

FRMA families,

Please take a moment to review these messages:

**Calendar:**

February 26- Black History Month Celebration at East Aurora High School

February 27- No School-Institute Day

**African American Parent Association (AAPA)**

Just a reminder that there will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, February 24 from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Allen Elementary School, 700 S. Farnsworth Ave., Aurora, IL. 60505.

**Black History Month Celebration**

East Aurora School District 131 will be celebrating Black History Month at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane (enter through door 8) on Thursday, February 26 from 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. This will be an evening of reflection, inspiration and community. Live music as well as Leo High School's choir will perform at this event and there will also be a keynote speaker, Dr. Julian Wright and more. Dr. Julian Wright is a Chicagoland-based educator and thought leader whose work highlights the importance of Black history, cultural pride and community empowerment. This event is free. Please use this [link to RSVP](#) and get your free ticket.

**Mental Health and Wellness Symposium**

On Saturday, March 7, 2026 all District 131 parents and students (middle and high schoolers) are invited to attend the free Mental Health Symposium at Metea Valley High School, 1801 N. Eola Road, Aurora, IL. This event includes childcare and a complimentary lunch for all that register and attend. Free transportation will be provided to registered East Aurora School District 131 families and staff from East Aurora High School. Use [this link to register](#) for this event! See [attached flyer](#) for additional details.

**Updates from Mr. Thompson, School Counselor**

8th Grade Families: If your student is interested in applying for the Waubonsee Upward Bound program, applications are available in my office. Please return completed applications to me no later than February 25th and I will submit them to Waubonsee. Questions? Feel free to email me at: [bthompson@d131.org](mailto:bthompson@d131.org).

A representative from Northern Illinois University's (NIU) Upward Bound program will meet with 8th grade students through science classes on Friday, March 13th. Applications are now available in my office; please encourage your student to see me if interested. More information about NIU Upward Bound can be found on their web page [here](#).

NIU STEAM Camps: This year, East Aurora is offering a free residential STEAM camp at NIU for middle school students, which will run from July 27th through July 30th. There is space available for 25 students. You can complete the interest form here:

<https://forms.gle/2xMm5L3ERrbgoGDK7>. For more information, please contact Nakita Stewart,

Director of College and Career Readiness for District #131, at 630-299-5522 or [NSTEWART@d131.org](mailto:NSTEWART@d131.org).

NIU also has a variety of summer camps for middle school students and registration is now open! Students can gain experience with real-world problem-solving and explore future career pathways through fun, hands-on, project-based learning. Short residential camps are a great introduction to overnight camp for younger campers.

- Energy Innovators: Green Energy Engineering (Day Camp)
- Robots in the Ocean: Deep Sea Exploration Adventures (Residential Camp)
- STEAM Careers (Residential Camp)

Early bird registration ends April 15th! Visit the [full camp website](#) to learn more.

Have a great week!