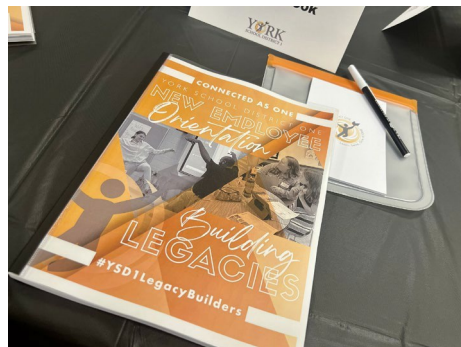




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York School District One's Community Newsletter



Superintendent's Fall Message

We recognize that the work we do with the children of our school district requires a collaborative effort from all members of our community. If you've not found a way to get engaged with our district, we want to encourage you to do so by attending school and/or district events, joining your school's PTA or School Improvement Council, volunteering, or attending our school board meetings.

As we continue our work in York School District One, we remain committed to our Strategic Change Agenda goals:

- Create a challenging and supportive educational environment that ensures readiness for all students.
- Create quality opportunities for ongoing learning for students and staff in order to promote innovation and flexibility.
- Build capacity and leadership at every level of the organization.

The success of every student we serve is important to us, and with your support, we can ensure that each child is ready to embark on the path of their choosing when they exit our school system. Our mutual desire to see each student succeed is the bond that makes us **CONNECTED AS ONE**, and we invite you to journey alongside us as we do this important work. Together, we can make a difference for every student!

Kelly Coxe
Superintendent

Upcoming Dates

- October 5 & 6:
 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Elementary Schools)
- October 6
 - Half Day for Students;
 - Elementary & Intermediate Schools dismiss at 11:30 AM
 - Middle and High School dismiss at 12:45 PM
- October 9-13
 - Intersession Week-No School for Students Unless Invited
- October 10
 - Regularly Scheduled York School District One Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- November 11
 - City of York's Veteran's Day Parade
- November 14
 - Regularly Scheduled York School District One Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- November 22-24
 - Thanksgiving Holidays/No School for Students or Staff

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New Board Member Sworn In

Mrs. Diane Howell was sworn into office at the York School District One Board of Trustees September 12, 2023, regular meeting. Judge Lee Alford conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

She previously served on the York School District One Board of Trustees from 2014-2018 and from 2018-2022. Mrs. Howell is a lifelong resident of Hickory Grove. Welcome back to the Board, Mrs. Howell! You can read the press release regarding her appointment to the board [here](#).



York One's Teacher Forum Hosts ConnectED Conference October 9th!

York School District One's Teacher Forum is proud to present the ConnectED Conference designed for York teachers by York teachers!

This conference idea was birthed by the various members of Teacher Forum who were selected as the Teacher of the Year for their respective schools. Their leadership in promoting continuous learning opportunities for all staff is commendable, and the day is sure to be an exciting one.

The conference will take place on October 9th and will be held at York Comprehensive High School. Teachers from across the district will share innovative ideas and student-centered learning practices with their colleagues. It's sure to be an exciting day of fun, fellowship, networking, and learning for all!

Teacher Forum would like to extend a warm thank you to the corporate and community sponsors who offered donations, support, and services to make this event an amazing experience for the YSD1 staff! Interested in being a sponsor for next year's conference? Contact us at the York School District One Office for more information at 803.684.9916.

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Vision

To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a service-oriented community of learners who strive for personal growth and excellence as communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers

Beliefs

- Learning is a life-long, ever-changing process for students and staff.
- Each child is unique and should have the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.
- A safe, orderly, and nurturing environment is essential for learning.
- Education is a collaborative effort between schools and community.
- Technology is a tool that should be leveraged to enhance the teaching and learning process
- Teaching and learning should be relevant, individualized, & intentional to equip students for success.

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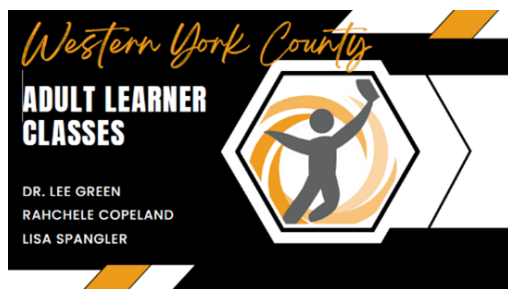
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Community Connection

The Community Connection section of each newsletter will highlight community and business partnerships that support the goals and efforts of the district. Each time a different group of partners will be highlighted. Want your partnership featured? Email Dr. Latoya Dixon, Public Information Officer for York School District One at ldixon@york.k12.sc.us.

What Works SC Finalist

The Family Resource Center and [Parenting Partnerships](#) has been named a TOP 4 FINALIST for the Dick and Tunky Riley #WhatWorksSC® Award through [The Riley Institute at Furman](#)! The award is designed to call attention to exceptional public education programming in the state by awarding an outstanding evidence-based program that is positively impacting public education in South Carolina. This year's winner will be announced at a statewide event in Columbia on November 7th!



During the 2022-2023 school Year, York School District One partnered with United Way of York County and York Technical College to offer a variety of adult learning courses. The Microsoft Office Certification and Customer Service Certificates courses were offered to adults in the community and held at the Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center over the course of 15 weeks during the second semester of the school year. Taught by York Technical College instructors, this course had a value of \$1,499.00 and supported adult learners in earning these certifications. These same courses will be offered in the Spring of 2024.

For the 2023-24 school year, an adult cooking class on baking will be led by the culinary arts staff of Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center and offered to York residents. Founders Federal Credit Union will offer a budgeting workshop on October 5th, a First Time Home Buyers workshop on November 7th, and a Legacy Planning workshop on December 7th. For more information on how to enroll in these courses, please contact the staff at Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center at 803-684-1910.

The Historical Society Announces Stories of the Stones Historic Cemetery Tour

The Historical Society is very pleased to announce Stories of The Stones Historic Cemetery Tour on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery (229 East Liberty Street, York, SC 29745). Groups of 10 to 15 people will be escorted through the cemetery. They will make stops at the graves of people involved with York's two circuses—Barnett Brothers and Bennett Brothers. There will be volunteers representing those interred, with brief histories about their fascinating lives with the circus. Tickets will be \$8 with free admission for students. Tickets will be sold on-site the day of the event. We will have our marvelous tour book, A Guide to Olde York, and other items available for purchase. Additional details about this wonderful event will be posted on our website. We hope you can join us for this entertaining and educational event!

Student CDL Program

Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center is currently offering a pilot program in partnership with Clover School District and York Technical College that allows students in the line worker program an opportunity to earn their CDL while completing their high school courses. Students receive two weeks of classroom instruction, and once they reach the age of 18 begin the permitting test process. With a passing score on the permitting test, students receive behind-the-wheel training and then take their final assessment to obtain a full Class B CDL license. This program has a value of \$4,000.00 but is offered free to line-worker students who qualify.

Did You Know?



York School District One is committed to sharing news and information with the community. To enhance our communication efforts, we now have a community podcast, *Let's Get Connected*, out now on Spotify and Apple Podcasts! In the first episode, you'll hear from Superintendent Coxe at the start of the 2023-2024 school year and from #YSD1LegacyBuilders Jane Wallace Principal of Hunter Street Elementary School, and Rebecca Dover Principal of Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary School who will be also featured during our September and October School Board Meetings. Finally, learn more about the York School District One Education Foundation and how you can join us as we #LearnServeGiveasONE!

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