



SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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

January 29, 2021
#TogetherWeGotThis

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Did you know that in India, January 29th is celebrated as Indian Newspaper Day? This is the day when the first newspaper was born and spun into print. Medias such as the internet have entered the scene in the country, but the newspaper remains the primary mode of information for consumers to receive the huge part of their daily news.

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 and local hospitals and pharmacies to secure vaccinations for district staff members who are interested. As appointments become available employee groups are contacted to schedule.

Phase 2 - Parent Message/Resource Links

[Please click here to read the parent update that was sent out on January 27, 2021](#)

Congratulations to our Newest - National Board Certified Teacher

Breda Marshall, English Teacher from Oswego East High School, has earned the title of National Board Certified teacher and Master Teacher designation on the Illinois Professional Educator License. Being a National Board Certified Teacher is one of the most prestigious credentials a teacher can earn and can take up to three years to complete. Board Certified teachers have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self assessment and peer review.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Technology Assistance (Staff)

The technology department now offers ongoing Google Meet sessions all week to assist with technical questions you might encounter with regard to hardware and software. The Live Meet sessions are held everyday Monday-Friday during the following times: 7:45-9:45am, 10:00-11:00am and 1:00-2:00pm. To access the Google Meet, go to: meet.google.com/qdr-ytzk-etd (Code: qdr-ytzk-etd / Call: 321-351-6712 / Pin: 122-023-605#)

Flexible Spending Accounts

Good News, if you participated in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Medical or Dependent Care plan in 2020 and had any unused monies still in your account at the end of last year, Navia Benefits Solutions has redeposit those monies back into your account on January 25, 2021. Even if you are not participating in a FSA plan this year, but did in 2020 and had a leftover monies, you will be able to

use those unused FSA monies in 2021. Please refer to your FSA account for accuracy, or if you have questions regarding this information please contact Glenn Campos at gcampos@sd308.org.

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 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.

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>.

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](#).

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 :-) ...**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, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

"It's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages."

~Michelle Obama