

WEEKLY UPDATES

DECEMBER 22, 2023
EDITION

WHAT'S NEW
FROM
DR. FITZHUGH



Good Day Orange School District Families & Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well. Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit. We had yet another exciting week within the Orange Public School District.

As a reminder, continue to visit our district website www.orange.k12.nj.us under latest news and information as well as our social media handles to get the most up to date district updates. As promised, we will continue to provide information in real time, so you are always in the know.

Further, questions that you may have, as shared, utilize reopeningofschoools@orange.k12.nj.us. This email is sent to members of the Superintendent's team in the effort of getting pertinent information to you in a timely manner.

As we close 2023, I want to take this moment to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season. Use this time to reconnect with family members and friends. Make great memories during the break and beyond. Have a super holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

Educationally yours,
Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
DISTRICT CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - JANUARY 2, 2024



THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 FOR HOLIDAY BREAK.

SPECIAL NOTE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023, WILL BE A HALF DAY SESSION FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT.
SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 PM AND
THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 1:00 PM

SCHOOLS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024,
AT REGULAR TIME FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR JANUARY 2024

*The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for **JANUARY 2024**.*

- Pre-School: [Click HERE for Pre-School](#).
- Elementary: [Click HERE for Elementary Schools](#).
- Middle School: [Click HERE for Middle Schools](#).
- Orange High School/Twilight: [Click HERE for Orange High School/Twilight](#).
- STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges: [Click HERE for STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges](#).
- District Snack Menu: [Click HERE for the District Snack Menu](#).



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL YOUNG LADIES EMPOWERMENT FORUM

A pink-themed poster for the Young Women's Leadership Summit. On the left is a silhouette of a woman's head and shoulders, facing right, surrounded by stylized flowers and leaves. The text is centered and right-aligned. The Orange Public Schools logo is in the top right corner. The text includes the event title, theme, date, location, time, and contact information.

*Young Women's
Leadership Summit*
"Grounded and Grinding"

Join Us!
Thursday, January 11, 2024

Location:
Orange High School Annex Gym
8:30 am - 10:30 am

Breakfast served: 8:30 - 9:00 am

Program begins promptly at 9:00 am

Open to young ladies in grades 9 - 11

Guest speaker, mentor collaborations, panel discussion,
food, fellowship and more!

If you are interested in participating as a mentor, please contact
Ms. Saddarra Wertz, wertzsad@orange.k12.nj.us

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THE 2ND ANNUAL YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
AT
ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024, FROM 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM.
PLEASE REVIEW OUR FLIER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

PARK AVENUE SCHOOL'S ASSEMBLY ON SEIZURES AND EPILEPSY



PARK AVENUE SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH COOPERMAN BARNABAS MEDICAL CENTER AND LUCIO VOLINO, PHARM.D, HOSTED A PRESENTATION ON SEIZURES AND EPILEPSY FOR 2ND AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS.

THE STUDENTS LEARNED HOW TO BE AWARE OF THE SIGNS OF SEIZURES, WHAT TO DO IN CASE SOMEONE AROUND THEM EXPERIENCES AN EPISODE, AND HOW TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPOSURE TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Middle School Exploration Program

Space is LIMITED!



***Open to Students in Grades 7 and 8**

January 13, 2024

January 20, 2024

January 27, 2024

9 am - 12 pm

Orange High School

Register using the link or QR code below:

<https://bit.ly/3Neek6A>



Programs Offered

- **Culinary Arts**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Health Science**
- **Naval JrROTC**



For more information or to register, contact Mr. Jahmel Drakeford
Supervisor of CTE at drakefja@orange.k12.nj.us

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PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 AND 8 WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A PARENT MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORATION PROGRAM.

AS PART OF THE CONVERSATION, THE CTE TEAM SPOKE ABOUT THE PROGRAM BEING OFFERED ON SATURDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 2024, EXPOSING STUDENTS TO CTE PROGRAMMING IN CULINARY ARTS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, HEALTH SCIENCES, AND NAVAL JRROTC.

THANK YOU TO THE OFFICE OF INNOVATION FOR HOSTING THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



HOLIDAY AND SILLY SONGS AT JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

AT JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, STUDENTS AND STAFF ENJOYED THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON DURING THEIR "HOLIDAY & SILLY SONGS" EVENT.

LED BY COMMUNITY MEMBER, MR. JOEY, THE EVENT WAS FILLED WITH GREAT SINGING AND PARTICIPATION FROM STUDENTS.

IT WAS A FUN ACTIVITY FOR ALL!





COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEKS AT FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

 **Forest Street Community School** 

<p><u>January 5th</u> New Year, New Goals Day</p> 	<p><u>January 12th</u> Decades Day 70's</p> 
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FOREST

SPIRIT FRIDAYS

<p><u>January 19th</u> Flannel and Fleece Day</p> 	<p><u>January 26th</u> Denim & Leather Day</p> 
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Wear items on these Fridays that go along with the Spirit Friday theme for that Day.
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FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS HOSTING "SPIRIT FRIDAYS",
JANUARY 5 - 12, 2024.

STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR ITEMS THAT GO ALONG WITH
THE THEME FOR THAT DAY.

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES PRESENTS SENIOR DECEMBER COLLEGE INTERVIEWS



STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY "SENIOR DECEMBER COLLEGE INTERVIEWS" OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

INSTANT DECISIONS REGARDING ADMISSIONS WERE GRANTED BY PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES. SENIORS HAD TO SUBMIT A COMMON APPLICATION IN ADVANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



INTRODUCING "THE INNOVATOR" NEWSLETTER

15 DECEMBER 2023

ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ISSUE 1



THE INNOVATOR

TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS IN OUR SCHOOLS

FEATURED TECH:

- Canva** - Digital Media & Publication Designing Platform
- Tech Squad** - District Model for School Integration
- Nearpod** - Interactive Lessons
- FlipGrid** - Record, edit, and share video assignments
- Google Sites** - Escape Room Simulation
- Google Meet** - As a Digital Broadcast Platform
- Vooks** - Digital Storytelling Platform
- Kahoot!** - Interactive Digital Learning Tool
- Lego Robotics** - Learning & Competition with SPIKE Kits
- Google Slides** - Document Creation for Publication
- Digital Citizenship** - Using Common Sense Curriculum
- Google Docs** - Math Integration to Create Pixel Art
- TutorMe** - Student-Led Video Tutorial for Other Students
- Virtual Reality** - Using VR Headsets to Explore Digital Worlds
- Ozobots** - Introduce coding with robots
- VEX Robotics** - Robotics & Programming Self-Driving Cars
- Padlet** - Real-time collaboration
- Common Sense Education** - Digital Citizenship Curriculum

WELCOME TO THE INNOVATOR

TECH INTEGRATION: PUBLICATIONS WITH CANVA

Orange School District - Welcome to the first edition of The Innovator! This publication will be a periodical created by the OSD Technology Coordinators under the Office of Innovation & Community Engagement. It will serve as a collaborative effort to showcase implementation of technology and innovation occurring within our schools.



The Orange School District is comprised of 11 schools and 4 programs, servicing nearly 6,000 students grades PreK through 8th. Below is the listing of the schools and their Technology Coordinators:

Central Elementary School	Ms. Irving
Cleveland Street School	Ms. Cruikshank
Forest Street Community School	Ms. Irving
Heywood Avenue School	Ms. Ford
Lincoln Avenue School	Mr. Williams
John Robert Lewis Early Childhood Center	Mr. Trentacost
Oakwood Avenue Community School	Mr. Gonzalez
Orange Early Childhood Center	Mr. Gonzalez
Orange High School	Mr. Mitchell
Orange Preparatory Academy	Mrs. Sequeira
Park Avenue School	Mrs. Parziale
Rosa Parks Community School	Mr. Trentacost
Scholars Academy	Mrs. Cruikshank
STEM Innovations Academy	Dr. Harlen
Twilight Academy	Ms. Phipps

The Technology Coordinators will be managing each school's technology assets, training staff members in innovative practices, and sharing highlights of students and technology with all stakeholders here in The Innovator.

This publication was collaboratively created using [Canva](#).

EDITION BY:

Ms. Naheelah Irving
Technology Coordinator - Robert Street Community School

Mr. Larry Willis
Technology Coordinator - Lincoln Avenue School

Mr. Patrick Trentacost, Jr.
Technology Coordinator - Rosa Parks Community School

Ms. Faith Alcantara
Executive Director of Innovation, Community & Engagement

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WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY THE FIRST EDITION OF "THE INNOVATOR". THIS PERIODICAL IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF OUR DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS TO SHOWCASE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION OCCURRING WITHIN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS.

AS YOU READ, VIEW AND EXPLORE ALL OF THE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS FIRST EDITION, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE MOTIVATED TO LEARN AND USE ONE OR MORE OF THE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS PROVIDED. YOUR SCHOOL-BASED TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR IS READY TO TAKE YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY WITHIN YOUR LESSONS!

VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK TO VIEW THE DOCUMENT: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/OSDINNOVATOR001](https://tinyurl.com/OSDINNOVATOR001)



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FOREST STREET SCHOOL'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMING EVENT



THE FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRE-K "HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMING"
TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 8, 2023.

THE STUDENTS MADE ORNAMENTS THAT ARE ADORNED ON THE TREE LOCATED IN
THE MAIN LOBBY AT THE SCHOOL. THE PRE-K STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS
ALSO ENJOYED COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE, WHILE SINGING CHRISTMAS
CAROLS AND ENJOYING TIME BY THE TREE.

THANK YOU, PRE-K STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR ALWAYS MAKING THE FOREST
HOLIDAY TREE LOOK SO MAGICAL EVERY YEAR!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Orange Early Childhood Center's Annual Food Drive!

Here's how you can help:

Week 1: Canned fruits, beans and vegetables.
January 3-12

Week 2: Pasta, cereal and rice.
January 8-12

Week 3: Canned soup, stews, ready-to-eat meals.
January 15-19

Week 4: Hygiene Products, diapers, and wipes.
January 25-29



**ALL DONATIONS
WILL SUPPORT
LOCAL ORANGE
FOOD BANKS**

Let's Help Feed the
Families who Need it
the Most, Right In Our
Community.



ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ITS
ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE BEGINNING ON JANUARY 3, 2023!

ALL DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD BANKS.

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.

HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL'S FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS ASSEMBLY



HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL HONORED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DURING THEIR FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 8, 2023.

STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR HONOR ROLL, PERFECT ATTENDANCE, CITIZENSHIP, IREADY, WAGGLE, AND MOST IMPROVED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE SCHOLARS!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FOREST STREET SCHOOL'S MARKING PERIOD ONE ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY



FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL HELD THEIR FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 8, 2023, FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 - 7.

STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: HIGH HONOR ROLL, HONOR ROLL, PERFECT ATTENDANCE, AND "CAUGHT IN THE ACT." THEY ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A HOLIDAY SING-ALONG DURING THE CEREMONY.

IT WAS A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE SCHOOL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SCHOLARS!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR JANUARY 2024:

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR WILL
TAKE PLACE ON:

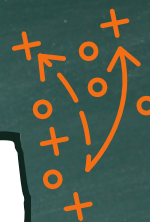
JANUARY 9, 23 & 30, FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, 397 PARK AVENUE.
VISIT [ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528](https://orange.k12.nj.us/domain/528)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND EMAIL
PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

 <div>Orange Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Learning Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</div>	 <div>Orange Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Learning Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</div>
<h3>2023-2024 School Year</h3> <h3>Preschool Registration</h3>	<h3>Año Escolar 2023-2024</h3> <h3>Registración Preescolar</h3>
<p>MUST BE 3-YEARS-OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!</p> <p>DATES: JANUARY 9, 23, AND 30 10:00-12:00</p> <p>REGISTRATION LOCATION: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ VISIT OUR WEBSITE: ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</p> <p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Child's Original Birth Certificate Vaccination Record <u>Current</u> Lease or Mortgage Statement 2 <u>Additional</u> Proofs of address Photo I.D. of Parent/Guardian</p> <p>PROGRAM INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast & Lunch• Special Needs & ELL Services• High Scope Curriculum• Certified Trained Staff• Middle States Accredited• And a lot more... <p>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</p> <p>Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities. If you are concerned that your child is learning or developing differently, you can call the District to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services.</p>	<p>¡DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS PARA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023!</p> <p>FECHAS: 9, 23, Y 30 DE ENERO 10:00-12:00</p> <p>UBICACIONE DE REGISTRO: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB: ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</p> <p>REQUISITOS: Certificado de Nacimiento Original Record de Vacunas Arrendamiento de apartamento Actual o Declaración de Hipoteca 2 Pruebas de Dirección Adicionales Foto Identificación de Padre/Guardian</p> <p>PROGRAMA INCLUYE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desayuno y Almuerzo• Servicios para necesidades especiales y ELL• Plan de estudio High Scope• Personal certificado• Acreditados por la organización Middle States• Y mucho mas... <p>¡SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE!</p> <p>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</p> <p>El Programa de Orange Early Childhood incluye a todos los niños independiente de sus habilidades. Si te preocupa que su hijo/a esta aprendiendo o desarrollandose de manera diferente, puedes llamar al Distrito de Orange para solicitar una evaluación de educación especial preescolar y servicios relacionados.</p>



COMMUNITY EVENTS



OHS ATHLETICS - WINTER UPDATE

WE'RE BACK



ORANGE TORNADOES

TORNADO FAMILIES & FANS!!

- THE START TO OUR WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. USE THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW LIVE SCHEDULES FOR ALL WINTER SPORTS.
- WE HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED "MY TEAM STORES" FOR GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING, AND TRACK & FIELD FOR FANS TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN OHS ATHLETIC APPAREL.
- THE LINKS BELOW WILL TAKE YOU TO EACH TEAM'S STORE. ALL STORES CLOSE ON DECEMBER 22ND, SO GET YOUR ORDERS IN TODAY! GO TORNADOES!


LIVE ATHLETIC SCHEDULES: [HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/19531](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/19531)

- OHS GIRLS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3N7PA9K](https://bit.ly/3N7PA9K)
- OHS BOYS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3T9SGUZ](https://bit.ly/3T9SGUZ)
- OHS WRESTLING: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4A6RBDI](https://bit.ly/4A6RBDI)
- OHS TRACK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/46KKDZK](https://bit.ly/46KKDZK)


COMMUNITY EVENTS

PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:


Health and Wellness Academy & UdeMY Academy




Adult Learning Academy




Visual Performing Arts Academy



Academic Support Academy





Orange Public Schools
"Good to Great"

Orange Public Schools presents:

Parent University

School Year 2023-2024

ENROLL NOW!


¡INSCRÍBASE AHORA!

INSCRIVEZ-VOUS MAINTENANT!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home>

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PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:

GOOD DAY ORANGE FAMILIES:

THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE 2023-2024 PARENT UNIVERSITY.

THE DISTRICT SEEKS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER FAMILIES AS ADVOCATES AND LIFELONG LEARNERS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE WORKSHOPS OFFER PARENTS A RANGE OF EXPERIENCES ACROSS VARIOUS TOPICS. THIS YEAR, WE ARE KICKING OFF THE RETURN OF THE PARENT UNIVERSITY BY OFFERING COURSES IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS, VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS, ADULT LEARNING, AND UDEMY LEARNING ACADEMIES.

COURSES WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO PARENTS VIA THIS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, SO PLEASE REGISTER NOW! WE INVITE PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE ORANGE COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE WORKSHOPS TO APPLY. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED UPON SUBMISSION WITH QUICK FEEDBACK ON ACCEPTANCE STATUS.

VISIT AND REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PARENT-UNIVERSITY-2024/HOME](https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home)

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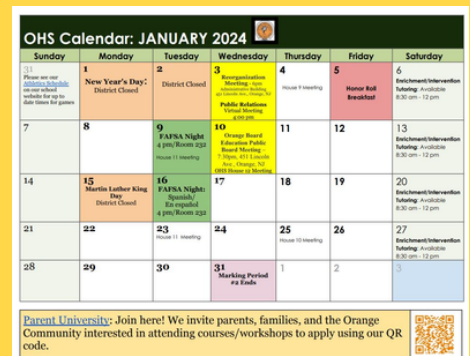
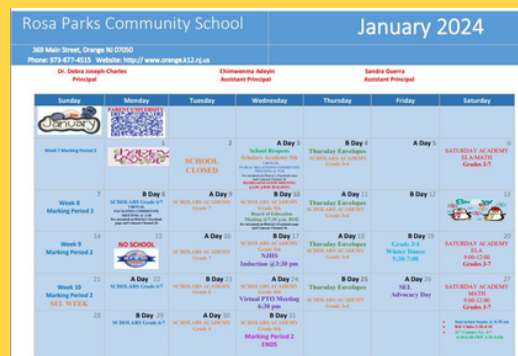
SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2023-2024:

SCHOOL LEVEL	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STAFF	END TIME FOR STUDENTS	END TIME FOR STAFF
ELEMENTARY LEVEL (INCLUDING PRE-KINDERGARTEN)	8:30 AM	8:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL	8:20 AM	8:05 AM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION	8:25 AM	8:20 AM	2:50 PM	2:55 PM
STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES	8:20 AM	8:15 AM	MONDAYS 2:20 PM FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TUES - FRI 3:30 PM	4PM* *INCLUDES STIPEND
TWILIGHT PROGRAM	3:30 PM* *3:00 PM - LUNCH	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

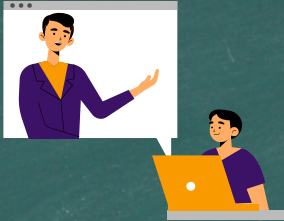
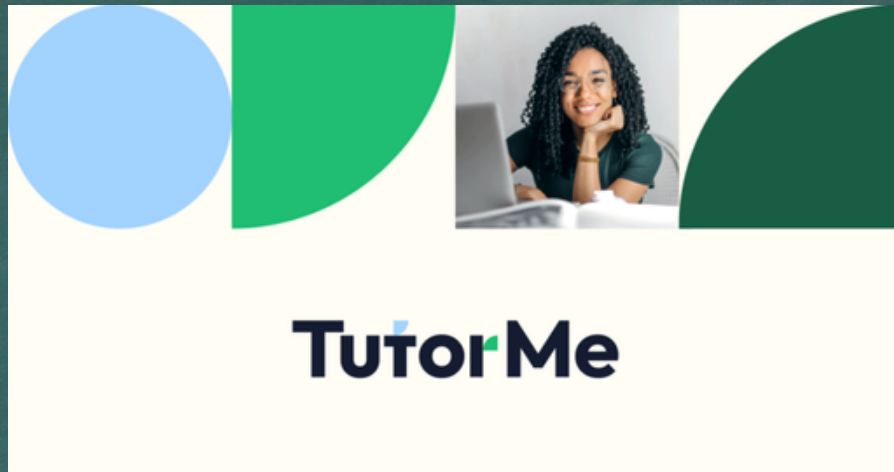
As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year. As shared in June and August 2023, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR JANUARY 2024

Each district school shared a monthly calendar of events and activities with families this week; including School Spirit Days, Picture Days, and Professional Development to name a few. See the January calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:



COMMUNITY EVENTS



TUTOR ME INITIATIVE: THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP WITH TUTORME.COM, AN ONLINE STUDENT TUTORING, HOMEWORK HELP SERVICE, AND WRITING LAB. TUTORME.COM IS A SECURE ONLINE RESOURCE EASILY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH CLEVER AND OFFERS ON-DEMAND ASSISTANCE ON ANY SUBJECT.

THE FOLLOWING LINK WILL BRING YOU TO THE INFORMATION PAGE FOR YOU TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/CMS/LIB/NJ01000601/CENTRICITY/Domain/1/TUTORME%20FAMILY%20ANNOUNCEMENT.PDF](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000601/Centricity/Domain/1/Tutorme%20Family%20Announcement.pdf)

TUTORME IS IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE.

SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE, PLEASE EMAIL **REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US**.

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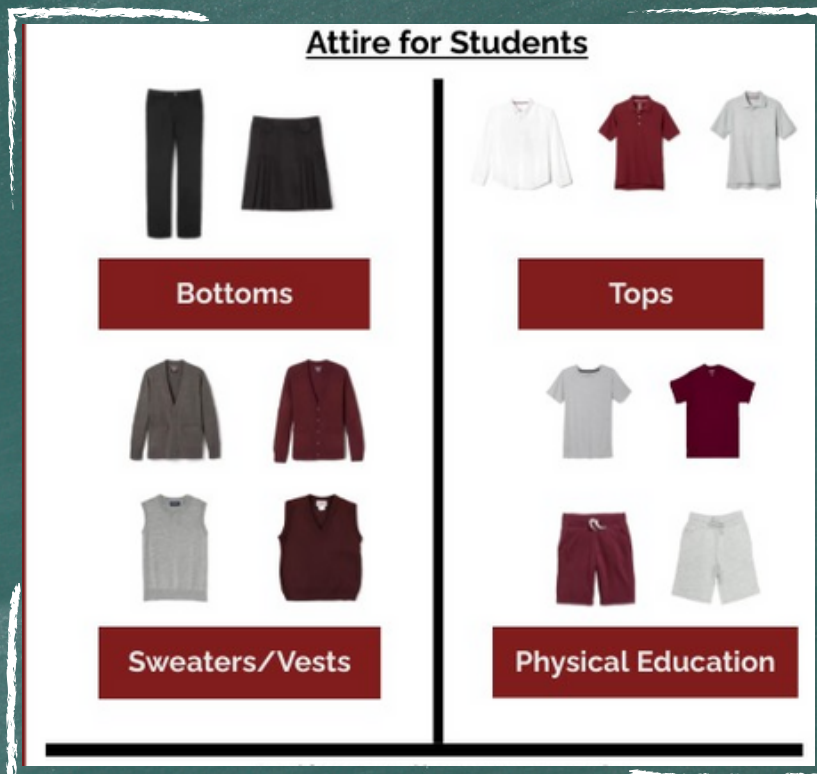
UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

AS A REMINDER, UNIFORMS FOR OUR STUDENTS ARE MANDATED DISTRICT WIDE. WHEN DRESS DOWN DAYS OCCUR, ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

DOJO/REMIND MESSAGE, FLYER, AND/OR BLAST SENT BY THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATION.

CONTINUE TO WORK IN TANDEM WITH THE DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN UNIFORM EACH AND EVERY DAY.

WE ARE PROMOTING DRESSING FOR SUCCESS
AS OUR SCHOLARS ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GENESIS PARENT PORTAL SIGN UP SUPPORT

DO YOU WISH TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND MORE IN REAL-TIME?

SIGN UP FOR THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL.

PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBPAGE AT WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN THE ORANGE BOX UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEBSITE: www.orange.k12.nj.us | EMAIL: portaladmin@orange.k12.nj.us

City of Orange Township Public Schools

Parent Access

User Name:



Password:



Login

Forgot My Password

Welcome to the Genesis Parent Access System for the City of Orange Public Schools

Information Regarding the 2023-2024 CEP Household Survey

The Orange Public School District is participating in a federal program available to select schools as part of the National School Lunch Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **Our participation means that all students attending the Orange Public Schools are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge throughout the current school year.** Yearly, your participation is essential in order for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school will continue to receive critical state funding.

Click Below to Complete Your Survey Today!

<https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33280>

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Orange Township Public Schools

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Office of the Superintendent

Tia Burnett, Supervisor for Testing

BULLETIN #3 District Assessment Schedule SY2023-2024 (Revised 8/29/23)

Marking Period Dates	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Opens	September 7, 2023	November 15, 2023	February 1, 2024	April 22, 2024
Closes	November 14, 2023	January 31, 2024	April 19, 2024	June 20, 2024

Annual School Plan Dates	Submission 1	Submission 2	Submission 3	Submission 4
Due	November 17, 2023	February 16, 2024	April 12, 2024	June 18, 2024

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILD OBSERVATION RECORD (COR)			
Baseline	Period 2	Period 3	
September 7, 2023 – November 17, 2023	November 20, 2023 – February 16, 2024	February 19, 2024 – May 24, 2024	

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: DIAGNOSTIC			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
District Diagnostic 1: Fall	1-12 Grade K	September 11 – 15 September 18 – 29	ELA: 1 – 12; MATH: 1 – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11 ELA: K; MATH: K
District Diagnostic 2: Winter	K-12	December 11 - 22	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11
District Diagnostic 3: Spring	K-12	April 8 – April 12	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: INTERIM			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Unit Assessments	K-12	Embedded within the Curriculum	MATH; SCIENCE; SOCIAL STUDIES
District Interim 1	K-12	October 30 – November 3	ELA
District Interim 2	K-12	January 29 – February 2	ELA
District Interim 3	K-12	April 15 – 19	ELA

END OF COURSE EXAMS (CTE/PLTW/DUAL ENROLLMENT/CAPSTONE)			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Adobe Premiere	K-12	May 20 - 24	AV DIGITAL MEDIA - 100304
Serve Safe		April 15 - 19	CULINARY ARTS - 120503
Adobe Photoshop		May 20 - 24	GRAPHIC ARTS - 500409
Rutgers EOC		June 3 - 7	HEALTH SCIENCE - 510000
National Academic Exam		March 11 - 15	ROTC - 280401
PLTW Midyear Part A	K-12	February 6 - 17	PBS, HBS, MI IED, CIM, POE
PLTW Midyear Part B			
PLTW: End of Course	K-12	May 30 – June 9	PBS, HBS, MI

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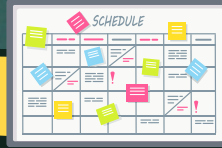
EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF.

EACH OF THESE ASSESSMENTS ASSISTS US IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED. ONE ASSESSMENT MEASURE CANNOT DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY, HOWEVER. THESE ASSESSMENTS ALSO ASSIST US IN REVISING OUR CURRICULUM YEARLY. PLEASE VIEW THE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IN THE EFFORT OF KNOWING HOW WE ARE ASSESSING YOUR CHILDREN.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISTRICT CALENDAR



FAMILIES AND STAFF, AS YOU PLAN YOUR DAYS AND WEEKS,
THE FOLLOWING LINK

([HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/31659.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/31659))

TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2023.

THE CALENDAR CAN ASSIST YOU BY KNOWING ALL DAYS IN
SESSION AND OFF SESSION. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL
REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.

*THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR, THE
REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US
EMAIL HAS REMAINED INTACT IN ORDER TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE DURING THIS UNIQUE
EXPERIENCE. WHILE EMAIL RESPONSES ARE OFTEN RETURNED
WITHIN HOURS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS
FOR AN EMAIL RESPONSE. THE DISTRICT WANTS YOU TO
HEAR FROM US WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS THAT YOU
HAVE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEPING STAFF AND
FAMILIES INFORMED, PARTICULARLY DURING THESE TIMES.*

PLEASE FIND THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR SY 23-24 USING
THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



BOARD MEETING DATES & REMINDERS

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED TO CHANGE THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS FROM TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING.
KINDLY REVIEW THE NEW DATES FOR SY 23-24.

2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6p.m., held at
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administrative Building
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ, 07050.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 4:00p.m.,
Live Streamed on COMCAST channel 36
and on the District's Facebook Page.

ORANGE BOARD EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:30p.m., held at
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administrative Building
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ, 07050.
Will Recess until 6:45pm, but no later than 7:30pm.

DISTRICT GOALS AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN REMINDERS

As we continue to Move into Greatness, I want our families and staff to continue to engage with the strategic plan and district goals.

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE DISTRICT GOALS:

<HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/30018>.

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

<HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/3344>.