

D211 POST: DISTRICT 211 JOINS SPRINT'S 1MILLION PROJECT



Joanna Avalos, a senior at Palatine High School, completes a survey before receiving a wireless hotspot from Sprint as part of the 1 Million Project. Township High School District 211 paired with Sprint in the project which provides free wireless internet to high school students.

Students within Township High School District 211 will have easier access to the internet to complete web-based homework after the District partnered with Sprint in its 1Million Project. The project provides qualifying students a free wireless hotspot from the Sprint Foundation, with an unlimited data package from Sprint, enabling them access they might not otherwise have.

“This generous program will be a game-changer for our students,” said Dr. Daniel Cates, District 211 superintendent. “Since we began the one-to-one program, we have been mindful of students who did not have regular, reliable internet access.”

For some students, it will reduce the number of hours they have to remain after school to work on assignments.

“I will usually stay here until 6:00 p.m.,” said Priyanshu Bahadur, a sophomore at Palatine High School. “If I cannot stay, then I have to come in early the next day to finish.”

With this device, Priyanshu said he would be able to spend more non-school hours at home with family.



Rusty Cumings, the assistant principal at Shaumburg High School, discusses the wireless hotspot from Sprint to a student.

For a student at Schaumburg High School it was time away from school that caused trouble in his ability to do homework. He said when his family is on the road, he cannot access the internet to complete larger assignments. With this device, he will be able to stay on top of his assignments.

For Palatine High school senior Honoer Okhave this will improve more than just his academic performance.

“I didn’t have internet at home, so I just wouldn’t do my homework,” said Honoer. “I used to get in trouble a lot.”

Honoer said he was excited when he saw the letter announcing the new program.

“I used to wish the school could find a way to get us Internet outside of here,” he said. “This is like a dream come true.”

Sprint plans to distribute 1million devices to qualifying students during the five-year project. District 211 is one of the first school districts in Chicagoland to participate.



Joanna Avalos, Priyanshu Bahadur, and Honoer Okhavhe, students at Palatine High School, learn how to use their new wireless hotspot.

“We are both grateful and excited for our students who will benefit because they now have convenient and reliable access to the same universe of information that others have,” said Dr. Cates.

The District has distributed 225 devices to students. Each device has built-in content filters, similar to filters that are in-place in school networks. Part of the agreement between Sprint and participating schools is that Sprint will handle all technical issues and trouble shooting with the devices.

Students who receive a Sprint device will have access to the service for the duration of their high school career.

Dr. Cates believes this will have a positive impact on students well beyond this school year.

“Once we can draw upon the impact for our first group of students, we hope that no student in the future has to be limited by a lack of internet access,” he said.



Mr. Mike Alther, an assistant principal at Palatine High School, explains how to use one of the Sprint wireless hotspots.

[PHS, CHS STUDENTS WIN BIG AT DISTRICT 211 BUSINESS INCUBATOR PITCH NIGHT](#)



Students in High School District 211's Business Incubator program spent the school year developing business ideas to try to bring them to life with the help of investors.

Six of the best teams from each school's Business Incubator course were selected to compete at the District Pitch Night for real funding this past May. After planning and preparation, each team presented their business idea to a panel of judges in hopes of being awarded \$20,000 in seed money from the District 211 Foundation.

Two teams won this year's seed money: *Green Dirt* from Conant High School and *Snow and Co.* from Palatine High School. Green Dirt also was recently invited to compete at the INCubatoredu National Pitch Competition that will take place at the Loyola Corby Law Center in Chicago this July.

Students enrolled in the Business Incubator class learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur, as well as how to be successful in creating their own product or service. The course covers topics about marketing, human resources, accounting, and the legal aspects of operating a business. When preparing for pitches, students worked not only with their classroom teacher, but also had support from community content experts and mentors. For the teams that did not receive funding, investors encouraged them all to continue pursuing their ideas.

The following teams participated at the District 211 pitch night event:



WINNER: Green Dirt – Conant High School

Students: Akash Moozhayil, Kunal Mahajan, Stoil Ionov, Rohan Antony, Patryk Barszczuk

Mentor: David Wolff of Wolff's Fleamarket



Company overview: *GreenDirt is a startup company that addresses the major problem of food waste. We collect scraps from local restaurants, convert to a premium gardening product, vermicompost, which we then sell to local nurseries and garden centers.*



WINNER: Snow and Co. – Palatine High School

Students: Alex Brztowski, Katherine Perez, Nemecio Luna, Reil Snow

Mentor: CJ Ritterbusch of Concord Marketing Solutions



Company overview: *The Janus Pack is the solution for students who need to charge their electronics while helping students with organizational skills.*



Finalist: KickCarrier – Schaumburg High School

Students: Katherine Edeus, Daniel Galovich, Lisette Hurtado, Vincent Kandefer



Mentor: Jon Zaley of Odem Expo

Company overview: *KickCarrier is a unique platform where sneakerheads can buy, sell, or trade shoes. If it doesn't sell, we will buy it!*



Finalist: ProjectTapp-Tapp Camp – Conant High School

Students: Eliot Chang, Mitesh Patel, Michael Kim

Mentor: Jim Gallo of Specialty Finishing Group



Company overview: *ProjectTapp is a start-up mobile app developer for the private and public sector providing an incubator-type platform that integrates TappCamp, a coding educational and training service. TappCamp educates students in grades 5 – 12 to become app writers and future app developers for ProjectTapp that, in return, adds more innovation and creativity to the mobile app industry.*



Finalist: BlissFoot – Fremd High School

Students: Laura Bienek, Aarsh Desai, Hanna Murakami, Luke Schoffstall, Gianfranco Torres

Mentor: Chris Banakis of Acuity Advisory Partners LLC



Company overview: *BlissFoot provides competitive long distance runners and other endurance athletes with on-the-go protection against friction, and the resulting irritation, in order to reduce discomfort and enhance performance.*



Finalist: InnerMap – Hoffman Estates High School

Students: Chloe Jefferson, Edlawit Zerihun, Errick Delaney

Mentor: Sheila Serafin of RIM Logistics



Company overview: *InnerMap will design and create indoor mapping for large public buildings such as malls, airports, and stadiums. The software and app will provide consumers with step by step directions to where they need to go as well as allow retailers in the buildings to push advertising and promotions to potential customers nearby.*

DISTRICT 211 CELEBRATES 1 MILLION MEALS SERVED THIS SCHOOL YEAR



HEHS freshman Jett Dennis was surprised to be a part of the District's food

*service department
celebration of its 1-
millionth meal served
during this school year.*

A lucky student helped High School District 211 reach an impressive milestone on May 18.

As he stood in the Hoffman Estates High School cafeteria food line, little did freshman student Jett Dennis know he would be a part of the District's food service department celebrating its 1-millionth meal served during this school year.

"I was very surprised," said Jett after the announcement during lunch. "It is nice how the school provides us with a good lunch that we can eat and enjoy every day."

Jett went to purchase his lunch when the milestone celebration kicked off. The marching band played songs and food service staff and administrators presented him with a certificate and balloons. Students in the cafeteria during Jett's lunch period also joined in the celebration by receiving free cookies and apple slices. As part of the celebration, the HEHS food service staff will prepare and serve a special meal for Jett and seven of his friends, which includes pizza and brownies, on Monday, May 22.



Director of Food Service at District 211 Stacy Lenihan (right) and Food Service Manager at Hoffman Estates High School Betty Youmans present Jett Dennis with a certificate and balloons.

The food service department has made it a priority to provide and serve delicious, well-balanced meals. District 211 increased total meals served during a single school year from approximately 800,000 to over 1,000,000 meals since 2011-2012. This is a 25 percent increase in complete meals served in the past five years. Each school offers 12-15 different entrée choices daily, which can be built into a complete meal by adding fruit, vegetables, and milk.

Many of the menu items offered are made from scratch by the District's cooks and bakers, including soups, French bread, granola, biscuits, and main entrées.

“We are proud of achieving this milestone, as our programs have undergone significant changes due to the new USDA guidelines,” said Stacy Lenihan, District 211 director of food service. “This success can be attributed to the department’s focus on serving our customers appetizing and nutritious meal options.”

For more information about school meals, please visit the D211 Food Service website [here](#).

Watch the video below:

[WATCH: TOP DISTRICT 211 BAND, ORCHESTRA STUDENTS PERFORM AT HONORS ORCHESTRA CONCERT](#)



Some of the most advanced District 211 band and

orchestra students showcased their talents during a recent concert in front of the community. This year’s District 211 Honors Orchestra Concert was held at Palatine High School on Feb. 11. Band and orchestra students District-wide were part of the performance. Watch the performance in the videos below:

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG TO HOST CAREER EXPLORATION AND INTERNSHIP FAIR FOR SHS, CHS, HEHS STUDENTS



VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

Will be visiting Schaumburg High School for a
Career Exploration and Internship Fair!

You will have the chance to see all the opportunities that
exist right in your own community.

*Jobs * Internships * Volunteer*

Thursday, January 26, 2017 Gym Shelf (Periods 4-7)

**Attend a workshop to learn how to fill out applications
and learn interviewing skills - See Mrs. Severino in
Student Services - Schoology Course Code FKG9T-
MB42X*

| *click to enlarge*

District 211 is partnering with the Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates communities to help students within those communities explore career and internship options.

The Village of Schaumburg is hosting a "Career Exploration and Internship Fair" for Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High School students on Jan. 26 at Schaumburg High School. The fair aims to:

- help create career opportunities for students,
- increase youth awareness of local community and public sector opportunities,
- put public sector agencies in contact with talent,
- educate youth in public sector opportunities.

Representatives from the Village of Schaumburg, Schaumburg Library, Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg Township, and YMCA will be in attendance. For more information, please contact Schaumburg High School.

REMINDER: ALL SCHOOLS HOSTING

EXTENDED MEDIA CENTER HOURS FOR FINALS PREP



Students utilize extended media center hours for a Study Jam Session at Schaumburg High School.

Many District 211 students took advantage of last night's extended media center hours to study for finals. As a reminder, all District 211 schools will have extended media center hours to provide students with a quiet space to study for finals. Read below to find out what each school is doing for its extended hours this week.

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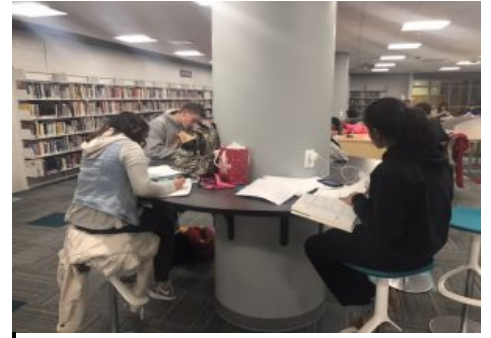
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