

D211 POST: NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED AT FREMD HIGH SCHOOL



At its February 18, 2021 meeting, the High School District 211 Board of Education approved the appointment of Mark Langer as principal at William Fremd High School, effective July 1, 2021.



Mark Langer has been named as the new principal for Fremd High School.

Mr. Langer, currently assistant principal at James B. Conant High School, will take over the principalship from Kurt Tenopir, who will move into his new role as assistant superintendent for administrative services on July 1st, following seven years as principal at Fremd High School.

Mr. Langer began his teaching career as a science teacher at Palatine High School in 2003. He was named the school's dean of students for the 2011-2012 school year. He served as 10-month assistant principal at Conant High School for the 2013-2014 school year, and then returned to Palatine High School as 10-month assistant principal for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Langer was named 12-month assistant principal for discipline at Conant High School, serving in that capacity from 2015-2017, and was promoted to his current position as 12-month assistant principal for buildings & grounds and activity director in 2017.

"Mark Langer is a dedicated and thoughtful leader who embraces new opportunities allowing for every student to excel," said Superintendent Lisa Small. "He partners with students, staff, and parents to gain the perspective of all stakeholders as he ensures a positive impact on a school. His reflective nature, open-minded leadership style, and dedication to excellence is a great match for the William Fremd High School community."

Mr. Langer graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in food sciences and human nutrition. He earned his master's degree in secondary education from National Louis University in 2003, and earned a second master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University in 2011. In 2019, Mr. Langer was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with a Those Who Excel award in the School Administrator category.

D211 POST: YEARBOOK SALES OPEN IN D211 SCHOOLS



As students pass through high school and beyond, a great way to preserve memories is the timeless school yearbook. With the 2020-2021 school year being one of new educational experiences never before seen, this year's yearbook will serve as a little more. For many schools, the 2021 yearbooks will preserve a unique moment in history.

District 211 schools have announced that students can purchase their yearbooks through myschoolbucks.com or in-person in the school office. While sales are on-going, each school has their own deadline for pre-orders.

Palatine High School has stated that they will wrap up pre-orders of the 2021 Spotlight on February 24. Assistant Principal Kim Glaser said that the school is only purchasing a very limited supply of additional copies so students are encouraged to pre-order to guarantee a copy.

Pre-orders of the 50th anniversary edition of the Shimmer from Schaumburg High School and William Fremd High School's Valhallan are available through May 1st. James B. Conant High School's Conavite and Hoffman Estates High School's Halcyon pre-orders will be taken through the final day of the 2020-2021 school year.

Students who have questions regarding the 2021 yearbook orders and cost are encouraged to speak with their guidance counselors. For help setting up a MySchoolBucks account visit <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/help/gethelpvideos>.

D211 POST: PALATINE BOOSTER CLUB ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIPS



The Palatine High School Booster Club has announced that they are accepting applications for their 47th annual scholarship program. The program will award scholarships of \$1,000 to approximately 14 members of the Palatine High School Class of 2021.

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicants must be attending either community

college, a 4-year college or university, or a certified trade or vocational school and must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average. If an applicant does not meet the GPA requirement, but has extenuating circumstances, they are encouraged to apply and include a statement explaining their situation. All applications must be submitted to Marla Morrissey in the PHS main office no later than 3:45 p.m., March 15, 2021.

The booster club's scholarship committee stated that they are looking for students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and have a history of service and volunteerism both at PHS and surrounding community.

Among this year's scholarships are the Charlotte M. and Robert C. Donahue Millennium Scholarship, which was donated by Palatine alumni Andy and Patrick Donahue in honor of their late parents; the Legacy Scholarship, which was donated by the Palatine High School Class of 1979; and 12 scholarships which have been named in honor of Mr. Fred Zajonc, a long time community leader, village trustee, and long-time member of the Palatine Booster Club.

For more information and to download the application visit <https://tinyurl.com/PHSBoosterScholarship2021>.

D211 POST: NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK (SLIDESHOW)

October 12-16, is National School Lunch Week. Throughout District 211 members of our food service department have continued to work to ensure that, even during remote learning, our students have access to stable meals. To date, District 211 has provided more than 1 million meals since the initial move to remote learning, and our food service staff continue to pack more meal bags every day while still providing normal meal service for teachers and staff members working in the schools.

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STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS



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FOR 2021

Last month, the National Merit Scholarship program released its list of the 2021 semifinalists in their 66th annual list.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Semifinalists are selected based on scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (P.S.A.T./N.M.S.Q.T.).

William Fremd High School students Nathan A. Arango, Ysabelle F. Buenavista, Cara A. Chang, Stella J. Chung, Gabriel K. Classon, Joshua P. Corrigan, Manas P. Gandhi, Natalia M. Gorecki, Allison Y. Kao, Anshul Kaushik, Sravy Konasani, Ethan Lin, Michelle Liu, Angela Ma, Mahima Malhotra, Gavin K. McCarthy, Gwendolyn R. Nicketta, David D. Phillips, Jessica W. Rao, Sufiya M. Shazia, Rachel Ye, Angelina J. Zheng, and William Zhong have been named semifinalists.

James B. Conant High School students Nicholas K. Chen, Martin G. Ferris, Rei Komura, Sanjana Rajesh, and Matthew Schmitt were selected as semifinalists.

MaryEtta M. Brigham from Palatine High School and Mia L. Vollkommer from Schaumburg High School have been named semifinalists.

D211 POST: DISTRICT 211 BEGINS AFTERNOON ACADEMIC SUPPORT SESSION



On August 24, Township High School District 211 began its Afternoon Academic Support Sessions. The sessions will allow students to sign up for limited, in-person education and study assistance.

Through the sessions, students can sign up for support in general areas such as math tutoring labs, reading and writing support or quiet studies; or they can sign up for sessions which focus on specialized content such as needing lab equipment or unique manufacturing equipment.

While a majority of the Afternoon Academic Support Sessions will be hosted virtually, there will be limited opportunities to schedule in-person sessions. The sessions will have a very limited number of seats available, so students are encouraged to sign up through SignUpGenius early.

In-person sessions will observe very strict health and safety guidelines. Every student who attends a session will be required to complete an online wellness survey prior to arriving at the school. Once at school, students will have their temperature checked to verify they are fever-free. Only students who have a scheduled session, have completed the wellness survey, and are fever-free will be allowed to enter the building. While in the building, all students will be

required to maintain appropriate social distancing and wear a face mask at all times.

District 211 transportation will have mid-day bus routes available for each session. Bus information can be found in the Infinite Campus parent and student portals. It is recommended that students report to their assigned stop 15 minutes after 4th period on the day of their scheduled sessions.

Any questions should be addressed to the student's team administrator or guidance counselor.

D211 POST: FOOD SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION TO PAIR UP FOR MEAL DELIVERY



Staff members load meal bags into the back of a District 211 school bus March 13, 2020.

Following the decision by Township High School District 211 to begin the school year with remote learning, the food service and transportation departments have announced a plan for student meal deliveries.

Beginning August 13, District transportation will start delivering meal bags to students. Under the program, students can sign up for weekly meal deliveries by filling out the Google form [here](#). Once a student fills out the form, they will receive a response which will notify them of which day of the week is their delivery day. Each meal bag will contain five breakfasts and five lunches.

Meal bags will be available at no cost for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. All others can purchase the meal bags at a cost of \$21. Payments for meal bags can be made through [MySchoolBucks](#).

Prior to the start of the meal drop-off, District 211 will hold one additional curbside pick-up August 12 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bags will be available at a cost of \$21 for those who do not qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Pick-up locations for each school are listed below.

August 12 Meal Bag Pickup Locations:

Palatine High School – North side of the building near the bus hub

Fremd High School– Door 6 near the auditorium

Conant High School– Door 25 near the atrium entrance

Schaumburg High School– Door 4 near the bus parking

Hoffman Estates High School– Door 6 on the Northwest side of the building