



TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Talk205 December 20, 2021

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COVID Testing and Booster Shots

COVID Testing

While we will not be doing our regular testing on Thursday and Friday, we will offer testing through North Shore Clinical on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Edison Elementary School. This testing is open to:

- Students
- District 205 Staff and their families
- Community Members

[Click here](#) to register and sign up for a time. The costs associated with this are either charged to insurance OR (if you do not have insurance) charged to the Department of Health and Human Services.

COVID Booster Shots

Our partners at Jewel-Osco will be offering COVID booster shots for people on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Edison Elementary School. [Click here](#) to get registered. Please note: People ages 16 and above are now approved for the booster.

If this time and date does not work for you and you have not had a booster shot, you may find another vaccination site at [this link](#).

Board Amends Comment Procedures

Beginning at the December 14, 2021 Board of Education meeting, the Board updated its public comment procedure. Sign-up for public comment will begin at 6:30 p.m. for Board meetings and 5:00 p.m. for Committee meetings. Speakers will now be called by number using a random number generator application to determine the order of the public comment speakers. The changes create clear and consistent procedures for our entire community. Board Meetings continue to be live-streamed for viewing on the District's website.

Volleyball Clinic for 5th-8th graders

The York Girls Volleyball program is hosting their annual Winter Clinic for 5th-8th graders on Jan. 3 and 4 from 1-3:00 p.m. at York High School. The clinic will cover all skills and will allow time for players to scrimmage. The cost is \$20 for each day. Payment can be brought to the first day of the clinic. Contact Coach Piwowarczyk dpiwowarczyk@elmhurst205.org to sign-up.

Ribbon Cutting

Elmhurst School District 205 and City of Elmhurst officials held a ribbon cutting December 16, celebrating the installation of a stormwater detention basin and an artificial turf field at York High School.

The project is the culmination of an intergovernmental agreement between District 205 and the City.

"Almost three years ago we made it a priority to work together to make this a reality," said District 205 Board of Education President Kara Caforio. "The signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement in 2019 represented the best of what Elmhurst is: Working together to wisely steward our resources in order to solve problems for our entire community," she said.

The stormwater vaults under the field built by the city address longtime flooding issues in the community and the full size soccer/lacrosse field offers additional usable space for our students and community members. Read more [here](#).

Holiday Card

The artwork of Jackson 5th grader Sonya Sata has been selected to be featured on District 205's holiday card. Other finalists were Jackson Bennet - 2nd grade, Mila Pannos - 2nd grade, Umme Salam Masters - 3rd grade, Emily Papaproko - 2nd grade. Each year a different school is chosen to submit student artwork for the holiday card.



PRIOR ITEMS

Winter Break

D205 schools also will hold Winter Break from December 23 through January 5. Classes resume on January 6. Here is the [calendar](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

Neighborhood Construction Concept Meetings

We have held presentations to neighbors and parents of four schools that will be under construction later this spring and summer. Architects and school officials covered renovation plans and what they'll mean for students. Three schools will undergo renovations/additions: Jefferson, Jackson and Fischer. Field School will be torn down and rebuilt. Recordings of the presentations can be found on each school's website as well as the [District website](#).

Foundation 205 Items

This year, the Foundation 205 Showcase will be held at Medinah Country Club on Saturday February 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. The event will feature host Kerry Sayers, comedy by Pat Tomasulo, live musical entertainment and the talents of students and teachers from District 205. Your ticket includes a plated dinner, dessert delights and an afterglow after party. Raffle prizes and an online and live auction are also part of the fun! To

purchase event tickets, raffle tickets or to donate in support of Foundation 205, please visit the [Foundation 205 website](#).

Did you know that while you're holiday shopping, you can support D205 schools by designating Foundation 205 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.

Foundation 205 has opened the 2022 Thiems Grant applications. This program provides over \$100,000 annually to support ideas to expand innovation, excellence, creativity, diversity and inclusion in the District 205 schools. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, support staff and community members are encouraged to apply. Please view the [Grant Guidelines](#) before submitting your [application](#). Grants are due by February 11, 2022 and will be awarded in May 2022. The grant application and guidelines can be found [here](#).

PTA Council Scholarship Fund and Minted Holiday Cards

The D205 PTA Council Scholarship Fund is happy to kick off its Minted fundraiser! Support the D205 PTA Council Scholarship Fund and order your holiday cards with [Minted](#). Enjoy a 20% discount and earn a 15% giveback for the scholarship fund that awards college scholarships to York Seniors. Help us reach our target of 20 scholarships with your generous participation. Enter code FUNDRAISED205PTA at checkout. Please feel free to share the code with friends and family as well. The fundraiser runs through the end of the year.

Reminder about COVID Symptoms

As the cooler weather months have set in, we have, unfortunately, seen an uptick in the number of students testing positive for COVID across the District. As we redouble our efforts to ensure that our students and school community are safe, we ask that you partner with us by monitoring your children for symptoms of COVID. If your child or anyone in your household has any COVID symptoms, we urge you to get tested. [Click here](#) to locate a testing location near you. As a reminder, we offer voluntary, weekly onsite testing for students. [Click here](#) to give consent.

York Softball Camp

The York Softball Program is excited to host its winter kick-off camp on three Saturdays in January. In order to provide quality coaching to softball players of all skill levels, we are dividing the camp into two groups. From 1-2:30 p.m., we will host athletes from K-5th grade, and 2:30-4 p.m. we will host athletes from 6th-8th grade. Each of the three days will also have a specific focus as we work to prep players for the upcoming spring season.

January 8 - Offense

January 15 - Defense/Pitching

January 22 - Competition

Total Cost is \$100. Each camper will receive a t-shirt at the end of camp. Please email coach Holba at bholba@elmhurst205.org with questions. Register [here](#).

Do You Know a Distinguished York Alum

Nominations are open for the 2022 Dukes of Distinction program. Please fill out this [form](#) to nominate your 2022 Duke of Distinction! Applications are open to anyone who is a graduate of 5+ years and who has distinguished themselves through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service and/or an outstanding contribution to society.

2022 Winter Boys Volleyball Middle School Clinic

The York Boys Volleyball program will be hosting their winter clinic (5th-8th grade) in January. Please register [here](#).

Virtual Backpack

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