



TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Talk205 – October 18, 2021

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York Music Boosters Fundraisers

York Music Boosters (YMB) proudly supports York High School students in band, orchestra, choir, dance, and music production. You can help this organization provide music camp scholarships and student grants, support the popular York Album Project, fund special guest speakers, and more by participating in these October fundraisers:

- Greens Sale - now through Oct. 28: Participating band, orchestra and choir students are selling beautiful holiday wreaths and centerpieces delivered just in time for Thanksgiving. Students earn escrow money from their sales that they can use for future school-sponsored trips. [More info here.](#)
- Panera Eat-n-Earn - Oct. 29 4-8pm: When you enjoy dinner at Panera on Oct. 29, a portion of your order total will be donated to YMB. See [flyer](#) for more details.

Mental Health and Teens

Save the Date for Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 when the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth, in partnership with York High School, invites parents to an evening event that discusses trends and ways to support teens that are engaging in high-risk behaviors (self-injury, eating disorders, school refusal, substance use, etc). Members of York High School's Student Services Department and local mental health professionals will be sharing information about these topics and how to best support a teen facing these issues.

Forward Together Plan Updates

We have updated the Fall 2021 [Forward Together Plan](#), with new guidance and clarifications on COVID-related information from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The updates include when students may return to school, measures that have been taken to improve ventilation since the start of the pandemic and changes to how the state defines an "outbreak" of COVID. Changes are noted by date on the [microsite](#). In addition, the [COVID Dashboard](#) is updated by 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Join us for Webinar on Vaccines for School Age Children 5+

Parents, staff and community members are invited to a webinar discussing Vaccines for School Age Children. The webinar is sponsored by Elmhurst School District 205 as a service to families. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 20. The webinar will feature a panel of medical experts in immunology and infectious diseases. The team will answer questions about the vaccine and provide updates to families about COVID in Illinois, DuPage County, and our school district. You can [register here](#) and also submit questions for the panel. The webinar will be recorded and posted the following day on the District's YouTube page.

Board Highlights

If you missed the highlights from the Board of Education meeting emailed to parents, staff and community members last week, please view the publication [here](#) and the video stream of the Board meeting [here](#).

Prior Items:

Register Now for Kindergarten for 2022-23

Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023 school year continues until Oct. 22, 2021. District 205 offers three options for Kindergarten: Half-Day, All-Day and Dual Language. Due to limited space, a lottery will be held for All-Day Kindergarten (ADK) and Dual Language programs. [Learn more here](#).

Support the Foundation through Amazon Smile

An easy way to support the 205 Foundation, which in turn supports our schools is to designate the Foundation as a recipient when you purchase from Amazon. Visit smile.amazon.com and shop through Amazon as you normally would on the site. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity you designate.

2021 Fall Boys Volleyball Middle School Clinic

The York High School Boys Volleyball program will host its fall clinic (5th-8th grade) on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at York Field House. Cost is \$50 and payment can be brought to the first day of the clinic. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

You're invited to Dukes of Distinction Reception Nov. 4

Join us to honor the 2021 Dukes of Distinction! The six honorees will be celebrated at a reception 6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the York High School Commons. The program is free and open to the public. Read more about the 2021 Dukes of Distinction [here](#).

Join Us for Open House at Edison

Families and community members are invited to Open House at Edison Elementary School to view the renovation work completed in the last year. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 23 - 10 a.m.- noon. Emerson's Open House was held on Saturday, Oct. 16.

York's Inaugural Football Alumni Recognition Night

Football Alums will be recognized at halftime at York's High School's Varsity Football game on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. It is York's inaugural Football Alumni Recognition Night. Please email Assistant Principal for Athletics Rob Wagner, rwagner@elmhurst205.org, if you plan on attending the game. Please share this with any York Football Alums you know.

Virtual Backpack

Looking for non-profit, community activities or information that is fun and educational for students? Check out the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.