



# TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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### **Congratulations to York High School's National Merit Semifinalists**

Seven Elmhurst School District 205 students have been named as Semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC). York High School seniors who were named Semifinalists are: Andrew Brooks, Jericho Calago, Clark Mahoney, Ryder Maston, Morgan Burnham, Jessica Morey, Madeleine Fine.

"This serves as another great opportunity to not only celebrate our students' dedication to learning, but to recognize the outstanding work our teachers, counselors, staff and everyone in our school community do to motivate and inspire our students throughout their educational journey and beyond," said Superintendent Dr. Keisha Campbell.

### **Congratulations to National Merit Commended Students**

Congratulations to the 27 York High School seniors who were named 2022 National Merit Commended Students. Commended Students are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry. They are among 34,000 students nationwide who were named Commended Students based on their scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The students are:

Dominic Campione, Charles Casey, Tieran Casey, Emily Doering, Colin Doherty, Bradley Dow, Emily Fujiwara, Coleman Goulding, Matthew Huffman Tyler Janiak, Jack Klimek, Maria Mahnken, Magnus Mikhail, Samuel Musial, Jonah Parayil, Timothy Paul, Annelise Rasmussen, Benjamin Rosen, Mira Shortt, Nikita Sikoryk, Michael Spurr, Owen Stufflebeam, Jack Tuchscherer Monica Wang, Calvin Wiersum, Samuel Wit, and Nathan Yang.

### **Save the Date**

District 205 is excited to announce our Open Houses at Emerson and Edison Elementary Schools to view the renovation work completed in the last year. We are proud of the work done and invite you to share in our excitement. Parents, students, neighbors and community members are invited! Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Emerson Open House - October 16 - 10 a.m.- noon

Edison Open House - October 23 - 10 a.m.- noon

### **Communications Team honored with awards**

Kate Sampson, Communications Coordinator at Elmhurst School District 205, was recognized for exceptional communication efforts by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA). At INSPRA's contest awards luncheon Sept. 10, Kate received an Award of Excellence for the video on COVID Safety Procedures in District 205 and an Award of Merit for the video York Distinguished Alumni Program 2020. Congratulations Kate!

### **SERG Parent Meeting to Be Held**

SERG Parent Webinar - State of D205 Special Education Services. D205 Student Services Administrators and our new Superintendent will present improvements and plans for this school year. Hear from administrators who handle K-5, 6-12, York, Outplacement as they answer: "What improvements have been made over the last 18 months?" and "What improvements are your area's top 2-3 priorities for this school year?"

Join us for this remote meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. via [Zoom Link](#)

### **REACH Parent Group Sets Meeting**

Please join us for our next monthly meeting on October 14 from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom (link TBA). Teachers will share enrichment work and best practices, and more info on Reach identification Rubrics will be shared. Reach Parent Group meetings/presentations are open to all D205 parents. Past Meeting Minutes/Presentations are posted on the [Reach Parent Group website](#), social media, and emailed to all subscribers. Questions? Contact Gwen Reedy or Pragna Dave.

REACH Parent Group (a committee of the D205 PTA Council) is a parent group dedicated to supporting gifted and talented programs (grades 3-8) in District 205 and encouraging higher level educational opportunities for ALL District 205 students.

### **Board Highlights**

The District has reinstated Board Highlights, which outlines significant action and discussions from business meetings of the Board of Education. The Highlights are published and distributed to parents, staff and key communicators 1-2 days following the business meeting. In case you missed it, the Highlights are linked [here](#).

### **Superintendent's Message**

If you missed the Superintendent's bimonthly message, emailed to parents, staff and community members Sept. 24, please view the message [here](#) and the video [here](#).

### **PRIOR ITEMS**

#### **Foundation Fundraiser and Holiday Tree Sale**

Continue Elmhurst's outdoor holiday tree tradition! Order now to support Elmhurst Public Schools and guarantee availability. Quantities are limited and once they're gone, they're gone! [Click here](#) to place your order now!

#### **NAMI Octoberfest**

National Alliance on Mental Illness DuPage is joining forces with the DuPage County Fair Association to put on some fun in 2021!

WHEN: October 1-3, 2021

WHAT: Oktoberfest

WHERE: DuPage County Fairgrounds

WHY: Get out of the house and raise money for a good cause

INCLUDES:

- Carnival rides and kids' activities
- Car show
- Pancake breakfast
- Wine and beer tasting
- Live music
- And much more!

**Proceeds go to NAMI DuPage to continue to offer free and low-cost services, including:**

- Mental Health education to Jr. High and High School students
- Teen support groups
- Support groups and Peer counseling
- Educational and support programs
- Career education
- Social and recreation programs

### **Registration Open for Little Dukes Preschool**

Registration is now open for the Little Dukes Preschool ([website](#)) at York High School! The spring session begins Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Preschool meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through May 6 from 8:45-11:15 a.m., and the cost for 14 weeks is \$325. Please email [lcrist@elmhurst205.org](mailto:lcrist@elmhurst205.org) with questions!

### **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.