

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

December 2024 Newsletter

A Message From Dr. Hackett

Dear Voorhees Community,

As we enter the final month of 2024, we reflect with gratitude on the meaningful moments we've shared this year, while eagerly anticipating the new opportunities that 2025 will bring.

Looking forward to 2025, the exciting possibilities ahead for our school district are truly inspiring.

I am pleased to share the exciting news listed below.

Safety Initiatives

In our ongoing efforts to enhance safety and security measures within the district, please note the following:

1. During the month of December, a representative from the New Jersey Department of Education- Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning will conduct a walkthrough of several of our school buildings to provide feedback and suggestions for enhancing our safety protocols. The Voorhees Township Police Department will also participate in the walkthrough.
2. External security cameras will be upgraded.
3. Door locks district-wide will be upgraded.

Voorhees Township Police Department-Chief Louis Bordi's Presentation

Chief Louis Bordi attended the Board of Education meeting on November 25, 2024, to present information about the partnership between the police department and the school district. The presentation was very informative and can be found on our website. For your convenience, I have included the link below.

[Chief Bordi's Presentation to the Voorhees Township Public Schools Board of Education](#)

We value our partnership with the police department and would like to thank Chief Bordi and his team for their continued support of our school district.

Third Annual Future Vikings Day

We are excited to announce the third Annual Future Viking Day for our current 5th-grade students.

The event is scheduled for May 28, 2025, at the middle school, running from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

During this time, fifth-grade students from each school will gather, form mixed teams, and actively participate in various team-building activities.

This program serves as a valuable opportunity for our 5th-grade students to interact with one another, laying a foundation for their role as classmates in the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Voorhees Township Public Schools Commendation

I am excited to share that on November 19, 2024, Voorhees Public Schools received a commendation from Mayor Michael Mignogna, the Voorhees Township Committee, and the Voorhees Township Cultural and Diversity Committee for recognizing Eid al-Fitr and Diwali in our 2024-2025 district calendar.

Voorhees Public Schools is proud to be an inclusive and culturally responsive district. Our strength is rooted in our diversity and our unwavering commitment to supporting all of our students.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education for consistently prioritizing the best interests and opportunities for our students.

I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support in making Voorhees Township Public Schools an exceptional place for everyone.

Parent Virtual Workshop

The December workshop will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m**

Presenter: Shari Kauffman, Technology Specialist, Voorhees Middle School

Title: Navigating Social Media

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93144606733?pwd=yQTJovWHnrNbuQXr7HiJFwpSwitRPS.1>

Workshop Summary: This workshop is designed to empower parents with the knowledge and tools they need to ensure their children's safe and responsible use of social media platforms. In an age where technology is an integral part of our lives, we want parents to be aware of the potential risks and take proactive steps to protect their children online. By participating, parents will gain an understanding of various social media platforms and strategies to ensure that their children are using social media responsibly.

Workshop Highlights

- **Understanding Social Media Platforms:** An overview of popular social media platforms and their features.
- **Identifying Potential Risks:** Insights into the potential risks associated with social media use, including cyberbullying, privacy concerns, and inappropriate content.
- **Safety Measures:** Practical tips and tools for setting up privacy settings, monitoring online activity, and establishing internet safety rules.
- **Responsible Usage:** Strategies for encouraging responsible and respectful behavior on social media.
- **Parental Involvement:** Guidance on how parents can actively engage with their children's online activities and foster open communication about internet safety.

I look forward to continuing our partnership as we work together toward our shared mission of delivering quality education to the students of Voorhees. Wishing you a new year filled with beauty, fulfillment, and happiness.

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%202024-2025%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

Important Upcoming Dates

December 10: Parent Virtual Workshop - Navigating Social Media

December 13: District Spirit Day - Picture Me Tomorrow: Wear attire that represents your future profession Staff are encouraged to wear school spirit attire

December 18: Family Night

December 23 through January 1: Schools Closed - Winter Break

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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