

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

November 2024 Newsletter

A Message From Dr. Hackett

November 1, 2024

Dear Voorhees Community,

As we step into November, it's remarkable how quickly the first two months of the school year have passed. We eagerly look forward to the autumn months ahead. Our focus continues to be on our district theme: "Building Pathways to Success: Empowering Students through Positive Connections."

Parent Virtual Workshop-Overview of the District's Plan for Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Our third parent virtual workshop of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. This workshop will delve into the district's plan to ensure that AI is used to enhance and support student learning. Parents will be provided with an overview of the district's 2024-2025 plan to train and support teachers and students in using AI as an instructional support tool. By participating, parents will gain an understanding of the district's plan to use AI effectively and efficiently.

<https://zoom.us/j/91040548035?pwd=mM0Qjzl0ScwrhtvSxll9GZu3ypw0Ep.1>

Business Office Website

The annual parent survey completed in May 2024 revealed that 23.9% of respondents were unfamiliar with the grants the district has received. In response, we have added a grants section to the Business Office website <https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/Page/98702>. We hope you find this information helpful.

Intervention and Acceleration Programs

We offer a range of programs designed to provide additional support for our students in reaching or exceeding grade-level standards. We are continuously striving to enhance these programs to maximize their effectiveness. These programs encompass:

- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Basic Skills Instruction (ELA and Math)

- Reading Specialists
- Morning Tutoring
- Differentiated and Small Group Instruction within the classroom setting
- What I Need (W.I.N.) for second-grade students
- Enrichment Program (EP)
- Sparks Program

By consistently improving and refining these programs, we aim to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

The New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

The district will undergo NJQSAC this year. NJQSAC is the New Jersey Department of Education's monitoring and self-evaluation system for public school districts, conducted every three years. This comprehensive accountability system consolidates and incorporates the monitoring requirements of applicable state laws and programs while complementing federally mandated improvements.

The system evaluates school districts across five key components: Instruction & Program, Fiscal, Governance, Operations, and Personnel. An effective rating in each component is defined as 80% or higher. In the previous QSAC review for the 2021-2022 school year, the district received the following scores:

- Instruction & Program: 86%
- Fiscal: 96%
- Governance: 100%
- Operations: 100%
- Personnel: 100%

The Instruction & Program component is primarily based on the district's compliance with curriculum mandates and New Jersey Student Learning Assessment results.

Wishing you a wonderful November, and during this time of reflection on all that we are thankful for, please know that I am grateful for the collaborative partnership shared among all the stakeholders of the Voorhees Township Public Schools.

Warm regards,
Dr. Neely Hackett

2024 - 2025 Assessment Schedule

<https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000237/Centricity/Domain/7358/Assessment%20Schedule%20and%20Requirements%202024%202025.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

Important Upcoming Dates

November 4, 5 and 6: Early Dismissal for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 7 & 8: School Closed - NJEA Convention

November 13: Parent Virtual Workshop

November 14: End 1st Marking Period - Early Dismissal for Students (Teacher In-service)

November 20: Family Night

November 25: Board of Education Meeting

November 27: Early Dismissal

November 28 & 29: School Closed - Thanksgiving

District Spirit Theme Days

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