

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

## SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

Please submit content for Friday Updates to:  
[communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org) or through this [link](#)....thank you!

January 22, 2021  
#TogetherWeGotThis

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### Monday, January 22

A thank you to teachers for stepping up during a pandemic....from an area high school student:

*"My name is Katie Kostner and I am a Junior in High School at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. As a student, I have seen first-hand all that has changed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Educators and their colleagues in schools across the country and the world had to switch gears quickly and figure out how to continue to teach their students. I wanted to say THANK YOU to these wonderful people for not giving up and finding new ways to engage and educate us. All workers at all schools are out there every day keeping things going and I have so much respect and appreciation for them! [Please enjoy these two songs I sing in their honor!](#)"*

Next week we begin welcoming back our secondary students! Feel free to share photos with us, send to [stories@sd308.org](mailto:stories@sd308.org).

### COVID-19 Information (PLEASE READ)

- **All staff members are expected to socially distance at least six feet from each other.**
- **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!
- **Vaccine** - SD 308 is working with the Kendall County Health Department to vaccinate district staff members who are interested. As appointments become available employee groups are contacted to schedule.
- Weekly updates will be included on the district dashboard beginning Jan. 27 on the [metrics and mitigation measures page](#).

### Kendall County, Region 2 Mitigation Moved to Tier 1

Mitigation measures have changed based on Region 2 moving to [Tier 1](#) of the Reopening Illinois plan. The next step is moving to Phase 4. Regional metrics and mitigation measures can be found [here](#).

### PRIDE Program

Congratulations to January's District PRIDE (Proudly Recognizing Individuals Demonstrating Excellence) winners! **Teachers:** Sarah Caffarello (CH), Sue Shimp (LC), Nicole Watson (LB), Michelle Nevarez (OE); **Employees:** Charlie Metoyer (LC), Andrew Mundsinger (OH). Winners were randomly selected through "WheelofNames" which was posted on the district's facebook page. Results and "WheelofNames" can be found on the district's [PRIDE Recognition page](#). Winner's will be announced at this Monday's Board meeting and will be receiving gifts from our generous program sponsors: Allied First Bank, Huntington Learning Center, Chick-Fil-A, and Culver's.

### **TRS Offering Telephone Counseling Sessions**

Telephone sessions are being offered to TRS members planning to retire within the next five years, those wishing to obtain information about retirement benefits, and/or receive answers to questions regarding individual TRS records may participate at no cost with no need to travel. To arrange a telephone conference, contact AnneMarie Calpin at [acalpin@sd308.org](mailto:acalpin@sd308.org) to request a telephone conference form. Submit your form to AnneMarie Calpin by February 9th, to set up your 15-minute conference with a TRS benefits counselor. Conferences will be held on March 16th, from 9 AM to 4:15 PM. The district will notify you of your scheduled appointment time. TRS will mail a packet of information to you prior to the conference. A TRS counselor will call you to discuss this information at your scheduled appointment time. Please have your packet with you when the counselor calls.

### **Last Call to enroll in Naturally Slim and lose weight and improve your Health**

SD 308 is offering you the chance to lose weight and improve your health—at no cost to you—with a program called Naturally Slim®. Unlike diets, which rely on your willpower and “eat this and not that” advice, Naturally Slim® teaches you simple, repeatable skills to help you lose weight, keep it off, and improve your health in the real world, without giving up the foods you love. You can access the program via computer or mobile device so you can complete it at a time and place that is convenient for you. Don’t wait. Space may be limited! Program Start Date is February 15. Visit [www.naturallyslim.com/CUSD308](http://www.naturallyslim.com/CUSD308) to apply and learn more. \*Employees, spouses and covered dependents over age 18 enrolled on the BCBSIL PPO or HRA medical plan are eligible to participate in the program.

### **OMNI – 2021 Universal Availability Notice**

Please take a moment to review the Universal Availability Notice ([click here for faq sheet](#)). A 403(b) plan is a tax deferred retirement plan provided for employees of certain tax-exempt organizations or public education institutions. Regulations require 403(b) plan sponsors to provide an effective opportunity to eligible employees to make 403(b) deferrals to the plan. To enroll in a plan or for additional questions regarding this information please visit <https://www.omni403b.com>.

### **“Stress Less” Workshop**

Chiro One Wellness has previously provided self-care professional development at Ignite308. On Wednesday, Jan. 27, they are offering SD 308 staff a free, online webinar focused on “Stress Less” - Strategies to Identify and Manage Stress. Topics covered will include: how the stress response works, symptoms of stress and impact on overall health, and strategies for stress reduction and self-care. These webinars are optional, free, and open to any staff member in the district. The webinar lasts 30-45 minutes and is offered at four different times: [10am](#), [11:30am](#), [1pm](#) and [2pm](#). If interested, please click on the time of the webinar that you wish to attend to register.

### **Summer Job Opportunities**

RiverEdge Park is hiring for the 2021 Summer Season. Have fun and listen to music.....while getting paid! Available positions include: beverage server, bar-back, gatekeeper, greeter, janitorial staff, seating guide, summer crew, parking lot attendant, parking lot manager. [Click here to view flyer](#). To view full job descriptions, [click here](#).

### **Master Cho’s Global Leaders Taekwondo**

Master Cho’s is a new neighbor to the SD 308 Douglas Road Facility (Central Registration, Communications, Student Services and Health Services) and is offering SD 308 employees and their families a month free (\$199 Value) at their school (February 1 - February 26). [Click here for flyer](#).

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**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](mailto: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](http://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 :-)**...**REMINDER: NOT FOR STAFF TO SEND MESSAGES TO OTHER STAFF- PLEASE USE: [Pass It On!](#)** Share A Smile is *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 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at [www.sd308.org](http://www.sd308.org).

*“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion,  
some compassion, some humor, and some style.”  
`Maya Angelou*