

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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December 4, 2020

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27 Days Until The End of 2020

December 4, 1906, the first black Greek-letter organization, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was founded on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

Indoor Activity Pause Continues

In response to continued Tier 3 mitigation strategies, SD 308 will continue with a pause on all indoor athletics and student activities through at least December 25. Sports, extra-curricular activities, and clubs may continue to meet/practice both virtually and outdoors in groups of 10 or less. The use of face coverings and social distancing are required while groups are together outdoors. Prior to resuming indoor activities, guidance regarding the feasibility and restrictions of these activities will be released. Additionally, all rentals for athletic and recreational purposes remain paused until further notice. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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.
- **Step 1- Report!** Remember any staff or student 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.

National Wear RED Day

Each year, 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. Once again, 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 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.

Toys For Tots 13th Annual Toy Drive

Oswego Fire Protection District has been working side by side with SD 308, the Marine Corps Reserves and many community organizations/businesses to provide toys for LOCAL families in need. You can support the effort this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift. Donations are accepted at all stations of the Oswego Fire Protection District until December 16th. For more information, click [here](#).

Food Pantry

The food pantry has **moved to a NEW location** to accommodate demand: Old Traughber, 61 Franklin Street. The next food pantry distribution is Friday, December 4th from 6-7:30 p.m. Due to Tier 3 mitigation strategies, volunteers will be adults only this month, with a modified distribution plan. [Please click here for the flyer to share with families or for more information.](#)

Help Wanted Spotlight

- The Finance Department is currently looking for an Account Services Representative. To learn more about this position and to apply, please click [here](#).
- The Health Services Department is hiring for several health office secretary positions across the district. No health experience is necessary, pay is \$15/hr. To learn more and to apply, please [click here](#).

Concordia University Chicago - Graduate Programs

Graduate Programs for Teachers - Online Information Sessions. Spring classes begin on January 11, 2021. Additional virtual meetings have been scheduled to accommodate all interested. For information on programs offered at CUChicago and how to register, please [click here](#).

GCN (Global Compliance Network) Training

CORRECTION FROM EMAIL SENT: The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are now live for the 2020-2021 school year. **This year, tutorials must be completed by December 31, 2020.** To access these tutorials, please visit www.gcntraining.com. The organization ID is 58077d, and your User ID is your five digit employee ID number. If you do not recall your employee ID number, please click the button titled "I was not given a User ID" and follow the prompts. Your user ID will be emailed to your District 308 email. Please note, the DCFS Mandated Reporter training link has been updated and should be completed within the GCN platform (if previously completed through the Illinois DCFS website for this school year, no need to resubmit). If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the GCN training tutorials, please contact Kris Odum at 630.636.3081 or kodum@sd308.org.

Computer Science Education Free Event

In recognition of Computer Science Education week, Code Ninjas would like to invite students between the ages of 5 and 14 to experience coding for free. The events are in-person and will be following the distancing, masks and health requirements. Capacity at sessions will be limited with additional time slots added based on demand. These sessions/events are free, so please pass this information along to students at the elementary and junior high school levels who may be interested. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer from Code Ninjas. To register for the events, students can go to: <https://bit.ly/3mzY54q>.

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!....[Click here](#) or visit the Communication’s tab on the Intranet to send a Pass It On!

Share A Smile :-)... 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, December 7th at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

*“Whatever is worrying you right now, forget about it.
Take a deep breath, stay positive and know that things will get better.”
~Kaushal Rathore*