



SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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January 8, 2021

Welcome Back.....and Welcome to 2021!

Despite the challenges that 2020 presented, there is much to celebrate and much to be thankful for. We are optimistic about 2021. This is a time for us to seek solutions and paths to continue to move forward. #TogetherWeGotThis

Hybrid In-Person and Remote by Choice Instruction Information

Parents are being allowed to change their minds on the hybrid to remote only and vice versa as long as they can provide transportation. If parents want to change, they must contact schools by the end of the day today, Friday, Jan 8.

COVID-19 Information (PLEASE READ)

- **All staff members are expected to socially distance at least six feet from each other.** School buildings are large with plenty of available space to spread out. Consider virtual meetings whenever possible, and when in-person with others use large spaces to allow for at least six feet of distance between individuals.
- **6 Feet Apart - At ALL Times!**
- **Report! (Step 1)** - Staff or students reporting symptoms, exposure, or a positive case must use the District [COVID Reporting Form](#) to communicate this information to the district.
- **COVID 19 Resources** -Visit the [SD 308 Remote Learning Resources](#) link on the Intranet for valuable information including links to the district's Safety Plan, reporting a COVID case/exposure/symptoms, and more! Visit the [Advanced SD 308 Remote Learning Resources](#) for tips and ideas on using technology in the remote setting. Visit the [metrics](#) link on the Intranet to keep up-to-date on the measurements from the four (4) zip codes that help inform our decisions to safely move between stages of reopening.
- **Vaccine** - SD 308 is working with the Kendall County Health Department to develop a plan to vaccinate district staff members who are interested. As of today, that includes signing up to receive the vaccine, through jotform, which will be sent directly to all employees next week. As more information is known, it will become available and shared.
- Additional details have been added to the district's [metrics and mitigation measures page](#).

PRIDE Program

The District's PRIDE (Proudly Recognizing Individuals Demonstrating Excellence) was implemented in the Fall of 2015 to recognize, promote and celebrate the many contributions made by teachers and employees. Due to COVID restrictions, this program was temporarily placed on hold. Great News.....PRIDE will begin this month! Here is how the program will work: 1) buildings submit nominations to district; 2) four (4) teachers and two (2) employees will be randomly selected through a facebook "WheelofNames" selection process during the months of January, February, March and April; 3) those selected will receive a letter from Dr. Sparlin, Certificate, sponsor "gifts", announcement by Dr. Sparlin at BOE meeting; and a news story will be posted in "District News" on the website; 4) those not selected will receive a letter from Dr. Sparlin and Certificate.

Human Library-unjudge someone (REGISTRATION OPEN)

SD 308 is excited to collaborate with the DEI Committee, the School-Community Resource Collaborative (SCRC) and the Human Library Collaboration to host a virtual Human Library where books are people and reading is a conversation. Join us on MLK Day, Jan 18, 12 -2 pm for an opportunity to question stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue and to build community through better understanding. [Click Here to Register Now!](#) There will be a cap on the number of participants. Registration is free. PLEASE NOTE: Students 18 years and under must have an adult present during their participation in the virtual experience. The event is not recommended for students under 15 years of age.

SEL PD Opportunities

SBE has partnered with The Center for Childhood Resilience to provide free online PD focused on trauma responsive practices and resiliency. [Click here to access Virtual Learning Community.](#)

Help Wanted:

Custodial - Various Schools throughout the district. To apply, please go to: [Custodial Application](#)

Health Office Secretary - This is a temporary position that is anticipated to last for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. To apply, please [click here](#).

Healthcare Deductions

Benefits Open Enrollment - This is a friendly reminder to review your January 15th check and verify your healthcare deductions for accuracy. Please contact Glenn Campos at gcampos@SD308 if you have questions related to your healthcare deductions.

National Wear RED Day

The first Friday in February (02/05/21) is celebrated as **National Wear Red Day** to bring greater attention to heart disease awareness as the leading cause of death for Americans. SD 308 will join in the cause! The American Heart Association (AHA) is offering a free t-shirt for every \$20 donation made. To receive your shirt, donations must be made by next Wednesday, January 13th. Simply text 308GIVES to 41444. You will immediately receive a link to a quick donation form - or click [HERE](#) to order online. All t-shirts will be shipped to the district office and then delivered to your school through inner-office mail. Let's band together and **GoRed** on February 5th to help fight heart disease.

Facebook....Follow and "like" the [Community Unit School District 308](#) page on Facebook. If you have any great happenings you would like to share on the district's fb page, please email communications@sd308.org (with a picture) and we will do our best to post it!

News Stories....As a friendly reminder, we always welcome "good news" types of stories sent to us through www.sd308.org/Stories.

Pass It On!....(FOR STAFF)..[Click here](#) or visit the Intranet/Communication's tab to send a Pass It On!

Share A Smile :-) ... (FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS)..share this with your parents, students and community members. An electronic "smile" card from them to any staff member in the district.

Friday Updates: All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the [Communications Tab](#).

BOE Meeting....The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

Subscribers STILL Needed on BOE youtube Stream...*In order for the BOE meetings to be closed captioned live, youtube requires 1000 subscribers (we currently have 557); otherwise, the captioning is not added until the video is later uploaded. Please go to our [BOE youtube stream](#) and "subscribe" to that our hearing impaired visitors are able to view the board meetings live. Thank you.*

***"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."
~Henry Ford***