=shorturl

Action Item #2: Print, complete and return the Immunization Form below to 9th Grade Counselor, Ms. Richard.  *York Immunization Record Form & Meningitis Fact Sheet (1).pdf*

Message from Chancellor Samuels

We are committed to ensuring that our school communities, including staff, students, and families, can navigate AI responsibly and effectively, and to that end, this guidance lays out boundaries that protect our students, support our educators, and empower our families. It also outlines how AI can support teaching and learning in ways that are intentional, equitable, and grounded in data safety. This guidance is the first step in a multi-step process of developing systemwide policy around the use of AI. Please review this [family letter \(available on our website in all NYCPS languages\)](#).

(Reminder) Operoo Name Change

Operoo is now called **SchoolStatus Forms & Flows**. There are no changes beyond the name—everything works the same as before. YECA families can continue to log in as usual to complete their digital paperwork, including emergency contact forms, field trip permission slips, and more.

 Aqua Roots Hydroponics Club Update

Our **Aqua Roots Hydroponics Club** has been thriving this year! Students have been hard at work, maintaining, and monitoring our hydroponic systems—and the results have been amazing. We've successfully **harvested and shared fresh produce** with club members, students, and staff, including **strawberries, cucumbers, Italian parsley, mint, lettuce**, and more. A huge thank-you to our dedicated scholars for keeping our systems healthy and productive. We look forward to even more harvests and hands-on learning.



Multicultural Day Student Interest Meeting (Monday, April 13 during Period 5)
Please share this opportunity with your YECA Scholar!



TGIF Game Day / Friday, 3/27

Our TGIF Game Day on **Friday, March 27** was a wonderful success! Students enjoyed friendly competition and community-building activities.

🎮 Kahoot Winner: Ariel Chester

🏀 3v3 Champions: Jayden F, Josiah, and John H

👏 Runners-Up: Justin L, Ojay and AP Reece

Thank you to our dedicated staff and partners who helped make the day run smoothly. We appreciate everyone who participated and supported this event—more opportunities like this are ahead!



4. Opt-In Opportunities / Resources

12th Graders 🏀 Important Scholarship Opportunity for Families of Graduating Seniors


We are happy to share that **ABENY (Association of Black Educators of New York)** is offering several scholarships for **graduating seniors** in NYC public schools. Awards include **\$1,000 one-year scholarships** and **\$4,000 four-year scholarships**.

Key Information for Families:

- Seniors must submit **one community service reference and two school staff references**.
- **No SAT/ACT scores required.**
- Applications and all supporting documents must be emailed **together** as PDF or Word files.
- **Deadline: April 30**
- Email applications to **sheilahbobo@gmail.com**.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Bobo at (917) 412-9099 or sheilahbobo@gmail.com. We encourage all eligible seniors to apply! <https://abenyinc.wildapricot.org/scholarship>

Digital Tools Opportunity for Parents



CUNY & Urban Assembly

Digital Tools for School Success | Professional Learning Sessions 2026

For Parents & Staff

Join us for a dynamic series of professional learning sessions designed to help educators and school teams leverage digital tools, strengthen communication, and build impactful school brands.

Session Topics Include:

- Mastering Google Calendar for School Communication
- Google Workspace Essentials for School Teams
- Design Made Easy: Creating Professional Materials with Canva
- Canva for Families: Simple Tools for Parent Engagement
- Building a Strong School Brand
- Social Media Strategies for School Engagement
- Website Design Basics for Schools
- Marketing & Enrollment Strategies for Schools


Session Dates

Dates
March 26 - May 28

Time
11 - 12 PM, 3 - 4 PM

Location
Zoom

SCAN TO REGISTER



Kevin Shaw Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Now Open for ALL Graduating Seniors

We are excited to share **Kevin Shaw Jr. Memorial Scholarship**, created in honor of Kevin Shaw Jr. (1988–2015), whose legacy is rooted in leadership, service, perseverance, and a strong belief in the power of education.

This scholarship is awarded to a **graduating senior who demonstrates outstanding leadership and academic excellence**. Recipients will receive **financial support and mentoring** to help them pursue their post-secondary goals.

The selected student will embody the values Kevin lived by—vision, hard work, and a commitment to making a positive impact. To apply please use this link:

<https://www.kevinshawjr.org/about-the-scholarship/scholarship-application.html> Families are encouraged to support their scholar in applying. **The deadline is May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM**

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**.

Operoo

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)

[pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbyIC4vaVeR4.1](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
Wednesday, March 25th	11	SAT
Wednesday, April 14th	9	PSAT
Thursday, April, 16th & Friday, April 17th	6, 7, 8	NYS ELA (computer based)
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!! Wednesday, April 29th & Thursday, April 30th	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!



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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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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