



# NEWSLETTER

Bringing Township High School District 211 News to the Community ● March/April 2017

*A message from the Superintendent ...*

## Safety first and always

Every day, 12,000 teenagers enter our care and their safety is our first responsibility and priority. We can best accomplish this duty by working together and sharing information. I want to highlight key factors to assist our shared partnership and priority surrounding the safety of our students and staff members.

**Contact School Personnel:** The best way to prevent potential danger is to contact a school staff member as soon as a concern may arise. We have administrators, counselors, teachers and police officers in our schools who will respond to any report of potential harm or past action. We strongly encourage and depend on students, parents and staff members to express their concerns directly.

**Anonymous Tip-Line:** Each student's iPad and all our websites include an easy link for anyone to report any concern. Information submitted on the tip-line goes immediately to multiple school personnel who can initiate a response or investigation.

**Impact of Social Media:** Communication in today's world is everywhere, and its distribution is simultaneous to large numbers of people. Unknowingly, people sometimes post inaccurate information about an alleged incident that may or may not have occurred. Posting inaccurate information can have an overall negative effect by creating unnecessary fear or misdirecting our efforts to investigate or intervene. Before posting anything that you do not know to be certain, we encourage you to contact our school personnel directly or to submit your concerns on the tip-line.

**Safety Drills:** We conduct safety drills to prepare students and staff members to respond safely to a variety of scenarios. In addition to multiple fire drills and a bus evacuation drill, today's world also requires us to conduct "lockdown drills." Two times each year, local police departments assist us in training students and staff members how to respond to a perpetrator intent on causing harm inside

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## Summer School registration nears

Catalogs detailing courses for High School District 211's 2017 Summer School Program are available online now on the District 211 website and will be mailed in early April. Please review the contents and plan course selections with your child and his or her counselor. The fee for most summer school courses is \$140 per semester, and bus transportation is \$35 per semester.

Online registration begins April 10 at 7:00 a.m. for all current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools. Online registration begins April 12 at 7:00 a.m. for all current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at Fremd and Palatine High Schools. Online payment is available for current District 211 families by using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal found on the District website or your child's school

website, using the username and password that has been previously provided. Registration also can be completed at the high school the student will attend during the 2017-2018 school year. **Registration for all incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) begins on April 17 at the school the child will attend in the fall.**

First semester of summer school is May 31 through June 21, 2017. Second semester classes will be held June 22 through July 18, 2017. There will be no classes held on Fridays and **attendance on the last day of each semester is mandatory.** Due to the concentrated nature of summer school classes, attendance is critical and vacations need to be planned around these important summer school dates.

For more information concerning summer school, please call Jerry Treviño, director of summer school, at (847) 755-6720.

## Federal grant funds benefit students

Again this year, High School District 211 was awarded grant funding from the Illinois State Board of Education and the federal "No Child Left Behind" Consolidated Grant Program.

Funds received through the federal program, which includes the Title I, II, and III grants, are used to support a variety of school initiatives. The Title I Grant is targeted at strengthening reading and mathematics performance and looks to form partnerships with parents to design the best program possible. The goal of Title I is to provide supplementary academic assistance to that already available in the school, including additional teacher assistants, specialized student resource centers, and enhanced access to technology. The Title III Grant supports English language education for students who are not native English speakers but who are working to acquire fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.

Title I and II Grants fund professional development activities, including faculty attendance at local in-service seminars on such topics as content area reading skills, development of professional learning communities, and curriculum alignment. The Title I, II, and III Grants support better assessment of student achievement. Assessments help teachers target instruction to the specific needs of their classes. This data also enables teachers to provide timely interventions to students who require extra help in mastering standards.

Grant funding also has been awarded to District 211 to provide assistance to students with special needs, assist those engaged in vocational coursework, purchase books and software for school Media Centers, and provide resources that homeless students need to enable their full participation in school.

## Food Service pre-payment balance procedures

The food service pre-payment option is a convenient way to ensure students have a nutritious lunch every school day. Account balances for underclassmen are carried over to the fall, but graduating seniors may request refunds. Balances may be obtained in the cafeteria or by viewing the online food service pre-payment information using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Graduating seniors are encouraged to utilize the balance in their account. However, if there

is a remaining balance, a parent may transfer the remaining funds to a sibling's account or request a refund. To obtain a refund by check or credit card, please email or call the director of food services, **Stacy Lenihan**, at [slenihan@d211.org](mailto:slenihan@d211.org) or 847-755-6681. Please include your child's name, ID number, and school. For credit card refunds, have your credit card information available when calling, but please do not include credit card information in your correspondence.

## Did you know ...

High School District 211 produces a quarterly publication, called *Community Connections*, which features updates to the Board of Education's 2016 Strategic Plan. *Community Connections* is available on the District 211 website at: <https://adc.d211.org/information/newsinfo/newsletters/>.

# 2017-2018 School Calendar

## Safety first ...

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our school buildings. In close collaboration with the police, we continually review and improve best practices following each drill.

**Controlled Entry:** We limit access to our school buildings to a single entryway during the school day. Each visitor, vendor and contractor entering our schools is reviewed via a state-wide database. We appreciate your patience and understanding associated with this check-in procedure.

Our schools are wonderful, supportive environments encouraging truly extraordinary opportunities. To help assure safety for all, we will always be stronger when we work together.




Daniel E. Cates  
Superintendent

## Dates to Remember

- March 16 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., at G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- March 21 Student Late-Start Day
- March 24 Spring vacation begins at close of school
- April 3 Classes resume after spring vacation
- April 4 Election Day
- April 5 State SAT Testing (11th graders)
- April 6 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., at G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- April 10 Summer School registration begins for current CHS/HEHS/SHS students
- April 12 Summer School registration begins for current FHS/PHS students
- April 14 Non-Attendance Day – *No School*
- April 17 Summer School registration begins for all incoming freshman students at the school the student will attend in the fall
- April 25 The Future Begins Today – Special Education Resource Night (6:00 p.m., at Palatine High School)
- April 27 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., at G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- May 1-12 Advanced Placement Testing

**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.

## First Semester

### 2017

- Thursday, August 10 Teacher Institute — *No Classes*
- Friday, August 11 Teacher Institute — *No Classes*
- Monday, August 14 Opening Day of School
- Monday, September 4 Labor Day — *No School*
- Monday, October 9 Columbus Day — *No School*
- Tuesday, October 10 Teacher Institute\* — *No Classes*
- Wednesday, November 22 Non-Attendance Day — *No School*
- Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day — *No School*
- Friday, November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday — *No School*
- Friday, December 22 End of First Semester  
Winter Vacation Begins at Close of School

## Second Semester

### 2018

- Monday, January 8 Teacher Institute — *No Classes*
- Tuesday, January 9 Opening Day of Second Semester
- Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — *No School*
- Monday, February 19 Presidents' Day — *No School*
- Friday, March 23 Spring Vacation Begins at Close of School
- Monday, April 2 Opening Day of School After Vacation
- Friday, May 25 Last Day of School

\* - Pending Board of Education approval at its March 16, 2017 meeting.

*Emergency day – May 29 through June 4 will serve as emergency days in the event District 211 schools are closed for six or more student attendance days.*

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## Get your District 211 news on the D211 Post website

Township High School District 211 has its own news website, the *D211 Post*. Those interested in finding the most current information about District 211 and its five high schools and two alternative schools are encouraged to log-on to <http://www.d211post.org>. The *D211 Post* features articles about students and staff, as well as community stories, photos, videos, and more. Get all your District 211 news on the *D211 Post*!

*"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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