



# NEWSLETTER

Bringing Township High School District 211 News to the Community • March 2020

*A message from the Superintendent ...*

## Career Pathways create advantages

One of our District's greatest strengths is the remarkable range of extraordinary opportunities available to students. In addition to nearly 30 different athletic offerings and approximately 80 clubs and activities, our instructional program offers hundreds of courses throughout more than a dozen academic departments. To help students and families maximize their benefits available through our exceptional staff members and quality programs, we encourage students to consider their interests within our career pathways framework.

Most of us can remember what it was like in our high school years not having a clear plan or an understanding of any job or career we might pursue. The four high school years consist of approximately 750 instructional days. To help students make the most of their time with us, we encourage students to take part in a career interest survey within each student's individual student readiness plan. Based on direct input from professionals within a range of industries, we aligned our course offerings and learning standards to help students develop the specific skills that industry leaders seek.

The exceptional skills of our teachers, the quality and breadth of our instructional programs and the articulation of career pathways create distinct advantages for our students to pursue future opportunities. To further assist students in considering potential career interests, we offer a range of applied career training experiences. Career treks help students see and briefly experience the type of work that occurs within a professional setting. Summer internships provide an extended opportunity for students to experience an actual job with the support of professionals in the field.

To help students and parents learn more about potential careers and possible summer learning experiences, we are proud to host our third annual Career Expo event on Thursday, February 27 at Fremd High School between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Professionals from more than 150 different

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## Summer School registration

High School District 211's Summer School 2020 is just around the corner. It provides great opportunities for growth, enrichment, or pursuit of new interests. Catalogs outlining summer school course offerings should arrive in the mail around the middle of March.

Registration begins for all students attending Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools on Monday, April 6. Registration begins for all students attending Fremd and Palatine High Schools on Wednesday, April 8. Registration for all incoming freshmen (current 8th grade

students) will begin on Monday, April 20.

Summer school classes begin on Tuesday, June 2, with first semester ending Tuesday, June 24. Second semester classes begin on Wednesday, June 25 and end on Wednesday, July 15. **No classes will be held on Fridays.**

Courses are described in the summer school catalog. The fee for most courses is \$140 per semester and bus transportation is \$35 per semester.

For additional information about summer school, please contact your child's high school.

## Incoming freshmen follow-up

Incoming freshman students (Class of 2024) have completed placement examinations, and high school student services directors have met with junior high school teachers to review placement decisions. At these meetings, directors and teachers reviewed examination results and performance in junior high school classes and together determined English, mathematics, and science courses students will take as freshmen in high school.

Testing results were shared in December during high school incoming freshmen night programs, while course placement and elective assignments were mailed in late January. Actual daily class schedules will be available in August.

If you or your child have questions related to academic programming, please contact the student services director at the high school your child will attend in the fall.

## School Breakfast – the best start to the day National School Breakfast Week is March 2-6, 2020

Studies consistently confirm that eating breakfast helps students succeed in school. Beginning the day with breakfast helps improve classroom performance, test scores and grades, concentration, and energy levels. Coaches also encourage good nutrition for student-athletes to assist in performance.

Many children do not have time to eat breakfast at home, or simply are not hungry early in the morning. For many students, eating breakfast at school is the perfect solution.

School breakfast is a healthy, nutritious meal and is often more economical than eating at home. District 211 schools offer

a variety of meal choices each morning for just \$1.55. Popular breakfast items include hot breakfast sandwiches, house-made smoothies, oatmeal, fresh-baked muffins, and much more. Breakfast is available before school and throughout most of the morning.

All District 211 schools will celebrate *National School Breakfast Week* by offering breakfast for lunch on Wednesday, March 4, in addition to special promotions offered during regular breakfast hours throughout the week. Encourage your child to begin the day with a healthy meal – *breakfast is the best start to a productive day at school!*

## Did you know ...

Attention graduating seniors ... District 211 Foundation Scholarships are now available. Most applications are due in mid-March. Interested students should visit the Foundation's scholarship page at <http://www.d211foundation.org/scholarships> to review school specific and district-wide scholarships.

## Career Pathways ...

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companies and organizations representing all the major career categories will be available to speak with students about a given career and the company or organization they represent. The event is helpfully organized so that students can easily identify whether the representative offers a possible internship or general information about the profession.

We all get better when we work together. Our career pathways framework and applied experiences combine the efforts of our faculty members, guidance counselors and administrators to draw upon the expertise of industry professionals to help students gain every advantage possible toward pursuing their future interests.



Daniel E. Cates  
Superintendent

## Dates to Remember

- February 27 District 211 Career Expo (4:30-6:30 p.m., Fremd High School)
- March 2-6 National School Breakfast Week
- March 3 Student Late-Start day
- March 8 Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour)
- March 12 Board of Education meeting (6:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- March 12 Illinois Science Assessment (Juniors); Late Start for Freshmen, Sophomores & Seniors
- March 17 Student Late-Start Day
- March 20 Spring vacation begins at close of school
- March 30 Classes resume after vacation
- April 2 Board of Education meeting (6:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- April 6 Summer School registration begins for CHS/HEHS/SHS students
- April 8 Summer School registration begins for FHS/PHS students
- April 10 Non-Attendance Day – No School
- April 14 SAT State Testing (Juniors); No School for Seniors, Sophomores & Freshmen
- April 15 PSAT 9 Testing (Freshmen); PSAT 10 Testing (Sophomores); No school for Juniors & Seniors
- April 20 Summer School registration begins for incoming freshman students
- April 21 Student Late-Start day

Note: Board meeting dates may be changed by vote of the Board of Education.



If you require assistance while visiting the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, please contact Matthew Hildebrand, director of administrative services, at 847-755-6626.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center: 847-755-6654.

## D211 seeking summer internship hosts for students

High School District 211 would like to partner with businesses in the community to help prepare our students for their future careers. Do you own or manage a local business that could benefit from a high school intern for the summer? Just imagine the positive impact on educational outcomes and the talent pool if every Chicago-area business, regardless of size, aligned itself with a high school student and provided hands-on human capital resources and assistance.

The District 211 Career Expo will be held on February 27 at Fremd High School from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Over 150 companies will be present for freshman through seniors and their parents to explore career information, including summer internships. Details regarding the Career Expo for all students can be found at: <https://il49000007.schoolwires.net/Domain/4783>.

Another way to collaborate is to offer a summer internship to District 211 students. A high school internship is a unique opportunity for a student to gain invaluable knowledge, experience, and confidence in future college and career decisions. Each internship is flexible and is based on mutually agreed-upon conditions between the company and the student. It can range anywhere from two weeks to two months in length.

District 211 appreciates the time and effort it takes to host an intern. The District has made the process as streamlined as possible. The host will need to have work for the intern to do, as well as skills to teach the intern aside from the basic employability skills. The host will need to designate a supervisor and/or mentor, and give an orientation of the business to the student. Internships can provide leadership opportunities for your employees, while also giving the company a chance to evaluate prospective future employees. In addition, it is a great way to connect with the community and to fulfill outreach initiatives.

District 211 high school students are prepared for real-life experiences and can provide valuable insights and a fresh perspective. The high school internship and career exploration program is a valuable hands-on learning experience that cannot be replicated in the classroom. District 211 hopes to be able to collaborate with businesses to positively impact communities by developing creative solutions that will shape the future.

To reserve a table at the District 211 Career Expo or be an internship host, contact Jan Brottman, career advisor coordinator for District 211 ([jbrottman@d211.org](mailto:jbrottman@d211.org)), or complete the internship form at: <https://tinyurl.com/internshiphost>.

## Graduation dates announced

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 will be held on the following dates:

### Hoffman Estates High School

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
6:00 p.m., at Willow Creek Auditorium

### Palatine High School

Sunday, May 17, 2020  
2:00 p.m., at the school

### James B. Conant High School

Monday, May 18, 2020  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### William Fremd High School

Tuesday, May 19, 2020  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### Schaumburg High School

Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### Combined Ceremonies

(Alternative High School, North Campus,  
and Higgins Education Center)

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
7:00 p.m., at Hoffman Estates High School

## Sophomore class ring selection

It is time for sophomore students to order class rings. A representative from Jostens will be visiting your school this spring to take student orders. The representative will supply ring information for students and order dates will be posted at each school. Parents are encouraged to review styles and prices with their child prior to order dates. Rings will be available for distribution at schools later this year.

Class ring purchases are optional and may be made from vendors other than those chosen by school committees. Please contact your school's activity director with questions regarding class rings.



"Township High School District 211 serves the educational needs of the community inspiring all students to successfully contribute to the world."

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The Superintendent's Newsletter is published every 6 weeks throughout the school year for persons interested in James B. Conant, William Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg High Schools and Higgins Education Center and North Campus alternative schools.

