



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

As we head into the holiday season, I want to encourage everyone to check in on your neighbors, friends, and relatives. That same mindset guides our work in Yonkers Public Schools. We want every student to feel seen and supported, because what happens outside of school often shows up in the classroom. I am proud that the district has invested in school psychologists and counselors in every building.



Associate Superintendent RoseAnne Collins
Judon's Coaching Modeling and Mentoring
meeting at Gorton High School

If your child needs extra support during this time, please reach out to your school principal. You may also contact my office through [Let's Talk](#) for additional help.

This week, I spent the majority of my time in schools speaking with students and staff. These visits help ensure that district initiatives are reaching classrooms and that support is consistent across campuses. I also joined Board of Education workshop meetings where we reviewed key items tied to student achievement, equity, and school operations.

I want to highlight a few important dates. The Yonkers Public Schools Choice Expo takes place this Saturday at 9:00 AM at Yonkers Middle High School. This event is especially helpful for families with students in transition years, such as moving from primary to secondary school. Each school offers a unique experience, but our goal is that the quality of teaching and support feels strong no matter the campus. I strongly encourage families to attend and learn more about programs across the district.

FAFSA completion events are also underway. The next session is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 4:00 PM at Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies, 631 Tuckahoe Road. These events give students and families support with an important step in the college process.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

As Thanksgiving recess nears, I understand the urge to dive into holiday plans early. As a father of four I'm tempted at times myself, however, I ask families to keep student attendance a top priority. Research shows that high rates of absenteeism place students at greater risk of falling behind. Every day in school matters, especially as we push toward higher levels of student achievement.

Thank you for your trust and partnership as we move through this season together.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



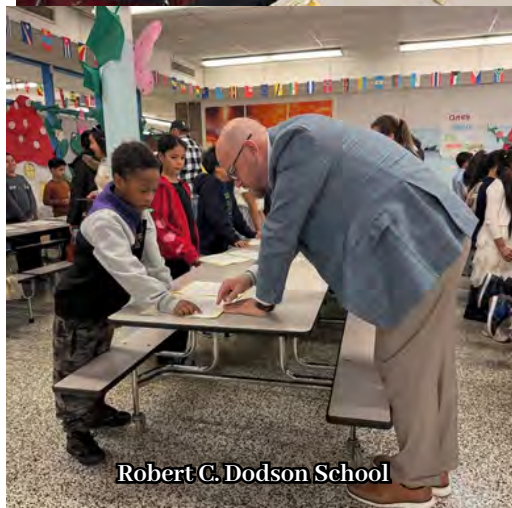
School 30's Veterans Day Celebration

DISTRICT Digest

From key moments with Superintendent Soler to exciting events across our schools, Yonkers Magic was on full display. Catch up on all the highlights and celebrations happening in YPS this week!

Superintendent Soler School Visits This Week

This week Superintendent Soler visited Patricia A. DiChiaro School, Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School, Paideia School 15, School 17, School 30, Robert C. Dodson School and Lincoln High School.



Yonkers Public Schools Choice Expo



Learn about our schools & programs

Saturday, November 15, 2025
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Yonkers Middle/High School
150 Rockland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705

Join us for a day of family fun, prizes, and academic adventures!

FOR MORE INFO: YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLCHOICE

Learn About Programs and Pathways Across the District

The Yonkers Public Schools Choice Expo will take place this Saturday, November 15th at 9:00 AM at Yonkers Middle/High School. This event is especially valuable for families with students entering key transition years!

Each school offers its own unique environment, but the district remains committed to strong instruction and support in every building. Families will have the opportunity to meet staff, explore academic offerings, and compare programs across campuses.

All families are encouraged to attend!

School Highlight: Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School



Students at Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School Celebrated World Kindness Day on Thursday

FAFSA Completion Event

FAFSA Completion Events!



Event	Sign-Up	Details
FAFSA @ Roosevelt High School		Location: Roosevelt High School Library Date: Thursday, November 20th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Obama High School		Location: Obama High School Library Date: Wednesday, December 3rd Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Yonkers Montessori Academy		Location: Yonkers Montessori Academy Library Date: Thursday, December 4th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Saunders High School		Location: Saunders High School Library Date: Thursday, December 4th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Step-by-step Support for College Financial Aid

FAFSA completion events are underway across the district. **The next session will take place on November 20, 2025, at Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies, 631 Tuckahoe Road.**

District staff and community partners will assist students and families with each section of the FAFSA application, answer questions, and help avoid common application errors.

Seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.

School Spirit at YMA



Homecoming Dance, Pep Rally and Spirit Week

Students at YMA celebrated YMA through sports and activities centered around one of our five pillars: Community. Students attended the YMA fall Pep Rally showcasing our sports teams and club activities.

Trip to the Yonkers Riverfront Library



Reading as a Tool to Success

Students from the Pathways to Success Adult Education Program visited the Yonkers Riverfront Library where many of them are parents of Pre-K-12 students!

What made this trip so special was for many of them it was their first trip to the library.

They saw all the Yonkers Public Library had to offer and even received their very own library card! Their excitement was evident in every moment as they realized a new door had opened for them, giving them access to learning, discovery, and the joy of books.

Important Dates This Month



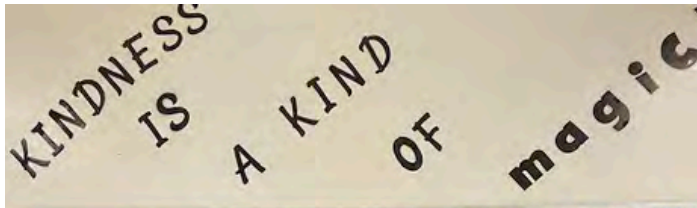
School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

Wed. November 26 - Half Day for All Students/All School Staff

Thurs. November 27 & Fri. November 28 - Thanksgiving Recess (Schools/Central Office Closed)

Fri. December 12th - Half Day Elementary Students (Conferences), Full Day Staff

VIVE Celebrates World Kindness Day



Spreading Kindness Through Yonkers Magic

Adult ESL students from across the program at Pathways to Success embraced the theme of empathy and making positive impacts for this year's World Kindness Day on November 13. It started at the top with heartfelt messages to the principal, Ms. Susan Naber, then, the school safety officer, Carlos Murillo; and finally, the head custodian, Tim Allen. Classes also created a bulletin board that displayed student unity through interconnecting puzzle pieces, as well as Kindness Quotes with accompanying student reflections that offered them the opportunity for critical thinking in their new language-- a valuable skill for language learners!



PEARLS Program Application Deadline



Key information for Families of Early and Rapid Learners

The application window for the PEARLS Program for Early and Rapid Learners is open through Sunday, November 16. The program serves academically talented students in grades Pre-K through 8.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Yonkers at the time of applying and, if admitted, must remain residents.

Age requirements:

- Prekindergarten applicants must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2026.
- Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2026.

Families new to Yonkers Public Schools must enroll for the 2026–2027 school year, which opened October 1, 2025, before applying to the PEARLS Program.

Save the Date!

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EXPO



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YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**PROGRAMA PARA ESTUDIANTES CON HABILIDADES ACADÉMICAS
INICIANDO GRADOS PRE-KINDER – 8
PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL**

**INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES/GUARDIANES
INTERESADOS EN APLICAR PARA EL
AÑO ESCOLAR 2026-2027**

**2026 - 2027 PLAZO PARA PRESENTAR LA SOLICITUD
DOMINGO 16 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2025**

INSCRÍBASE PARA EL PROGRAMA PEARLS
Solo los padres/encargados pueden solicitar a el programa Académicamente Talento (Grados Pre-Kindergarten - 8). La solicitud está disponible por internet YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/PEARLS-PROGRAM. Las solicitudes se pueden enviar solo EN LINEA. NO se aceptarán solicitudes por teléfono o por escrito.

Tenga en cuenta que la solicitud del programa PEARLS debe presentarse antes de la fecha límite, 16 de noviembre de 2025.

Para ser considerado para admisión al Programa de la escuela primaria PEARLS Hawthorne School:

- Todos los solicitantes deben, en el momento de la solicitud si admitido, y después de eso, ser residentes de la Ciudad de Yonkers.
- Los estudiantes de pre-kindergarten deben tener 4 años de edad el 1 de diciembre de 2026 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años de edad el 1 de diciembre de 2026 o antes.

ESTUDIANTES NUEVOS AL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE YONKERS, deben primero registrarse con el distrito escolar. Por favor visite YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/REGISTER para comenzar su inscripción. Si tiene preguntas sobre la inscripción en el distrito, llame al (914) 376-8050.

**POR FAVOR LLAME (914) 376-8189
PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROGRAMA DE PEARLS**

FAFSA Completion Events!



Event	Sign-Up	Details
FAFSA @ Corton High School		Location: Corton High School Library Date: Wednesday, November 5th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Riverside High School		Location: Riverside High School Library Date: Thursday, November 6th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Yonkers High School		Location: Yonkers High School Library Date: Wednesday, November 12th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Lincoln High School		Location: Lincoln High School Library Date: Thursday, November 13th Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
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Stay Connected with Let's Talk and Our Mobile App



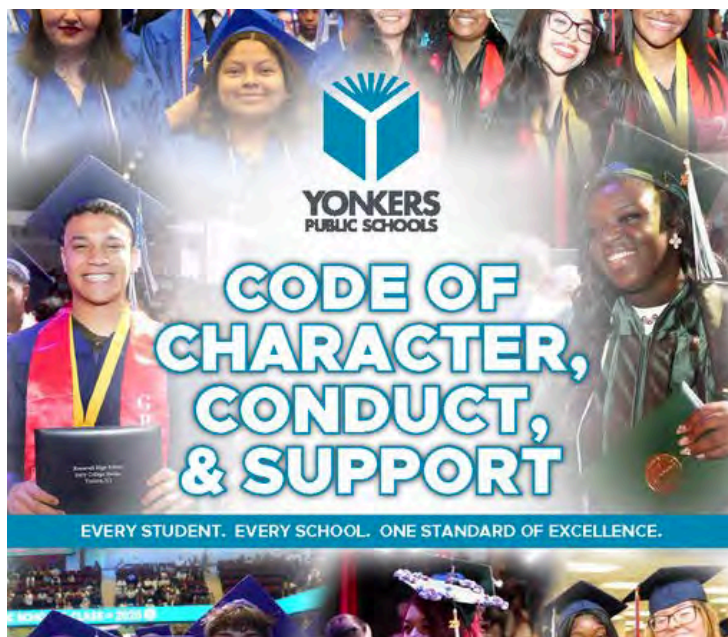
Let's Talk!

Communication Made Easy

Need support or have a question? Use [Let's Talk](#) to reach any Central Office Department. It's fast, easy, and ensures timely responses. Also, be sure to download the Yonkers Public Schools mobile app to receive everything YPS in your pocket:

[App Store Download](#)
[Play Store Download](#)

The Code of Character, Conduct, and Support Adopted by the Board of Education



One Standard of Excellence for Every Student and School

The [Code of Character, Conduct, and Support](#) is based upon education regulations, and Board of Education (BOE) policies. Its purpose is to set expectations that allow the Yonkers Public Schools to create and maintain a safe, civil, and caring environment in which teachers can provide high quality instruction and students can be fully engaged in learning.

Six-Day Letter Day Schedule

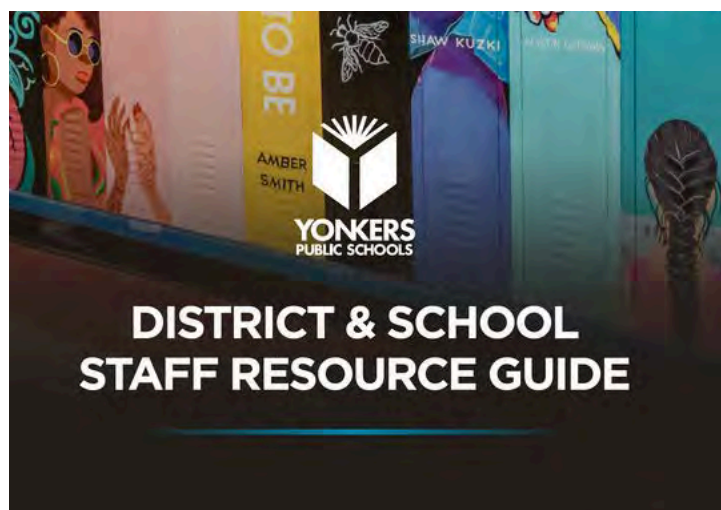


Ensuring Alignment Across the District

Yonkers Public Schools shares the 6-Day Letter Schedule! Students can expect to rotate classes on a 6-day letter cycle, corresponding to A-F days. This change provides students with an opportunity to receive equal instructional time across all subjects.

Want to know more? [Visit our website](#) for additional information.

District & School Staff Resource Guide



Clarity and Transparency At Your Fingertips

The [YPS Staff Resource Guide](#) simplifies how our schools and central office departments are structured and resourced. This document is concise, to the point, and gives a high level overview to how schools are supported.

District Digest

Photos from Across the District



Yonkers First Responders Visit Saunders (1/2)



School 30 Veteran's Day Celebration



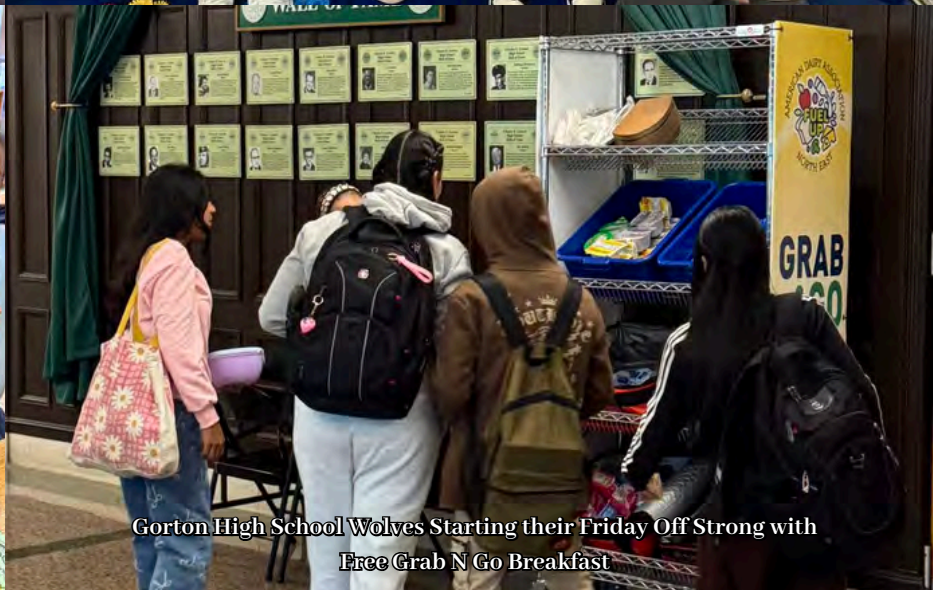
Yonkers First Responders Visit Saunders (2/2)



School 16 Students Celebrate World Kindness Day (1/2)



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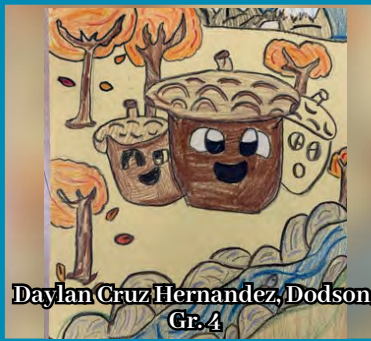


Gorton High School Wolves Starting their Friday Off Strong with Free Grab N Go Breakfast

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



cherly Cuesto, YMA, Gr. 9



Daylan Cruz Hernandez, Dodson,
Gr. 4



Kyro Acevado, School 30, Gr. 2



Keyra Capellan, School 30, Gr. 8



Kristina Morra, Dichiaro, Gr. 8



Victoria Perez, Dodson, Gr. 2



Cleayon Ruff, School 23, Gr. 8,