YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Week In Review
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*Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.*

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# Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

This was a short week, but an impactful one across Yonkers Public Schools. Our community came together to celebrate, learn, and grow while continuing to build momentum for the school year.

We observed Rosh Hashanah, with schools and central office closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. To all who celebrated, I hope you had a meaningful and joyful holiday.




***La Bodeguita de Fermi is back to serving students, families and community members at Enrico Fermi School***

Our students, staff, and partners also gathered for the grand opening of Wingstop on Tuckahoe Road, where Mayor Mike Spano joined us to celebrate their generous support. Wingstop has committed to sponsoring this weekend's Yonkers Brave vs. Yonkers Force football game, providing a post-game meal for all players. The matchup is set for Saturday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. at Roosevelt High School. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

We also held a kickoff event for our partnership with SUNY New Paltz, launching the second cohort of the Science of Reading Micro-credential program. This initiative prepares our educators to integrate artificial intelligence into their instruction, ensuring they remain ahead of the curve and ready to meet students where they are.

Another highlight this week was at Yonkers Montessori Academy, where students and staff came together on the field to mark the International Day of Peace. Together, they formed a giant peace sign, creating a powerful visual message about unity, compassion, and hope. It was a memorable moment that reflected the best of who we are as a school community.

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# Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

As we approach the end of our first full month of school, I want to remind families about the importance of **attending school every day.** Strong attendance builds consistent routines, keeps students on track academically, and helps them stay connected to their teachers and peers. I also encourage you to participate in your school's remaining open house events. These are valuable opportunities to meet staff, learn more about classroom expectations, and strengthen the partnership that supports your child's success.



***Staff gives Students a Warm Welcome Back Following This Week's Holiday***

Finally, a reminder that **schools and central office will be closed on Thursday, October 2**, in observance of Yom Kippur.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we keep pushing forward this school year. Together, we're building a stronger, more innovative district for every student.

**Aníbal Soler, Jr.**
Superintendent of Schools

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***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!***

## Wingstop Grand Opening




### Community Partnerships in Action

*Superintendent Soler, Mayor Mike Spano, and student-athletes from Yonkers Brave and Yonkers Force attended the grand opening of Wingstop on Tuckahoe Road. Wingstop is now an official sponsor of Saturday's football game and will provide a post-game meal for all players. The matchup kicks off at 1:30 PM on September 27 at Roosevelt High School. Tickets will be available at the door.*

## Science of Reading Micro-Credential




### Preparing Educators for the Future of Teaching

*Yonkers Public Schools and SUNY New Paltz kicked off the second cohort of the Science of Reading Micro-credential program. The initiative helps educators integrate artificial intelligence into classroom instruction, equipping them with tools to support student learning in innovative ways.*

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## Yom Kippur Reminder




### Schools & Central Office Closed Thursday, October 2nd

*A reminder that schools and central office will be closed on Thursday, October 2nd, in observance of Yom Kippur. We wish those who observe a blessed and meaningful holiday.*

## International Day of Peace



### Students Come Together to Share a Powerful Message

*Yonkers Montessori Academy marked the International Day of Peace with a powerful display of unity. Students and staff joined together on the school field to form a giant peace sign, symbolizing their collective commitment to kindness, understanding, and global harmony. The event served as a powerful reminder of the values that guide our schools and the impact students can make when they stand together for a shared purpose.*

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## Stay Connected with Let's Talk and Our Mobile App







### 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**

## 2025 Open House Schedule

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### OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2025

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

| School | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|
| School 5 | 9/18/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| School 16 | 9/25/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| School 16 - Annex | 10/9/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| School 17 | 9/30/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| School 21 | 10/8/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| School 22 | 9/11/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| School 23 | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| School 30 | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Casimir Pulaski | 9/17/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Cesar E. Chavez School | 9/18/2025 | 4:15 PM |
| Cross Hill Academy | 10/8/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Ella Fitzgerald Academy | 9/30/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Enrico Fermi | 9/25/2025 | 6:00 PM |
| Enrico Fermi (Middle School) | 10/9/2025 | 6:00 PM |
| Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School | 9/11/2025 | 3:30 PM |
| Family School 32 | 10/9/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Kahlil Gibran | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School | 10/8/2025 | 3:30 PM |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. | 10/8/2025 | 4:30 PM |
| Montessori School 27 | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Montessori School 31 | 9/18/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Paideia School 15 | 9/8/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Paideia School 24 | 9/17/2025 | 4:30 PM /6:00 PM |
| Patricia A. DiChiaro | 9/25/2025 | 6:00 PM |
| PEARLS | 9/16/2025 | 6:00 PM |
| PEARLS (Middle School) | 9/30/2025 | 6:00 PM |
| Robert C. Dodson | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Global Academy | 9/18/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Sonia Sotomayor Community School | 9/17/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Westchester Hills School 29 | 9/11/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| William Boyce Thompson | 9/29/2025 | 5:00 PM |
| Yonkers Early Childhood Academy | 9/18/2025 | 5:30 PM |
| Yonkers Montessori Academy - Elementary | 9/10/2025 | 5:00 PM |

### Connect With Your Child's Teacher to Help Them Succeed

The Open House schedule is available for schools *here*. This is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet your child's teacher(s) and learn more about the upcoming school year. Be sure to confirm with your school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## 2025–2026 School Calendar

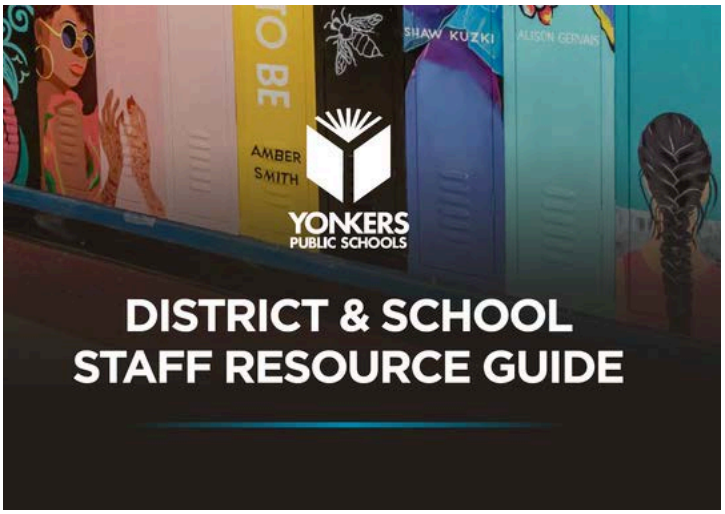



### Plan Ahead with Key Dates for the Upcoming School Year

*The 2025–2026 Yonkers Public Schools calendar is available for families to view online. This easy to follow, one-page view helps families stay organized and informed all year long.*

*View and download the calendar here:*
***2025–2026 Calendar at a Glance***

## 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.*

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## Important Dates This Month

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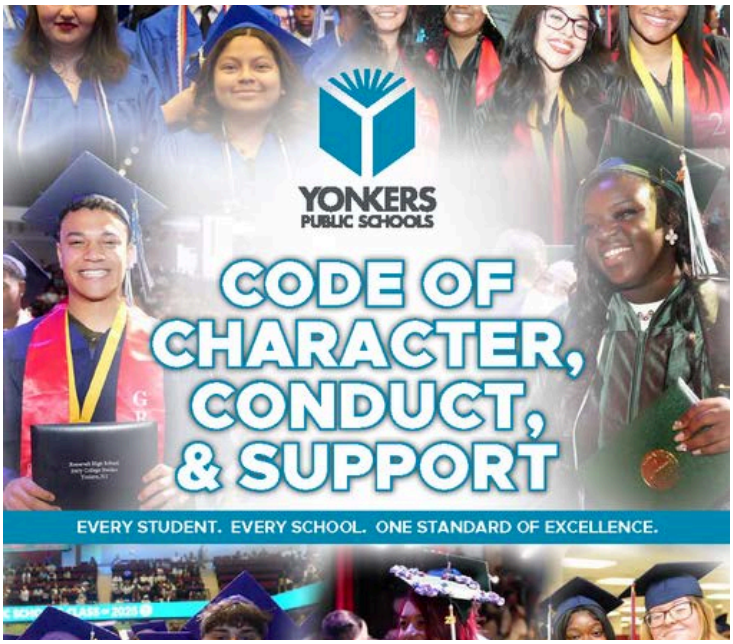
### School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

**Sat. September 27th @ 1:30 P.M.**
Yonkers Force vs Yonkers Brave Game
at Roosevelt HS

**Thurs. October 2nd** - Yom Kippur
(Schools/Central Office Closed)

**Mon. October 13th** - Columbus Day
(Schools/Central Office Closed)

## 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.*

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## 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.*



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## Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos







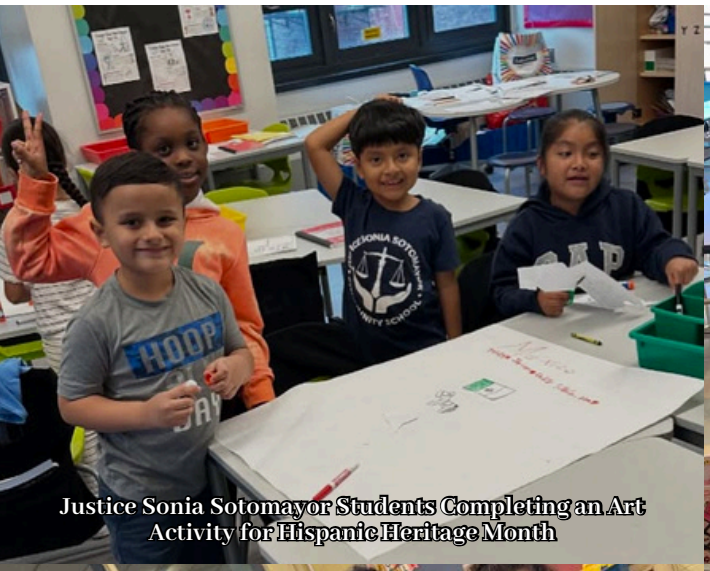







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## Photos from Across the District



Justice Sonia Sotomayor Students Completing an Art Activity for Hispanic Heritage Month



La Bodeguita de Fermi is Ready to Serve The Community!



Having Fun with Foundations in First Grade at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy! (1/2)




Yonkers Montessori Academy Celebrates International Peace Day



Having Fun with Foundations in First Grade at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy! (2/2)



Lincoln Lancers Enjoying Their Senior Sunrise

# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Jillian Lapi-an, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 8



Eluanna Gutierrez Guzman, Dodson School, Gr. 7


Liah Aleman, MLKA, Pre-K



Mackenzie Medina, School 23, Gr. 6



Zahir Sanchez, School 23, Gr. 7



Amayelyn Gonzalez, School 23, Gr. 6



Michelle Alvarado, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 8