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New Items

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!

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>

Foundation 205 Tree Sales Now Open

Although many things have changed in 2020, one thing remains the same- Elmhurst's long-standing holiday tree tradition! Now more than ever, let's fill our community with holiday cheer. Learn more and order your outdoor lawn tree [here](#) by September 30th.

Looking for a high quality indoor holiday tree delivered straight to your front door? 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.

Reminders

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.

D205 and Elmhurst Park Department Offering Club Ed ELearning Program for EC-5

The start of the school year has been stressful for many families as parents struggle to balance work with remote and hybrid learning. Staff at the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 have been working behind the scenes for weeks to come up with the best solution to help as many families as possible during this tough transition.

Club Ed. is slated to start on Monday, September 21 and will be held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The weekly cost will be \$315 per child. Online registration will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 10 at [epd.org](#).

More information is available on the [D205 website](#)

D205 and Community Meal Programs

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

COVID-19 Safety Precautions in District 205 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, checkout the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.