



# TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

## **Talk205 December 13, 2021**

### **New Items:**

Winter Break Schedule Reminder  
Recordings of Concept Design Meetings  
Foundation 205 Showcase 2022: Time to Shine!  
Support Foundation Through Amazon  
Dr. Keisha Campbell's Message

### **Prior Items:**

COVID Outbreak Designations  
Neighborhood Construction Concept Meetings  
PTA Council Fundraisers  
York Softball Camp  
Onsite COVID Testing  
Grant Applications Open  
Boys Volleyball Clinic  
Virtual Backpack

### **Winter Break**

As a reminder, D205 schools 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](#).

### **Support the Foundation through Amazon Smile**

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](https://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 Showcase 2022: Time to Shine!**

This year 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](#).

### **Superintendent's Message**

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

### **PRIOR ITEMS**

#### **PTA Council Scholarship Fund and Elmhurst Brewing Company**

Celebrate the season of giving and support the PTA Council Scholarship Fund's Dollars for Dukes campaign! Join us December 16 from 6:30-9 p.m. for a night of food and fun with Elmhurst Brewing Company's top brewers and help raise money for college scholarships for deserving York seniors. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) for \$75. Ticket price includes a dinner buffet and two half pints of EBCs best selection.

#### **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.

### **Grant Applications Open**

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](#).

### **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](mailto: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.