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New Items

D205 Breakfast and Lunch Free to All Students

Breakfast and lunch options are now free for all D205 students through the PushCoin Webstore! Meals may now be ordered on a weekly basis and may be picked up on the following [schedule](#).

Seeking York INCubator Volunteers

Calling all entrepreneurs! The York High School Business INCubator Program is excited to continue this school year and is once again reaching out to

interested community members to support the program as volunteers, whether in a virtual or in-person setting, by sharing any of their business experiences with our budding high school future business leaders.

If interested in serving as a volunteer in any capacity, regardless of experience level or expertise areas, please complete the York Business INCubator Volunteer Form [HERE](#) before Thursday, October 1st. Thank you!

Foundation 205 Holiday Tree Sale

Now more than ever, decorating our homes for the holidays and continuing our Elmhurst community traditions will be important. Please consider supporting Foundation 205 by purchasing your outdoor lawn tree [here](#) by September 30th. Foundation 205 wants to ensure availability of our outdoor trees since limited inventory is expected nation-wide this season.

For your indoor holiday trees, Foundation 205 is partnering with [City Tree Delivery](#), a locally owned business specializing in outstanding quality and service. A portion of all sales will be donated back to Foundation 205.

Middle School PTAs Drive-Thru Fundraiser Night - Sept 24

Support our middle school PTAs on 9/24 from 1pm-8pm at McDonald's! 20% of proceeds and all cash tips and donations for pies will go to our middle school PTAs. Bring the [flyer](#) or just mention that you are with our Elmhurst middle school PTAs. Applies to the York Road, Butterfield Road and St. Charles Road/Berkley locations.

York Spiritwear Sidewalk Sale - Sept. 24-25

The York Athletic Boosters are excited to announce a York Spiritwear Pop-Up shop at Elmhurst Photo Boutique, 535 Spring Road. The Boutique has generously opened a space in their store for a wide selection of our York swag, with ALL proceeds still going to the Athletic Boosters and York Athletics. The Elmhurst Photo Boutique is open M-F, 10-4:00pm. Cash, check or Venmo only please.

Also, as a celebration to what would have been homecoming, YAB will have a York Spiritwear Sidewalk Sale! All inventory will be out and available on the sidewalk in front of the Elmhurst Photo Boutique for easy, social distancing shopping. Join us on Thursday, September 24th from 3-7:00pm and Friday, September 25th from 1-4:00pm. Questions? Contact YorkBoosters@gmail.com.

UCCA Mobile Food Pantry To Visit Churchville Middle School – Sept. 26, Oct. 17

United Community Concerns Association invites you to attend a free Mobile

Food Pantry at Churchville Middle School 155 Victory Parkway, Elmhurst on the following dates:

- Saturday, September 26, 2020 10-11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, October 17, 2020 10-11:30 a.m.

Note: This Mobile Food Pantry will offer nutritious food including: meat, fresh produce, milk, and other dairy products based on availability. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while supply lasts. Out of consideration of the neighbors please do not block driveways. For the health and safety of our volunteers and your family:

- Please stay inside your car
- Make sure the trunk is empty and open
- Pre Packed box of groceries will be placed in your trunk

City of Elmhurst Youth Commission's Understanding and Preventing Racial Bullying in Youth: An Educational Panel - Oct. 8

Hosted by the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth. Thursday, October 8, 2020, from 7-8:30 pm Live on Elmhurst TV YouTube page. Virtual event with a panel of specialists. Discussion on ways to build empathy, awareness, equality, and inclusion in our youth to prevent racial bullying.

The panel will include:

- Keiana Winters, LCSW is a therapist at Midwest Counseling and Diagnostics with an emphasis on racial identity.
- Stephen Buhr, LCPC is the social worker with the City of Elmhurst and works primarily with the Police Department.
- Tracey Orick, CADDC, the social worker at Elmhurst Public Library discussing resources.
- Chair of the youth commission Jackie Haddad-Tamer, LCPC will moderate the event.

Appropriate for ages 9 and over. If any youth have a personal story to share and would like to be included in the event, please reach out to us. Also, to submit your question to the panel ahead of time, please contact: Jackie.Haddad-Tamer@elmhurst.org, or call 630-530-3016.

City of Elmhurst Bike & Pedestrian Plan Sweepstakes

The new City of Elmhurst Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CEBPP) will guide the

improvement of walking and biking in the community. Learn more about the plan and enter the [promotional sweepstakes](#).

Reminders

Seven York High Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 congratulates seven of our York High School seniors, who were announced as Semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The seniors are: Samuel Ayers, Zoe Burkhardt, Jake M. Downey, Evan Frank, James Golen, Serena Jobi, and Adrian Zhuang

Our National Merit Semifinalists will now have the opportunity to advance in the competition and be considered for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. The National Merit Scholarship winners of 2021 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. Those recipients also will be honored by the D205 Board of Education in the spring.

2020 Dukes of Distinction Ceremony – November 5, 2020

Elmhurst District 205, York High School, and the York High School Alumni Association are excited to announce the 2020 Dukes of Distinction honorees!

Congratulations to Jillian Arnold - Class of 2000, Manu Edakara - Class of 2010, Larry Larkin - Class of 1955, Kenneth Moy - Class of 1951, Martha Garman VanGeem - Class of 1972

Recipients of this award have excelled through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service, and/or outstanding contributions to society. We will share more about each of the honorees in the weeks to come. Meanwhile, please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 5th for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Virtual Program, when this year's Dukes of Distinction will be honored.

The York Distinguished Alumni Program began in the fall of 2013 and has since inducted 41 notable alumni into the program. To learn more, visit <https://www.elmhurst205.org/alumni/ydap>

Receive Daily Text Reminders to Certify Your Student's Health

As we begin to phase students back to in-person learning, a daily health self-certification form will need to be completed for every student before they enter any building. If you would like a [daily text message](#) reminder to fill out the self-certification form, text YES to 67587.

An email will also be sent daily to the parents/guardians of any students attending in person. Your username is your student's 5-digit PowerSchool ID (ex: 12345) and the password is your student's date of birth in mmddyyyy format (ex: 01011975). Please answer each of the three health questions honestly, and hit submit. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe!

Daily Student Health Self-Certification Process Required

As we begin to welcome our students back to in-person learning, the District has implemented a new safety measure that requires parent/guardian attention. A primary safety effort that is part of our [Open D205](#) plan is to certify student health information every day.

This request is being asked of all D205 faculty, staff, and families to complete. We need parents/guardians to complete our daily "certification" process prior to their child attempting to enter the school building each day. Please [see our steps to complete the health certification process](#) and [watch our 1:47 video tutorial](#) to learn how. The certification process is quick (less than 20 seconds per child) and the system is available now for parents/guardians to login and practice the health certification process.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions Video

Please view our special [COVID-19 health and safety video](#), featuring D205 Facilities Department Director Todd Schmidt, to see the precautions and measures the district has taken to prepare for in-person learning and soon as safely possible.

More details on our safety precautions can be found in the Open D205 section of our website, [here](#).

Free Internet/WiFi Services

- Comcast Internet Essentials Is Free to New Customers: Low-income families who live in a Comcast service area may sign-up for Internet Essentials with 60 days of complimentary service (normally available to all qualified households for \$9.95/month). See internetessentials.com or es.internetessentials.com, or call 1-855-8-INTERNET.
- Comcast Xfinity WiFi Is Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country are available to anyone for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, select the "xfinitywifi"

network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.

- AT&T is expanding “Access from AT&T,” our low-cost home internet offering to qualifying households AT&T will continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month through our Access from AT&T program. [Click here for more information. PDF Download](#)
- Illinois state agencies released a Wi-Fi [hotspot map](#) to help students across the state who lack internet access in their homes. The Wi-Fi map has at least 200 hotspots students can use to complete coursework. Students and their parents or guardians should continue to practice social distancing by remaining in their cars while utilizing the hotspots. If a student or caretaker is sick or experiencing symptoms, they should remain at home.

Virtual Backpack

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