



NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Superintendent ...

2017: A look back

The end of any year provides a ripe opportunity for reflection. A quote attributed to a popular writer goes like this: Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different. For a few moments, let us look back at only a few of the District's improvements this year.

I spoke with many people in the past month who were keenly aware that we were ending our first school year under a new calendar. Our school year began a bit earlier in August enabling students to complete their exams and end the first semester prior to winter break. This allowed students to rejuvenate during the vacation with no final exams weighing on them. This week, we completed our second semester closer to the time of Advanced Placement examinations and prior to the Memorial Day weekend. The clear majority perspective is that the new school calendar provided a greater value to our available instructional days and that any needed adjustments in scheduling will now become a part of our typical yearly sequence.

After months of engaging with community members, this year we adopted a multi-year strategic plan that articulates the District's priorities and communicates our upcoming action steps to all in our community.

After completing dramatic improvements to the media centers at Schaumburg and Conant High Schools, we upgraded our third media center at Palatine High School and we anticipate that the renovations at Fremd High School will be complete in October.

We offered five new dual credit courses and one new Advanced Placement course this year, bringing our total to 56 dual credit courses and 32 Advanced Placement courses. Students in our senior class will graduate with the equivalent of more than 42,000 college credits, a number that will continue to increase as we offer more dual credit courses and support more students enrolling in Advanced Placement courses.

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Use online or mail registration to enroll students for 2017-2018 school year

Parents may use the convenience of either online or mail registration to register their child for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration materials will be mailed to all students in late June. Both online and mail registration methods allow parents to register their child prior to walk-in registration in August. Student I.D. cards will be issued at the start of school in August.

All incoming 12th grade students will be required to show proof of receiving two meningococcal vaccines. The first vaccine needs to be given *on or after* your child's 10th birthday. The second vaccine shall be received at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the meningococcal vaccine has not been administered to your child as described, then one dose *on or after* the 16th birthday will be required before your child can attend school. Immunizations given before your child's 10th birthday will not be compliant with the law. High School District 211 has

a first day exclusion policy. In order for you to complete registration and for your child to begin school on the first day, proof of your child receiving the meningococcal vaccine needs to be on file in the school nurse's office prior to completing the registration process. If you have questions regarding when or if your child has received the meningococcal vaccine, please contact your physician or refer to your child's immunization record in Infinite Campus using the parent portal. If you have further questions, please contact your school's health office.

Online registration is accessed through the Infinite Campus parent portal. For parents not currently using Infinite Campus, a user name and password can be obtained by contacting your high school's technology office. A user name and password will allow parents entry into Infinite Campus through their school's website or the District 211 website.

Incoming freshman events to be held at schools

In July, incoming freshmen will receive an invitation to attend a welcome event at the high school they will attend in the fall. Dates have been set for August 7, 8, and 9, 2017. Incoming freshman activities for each school are outlined below.

Palatine High School will host a freshman "Welcome Day" event on Tuesday, August 8. Specific details about the event, including the times, will be available in the July newsletter mailing.

Fremd High School will host a "Freshman Kick-Off" on Wednesday, August 9, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Students will receive their official schedule, walk their schedule, locate their locker, meet their VAMP mentors, and have lunch. Reminders about this event will be available in the July newsletter mailing.

Conant High School will host a "Freshman Kick-Off BBQ" on Tuesday, August 8, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Following the BBQ, registered incoming freshmen students are invited

to pick up their iPad and class schedule and tour the school building to find classrooms and lockers.

Schaumburg High School freshmen are invited to attend a "Freshman Kick-Off" on Tuesday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students will be able to tour the school building, follow their class schedule, locate their locker, and enjoy a back-to-school lunch. Additional details will be available in July on the school website (shs.d211.org).

At Hoffman Estates High School, students are invited to a "Freshman Kick-off" on Monday, August 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Students will walk through class schedules and attend breakout sessions on a variety of topics in order to build excitement about opportunities available at school. The three "Ls" also will be covered: Lost, Locker, and Lunch.

For more information about incoming freshman events, please contact the student services office at the school your child will attend in the fall.

Did you know ...

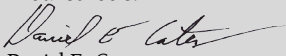
The District 211 Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that raises funds to support student activities, programs, and scholarships. Consider becoming a sponsor for a D211 Foundation event or making a donation to a scholarship. Learn more at <http://www.d211foundation.org>.

A look back ...

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We engaged community input about the District's 60 acres in Schaumburg, a resource held by the District for nearly 50 years, and provided a report in May and our next report will come in June.

To the parents of our graduates, I join our Board and staff members in congratulating you on this accomplishment. Though the changes taking place each day may not have been readily apparent, as we look back now, everything is different for these outstanding young women and men relative to the day they entered District 211. It is our privilege to work with you in this most important mission of developing the character and preparedness of the young people in our schools.



Daniel E. Cates
Superintendent

HIPAA law information


The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits medical institutions and health care providers from releasing medical information without authorization from the individual (if 18 or older) or parent/guardian. Previously, doctors' offices and hospitals released information to school nurses regarding physical examinations, immunizations, allergies, and medical conditions.

Please make sure all necessary information is entered on physical examination forms before leaving the doctor's office. Failure to do so may result in delays in processing physicals at school or clearing students for participation in athletics.

Dates to Remember

- June 15** Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- June 21** End of first semester of Summer School (mandatory attendance)
- June 22** Second semester of Summer School begins
- July 3-4** Independence Day – No Summer School Classes
- July 18** Last day of Summer School (mandatory attendance)
- July 20** Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)

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.

Special thanks to all involved parents

At the close of the school year, the Board of Education and administration extend their appreciation to all involved parents.

A special thanks is expressed to members of parent organizations at each school. These groups have sponsored school activities and fundraising events throughout the year to benefit students. Booster Club presidents for the 2016-2017 school year were:

James B. Conant High School

Beata Candre, *President*
Booster Club

Kelly Day, *President*
Band Parents Club

William Fremd High School

Ed Hansen, *President*
Viking Booster Club

Rob Coleman, *President*
Fremd Music Association

Hoffman Estates High School

Chelle Kase, *President*
H.E.L.P. Boosters

Palatine High School

John Helminski, *President*
Pirate Booster Club

Schaumburg High School

Janice Novick & Karla Frantz, *Co-Presidents*
Very Interested Parents Club

Bobby Walser, *President*
Band Boosters

Freshman students need physical exams

Incoming freshman students must have a physical examination and a record of immunizations on file at school before fall registration can be completed. Physical exams must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of school. Physical exam forms were mailed to incoming freshmen in March and are available in the nurse's or athletic offices at your high school. Students will be excluded from school until this requirement is fulfilled, and physical exams must be cleared by District 211 health services before participation in activities and athletics.

All District 211 students, including incoming freshmen, registering for summer

athletic camps must submit a valid physical exam to the school nurse's office prior to the beginning of camp. Physical exams must be completed within 13 months, and cannot expire during camp participation. Physical exam forms can be found on your school's athletic registration website. For further information, please contact the athletic director's office.

For your convenience, the Hoffman Estates Health and Human Services Department provides immunizations for any High School District 211 resident for a small fee. Please call the Village of Hoffman Estates health division at (847) 781-4850 for information.

Wishing all the best to District 211 retirees

This spring, 49 faculty and staff members say good-bye to High School District 211 as they retire. From Palatine High School, Ellen Kroepel and Diane Pfister are retiring. Retiring from Fremd High School are James Aikens, Lauren Dennhardt, Geraldine Dismeier, and Bernadette Fusco. Conant High School retirees are Robert Borczak, Shelley Castans, Daniel Crivellone, Maureen Donehey, Linda Goergen, Robert Grisanzio, Richard Gross, Monna Hazlett, Bruce Hildabrand, Deborah Kassner, Susan Mariottini, Thomas McCormack, Bill Modelski, Nancy Moulton, Dennis Nykiel, Suzanne Rausch, James Seimetz, Robert Small, Mary Jo Walsh, and Bonnie Wiszowaty. Retiring from Schaumburg High School are Shayne Bullen, Susan Elk, Barbara Gust-Farrell, Jeanne LaFayette, Barbara Mach, Joseph Nemetz, Jeanette Pancratz, Kimberly Shade, Debra Thomas, and Beth Varchetto. Hoffman Estates High School retirees are Ann Bagel, Rhonda Barbeau, Robert Erickson, Margaret Heidtbrink, Keith Peak, Gregory Rouse, Jennifer Smith, Susan Spence, Timothy Teegarden, and Ruth Weir. Hollie Hunley is retiring from the Higgins Education Center. Diane Plaza is retiring from the Transportation Department, and James Fleischman is retiring from the Administration Center. *Best wishes to all in your retirement!*



"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 4½ 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.

