



# TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Talk205 - November 1, 2021

## **New Items**

- Transition Center opens
- Honor Flight Send Off
- Foundation 205 Wolves Game
- You're Invited Nov. 4
- Board Highlights

## **Prior Items**

- Celebrating Veterans
- Holiday Food Drive
- Vaccines for School Age Children 5+ Webinar Recording
- Mental Health and Teens Discussion
- Support the 205 Foundation
- Volleyball Clinic
- COVID Dashboard
- Virtual Backpack

## **New Transition Center Opens**

We were thrilled to welcome students to the new Transition Center on Monday, Nov. 1. The center, purchased and renovated through funds generated from the 2018 referendum, is located at 407 W. St. Charles Rd., in the former Elmhurst Park District senior center, the Abbey. The new center is larger, fully accessible, meets all building codes, and was built with our student needs in mind. The Transition program supports students ages 18-22 with disabilities and allows students to build skills related to independence, self-advocacy, employment, and social and community involvement during their final years of public schooling. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Nov. 15. Check out photos on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

### **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. The honorees for 2021 are:

John Aravosis - Class of 1981

Dr. Joseph Collins - Class of 1972

Dr. Rachel Elliott - Class of 1984

Bruce Mather - Class of 1965

Jerome Rich - Class of 1956

Dr. George Williams - Class of 1970

Read more about the 2021 Dukes of Distinction [here.](#)

### **Chicago Wolves Game for District 205 Families**

District 205 families have the exclusive opportunity to watch the Chicago Wolves and support the Foundation. The game is 3 p.m. on Nov. 7. Each ticket is \$25 and includes a Wolves hat and the chance to get on the ice after the game and make a shot on the Wolves mascot! Tickets available now. More information can be found [here.](#)

### **An Emotional Send Off**

Howard Fry, an Educational Assistant at Sandburg Middle School, former attorney and a U.S. Navy Veteran, received a touching sendoff from students and colleagues as a tribute to his Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Check out [this video](#) on Facebook of his send off.

### **Board Highlights**

If you missed the highlights from the Oct. 26, 2021 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**

#### **Webinar Recording on Vaccines for School Age Children 5+**

As a service to parents, staff and community members, District 205 hosted a webinar Oct. 20, 2021 on COVID in children and Vaccines for School Age Children. [The webinar](#) featured three local physicians who specialize in infectious disease and immunology: Dr. Mark Dworkin, Board Certified Infectious Disease Specialist and Professor of Epidemiology; Dr. Zach Rubin, Board Certified Pediatrician and Board Certified Allergist and Immunologist and Dr. Mia Taormina, Board Certified Infectious Disease Specialist. They

spoke on the epidemiology of COVID in children, offered statistics and clinical cases on long COVID in children and talked about vaccine development and safety. The recording can be found [here.](#)

### **Help Participate in the Holiday Food Drive**

All District 205 students and families are invited to help fill holiday food boxes by bringing their donations of nonperishable food to their local schools. The drive will be held Oct. 25 – Nov. 19, 2021. Here is [a list of the most needed items.](#)

The donations will be picked up, packed, and delivered to families on Saturday, December 11. Each year the vast majority of food delivered comes from the schools!

### **Vaccine Booster Clinic Offered**

We are pleased to offer a Vaccine Booster Clinic on Friday, November 5 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to have a booster of the Moderna vaccine.

#### Who is Eligible:

The booster clinic is open to the public. [Click here](#) for the CDC/ FDA rules on booster shot eligibility.

#### The Details:

- Friday, November 5, 2021 - 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- York High School Auditorium
- Advanced registration is required. Please [click here](#) to sign up.
- Moderna vaccine will be offered. (If you have been vaccinated with a Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccine, you may be boosted with a Moderna vaccine)
- Be sure to bring your COVID Vaccination Card, a copy of the signed consent form (available from the registration), and your insurance card.

### **Veterans Celebrated with Special Lunch - Nov. 13**

Come and celebrate this important day of remembrance with the York High School Student Council and enjoy a free drive-up lunch in the comfort of your car! First families to arrive will receive a sign for your yard. Limited yard signs will be available.

- Date: Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021
- Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Cost: Free (box lunches will be free for veterans and their families, but you MUST send an RSVP with the number of people who will be coming with you. Without an RSVP, lunch cannot be provided.
- Where: York Community High School Parking Lot, 355 W. St. Charles Road Elmhurst.

\*Please pull up your car to the circle drive to receive a box lunch

In order to ensure there is enough food, please RSVP to Student Council Advisor Matt Moran at [MMoran@elmhurst205.org](mailto:MMoran@elmhurst205.org) or 630-617-2400 x7285 (Please leave a message with how many people will be attending. Please respond by Wednesday, Oct. 28. If you would like a veggie option, please share that in your RSVP.

### **Mental Health and Teens**

Parents are invited to attend a discussion on how to support teens who are engaging in high risk behaviors. The event is a partnership between the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth and York High School. Members of York High School's Student Services Department and local mental health professionals will be sharing information about high-risk behaviors such as self-injury, eating disorders, school refusal, substance use, etc. The panel discussion will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at York High School.

### **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](#).

### **COVID Dashboard**

The [COVID Dashboard](#) is updated by 5 p.m. on Fridays. In addition, as guidelines change and more information comes forth, we will update the [Forward Together Plan for 2021-22.](#)

### **Virtual Backpack**

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