

# Voorhees Township Schools

February 2025 Newsletter

## **A Message from Dr. Hackett**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year is moving quickly, and February 3, 2025, marks the official mid-point as we conclude the second marking period. We are continuously analyzing academic data to ensure that we provide your children with an educational experience tailored to their specific needs.

Additionally, we are focusing on the social and emotional development of our students through assembly programs, lessons led by our guidance counselors using our new curriculum program, Character Strong, and various clubs and activities. We are proud of the progress we've made so far this school year and remain committed to working diligently throughout the second half of the year.

### Voorhees Early Childhood Development Center Update

I am pleased to inform you that our vendor has provided a substantial completion date of March 6, 2025, as the delayed heating units have arrived. We are excited to report that we are hopeful students will be able to enter the VECDK on Monday, April 7, 2025. The period between March 6, 2025, and April 4, 2025, will be used for the vendor to complete punch list items and for the district to set up classrooms.

### Work Completed Over the Winter Break

Mr. Mathes, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and his team did an excellent job over the winter break. Listed below are the completed projects.

#### Osage

- Charging station installed in conference room table
- Northeast repaired a water leak in the wall and replaced a cracked toilet in room 116
- Northeast replaced two urinal shut-off valves
- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown/Active shooter alarm system tested

#### Signal Hill

- Charging station installed in conference room table
- A new heating and AC unit was installed in the kitchen
- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown/Active shooter alarm system tested

#### VMS

- Library lights upgraded to LED
- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown /Active shooter alarm system tested

#### Hamilton

- Hard surface flooring was installed in the music room
- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown/Active shooter alarm system tested

#### Kresson

- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown/Active shooter alarm system tested

#### Administration Building

- HVAC filters replaced
- Lockdown/Active shooter alarm system tested

#### Food Advisory Committee Meeting

Our second Food Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on February 19, 2025

<https://zoom.us/j/94295900645>.

During the meeting, we will discuss important matters related to the nutritional well-being of our students. Mrs. Helen Haley, Business Administrator, and Tina Artusa, Director of Food Services for Nutriserve will host the virtual meeting. Your input is invaluable to us, as we strive to create a positive and healthy dining environment for all students. Your participation in this meeting will contribute to the ongoing improvement of our district's food services program.

I look forward to our ongoing partnership as we collaborate in pursuit of our shared mission to deliver quality education to the students of Voorhees. Together, we play a pivotal role in establishing the academic foundation that equips our students to be prepared for both college and career paths.

Dr. Neely Hackett

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**February 1: Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Opens Online**

**February 3: End of 2nd Marking Period**

**February 12: Parent Virtual Workshop**

**February 14: District Spirit Day - Heart Health Awareness - Wear Red**

**February 17: Schools Closed - President's Day**

**February 19: Family Night**

**February 26: Board of Education Meeting**

### **Updated 2024-2025 Calendar for Snow Day**

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/Domain/7371/2024%202025%20School%20Calendar%20Revised%2001072025.pdf>

### **2024 - 2025 Assessment Schedule**

[https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/Domain/7358/Assessment%20Schedule%20and%20Requirements%202024-2025%20revised%2011\\_24.pdf](https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/Domain/7358/Assessment%20Schedule%20and%20Requirements%202024-2025%20revised%2011_24.pdf)

## Superintendent Forums for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Superintendent's Forums provide an opportunity for the community to engage with me in a collaborative partnership with the ultimate goal of providing all students with a quality educational experience. Please join me to share ideas, knowledge, opinions, and concerns on the following dates at 6:30 p.m. at the Board Administration Building:

- Thursday, January 30, 2025
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Monday, May 19, 2025

### District Spirit Theme Days

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/Domain/1/District%20Spirit%20Day%202024%202025%20revised.pdf>

### Parent Virtual Workshops

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/ModuleInstance/5783/Parent%20Workshops%202024%202025.pdf>

### Voorhees Early Childhood Development Center

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/domain/8957>

### Download the VTSD Mobile App

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/domain/7365>

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