

***Good morning YECA Families!***

Tonight is our monthly **virtual PTA meeting from 6:30-8:00pm**. Heidi from Early RAPP will be facilitating a workshop on Self Care. We look forward to seeing you there!



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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/1FAIpQLSeNbS0f97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss\\_gL77vrCawHn3DGoJtw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=116530319803870859313](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNbS0f97UewYojih-j-c9rbWKb9Ss_gL77vrCawHn3DGoJtw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=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)
- 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

PPQ

@ 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!

# YECA'S 2026 SPRING TALENT SHOW

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 6

MORNING PERFORMANCE 9AM  
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE 12PM

Come see YECA's  
singers, dancers and,  
entertainers showcase  
their talents and shine!





**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>
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	School Leadership Team	🧠 SLT Meeting (Remote 5-6 pm)
	ALL	🧠 PTA Meeting (Remote 6:30-8:00 pm) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1">https://zoom.us/j/99487611681?pwd=A2asXcuzPqCGDtUNJ5RbylC4vaVeR4.1</a>
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	8D	🚌 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	8E	🚌 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
	10D	🚌 Trip to SUNY FIT
<b>Friday, April 24</b>	8F	🚌 Trip to Queensborough Comm College
<b>Monday, April 27</b>	10E	🚌 Trip to SUNY FIT
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>	<b>Grades 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>📝 NYS Math Exam (Day 1 of 2)</b>
	Grade 8	🚌 Trip to Launch
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	<b>Grades 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>📝 NYS Math Exam (Day 2 of 2)</b>
	10F	🚌 Trip to SUNY FIT

**3. YECA News/Action Items**

***National Honor Society Updates*** (Reminder)

We are pleased to share an important update regarding our National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) programs.

- The National Honor Society Committee is currently conducting a comprehensive final academic review of all NHS and NJHS candidates. Students who meet all eligibility criteria will receive an official application in April. All candidates are encouraged to continue completing service hours through the end of May, as this remains an essential component of the selection process.
- The committee is also actively reviewing applications for our 11th and 12th grade candidates.

Students who are selected for induction into NHS will receive a formal invitation to attend the **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony**, which will take place on **May 11, 2026** at York College.

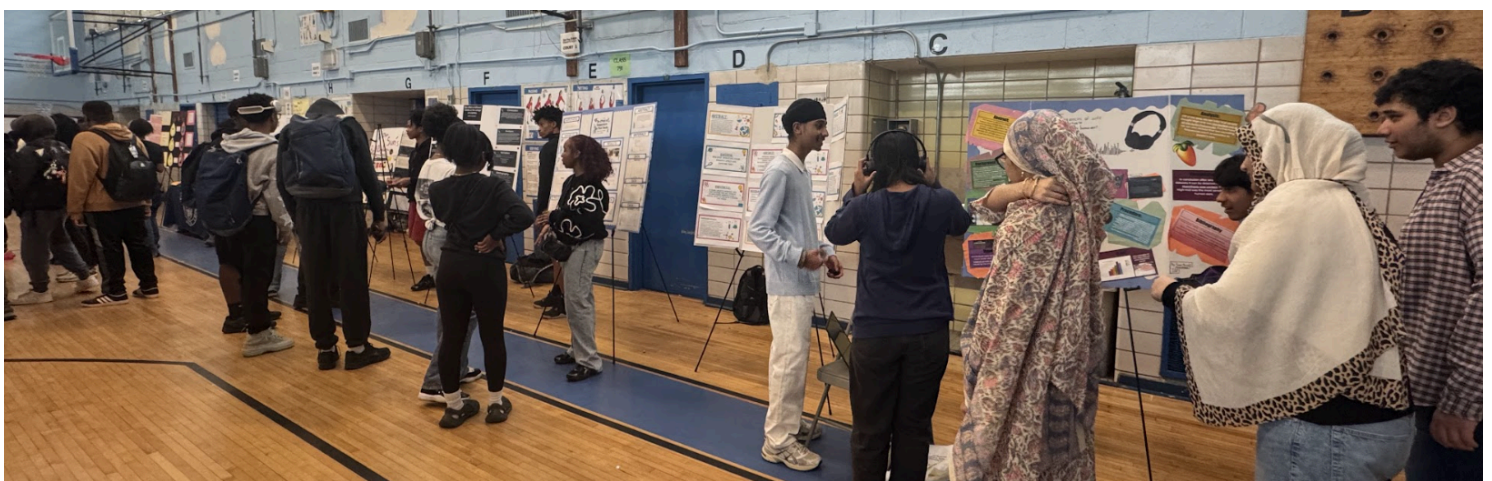
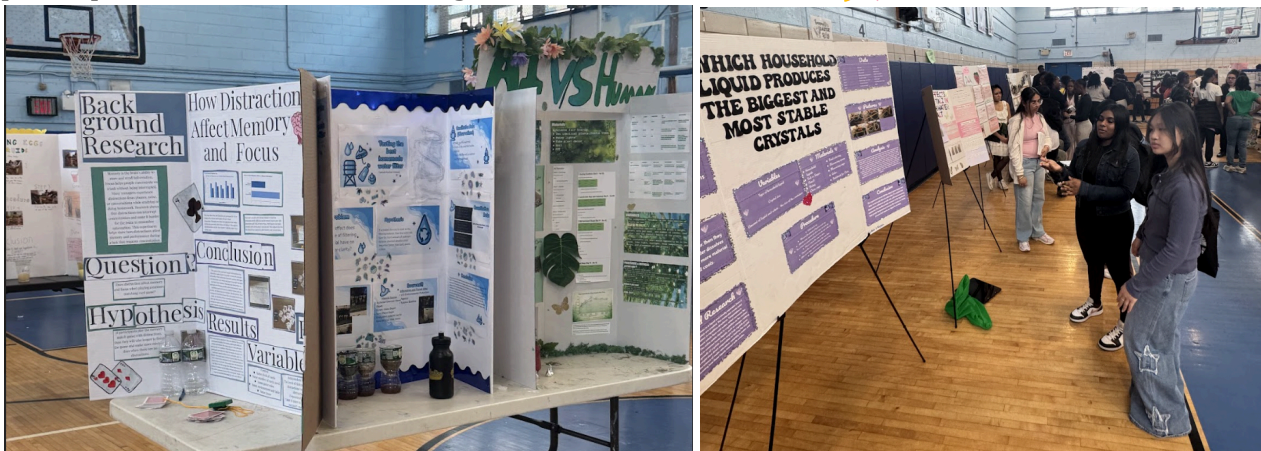
- To review the Honor Society bylaws, please click the link below:  
<https://www.yorkearlycollegeacademy.com/national-honors-society>

We are incredibly proud of our scholars for their dedication to academic excellence, leadership, character, and service! This special recognition reflects their hard work and commitment. If you have any questions regarding the NHS or NJHS process, please feel free to contact YECA's Honor Society Chairperson at [AScalici2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:AScalici2@schools.nyc.gov).

### Science Fair

Our Science Fair was held earlier this month, showcasing the curiosity and creativity of our scholars. Each project was centered around the question: *Have you ever seen a problem in the world that you want to solve, change, or improve?*

Finalists from each grade proudly represented their peers at the Science Fair, demonstrating innovative thinking and a commitment to making a difference. We are incredibly proud of all YECA scholars for their participation and hard work. Congratulations to our winners! 🎉



### Testing Season is Here! (Reminder)

Testing Season is here! If your scholar is in Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9, they will be taking a New York State or College Board exam this month. Grades 9 & 10 are actively preparing for the June Regents exams. *Families,*

*we ask you to please speak with your scholars about these test taking tips! Thank you for your partnership in supporting our YECA scholars, especially during testing season.*

**Tips for Test Taking Success** (<https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/14-tips-for-test-taking-success/>)

- **Don't rush on the day of the test!** Running late and rushing to get to an exam on time can impact your performance and mindset! Get to the testing site (YECA) early so you can find your testing room, take a deep breath and set yourself up for success!
- **Don't Cram!** Cramming increases stress, negatively impacts sleep and decreases your readiness for the exam! Instead, make sure that your scholar is reviewing their notes and studying each and every day in preparation for the exam.
- **Get a good night's sleep!** A good night's sleep will help you think more clearly during the test. It will also make it easier to cope with test-taking stress and anxiety. Moreover, excellent sleep habits have been shown to consolidate memory and improve academic performance.
- **Eat a Healthy Breakfast!** It's hard to think clearly if your stomach is grumbling! Plan time in your morning on test day to eat a healthy breakfast. It's best to avoid foods that are high in sugar, as they can give you a rush of energy that will wear off quickly, leaving you feeling tired. And don't forget to drink plenty of water.
- **During the test:**
  - 1) Answer the questions you know first.
  - 2) Go back and answer the questions you skipped.
  - 3) Check that you answered **ALL** the questions. Do NOT leave any questions blank! It is always better to put something down than nothing! You won't lose any points for a wrong answer.
  - 4) Check your work. You don't want to overthink answers, but a double check can help you find—and correct—obvious mistakes.

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

***(Reminder) 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](mailto:sheilahbobo@gmail.com). We encourage all eligible seniors to apply! <https://abenyinc.wildapricot.org/scholarship>

***(Reminder) 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**

## Resources

- [Mental health resources for parents](#)
- [How to Help Teenagers Get More Sleep](#)
- [The impact of parental burnout](#)
- [Why Self-Care Is Essential to Parenting](#)
- [8 Self-Care Tips for Parents: Practical Advice](#)



## 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](#).

### [Operoo](#)

**[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

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

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

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google play

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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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