



TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

November 2, 2020

New Items:

Thrive D205 Presents "Disruption in Education & Choosing College" with Author & Speaker Michael Horn

- **Monday, November 9, 2020**
- **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Via Zoom**
- **[Register Today](#). [See the Program Flyer](#)**

Thrive D205 School & Community Wellness Partnership presents: "Disruption in Education & Choosing College" with Michael Horn, author of Blended and Choosing College from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CST on Monday, November 9, 2020. [Register](#) for the Zoom session today. To learn more about our featured speaker, click [here](#).

Michael Horn speaks frequently at postsecondary, K-12, and workforce education conferences and gatherings around the world on: disruptive innovation, online and blended learning, competency-based learning, education transformation, workshops to design blended learning environments and the role for profits in education.

He also speaks and writes about the future of education and works with a portfolio of education organizations to improve the life of each and every student. His book Choosing College strips away the noise around college to help students and parents understand why they are going to school and how to make better choices, as well as aids schools in designing better experiences.

Thrive D205 School & Community Wellness Partnership is a new initiative launched by Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205. The effort is designed to start a community conversation and create a subsequent plan to better understand, support and reduce the stress levels among students in our school community.

York Athletic Boosters 2020 Holiday Sale - Until Nov. 15

It's time for the York Holiday Apparel Sale! The Athletic Boosters have a fabulous collection of brand new York swag, just in time for holiday gift giving. Check out the cozy soft Sherpas in two styles, ladies and unisex joggers, crew, hooded and full zip sweatshirts and a giant logo blanket. We have youth sizes too, for the littlest Dukes. Visit the online store today and place your order for these items which are available to purchase ONLY during this sale through November 15th. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Elmhurst Photo Boutique beginning Dec 10th or mailed for a \$15 delivery fee. Orders can be placed directly online through the website but we are also accepting paper order forms which will avoid the 12% tax/website service fee. Get an order form on the [Athletic Boosters York page](#).

For more details, visit the [Athletic Boosters York site](#) or visit the online store link below. We have so many great items - get your York Duke holiday shopping done TODAY! Questions, please contact YorkBoosters@gmail.com.

Previous Announcements:

- D205 Kindergarten Registration Open - Until Nov. 6
- 42nd Annual UCCA Virtual Holiday Food Drive - Until Dec. 1
- York High School Veterans Day Drive-Up Lunch - Nov. 7
- D205 Free Meal Service Pick-Up Schedule - Nov. 2020
- ComEd Bill Assistance
- New Language Translation Feature Added to D205 & School Websites
- Free Internet/WiFi Services
- Virtual Backpack

D205 Dual Language Kindergarten Registration Open - Until Nov. 6

D205 online kindergarten registration is October 23, 2020 to November 6, 2020 for kindergarten: traditional half-day, dual language and all-day kindergarten programs.

Please register by going to the [D205 Kindergarten Registration](#) page. A recording of the general Kindergarten Registration and Dual Language Information Session presentations from October 15 & 19 also are available on the D205 Kindergarten Registration page.

42nd Annual UCCA Virtual Holiday Food Drive - Until Dec. 1

For more than 40 years, the Elmhurst community has participated in the UCCA Holiday Food Drive to help Elmhurst District 205 school children and their families. This year will look a little different but the need is still great, if not greater, than ever. The goal is to help almost 100 more families than last year.

To ensure everyone's safety, the collection effort is moving online. Instead of bringing food donations to school, you can go online and donate to sponsor a holiday meal, a box of food or more. It's quick and easy. Go to www.ucca-elmhurst.org/ucca-volunteers or scan the [QR code on the flyers](#).

Please give today to help struggling families put food on the table during these unprecedented times. Gifts of any amount are appreciated.

You may also drop off Jewel and Mariano's gift cards at the Elmhurst YMCA and the Elmhurst Public Library.

- Holiday Meal Box - \$16. Provide a complete holiday meal with turkey, potatoes, green beans and more.
- Box of Food - \$30. Provide a box of food filled with pantry staples.

York High School Veterans Day Drive-Up Lunch - Nov. 7

Come and celebrate this important day of remembrance with the York High School Student Council and enjoy a free drive-up lunch in the comfort of your car! Limited yard signs will be available to our guests. First families to arrive will receive a sign for your yard!

- Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020
- Time: 11am-1pm
- Cost: Free (box lunches will be free for veterans and their families, but you MUST send us an RSVP with the number of people who will be coming with you. Without an RSVP, we will not be able to provide you with lunch).
- Where: York Community High School Parking Lot, 355 W. St. Charles Road Elmhurst, IL *Please pull up your car to the circle drive, we will hand you a box lunch

R.S.V.P. (REQUIRED) In order to ensure we have enough food, we are requesting an RSVP for this event. Please send your RSVP to **Student Council Advisor Matt Moran** at MMoran@elmhurst205.org or **630-617-2400 x7285** (Please leave a message with how many people will be attending. Please respond by Wednesday, October 28th. If you would like a veggie option, please let us know.

D205 Free Meal Service Pick-Up Schedule - Nov. 2020

D205 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](#) for November 2020.

ComEd Assistance

If you are aware of staff members or families that could benefit from additional support, we ask that you share this information with them and

have them call ComEd immediately at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661), M-F, 7am-7pm. Customers can also visit ComEd.com/Support to learn more about the following payment assistance options and eligibility requirements:

- **CARE Customer Hardship Grants.** Residential customers facing financial hardship may be eligible to receive one-time CARE grants from ComEd to help them get back on their feet.
- **COVID-19 Financial Bill Assistance.** A one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 is available this year for eligible, low-income households.
- **Flexible, Extended Payment Arrangements.** For a limited time, low-income households and residential customers expressing financial hardship may be eligible for a flexible payment arrangement so they can spread balances over 24 payments, with 0% down. Residential customers who may not be facing financial hardship, but would like to spread balances, may be able to do so over 18 payments, with no more than 25% down.
- **Waiver of New Deposits and Fee Relief.** ComEd is waiving any new deposit requirements for a limited time for customers expressing financial hardship and extending relief from various fees (such as reconnection fees) to help low-income residential customers.
- **State and Federal Financial Energy Assistance.** Illinois' Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also provide valuable financial help to households that may be facing financial challenges.

New D205 Language Translation Feature Available

A new language translation feature is now available on the District and all school web pages. The feature is easy to use and can be found in the lower right hand corner of the screen. Simply click on the drop down menu of languages and select the language needed. The District's Top Six languages, including Spanish and Polish, are currently available.

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.