



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!***

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!

Walking for a Cure



American Cancer Society **RELAY FOR LIFE**

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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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!

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
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 for more information.

YPS 2025 -2026 Calendar is Now Available

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH

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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL

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MAY

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25	26	27	28	29

JUNE

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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

Total Days Schools in Session: 182

JANUARY 2026

THIRD MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): JANUARY 26 – APRIL 17
SECOND MARKING PERIOD: 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 26 – JUNE 26
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF APRIL 27
STATE EXAM SCHEDULE: NYSED/SLT 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): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 5): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 6): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 7): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 8): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 9): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 10): 5/14 – 5/15 (Gr. 11): 5/14 – 5/15
NYS ELA, MATH & SCIENCE: 4/29 – 5/27 (Gr. 3-8): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 9-12): 5/28 – 5/29
NYS TEST MAKE-UPS: (Gr. 3-8): 5/28 – 5/29 (Gr. 9-12): 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 I/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY
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 12/17/25 Key: Make-up Days

JULY 2025

M	T	W	T	F
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

M	T	W	T	F
4	5	6	7	8
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SEPTEMBER

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29	30			

OCTOBER

M	T	W	T	F
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
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NOVEMBER

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
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24	25	26	27	28

DECEMBER

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Total Days Schools in Session: 182
Total Days Teachers in Attendance: 1185
Total Days for Teaching Assistants: 1187

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 3 – NOVEMBER 7
FALL MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): SEPTEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 26
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: SEPTEMBER 3 – 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
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 20

1 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
13 HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF
23 HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF
24-31 WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED
25 CHRISTMAS DAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

Approved 4/23/25

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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



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 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

**YONKERS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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!

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

Be part of the #YonkersMagic!



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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



Alexa Faulk, YMA, Gr. 9



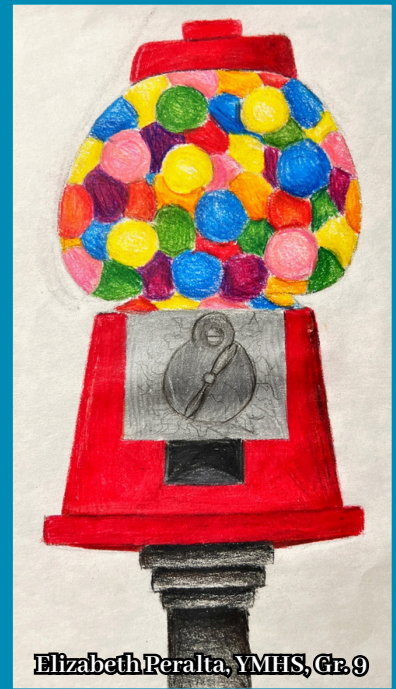
Zhaljanna Infante Cruz,
School 23, Gr. 7



Samantha Morcelos, YMHS, Gr. 10



De'Anthony Mitchell, Boyce
Thompson, Gr. 6



Elizabeth Peralta, YMHS, Gr. 9



Carlos Reyes Peres, School 23, Gr. 7