



NEWSLETTER

Bringing Township High School District 211 News to the Community • April/May 2017

A message from the Superintendent ...

The impact of a teacher

For 25 years, a District 211 bus has picked up students at the corner outside my house. Last week, I got on the bus and rode in with the students and enjoyed the chance to speak with many of them individually. A similar highlight of any week is when I have the opportunity to drop into a student cafeteria and share lunch with students. I value any such opportunities, and I start each conversation the same way: Who is the teacher who made the difference for you, the teacher who has impacted you the most?

For each teacher mentioned by a student, I like to leave a short message to let them know that they made a difference among our students. Having done this many times, the reactions on both sides of the exchange are nearly always the same. The students are excited to share a teacher's name, particularly when the name draws energetic endorsement from their peers. Similarly common, when teachers receive news of their impact, their appreciation is easily apparent, and frequently they express surprise because they were not aware that they had reached a particular student to such a degree.

Importantly, we are all keenly interested in hearing students describe the qualities that led them to select a particular teacher. Having asked this question to hundreds of students, the reason for a teacher's impact is almost always some version of one of these:

- *She's interested in me as a person*
- *He's energetic and makes our class interesting*
- *He teaches us about life, not just the subject*
- *She challenges us, but she's there to help when we need it*

We all can take direction from these refreshingly candid experiences of our students to guide our interactions. The comments plainly exemplify a favorite quote attributed to a past president, Theodore Roosevelt: "*Nobody*
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Student fees set for 2017-2018 school year

At its January 19, 2017 meeting, the Board of Education established student fees for the 2017-2018 school year.

The general registration fee for the use of textbooks, instructional supplies, technology, and participation in athletic and activity programs for the 2017-2018 school year will be \$170, and it is due at the time of registration.

The bus transportation fee for next year for students whose residence is within 1.5 miles of school will be \$200 and is due in full by June 30, 2017. There is no bus transportation fee for those students who reside beyond 1.5 miles from school. A late registration fee of \$35 will be added to all applications received after June 30, 2017. Applications will be mailed to eligible students. If you do not receive an application by June 1, you may request one by calling the High School District 211 Transportation Office at (847) 755-6796.

The driver's education behind-the-wheel fee for 2017-2018 will remain \$350. Students eligible for driver's education behind-the-

wheel may choose to take this course in summer school. The summer school driver's education fee also is \$350.

The student parking user fee will remain \$65 per semester. Students who wish to drive to school must obtain an application from the school's office. At some schools, limited parking spaces are available.

The price for the standard breakfast will remain \$1.45 per meal for students. The Board approved a four-tiered standard lunch price point, with lunch price points remaining at \$2.35, \$2.50, \$2.65, and \$2.90 per meal (with milk) for students. The price for students who qualify for reduced-price meals will remain 30¢ per breakfast and 40¢ per lunch (with milk).

Reduced-price meals are provided for students from families who meet federally established income guidelines. Applications for the program will be made available in late summer. Further questions regarding payment of breakfast or lunch meal fees and eligibility for reduced breakfast and lunch fees may be directed to **Stacy Lenihan**, director of food services, at (847) 755-6681.

Incoming freshman students ... *what happens now?*

Incoming freshman students and their parents should have received an invitation to participate in a summer orientation program with high school counselors. During this program, students will gain an understanding of the curriculum, student services, and school activities. Guided tours of the school and facilities will be available for parents and students at this time.

In mid-June, parents of incoming freshman students will receive a mailing that will include a master enrollment form with medical restriction and publicity release information. This must be completed and returned.

In early July, parents will receive information about the iPad insurance program, as well as a Student Fee Statement for the 2017-2018 school year. Later in the summer, incoming freshman students will be invited to an Open House as well as other activities designed to help familiarize students with their high school.

In late July, students will receive a student calendar/handbook that details school policies and procedures, and contains important dates to remember throughout the school year.

Classes for the 2017-2018 school year begin on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Did you know ...

High School District 211 had 534 students named Illinois State Scholars this year, including 209 students from Fremd High School, 105 students from Conant High School, 89 students from Palatine High School, 82 students from Schaumburg High School, and 49 students from Hoffman Estates High School.

Teacher impact ...

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cares how much you know until they know how much you care."

National Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 9. Just like our students, we each likely have a teacher or two who had a profound impact on our development. Though teenagers can be reluctant to freely express much information verbally, each student I have asked about their "teacher of impact" has named a teacher.

If you have a moment, consider reaching out to one of your son's or daughter's teachers – or maybe one of your own teachers – to share the positive impact and influence they have had. May you enjoy a wonderful end to the school year.




Daniel E. Cates
Superintendent

Dates to Remember

- May 1-12 Advanced Placement Exams
- May 11 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., at G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- May 18 Hoffman Estates High School Graduation (6:00 p.m. at Willow Creek Auditorium); Combined Graduation Ceremonies (Alternative High School, District 211 North Campus, and Higgins Education Center: 7:00 p.m. at Hoffman Estates High School)
- May 21 Palatine High School Graduation (2:00 p.m. at the school)
- May 22 Conant High School Graduation (7:30 p.m. at Sears Centre)
- May 23 Fremd High School Graduation (7:30 p.m. at Sears Centre)
- May 24 Schaumburg High School Graduation (7:30 p.m. at Sears Centre)
- May 24-26 Semester Examinations
- May 25 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., at G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- May 26 Last day of school
- May 29 Memorial Day
- May 31 Summer School begins

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.

District 211 Summer School 2017 just around the corner

High School District 211's Summer School is just around the corner. It provides great opportunities for growth, enrichment, or pursuit of new interests. Registration is now open to all current District 211 students, as well as for all incoming freshmen (current 8th grade students).

Summer School classes for 2017 begin on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, with first semester ending Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Second semester classes begin on Thursday, June 22, 2017, and end on Thursday, July 18, 2017. *No classes will be held on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4, 2017, and no classes will be held on Fridays.* Courses are described in the Summer School catalog, which was mailed in March and is available online at <http://adc.d211.org/academics-home/summer-school>. The fee for most courses is \$140 per semester and bus transportation is \$35

per semester.

For additional information about academic Summer School courses, please contact your child's high school counselor.

Opportunities to register for non-credit Activity/Athletic Camps are now available online. Parents may register their children for these opportunities online using the "rSchool" (athletics) website link on your child's school website. Check the posted dates and times listed in the Summer School catalog to determine when camps will be offered. The fee for most camps is \$75 per semester.

For additional information regarding Athletic Camps, please contact the Athletic Director's Office at your child's home school. Questions regarding Activity Camps should be directed to the Activity Director's Office at your child's home school.

High School District 211 complies with AHERA law

High School District 211 complies with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), a federal law which requires school districts to inspect for asbestos-containing building material and file management plans with a designated state agency.

Inspections have not disclosed any asbestos-containing building material needing immediate attention.

Persons may review District 211's inspection reports as well as management plans weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, 1750 S. Roselle Road in Palatine.

To make an appointment to review materials or for more information about AHERA, please contact **Christopher Kontney**, director of facilities & business services, at (847) 755-6648.

Tobacco use prohibited in District 211 schools

A reminder that Illinois state law prohibits the use of any tobacco products on school property or at any school-sponsored activity. Please respect the laws of the government, the rules of your school, and your health and that of others by refraining from the use of tobacco in any of its forms while at school or on school property.

"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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