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District 88 considers multiple scenarios for beginning 2020-21 school year

The school year could begin with remote learning, in-person instruction or a hybrid model featuring phases of classroom instruction

District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton stated in a recent message that the district, which includes Willowbrook High School, is preparing a variety of ways to begin the upcoming 2020-21 school year while dealing with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The District 88 administrative team is carefully researching and planning scenarios and models for what school will look like in the fall, and will continue to collaborate with education leaders from the area," stated Helton in last week's newsletter to district families. "Staff and parents/guardians will be included in reviewing plans before implementation."

According to the district calendar, the first day of classes in the upcoming school year is scheduled

to be Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Helton's message outlined three possible scenarios for the beginning of the district's 2020-21 school year. One scenario features a continuation of remote learning, similar to the plan used in the last two months of the 2019-20 school year. The district's two schools—Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School—both closed to on-site instruction following regular classes on March 13. Both school buildings remained closed for the rest of the school year.

Another scenario features a return to a traditional, in-person learning environment while implementing any restrictions required by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The third scenario under consideration is a hybrid model in which the district would continue to rely on remote learning while phasing in opportunities for students and teachers to be in the classroom.

"The district is looking at a variety of schedule options to determine the best way to implement this model, as the logistics are challenging," stated Helton. "To ensure the well-being of students and staff, the district will follow social distancing, health and cleaning protocols recommended by the CDC and the IDPH."

Referring to athletics and extracurricular activities, Helton stated that the district will continue to follow state and local guidance from Gov. JB Pritzker, the IDPH, the DuPage County Health Department,

the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the DuPage Regional Office of Education (ROE).

"We are working on a plan to phase in sports and clubs in a manner that's safe for students and staff," related Helton. "We will share those details as soon as possible."

Speaking during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on June 8, Helton asked the board to schedule a July 27 meeting to allow the district flexibility to amend its 2020-21 calendar, or to deal with any orders that may come from the state. Board members agreed to Helton's suggestion to plan a meeting on July 27. The board previously did not have any meetings scheduled during July.

The board will hold its next meeting on Monday, June 22.

Villa Park to resume electronics recycling events on Saturday

Free drop-off is only for village residents; one TV permitted per visit

The Village of Villa Park will resume its monthly electronics recycling collections this month.

The village will conduct its next electronics recycling event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 20. The event will take place at the village's public works garage, located at 20 W. Home Ave.

Drop-off events typically are held on the third Saturday of each month. The last three monthly events (March 21, April 18 and May 16), however, were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The free service is only available to Villa Park residents, who are asked to have identification ready. Only one television may be dropped off per visit.

Illinois law prohibits electronic devices from being collected for disposal in Illinois landfills.

The Village of Villa Park is coordinating with its refuse disposal provider—Roy Strom—to collect electronics items generated by residents and local businesses.

For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.

Well-deserved retirement

Dick Paver, the longtime proprietor of Bill's Barber Shop at 334 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, recently retired after 65 years in business. Paver's granddaughter—Jacquelyn Herb—explained

that the barber shop was called Bill's Barber Shop before her grandfather moved in, so he decided to keep the name. Dick Paver was born in Warrenville in 1933. He later moved to Elmhurst



and graduated from York High School in 1950. He and his wife Jean have been married for 66 years. They have four children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Paver is pictured while giving a haircut to one of his great-granddaughters—Mila Herb.

According to his granddaughter, Paver started cutting hair when he was in the U.S. Army in 1953. He charged 25 cents per haircut. Paver finished his service in the U.S. Army in 1954. He decided to go to barber school for one year. He then worked at a shop in Glen Ellyn. He soon moved to another shop in Elmhurst, and in 1955, he moved to the location on Ardmore Avenue in Villa Park. That shop became his home away from home for the next 65 years. "He is humble, soft-spoken and makes people happy," stated Herb. "He gave free haircuts for people who could use a boost, and the shirt off his back if you needed it." In addition to working at the barber shop, Paver spent more than 30 years driving school buses in the area. He frequently drove routes for Willowbrook High School, District 45 schools and other area districts. Paver and his wife are now enjoying retirement. Anyone who would like to send a message to Dick Paver can contact his granddaughter at jacquelynherb@gmail.com. The messages will make their way to Paver to support him in the new chapter of his life.

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Online pre-registration may save time at driver facility

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office has launched an online driver's license and ID card preregistration application program to reduce the processing time of transactions at Driver Services facilities. It is a proactive approach that will save customers time during their facility visit.

Customers may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to access the preregistration application for driver's licenses and ID cards and input specific information regarding their upcoming transaction.

As a result, once the customer visits a Driver Services facility, the clerk will not have to enter all of the data like a change of address or a change of height and weight into the electronic application form because the customer has already updated the information.

This will improve the efficiency of these transactions.

"This is a forward-thinking program using technology to reduce wait times at the counter and speed up transactions at Driver Services facilities," said White. "The program is easy to use and can be accessed on a computer, iPad or smartphone."

With preregistration, customers will be prompted to:

- Choose a license type (REAL ID or standard driver's license/ID card);
- Choose an application type (renewal or corrected);
- Input designations (organ donor or veteran);
- Choose any corrections to be

made to the information on file (examples: address, date of birth, eye color, gender, hair color, height, name, Social Security number or weight);

- Choose the type of required documentation and enter data from those documents (i.e., certified birth certificate for a REAL ID);

- Print receipt with barcode, which should be brought to the facility.

Customers using the preregistration application must still bring all of the required paperwork to the Driver Services facility for verification. In addition, they are encouraged to bring the printed preregistration receipt to the facility for the clerk to scan the barcode. However, if the customer does not bring in the receipt, the clerk can enter the customer's driver's license/ID card number to access the preregistration application information.

To qualify for the preregistration application process, a customer must have an Illinois driver's license/ID card that is not suspended, canceled or revoked and has not been expired for more than one year.

As a reminder, Driver Services facilities statewide are open to serve only new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions through July 31.

White also reiterated to the public that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle registration stickers have been extended until Oct. 1, 2020, so customers do not need to rush into a facility.



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A special Warrior

The Willowbrook High School Athletic Booster Club wasn't able to hold its usual senior athletic banquet this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The booster club conducted its 61st annual senior athletic banquet virtually last month. Willowbrook's honored student-athletes from its Class of 2020 included Everett Stubblefield (right), who is pictured with Booster Club President Ed Dowling (left). Stubblefield, a standout in basketball and football, was one of six members of the Class of 2020 to receive an Athletic Booster Club Scholarship of \$1,000. Additionally, Stubblefield and Sam Tumilty were both named as this year's recipients of the John A. Fischer Most Valuable Male Athlete Award. In the fall of 2019, Stubblefield helped Willowbrook's football team to a berth in the IHSA Class 7A state semifinals. In the winter season of 2019-20, Stubblefield averaged a team-leading 21.2 points per game for the Warriors' boys basketball squad. He scored 699 points during the 33-game campaign to set a new program record for points in a season. Stubblefield finished his Willowbrook career as the varsity program's all-time leading scorer with 1,430 points. Stubblefield will continue his academic and athletic pursuits at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Illinois. He will play for the Lakers' men's basketball team.



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Taking a stand

This man brought a sign proclaiming his beliefs to the peaceful protest at Wilder Park last Saturday.

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Villa Park's Jessica Vargas prepares to fly

Recent Willowbrook graduate will pursue her dream of becoming a commercial pilot

STAFF REPORT

When Villa Park's Jessica Vargas was growing up and visiting her grandfather's house, she would always wander over to his garage, where nearly 100 model airplanes hung from the ceiling.

Vargas, who is a member of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2020, was instantly captivated, enthralled by the dangling pieces of history.

That fascination quickly grew into a devoted passion, and Vargas began taking annual road trips with her father, Jesse, to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in Wisconsin. In 2016, she enrolled in AeroCamp through Illinois Aviation Academy (IAA). That program, which allows young aviation enthusiasts to pilot an airplane, helped Vargas realize that aviation was more than just a hobby.

"When it was my turn behind the yolk of a Cessna 172, there was a smile on my face I couldn't wipe off," said Vargas. "Waves of excitement filled my heart as I navigated the plane through banks and turns. From the level of empowerment to the pure adrenaline rush I experienced, I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life in the pilot's seat."

Vargas said the staff and curriculum at Willowbrook enabled her to pursue her passion. She said her algebra, engineering and Spanish classes in particular taught her practical, lifelong skills that will help her succeed on her journey.

To thank Willowbrook for its support, and to say goodbye to her teachers and lift their spirits during this challenging time of dealing with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, Vargas rented a Cessna 172 from the IAA and flew it over the school



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Villa Park resident Jessica Vargas, who graduated from Willowbrook High School this year, plans to pursue a career as a commercial airline captain. Vargas will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. She intends to earn her bachelor's degree in aeronautical science, and to obtain the certificates and ratings required to become a professional pilot.

on May 16—one of the two days in which Willowbrook seniors stopped by the school to pick up several items, including their diplomas, yearbooks and graduation caps and gowns.

To watch her flight, visit <https://www.dupage88.net/site/page/11684>.

Willowbrook's Class of 2020 was supposed to hold its commencement ceremony on May 17, but that event was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The school has been closed to on-site instruction since the end of classes on March 13.

Vargas plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, to earn her bachelor's degree in aeronautical science, as well as the certificates and ratings needed to become a professional pilot. She then wants to teach through Tuskegee

NEXT, which offers premier aviation outreach programs that enable at-risk youth to obtain pilot's licenses and start an aviation career path.

Vargas graduated from that program this past summer with her Private Pilot Certificate, and she wants to give back by educating the next generation of pilots. When the Tuskegee NEXT program isn't in session, Vargas plans to serve as a commercial pilot for a regional airline and eventually reach her ultimate dream of working as a Latina commercial airline captain for United Airlines.

According to a 2016 paper published in the Journal of Aviation Technology and Engineering, "By 2015, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) showed that there were 140,000 persons, employed as aircraft pilots,

of which 5.7 percent were Hispanic. Current estimates of the participation rate of women in the professional pilot vocation range from 4.3 to 6.7 percent, and that of minorities 18.4 percent, which, in comparison to the general population, indicates that there is a low level of diversity within this sector of aviation."

Vargas is motivated to contribute to increasing diversity among the country's aircraft pilots.

"Upon learning that Latina women such as myself represent (such a small portion) of the aviation industry, working wholeheartedly toward my goal of becoming a pilot has become more meaningful in the sense I'll be breaking down barriers and encouraging other young women to do the same," stated Vargas.



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Junior Adventure Camp

Members of the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department's Junior Adventure Camp are pictured outside of the Iowa Community Center last week. The camp for children ages 5-8 began on June 15. The eight-week camp will continue through Aug. 7. The photo from Friday shows (left to right) Winter Miller, Brandon Bleers, Klan Roohani, Chloe Barker and Daniel Voskresenski. The campers had just made superhero cuffs. The final session of each week includes a theme; last week's theme was Superhero Day. The camp meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is available for the remaining weeks. For more information about the camp, call 630-834-8970.