## **Dear Parents and Students:**

Participation in high school extracurricular activities is a valuable part of the overall high school experience, enhancing students' school engagement and sense of belonging. We realize that these types of social-emotional activities are perhaps even more important in today's environment and are excited to offer students the ability to participate in extracurricular activities beginning as early as this week. Our activity sponsors have been preparing to host club meetings, competitive event practices, and even fine arts productions both in-person and through virtual means.

## Extracurricular Activities

In order to participate in District 211 extracurricular activities, parents must register their child through the *Infinite Campus* parent portal. Once registered, students will begin to receive meeting schedule and participation information from the activity sponsor through their District 211 student email. Registered students also will receive the District 211 daily wellness screener through their District 211 email. Although students will receive the screener every day, they should **only complete the screener on days that they will attend in-person meetings at the school.** 

In-person activity meetings will utilize strict health and safety guidelines, including 6-foot social distancing between participants and wearing a face mask at all times. **Every student attending an in-person activity meeting must complete an online wellness screening survey** *at home* **prior to traveling to school.** More information about the District 211 wellness screener is available here. Additionally, only students with confirmed appointments though *SignUpGenius* will be allowed to enter the school, and upon entering the school, each student's body temperature will be scanned to verify fever-free status. Students who do not complete and pass the at-home wellness screener, do not have an appointment, and are not fever-free will not be admitted to the school.

After-school bus routes will be available Monday through Friday to bring students to school for scheduled activity meetings. Bus information will be provided through activity sponsors or our school's activity director's office.

A full list of available extracurricular activities is available in the *Infinite Campus* parent portal, and through the <u>activity</u> link on our school's webpage. If you have any questions about extracurricular activities, please contact Activity Director Mark Langer at 847-755-3612, or via email at: <a href="mailto:mlanger@d211.org">mlanger@d211.org</a>.

## **Afternoon Academic Support Update**

We have worked to keep you updated on the implementation of our in-person afternoon academic supports. These supports are designed to provide students with access to specific course assistance, small group tutoring, and, when possible, hands-on laboratory experiences. These supports are offered Monday through Thursday during the afternoon block noted on each student's daily class schedule.

Two weeks ago, we began offering all afternoon supports virtually, with ESL, Applied Technology, Business, and Family & Consumer Science support offered inperson. This week, we expanded our in-person support options to the Art, Music, Science, and Wellness departments. Next week, we will continue to phase-in additional in-person supports by also offering English, Math, Social Studies, and World Language options in-person. Please remember that our in-person sessions have a limited number of available seats and students must schedule appointments using <code>SignUpGenius</code>.

In-person academic supports will utilize strict health and safety guidelines including 6-foot social distancing between participants. Every student attending an inperson afternoon academic support option must complete an online wellness screening survey at home prior to traveling to school. Students will receive a link to the wellness screening survey in the appointment confirmation email. More information about the District 211 wellness screener is available here. Additionally, only students with confirmed appointments through <code>SignUpGenius</code> will be allowed to enter the school, and upon entering the school, each student's body temperature will be scanned to verify fever-free status. Students who do not complete and pass the at-home wellness screener, do not have an appointment, or are not fever-free will not be admitted to the school.

Mid-day bus routes will be available each day that sessions are offered to bring students to school for scheduled academic support appointments. Bus information can be found in the *Infinite Campus* parent and student portals. Students intending to ride the mid-day bus should report to their assigned bus stop 15 minutes after the end of period 4 on both A and B school days.

## **Zoom Classroom Security Enhancements**

In order to enhance the security of Zoom meetings, a change has been made, effective Tuesday, September 8, that restricts access to all Zoom classes, only allowing students who log in to Zoom with their District 211 email addresses to attend. Students have been issued detailed information regarding this change and how it might affect them via their District 211 student email accounts.

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, students will need to launch the Zoom app and either log in to Zoom by entering their student email address and Zoom account

password or by clicking the "Sign in with Google" button and log in using their District email credentials. Students should consult the email they received regarding this change for specific directions and are encouraged to log in to their Zoom accounts using their student email address *before* attending class on Tuesday to verify their understanding of how these changes might affect them. Students will not be allowed into Zoom classes unless they log in using their District-issued email address.

Students should contact our school's Technology Help Desk at 847-755-3761 if they need assistance.

Sincerely,

Julie Nowak Principal

You received this electronic communication because you provided your email address to High School District 211. Changes or updates to your email address can be made using Infinite Campus. If you have questions regarding any of the information contained within this email, please call the high school for assistance with your concern.

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