



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Families,

The Spring season is in full bloom with the nicer weather approaching I hope you take a break from the daily throws life brings and enjoy it with your families. Coming back from Spring Recess, I was reminded of what public education is all about – raising voices, celebrating progress, and standing together in support of something bigger than ourselves.



**Board of Education Student Trustees Participated in their First Meeting this Week**

We had a Board of Education meeting where we welcomed our newest Trustee, Mr. Arz Raheem. He brings both executive leadership and personal experience as a parent of five children in our schools. I'm excited to work alongside him as we continue to move our District forward. Even more historic was our first-ever student Trustees, joining for the meeting – Yonkers Middle/High School Senior Jaelynn Wesely, Saunders Junior, Rafael Diaz, and Lincoln High School junior, Margaret Ennin and Saunders Senior, William Williams – inspiring leaders who now bring the voice of over 24,000 students directly into our governance.

We also took time this week to plant hope – literally. Students joined us for Earth Week and Arbor Day tree plantings at Pelton Park, Trevor Park, and the Barack Obama School for Social Justice, where we partnered with the Groundwork Hudson Valley to launch a brand-new micro forest. These efforts represent more than environmental learning – they represent care, connection, and community.

As previously announced, I am thrilled to share updates to Let's Talk, a customer service tool to assist with engaging with families, it's a direct line to Central Office teams—Superintendent, Transportation, Registration, Special Education, and more. It also includes a ChatBot where you can get answers to common questions even faster. We're building a better, more responsive system where every family voice is valued and addressed.

Have a question? Reach out to us at <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/lets-talk>.

## *Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)*

And to top it off, Josiah Dominique, a senior at Yonkers Middle High School was honored by Madison Square Garden's – Garden of Dreams Foundation with a \$60,000 scholarship, presented by hip-hop legend Darryl McDaniels (Run DMC). What a moment!

Finally, we are proud to be part of this year's Relay for Life, walking in memory of our beloved colleague Ms. Elaine Shine. I invite all of you to walk with us, [donate](#), or spread the word. The event is taking place Friday, May 30th beginning at 3pm. Let's continue to lift one another up in hope, in healing, and in honor.



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



***The Saunders Softball Team Kicks Off The Season Strong with a 4-1 Record. Let's Go Blue Devils!***

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!

## Walking for a Cure



Join Yonkers Public Schools for this year's Relay for Life as we raise vital funds for cancer research and support services.

Our community has always stood together, and now we have a chance to make an even bigger impact.

This year's event is especially meaningful as we honor Ms. Elaine Shine—a beloved educator, mentor, and warrior. Elaine's strength and dedication continue to inspire us. By participating, donating, or volunteering, you help carry on her legacy and support the fight against cancer.



**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
Walk with us and stand united in hope.  
Friday, May 30, 2025  
3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Gorton High School, 100 Shonnard Place, Yonkers

**DONATE**  
Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to a cure. You can donate here:



**SPREAD THE WORD**  
Rally friends, family, and colleagues to support this vital cause. They can donate by using the QR code above.



Together, we honor Ms. Shine's legacy and bring hope to those still fighting cancer. Let's unite as a community and make a lasting impact.

## YPS Joins Relay for Life – May 30

Join us in the fight against cancer as we walk in honor of Ms. Elaine Shine and so many others who've faced this disease.

Date: Friday, May 30

Time: 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: Gorton High School Field

[Support or Donate](#)

## Best Wishes to Dr. Erik Wright



CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Erik Wright!



Congratulations to Associate Superintendent Dr. Erik Wright on becoming the next Wyandanch Union Free School District Superintendent!

Thank you for your service to Yonkers. We will miss you but we are excited to see you help WUFSD Rise.

## New Voices at the Table



### Board of Education Welcomes New Trustee and Student Leaders

*This week, Mr. Arz Raheem attended his first meeting as a Board of Education Trustee, bringing valuable insight as both a tech executive and a proud YPS parent. We also welcomed historic first student Trustees: meeting Jaelynn Wesely, (YMHS), Rafael Diaz (SHS), Margaret Ennin (LHS), William Williams (SHS). These student leaders will now help shape district decisions through a student-led lens.*

## Planting the Future



### Arbor Day Tree Plantings Across Yonkers

*In celebration of Arbor Day, students from Justice Sonia Sotomayor School and Riverside High School joined City leaders to plant trees at Pelton Park and Trevor Park. Also, thanks to our partners at Groundwork Hudson Valley we planted over a 100 trees at the Barack Obama School for Social Justice! Students planted a new micro forest! A green and growing future is taking root in Yonkers!*

## Show Your School Pride



  
**YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

NOW AVAILABLE

By High Quality Brands Including:



## High School Athletics Spirit Wear Store Goes Live!

The YPS Athletics Department is excited to share the spirit wear store to purchase high school gear. Students, families, alumni, and community members can now purchase spirit wear to support their schools – check back often as new items will be added regularly.

[Check it out!](#)

## Calling all Nurses!

  
**YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### JOIN OUR TEAM! FULL TIME RNs & LPNs NEEDED!



Yonkers Public Schools is looking for dedicated, responsible and experienced RNs & LPNs

**Why Join Us?**

- Family-friendly schedule
- NO on-call requirements
- NO weekend work
- 13 holidays off
- Summers off
- Follows the academic school schedule
- Spanish and Arabic speaking is a plus!
- Potential for overtime

 **COMPENSATION**  
RN starting salary \$63,033  
LPN starting salary \$50,995  
Annual increases  
NYS Pension and fantastic benefits!

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?  
CONTACT: LAURA MULCAHY, FNP-BC, MSN | [LMULCAHY@YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:LMULCAHY@YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG)  
[yonkerspublicschools.org/careers](http://yonkerspublicschools.org/careers)

## Careers Start Here Join the Yonkers Magic!

Are you a RN or LPN, interested in a family friendly work schedule?

If so, look no further because we are hiring full time nurses to join our team of healthcare professionals!

Call (914) 376-8226 or email [lmulcahy@yonkerspublicschools.org](mailto:lmulcahy@yonkerspublicschools.org) for more information.

## YPS 2025 -2026 Calendar is Now Available

### YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**JANUARY 2026**

M	T	W	T	F
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**FEBRUARY**

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**MARCH**

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**APRIL**

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**MAY**

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**JUNE**

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**JANUARY 2026**

THIRD MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): JANUARY 26 – APRIL 17  
 PRE-K & K STUDENTS: JANUARY 26 – JUNE 26

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 1-2 WINTER RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED  
 5 SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER WINTER RECESS  
 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 20-23 REGENTS EXAMS/RATING – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY

**FEBRUARY 2026**

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2  
 INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

16-20 MID-WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED  
 16-17 PRESIDENTS' DAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 17 LUNAR NEW YEAR  
 23 SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER MID-WINTER RECESS

**MARCH 2026**

SPRING MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): MARCH 18 – JUNE 26  
 INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF MARCH 16  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF MARCH 23

20 EID AL-FITR – SCHOOLS CLOSED  
 30-31 SPRING RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED

**APRIL 2026**

FOURTH MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): APRIL 20 – JUNE 26  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF APRIL 27  
 STATE EXAM SCHEDULE: NYSESLAT SPEAKING ADMINISTRATION (GR. K-12): APRIL 6 – MAY 22  
 NYS ELA TEST GRADES: (Gr. 3 & 4): 4/7 – 4/8 (Gr. 5 & 6): 4/14 – 4/15 (Gr. 7 & 8): 4/16 – 4/17  
 NYS SCIENCE TEST GRADES: (Gr. 5): 4/29 (Gr. 8): 4/29 (Gr. 9): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 10): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 11): 4/29 – 4/30  
 NYS TEST MAKE-UPS: (Gr. 3 & 4): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 5): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 6): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 7): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 8): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 9): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 10): 4/29 – 4/30 (Gr. 11): 4/29 – 4/30

1-3 SPRING RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED  
 3 GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 6 SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER SPRING RECESS  
 6-30 NEW YORK STATE ELA, MATH AND SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS  
 10 ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL, 1/2 DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (PARENT CONFERENCES); FULL DAY FOR STAFF

**MAY 2026**

INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF MAY 18  
 INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF MAY 25  
 STATE EXAM SCHEDULE: NYSESLAT L/WR ADMINISTRATION (GR. K-12): MAY 4 – MAY 22  
 NYS MATH TEST GRADES: (Gr. 3 & 4): 5/5 – 5/6 (Gr. 5 & 6): 5/7 – 5/8 (Gr. 7 & 8): 5/12 – 5/13  
 NYS TEST MAKE-UPS: (Gr. 3 & 4): 5/14 – 5/15 MATH (Gr. 5): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 6): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 7): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 8): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 9): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 10): 5/18-6/18 (Gr. 11): 5/18-6/18  
 NYS ELA, MATH & SC SCORING: 5/18-5/27 (Gr. 3-8): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 9-12): 5/28 – 5/29  
 NYS MATH TEST GRADES: (Gr. 3 & 4): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 5 & 6): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 7 & 8): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 9): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 10): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 11): 5/28 – 5/29  
 1-15 NEW YORK STATE ELA, MATH AND SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS  
 25 MEMORIAL DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

**JUNE 2026**

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS WEEK OF JUNE 22

9 NEW REGENTS EXAM IN ALGEBRA II/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY  
 10 NEW REGENTS EXAM IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE; CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE: PHYSICS – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY  
 17-26 REGENTS EXAMS/RATING – RATING DAY 8/26  
 19 JUNETEENTH – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 25 HALF-DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
 26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/REGENTS RATING DAY  
 HALF-DAY FOR STUDENTS/HOURLY STAFF  
 FULL-DAY FOR STAFF (EXCEPT FOR HOURLY STAFF)

The first two emergency closing days are built into the calendar – 180 days required for students  
 MAKE-UP DAY CALENDAR PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PLANS FOR THE MAKE-UP DAYS LISTED  
 Emergency Closing Days Listed – Schools will be open March 30 Key: Make-up Days

Total Days Schools in Session: 182

**JULY 2025**

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**AUGUST**

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**SEPTEMBER**

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**OCTOBER**

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**NOVEMBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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Total Days Schools in Session: 182  
 Total Days Teachers in Attendance: 1785  
 Total Days for Teaching Assistants: 1787

Approved 4/23/25

### YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**JULY 2025**

1 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM (ESY) BEGINS (ENR 8/11)  
 7 SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS (ENR 8/18)  
 4 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

**AUGUST 2025**

13 BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS RETURN – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY  
 19-20 SUMMER SCHOOL REGENTS TESTING  
 28 SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATION  
 27 & 28 NURSES/AIDES REPORT TO WORK (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)  
 28 & 29 TEACHING ASSISTANTS REPORT TO WORK (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

FIRST MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 7  
 FALL MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 26  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: SEPTEMBER 8 – JANUARY 23

1 LABOR DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 2 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY  
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS/STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE STAFF  
 ONE HALF-DAY FOR CLASSROOM/PROGRAM PREPARATION  
 10-MONTH CSEA BEGIN 9/2  
 HOURLY EMPLOYEES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF START DATE, IN WRITING, BY JULY 29  
 3 ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL – FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS  
 23-24 ROSH HASHANAH – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

**OCTOBER 2025**

INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF OCTOBER 13  
 INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF OCTOBER 20

2 YOM KIPPUR – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 13 COLUMBUS DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR STUDENTS  
 20 DIWALI  
 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY – SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS  
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL TEACHERS

**NOVEMBER 2025**

SECOND MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): NOVEMBER 10 – JANUARY 23  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17

4 ELECTION DAY  
 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY – SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS  
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL STAFF  
 11 VETERANS' DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED  
 26 HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF  
 27-28 THANKSGIVING RECESS – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

**DECEMBER 2025**

WINTER MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): DECEMBER 1 – MARCH 13  
 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF DECEMBER 1  
 INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

12 ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL, 1/2 DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (PARENT CONFERENCES); FULL DAY FOR STAFF  
 23 HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF  
 24-31 WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED  
 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

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Yonkers Public Schools calendar for the upcoming school year is ready and available to [view](https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org).

- Yonkers Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 school year calendar at its April 23 Stated Meeting.
- First day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 3, 2025
- Testing dates have been added so families can plan accordingly

## Upcoming Events



**JOIN THE TEAM THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

### YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER FAIR

**MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**  
**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
 Riverfront Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 One Larkin Center, Yonkers

**Now Hiring:**

- Substitute Teachers
- School Aides
- Food Service Helpers
- Bus Monitors

**Why Join Team YPS?**

- Work that fits your schedule
- Meaningful impact every day
- Supportive school community
- Opportunities to grow in education



**READY TO JOIN US? EVENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED VISIT [YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG](http://YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG) TO REGISTER AND APPLY.**



JOIN US FOR A  
**CHARLES E. GORTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MBK COMMUNITY EVENT**



**Saturday, May 3rd**  
 \*Rain Date May 31st\*

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

**GHS FIELD**  
 100 SHONNARD PL  
 12PM-3PM



**PARTNERS INCLUDE:**  
 YPD, YFD, DPW, COUNTY POLICE, U.S. MARINES, WE ART 1, FOOD TRUCKS, SALSA DANCING, MUSIC, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, LOCAL VENDORS AND MORE.

## Focused on Family Engagement



**Less than 2 Weeks Left**  
 to take the Yonkers Public Schools  
 Climate Panorama Survey

Everyone's invited to participate  
 ...have you shared your thoughts  
 yet?



### Your Voice. Your School. Your Survey.

Students and families – it's your turn!  
 The School Climate Panorama Survey is aimed at getting your input on the emotional support and culture at your child's school. **Different from other surveys this is focused on your child's individual school.** The survey is quick, anonymous, and goes straight to your **school leaders.**

Family Survey: [Click here](#)  
 Student Survey (Use Student ID as access code): [Click here](#)

## A Scholarship Surprise



### Yonkers Middle High School Student Honored by MSG Garden of Dreams

*In an unforgettable moment at the Yonkers Middle/High School arena, Madison Square Garden, hip-hop legend Darryl McDaniels of Run DMC surprised student – Josiah Dominique, a senior at YMHS with a \$60,000 scholarship by the Garden of Dreams Foundation. Josiah story of overcoming adversity and challenges, and constantly defying the odds resonated with Darryl and his personal journey. We are so proud of Josiah and all he represents!*

**Stay connected with Yonkers Public Schools!**

Follow us for the latest news, events, and school highlights.

**Be part of the #YonkersMagic!**



# District Digest

## Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



# District Digest

## Photos From Across The District



School 30 Kindergarteners Celebrate Earth Day



Saunders High School Wins Big at the NYS Skills USA Conference in Syracuse



Celebrating Earth Day @ Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School



Coach Nuryel Benitez Selected as High School Flag Football Coach of the Week by the New York Giants



YMHS Staff Join Together for a Picture With Darryl McDaniels of Run DMC

# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Allexa Faulk, YMA, Gr. 9



De'Anthony Mitchell, Boyce Thompson, Gr. 6



Elizabeth Peralta, YMHS, Gr. 9



Zhaljanna Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Samantha Morcelos, YMHS, Gr. 10



Carlos Reyes Peres, School 23, Gr. 7