



SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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December 18, 2020

(Please Note: This is the last Friday Update for 2020)

13 Days Until The End of 2020

On This Date in History:

December 18th - International Migrants Day

On December 4, 2000, the General Assembly, taking into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world, proclaimed today as International Migrants Day. Throughout human history, migration has been a courageous expression of the individual's will to overcome adversity and to live a better life. Today, globalization, together with advances in communications and transportation, has greatly increased the number of people, who have the desire and the capacity to move to other places. We learn together, create together, work together, sing, dance and play together. We live together. That is the meaning of International Migrants Day and its message.

Holiday and Stress

This Holiday Season is like none we have ever seen before, so do what is best for you and your loved ones, do what is best for your household, spend time with those in your household, and above all, take care of yourself. Check out some great tips from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website](#) on how to take care of yourself during this holiday season.

Hybrid In-Person and Remote by Choice Instruction Information

We plan to move into hybrid instruction in a staggered approach. This is being done to make sure we have adequate assistance to support staff as they switch to new technology, new ways of tracking COVID for students and new modes of instruction. The emphasis is on moving our neediest and youngest students to the hybrid model as soon as we can.

Staff should be prepared to be at work in the schools for at least one full day on January 13th. Staff should also be prepared for students to move to the hybrid and remote by choice options as early as January 19th. We realize that we will need to watch COVID rates during Winter Break and may possibly need to change plans but we want the staff to know our most optimistic plans for returning students to some in-person instruction. We will provide another update by January 11th.

It is our hope that staff and students will work/learn more in person as the semester progresses.

[Video](#)

[Slides](#)

[Timeline](#)


REMINDER -- 6 Feet Apart - At ALL Times!

All adults should be at least six feet apart while at work. It might be hard to visualize what six feet looks like. Some common items that are six feet or further are: a king size bed, an adult bike from front to back, a three cushion sofa, and the length of a yoga mat.

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.

WARNING: Suspicious email

If you receive a suspicious email, please mark it as phishing in Gmail and the Google Admin will be notified and will take action if needed. A phishing attack happens when someone tries to trick you into sharing personal information online. If you receive a phishing email, follow these steps: 1) Report the email as phishing in Google/Gmail by opening the email message; 2) In the top right corner of screen, next to "reply", click More ; 3) click report phishing; 4) click report report phishing message button. Click [here](#) for more information on phishing emails. For further help, contact: CUSD308 IT Help Desk (630-636-4357 or x4357)

Report Cards - High School

The date that high school teachers have to submit first semester grades has been extended to January 7, 2021. First semester report cards will be available to families on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Human Library-unjudge someone

SD 308 is excited to collaborate with the School-Community Resource Collaborative (SCRC) and the Human Library to host a virtual Human Library on MLK Day (01/18/21) from 12:00-2:00. A Human Library is where books are people and reading is a conversation. Attendees will have the opportunity to question stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue to help build community through better understanding. Registration will be required. More details to follow in early January. [Click here for flyer.](#)

Help Wanted: Custodial

SD 308 is currently hiring Custodians at many of its schools throughout the district. The custodial staff is responsible for providing students with safe, attractive, comfortable, clean, and efficient places in which to learn, plan, and develop. To apply, please go to: [Custodial Application](#)

FREE SEL PD from ISBE

ISBE has partnered with the Center for Childhood Resilience (CCR) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital and Peoria County Regional Office of Education 48 to bring the CCR Virtual Learning Community. This online portal features universal training on the impact of trauma on children and adolescents, the intersection between race and trauma, crisis response strategies, and schoolwide trauma-responsive policies and classroom practices to build resilience among students. Critically, the virtual training also supports educators' own personal and professional well-being and self-care during COVID-19 and beyond. Illinois educators who complete the virtual, on-demand training will have the opportunity to receive training credits/Professional Development

Hours. [Click here to access Virtual Learning Community from The Center for Childhood Resilience.](#)

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.

GCN (Global Compliance Network) Training

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.

Winter Break - Buildings Closed

In order to realize significant energy savings, most district buildings, including the District Administrative Center, will be closed December 23, 2020 - January 1, 2021. Specific questions regarding work from home during these dates should be discussed with your immediate supervisor. As is the case when buildings are shut down for extended periods of time, please remember to power down all computers and electronic equipment.

Winter Break - Staff Access to Buildings

For energy conservation, buildings are closed during break, however if access is required or directed per leadership, please adhere to the following staff access schedule; access authorization subject to change at leadership's discretion. 12/23 Access Permitted (6am - 4pm) / NO Access after 4pm (6 hour day for Operations staff); 12/24 & 25: NO Access; 12/26- 29: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm); 12/30: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm) / NO Access after 4pm (6 hour day for Operations staff); 12/31 & 1/1/21: NO Access; 1/2- 5: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm); 1/6: Resume regular school year schedule.

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; otherwise, the captioning is not added until the video is later uploaded. Please go to our [BOE youtube stream](#) and "subscribe" so that our hearing impaired visitors are able to view the board meetings live. Thank you.*

*"The greater the level of calmness of our mind, the greater our peace of mind,
the greater our ability to enjoy a happy and joyful life."
~Dalai Lama XIV*

We wish you and your families and Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Break!

