



The Connector

York School District One's Community Newsletter

Superintendent's Message

As we approach the holiday season, I am compelled to reflect on the vision for York School District One, *To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE*. This time of year seems an appropriate time to express my gratitude for our community, our staff, our students, families, and the many partnerships that help make YSD1 a great place to work, learn, and live. Each year our students and staff engage in various ways to live out our vision by serving our community.

Our staff participates in the annual United Way fundraising campaign to help meet the needs of our fellow community members. Our student clubs and organizations donate canned goods, stuffed animals, clothing, coats, and toys to those in need. Our District Office staff provides special treats to those in our convalescent care facilities and gives their time helping to organize and load toys in cars to those who are recipients of the Toys for Happiness program. The mentioned service projects here are only some of the service efforts of our district, but there are certainly many more!

I am honored and grateful to serve in a community where we work together so that our collective effort positively impacts our neighbors and friends. Your support of our school district is an important part of our success and is very much appreciated. As a new year approaches, I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that our community, students, and families thrive by *Learning, Serving, and Giving As One*.

Warmly,

Kelly Coxe
Superintendent



Upcoming Dates

- December 2-Hickory Grove Christmas Parade
- December 7 -6:30 PM
 - YMS & YIS Chorus Concert
 - Location: YCHS Auditorium
- December 8
 - York Christmas Parade
- December 9 -5:30 PM
 - YCHS Theatre Improv Dinner
- December 11 -6:30 PM
 - YCHS Chorus Concert
 - Location: YCHS Auditorium
- December 12
 - Regularly Scheduled York School District One Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- December 15 -6:30 PM
 - YCHS & YMS Winter Band Concert
 - Location: YCHS Auditorium
- December 25-January 5, 2024
 - Winter Break
 - All Offices and Schools Closed





Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center

Fall '23 Advisory Meeting



Visit Our Website
www.york.k12.sc.us/fdj



Floyd D. Johnson Fall Advisory Meeting A Success!

The Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center Fall Advisory Meeting was held on November 8th, 2023. This annual meeting is a vital link between the education community and business and industry.

To support the preparation of students for college, career, and beyond, advisory committee members provide information related to current job needs and industry trends. Opportunities related to work-based learning, apprenticeships, and program evaluations help shape the offerings and design of courses for students. Advisory committee members are essential to the success of course programs and provide input and support to FDJTC staff.

For the 2024-25 school year, Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center will expand its course offerings to align with the needs of business and industry. These new courses will provide students with additional opportunities to earn course completion status, taking all courses in a particular content area throughout their high school career, while preparing them for life beyond high school. A few of the new course offerings include:

- Intro to Veterinary Science
- Medical Terminology
- Advanced Cybersecurity
- Electronic Fuel Systems
- Bidding, Contracts, and Specifications
- Construction Labor and Expediting
- Social Media Marketing

The Southern Regional Education Board recently recognized the Utility Line Worker Program at Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center. You can read more about this recognition, by clicking here: [Powering America's Future: Western York County's Journey to Implementing a Utility Line Worker Program](#). Hats off to Dr. Lee Green and the staff at FDJTC for the work they are doing to provide our York School District One students with a high-quality educational experience!

Parenting Partnerships Wins Award!

The York School District One Parenting Partnerships and Family Resource Center was recognized as a What Works SC 2023 finalist on November 7th at the Dick and Tunky Riley WWSC annual luncheon. Learn more about the WWSC Award [here](#).

Hats off to Jessica Elliott, Coordinator of Parenting Partnerships, and her staff for the work they do to support parents and families with children ages birth to five. For more information on the York School District One Parenting Partnerships and Family Resource Center, [visit our website](#).



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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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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.

VIP Passes-Updated!

York School District One has a VIP Courtesy Pass Program for senior citizens and military veterans. Passes are available to senior citizens ages 60 and up and military veterans who reside in the York School District One attendance zone, and for those who are retired employees of York School District One. Passholders can attend school-sponsored public events such as regular season ball games, plays, concerts, and other ticketed events. Current pass holders should make plans to stop by the York School District Office located at 1475 East Liberty Street to pick up their updated passes. For those interested in obtaining a pass, stop by and see us or give us a call at 803.684.9916.

Affinity Health Center Partnership at YMS

YSD1 has partnered with Affinity Health Center! Students and staff are invited to use this new [School-Based Center](#) located at York Middle School, 1010 Devinney Rd (former Technology Center entrance). Open on Mondays, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for students and staff. To learn more, check out their website or to make an appointment, call Local: (803) 909-6363, Toll Free: (877) 647-6363, or email info@affinityhealthcenter.org

Academic Calendar 2024-2025

York School District One is making an effort to approve the academic calendar for the 2024-25 school year for family planning purposes. The first reading of the 2024-25 academic calendar was approved by the YSD1 Board of Trustees on November 14th. The board will consider a second reading of the calendar at the December 12th Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. [A draft of the proposed academic calendar for 2024-25 can be viewed here.](#)

YSD1 On WRHI AM 1340's Palmetto Mornings

Check out [#YSD1LegacyBuilders](#) Director of [YSD1 Transportation](#) Mr. Kevin Queen and Director of [York One Special Services](#) Mr. Bryan Greeson on [WRHI Radio's Palmetto Mornings](#) discussing our YSD1 district safety initiatives. Jump to 1:42:20 for quick access. You can listen to WRHI on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:40 AM for more YSD1 news!

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YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE'S COMMUNITY PODCAST

Let's Get Connected Podcast-2nd Episode Available Now!

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 second episode, you'll hear from Amy Hagner, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and [#YSD1LegacyBuilders](#) Crystal Sandifer, Principal of Harold C. Johnson Elementary School, and Mattie Hughes, Principal of Jefferson Elementary School. You can listen on [Spotify](#) or [Apple Podcasts](#)!

Did You Know?

York School District One produces a teaching and learning magazine. The Designers of Learning magazine is produced by the Instructional Technology Department quarterly, spotlights the work YSD1's teachers and features EdTech news, instructional practices, professional development ideas, and much more! You can view the magazine digitally [by clicking here!](#)

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