



# NEWSLETTER

Bringing Township High School District 211 News to the Community • March 2018

*A message from the Superintendent ...*

## Working Together for School Safety

As we all continue to process the recent tragedy in Parkland, Florida, we remain vigilant and responsive to our students, parents and staff members. If your son or daughter expresses questions or demonstrates any indications of feeling unsafe or uncertain during these times, please know that we have many trained staff members available to respond and provide support.

We recently sent a message describing many aspects of our safety measures. In our efforts to improve all that we do, we continually review matters of school security and the protection of every person in our care. Please know that to whatever extent our comprehensive measures may exist at present, we recognize that this work is never finalized, and we are committed to improving and advancing both our infrastructure and our processes.

Our most effective means of ensuring that every student can fully enjoy and benefit from all that our programs offer is to work together and encourage every person to report any concern to school personnel. Anyone can report a concern directly, or anonymously, to a school administrator in person, via email or by phone. On the front page of each school website, we provide a Safety Concerns button that will immediately go to staff members who review and respond to each report.

I want to highlight the value of contacting one of our administrators directly. At times, we learn of concerns after a wave of social media exchanges has already been set in motion. As information gets exchanged across social media platforms and gets further from the original source, the accuracy of the information can be compromised. When our staff members or the police learn of the information being spread, we then have to sort through all pieces of the report, including those that may be inaccurate.

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## Summer School registration

High School District 211's Summer School 2018 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 9. Registration begins for all students attending Fremd and Palatine High Schools on Wednesday, April 11. Registration for all incoming freshmen (current 8th grade

students) will begin on Monday, April 16.

Summer school classes begin on Wednesday, May 30, with first semester ending Wednesday, June 20. Second semester classes begin on Thursday, June 21, and end on Monday, July 16. **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 2022) 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 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. Final class schedules will be mailed at a later date. 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 5-9, 2018

Studies consistently confirm that eating breakfast helps students succeed in school. Beginning the day with breakfast not only improves classroom performance, test scores and grades, concentration, and provides more energy, but it also decreases behavior problems, tardiness, and absenteeism. Coaches also encourage good nutrition for their 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 \$1.45. Popular breakfast items include hot breakfast sandwiches, house-made smoothies, oatmeal, and fresh-baked muffins, plus 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 7, 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 ... D211 Foundation Scholarships are 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.

## School safety ...

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We are all better when we work together. Our best plan is to work effectively as partners. In order to help all of us to work most effectively on behalf of our students, I encourage everyone to report any concern directly and immediately to a staff member rather than sharing the information on social media. Timing can make all the difference and we benefit from getting any information early and as close as possible to the source of the original concern.

This particular moment calls on us to stand together, to work together and to hold together in order that every student we serve can reap the fullness of all the remarkable opportunities we offer. With sincere appreciation, I thank you for your partnership.



Daniel E. Cates  
Superintendent

## 211 Dates to Remember

- March 5-9 National School Breakfast Week
- March 6 Student Late-Start day
- March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour)
- March 15 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- March 20 Student Late-Start Day
- March 23 Spring vacation begins at close of school
- April 2 Classes resume
- April 3 PSAT 8/9 (Freshmen testing)
- April 5 Board of Education meeting (7:30 p.m., G.A. McElroy Administration Center)
- April 9 Summer School registration begins for CHS/HEHS/SHS students
- April 10 SAT State Testing (Juniors); PSAT 10 (Sophomores); No School for Seniors & Freshmen
- April 11 Summer School registration begins for FHS/PHS students
- April 16 Summer School registration begins for all incoming freshman students
- April 17 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.

One 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 based on mutually agreed upon conditions between the company and the student. It can range anywhere from two weeks to two months in length.

High school internships can be paid or unpaid – though, if unpaid, they are usually subject to labor guidelines. In the United States, federal law mandates that unpaid interns must not benefit the company economically or be used to displace the work done by paid employees. The primary purpose of a high school internship is to gain work-based knowledge and learn firsthand from professionals in their interested career field. Internships focus on giving the intern the best training possible to help them in the future

by rotating the responsibilities, shadowing a professional, and integrating them into the work force of the company.

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

## Graduation dates announced

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2018 will be held on the following dates:

### Hoffman Estates High School

Thursday, May 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m., at Willow Creek Auditorium

### Palatine High School

Sunday, May 20, 2018  
2:00 p.m., at the school

### Schaumburg High School

Monday, May 21, 2018  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### James B. Conant High School

Tuesday, May 22, 2018  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### William Fremd High School

Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
7:30 p.m., at Sears Centre

### Combined Ceremonies

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

Thursday, May 17, 2018  
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 in the fall.

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 if you have any 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.

