



TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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New Items

2022 YOUTH JOB/CAREER FAIR

The Elmhurst Commission on Youth Job Fair will be held on March 16, from 4:30–7 p.m. at York High School. Come learn about volunteer and paid work opportunities with local organizations. The event is free to attend and registration is not required. We hope to see you there!

FOUNDATION 205 SHOWCASE 2022 RAFFLE Showcase 2022 is sold out! But you can still support Foundation 205's largest fundraiser of the year by purchasing a ticket for our Golden, Yeti, or Dine-Around raffles or by participating in our online auction. Winners need not be present at the event. Purchase your raffle ticket or sign up for auction updates [here](#).

LIFE AFTER YORK VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS AND Q&A

Whether you have an 8th grader or a senior in high school, it's never too early or too late to learn from other experienced parents on how to navigate the college application process. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 8th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Life After York, Q&A virtual presentation. Attend one session or stay for all nine topics. RSVP [here](#).

VACCINE UPDATES

Thank you to those of you who have uploaded or shared your child's COVID vaccination card with us! If you have not shared your child's vaccination record already, and would like to, please submit your vaccination records by [clicking here](#).

Prior Items

Inclement Weather Notifications

Should we need to call an emergency/inclement weather day due to hazardous weather conditions, we will notify families through email, text message, and phone calls. The information will also be posted on our [District and school websites](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

In order to ensure you receive timely notification of school closures and other school and District communication, we ask that you please check that we have the most up-to-date contact information in [Power School](#) (email address, phone number, and cell phone number for text messages).

We appreciate your help as we continue to plan for any potential weather-related closures. More information about our winter weather protocols is available [on our Emergency School Closings webpage](#).

D205 and D205 PTA Council Host Summer Recreation Open House

District 205 & the D205 PTA Council are proud to host the 20th Annual Summer Recreation Open House on the evening of Tuesday, February 15 from 6-8 PM at York High School. The goal of this event is to give parents the opportunity to "one-stop-shop" for summer recreational and educational programs to attend, work or volunteer within. Programs present at this event are for children of all ages (pre-K through HS) and abilities. Visit the [SROH Facebook page](#) for more information. Save the date, and we hope to see you there!

York Drama Proudly Presents "ACE"

After two years, live theatre returns to Baker Auditorium for York Drama's newest musical adventure, "Ace."

York Drama is thrilled to welcome the Elmhurst community back to the Baker Auditorium for its first live and on-stage musical in over two years. This season, York has been given the rare opportunity to be the high school premiere of "Ace," a new musical adventure nearly two decades in the making.

"Ace" will be presented Feb. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in the York High School Baker Auditorium. Tickets go on sale to the public Jan. 24, and will be sold for \$15 at www.yorkdrama.org.

5Essentials Survey ([Haga clic aquí para leer en español](#))

This winter, students, teachers and parents across Illinois will participate in the annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey. The survey will be administered online by the University of Chicago on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education.

This survey will allow you and your child (in grades 4 through 12) to share thoughts on important elements of school effectiveness at your child's school. Reports will be sent to schools and districts in June 2022 and data will also be included in the Illinois State School Report Card.

The parent survey opens on January 11th. To take the parent survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. You will need to enter the county (DuPage) and school name. We need at least a 20 percent response rate to receive a report.

Your student will take the survey between January and March in grades 4 through 12. Details will be provided by each school. Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a [copy of the questions](#) on the student survey. If you do not want your son or daughter to participate in the survey, download and fill out a [non-participation form](#) and return it to your child's school. Please be aware that student participation rates are one measure that the state uses in its [accountability system](#) for our schools.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois/5e/2021/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

Exemplary Youth Service Award Nominations

Do you know a student or student group that should be nominated for an Exemplary Youth Service Award? The service must have occurred between March 15, 2021 and the present, and the deadline to submit nominations is March 15, 2022. Click [here](#) to nominate someone today!

ISBE Assessment Survey

The Illinois State Board of Education is exploring improvements to the state assessment system. An important part of this process is collecting feedback from stakeholders across the state to help identify the priorities and potential options for moving forward. Click [here](#) for more information and to take the optional survey.

Foundation 205 Thiems Grant Applications

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**.

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.

Virtual Backpack

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