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 week was full of meaningful engagement and continued progress across Yonkers Public Schools.

I attended the first Yonkers Council of PTA meeting of the year along with our Senior Executive Team at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, where we discussed the progress we've made and the direction our district is heading.



Superintendent Soler Speaks at This Week's Instructional Affairs Meeting

We highlighted key initiatives, including our 1:1 device rollout, the Let's Talk two-way communication tool, and a reminder to download our district mobile app for instant updates and emergency alerts. I also shared our ongoing commitment to transparency and collaboration, reflected in the Staffing Resource Document available to families and staff so families can see the resources available in each school.

We also spoke about our unwavering commitment to protecting classroom instruction. While this year's budget will be challenging, we remain focused on keeping cuts away from the school level. For the first time in decades, Yonkers Public Schools has fully funded Career and Technical Education (CTE), ensuring that every student has access to art, music, and physical education as part of the district's letter-day schedule. **This is how we ensure equity across the system.**

There is always more work to be done, but with every step forward, we are addressing gaps and creating stronger pathways for student success.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

This week, I also joined members of the Board of Education for Audit, Budget and Instructional Affairs, and Facilities and Policy Workshop meetings. These sessions play an important role in shaping the operations that support our schools.

A reminder that schools and central office will be closed on Monday, October 13th.

Thank you for your partnership and continued trust as we work together to strengthen our schools.



Cesar E. Chavez School Students and Staff Unite in Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

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!

School Visit: Yonkers Middle High School



Students Showcase Artistic Talents

During a visit to Yonkers Middle High School, Superintendent Soler viewed outstanding student artwork guided by art teacher Ms. Kelly Finlaw. The visit reminded him of the critical work teachers do every day to support every student every day.

Yonkers Council of PTA Meeting



Strengthening Family Partnerships

Superintendent Soler met with families and PTA chapter leaders at Saunders High School to discuss district progress and key priorities. Topics included the one-to-one device rollout, the Let's Talk communication platform, and the importance of downloading the district mobile app for urgent updates.

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Board of Education Workshops



Critical Work to Promote Student Success

Superintendent Soler joined members of the Board of Education for Audit, Budget and Instructional Affairs, and Facilities and Policy Workshop meetings. These sessions help strengthen planning and accountability across the district.

Principals Meeting



Kicking Off the Year On A High Note

The district held its first Principals Meeting of the school year. School leaders aligned on district priorities, shared best practices to support teaching and learning, and celebrated National Principals Month.

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Reminder

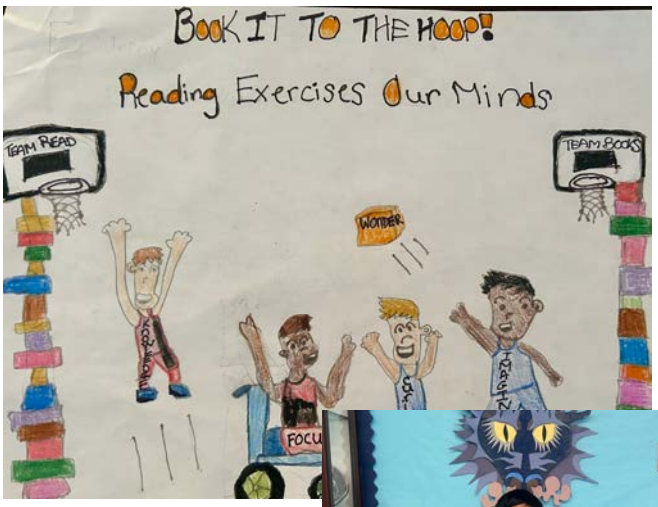
Columbus Day

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SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

YPS CLOSED
Monday, October 13th

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Celebrating Artistic Excellence



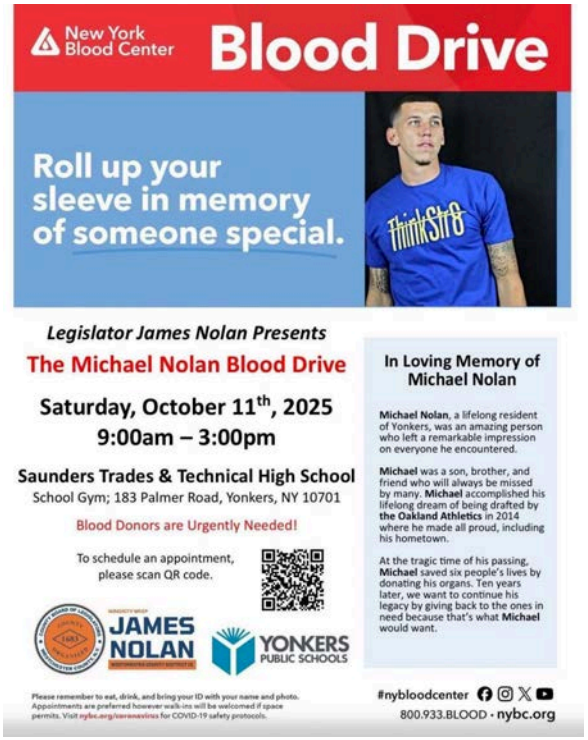


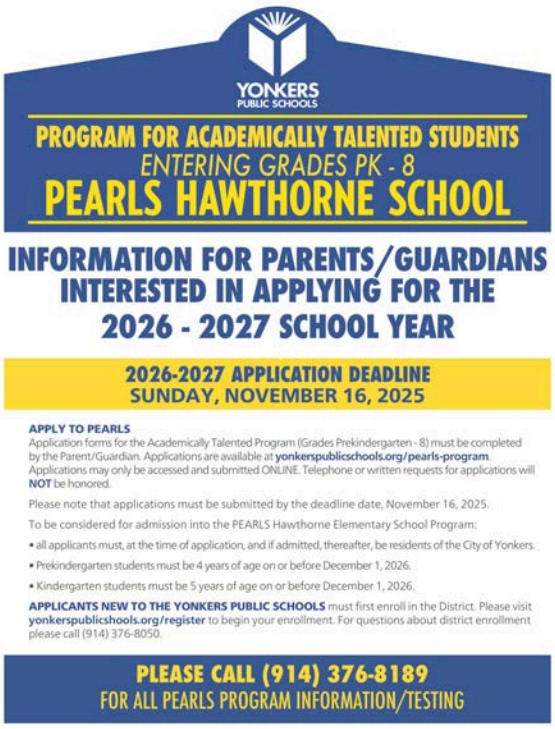
Yonkers Student Recognized in Statewide Art Contest

Congratulations to fourth grader, Yusaf Sultan, of Patricia A. Dichiaro School on being recognized as a Top 10 Winner in this year's New York State PTA "Every Child Reads" Literacy Contest! This year's contest challenged students across New York State to submit a poster, video, or essay expressing their thoughts on the theme: "Why is reading important for your health and wellness?"

Save the Date!









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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:*

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Yonkers Public Schools Did You Know?



Yonkers Montessori Academy School Spotlight

Yonkers Montessori Academy students and Mr. Ramos are giving the school community a voice. It's more than just a podcast — it's a platform, built right in the classroom, designed for community and connection.
#YPSDidYouKnow

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Important Dates This Month

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School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

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

Mon. October 20th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Diwali (Schools Closed for Students)

Tues. November 4th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Election Day
(Schools Closed for Students)

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

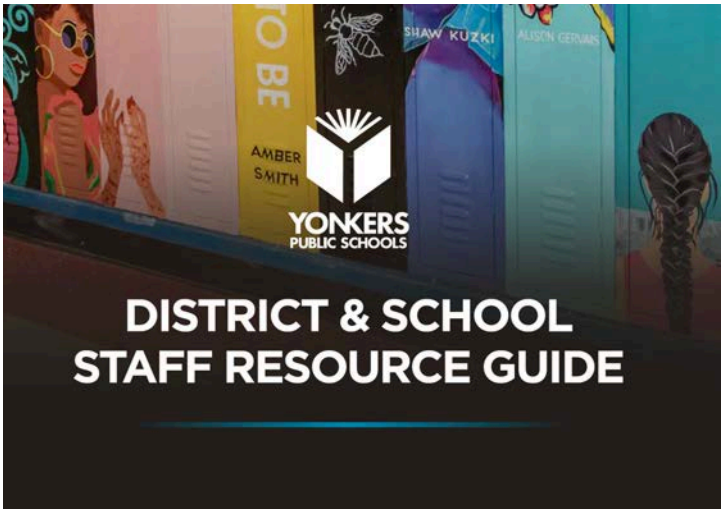


Ensuring Alignment Across the District

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.

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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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



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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos









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Photos from Across the District



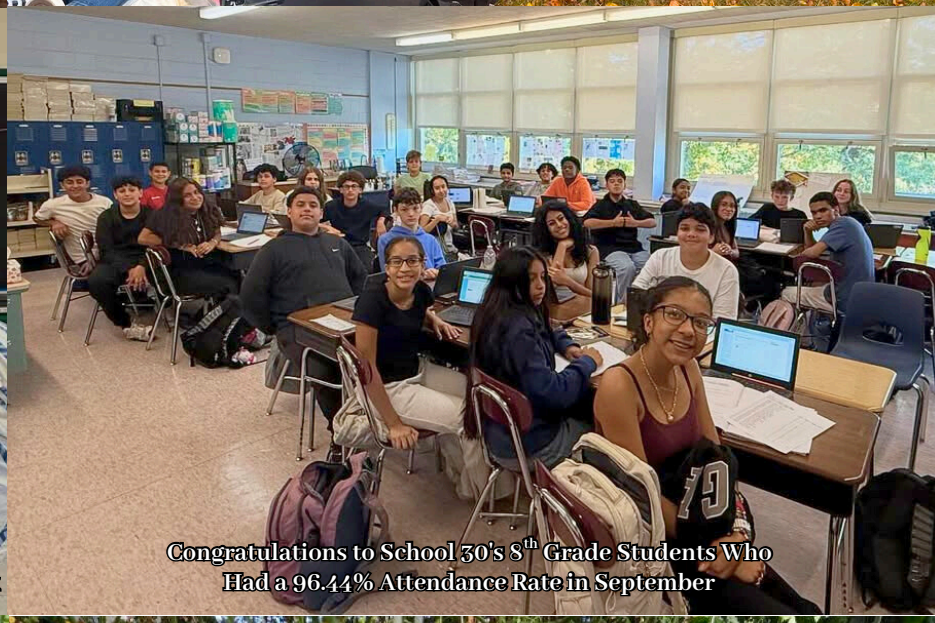
Lincoln High School Academy of FInance Seniors



Riverside High School MSK Members Enjoy a Picnic at JFK Marina



Senior Citizen Day as Part of Gorton High School's Spirit Week



Congratulations to School 30's 8th Grade Students Who Had a 96.44% Attendance Rate in September



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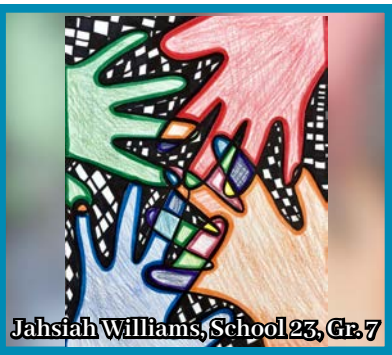


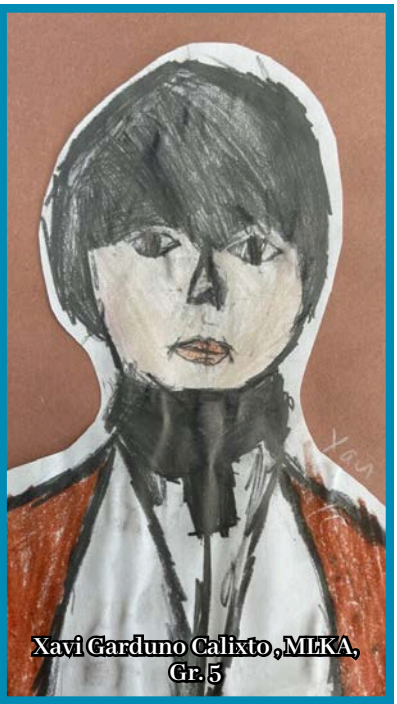
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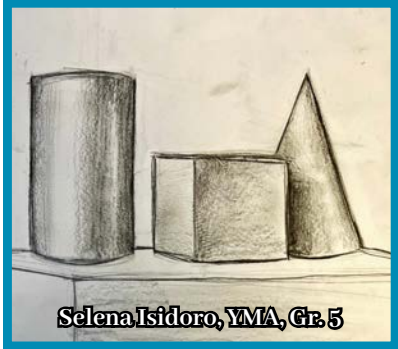
YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Analia Fuentes, Dodson, Gr. 7


Jahsiah Williams, School 23, Gr. 7


Xavi Garduno Calixto , MLKA, Gr. 5


Selena Isidoro, YMA, Gr. 5


Ava Garcia, Siragusa, Gr. 6


Julia DaCosta, Siragusa, Gr. 5


Kayleigh Rodriguez, YMA, Gr. 9