

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

August 30, 2019

Good Afternoon SD 308 Family! We Got This!

Each Friday we will provide you with a quick list of important announcements, personnel information, awards, and shout outs! You can review past editions on the intranet under the Communications tab.

Please submit content for Friday Updates to: communications@sd308.org.....*thank you!*

Pass It On! Pass It On! is a way to send a shout out, a thank you, or a note of gratitude to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On! to a peer..... visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn.

Power Down Reminder

Please power down all devices ahead of the long Labor Day Weekend!

Back-to-School Spirit Wear

This is the last weekend to order this year's 2019-2020 Back-to-School Spiritwear! This year's shirt features Benjamin Franklin's famous quote, "Tell me and I forget; Teach me and I remember; Involve me and I learn." The design is available in 5 fun colors and can be purchased in a short-sleeve (\$10), long-sleeve (\$15), crew neck (\$20) and hooded sweatshirt (\$25) through September 2nd at: sd308.org/shirts. Get yours today!

A variety of other merchandise featuring the SD 308 logo as well as all school logos can be found year-round at our regular Spiritwear Store, which is located at: sd308.itemorder.com/sale.

Tyler Tidbit

Each week tips for working in our new Tyler SIS will be shared!

[Click Here For The Tyler Tidbit](#)

This week's topics include:

- Student Attendance History for Teachers
- Gradebook Settings Check for Secondary Teachers
- Special Marks for Secondary Teachers
- The Log-In Screen for All Staff
- Save a Student List...SPED staff and Non-teaching Staff

Policy / Administrative Procedures

The Board of Education Policies can be found in two locations on the SD 308 website: (1) on the internet under the "Board of Education" tab and (2) on the intranet to the right of the picture slider there has been an icon created under the "Tyler Portal". Administrative Procedures can only be found on the intranet and are located in the same location as the policies.

OFEE Fall Festival Fundraising Event

The Oswego Foundation for Educational Excellence (OFEE) is hosting a Fall Festival fundraiser event at Northfork Farm in Oswego. The event includes music, a silent auction, open bar and appetizers. Single and couples tickets are discounted for early-bird purchases through Sept. 13.

OFEE supports SD 308 through classroom grants to teachers in our district. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

Field Trip Requests

A field trip request form is needed for ALL non-athletic trips. The field trip request form can be found on the homepage of the intranet (scroll down on page until you reach the yellow bus on the right side of the page). **PLEASE NOTE: *Estimated costs generated on this form include transportation and substitute costs ONLY.*** If there are entry fees, lunch fees, or other miscellaneous fees to be charged for the trip, those fees will need to be figured in prior to the actual permission slip being sent home with the students.

PRIDE Program

We are excited to share with you the details about this year's PRIDE program!

The PRIDE Recognition Program began in the fall of 2015 to recognize, promote and celebrate the many contributions made by teachers, employees and volunteers of Oswego Community Unit School District 308.

Beginning this year, more teachers and employees will be recognized for their great work! And, individual schools and departments will own the process for choosing their PRIDE winners. Depending on the size of the school or department, there may be 1-3 teacher(s) and employee honorees which will recognize a total of 46 teachers and 32 employees this year from ALL schools and ALL areas of the district.

National Board Certified Teacher Cohort

DuPage ROE is proud to announce that they will be a cohort host site for teachers pursuing National Board Certification during the 2019-2020 school year. This cohort will meet 12 times throughout the school year and is led by a trained National Board Certified Teacher who will guide teachers through the process at no cost. Teachers can earn 24 Professional Development clock hours as they complete their National Board components. The state offers a subsidy to pay for all fees associated with becoming a National Board Certified Teacher (there is a one - time \$75 registration fee, which is the only cost a teacher will incur). [Click here](#) to apply for the subsidy. More information regarding National Board Certification process can be found [here](#).

Professional Development Hours

Monthly Online Educational Book Studies offers an easy and affordable way for teachers to earn impactful PD hours on their own time. September's book is: *Shattering the Perfect Teacher Myth* by Aaron Hogan. To see next month's selection as well as the rest of the year's choices, [click here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Looking for professional development opportunities? Illinois State University is offering online courses called **onlineIMPACT** that offer 15 to 30 professional development hours towards license renewal for teachers. Their professional learning workshops are led by facilitators with expertise in workshop topics such as math, English language arts, science, data, technology and are specifically trained to teach online workshops to ensure that participants receive a quality educational experience. Each workshop has a maximum of 20 participants, which allows facilitators to easily communicate and work online with all participants together or with individual participants enrolled in their workshops. Workshop time frames are variable and can be completed in five to seven weeks, with participants spending an average of three to four hours a week engaged in workshops and completing assignments. More information can be found [here](#).

CPDU Credit for Teacher Institute Days

Certified staff will receive CPDU credits for Teacher Institute Days you have registered for in TalentED. All certified staff is now in the TalentEd system. You may still register for the Institute Days on August 13 and 14 until the end of the day Friday, Sept. 6. Directions to log-in to TalentED are included in this [link to TalentEd directions](#). Questions can be directed to Jodi Ancel at jancel@sd308.org.

TalentEd/MyLearningPlan/Aesop - - When to use each

TalentEd is the new Professional Development System to register for district PD. Please enter your absences cause by district PD into Aesop. These two programs do not communicate. Questions about TalentEd should be directed to Jodi Ancel.

MyLearningPlan is solely used for graduate credit approval. Questions regarding MyLearningPlan can be directed to Ken Miller.

Aesop is used for sick and personal days, as well as PD entered through TalentEd. Questions should be directed to Claudia Ruiz.

Congressional App Contest 2019

U.S. House of Representative, 11th District, Bill Foster is again seeking applications to the 2019 Congressional App Challenge (CAC). The CAC is for middle school and high school students, encouraging them to learn to code and inspire them to pursue careers in computer science. For more registration and additional information, please [click here](#).

Moms and More Children's Clothing & Toy Resale

Save the Date: the Oswego Moms and More group will be conducting its annual Children's Clothing & Toy Resale on Saturday, September 7th from 8am - 2pm at Long Beach Elementary School. [Click here](#) for flyer.

ACE Offering Scholarship Bootcamp

ACE (Accelerate Career through Education) is once again offering a fall and spring session of Scholarship Bootcamp at Oswego East High School. The program is offered to 8-12th grade students and one adult. The day is full of workshops, tools, tips on winning scholarships and college recruiters. For more information and registration [click here](#).

Education Discount from Paramount Theater

The big kick-off (literally!) to Paramount's 9th season is [Newsies](#)! Based on the beloved 1992 film, this Broadway show was nominated for 8 Tony Awards. Our show starts Preview Performances on September 4th – right after Labor Day!

We are thrilled to give you a promo code to save 30% your **Newsies** ticket purchase. Use code **TEACH** on [Paramount's website](#) to unlock a special price for Seating Zones B-E on the following days: 9/4 at 7PM, 9/5 at 7PM, 9/6 at 8PM, 9/11 at 7PM, 9/12 at 7PM

The fine print: There is a limit of 4 tickets per account. This code is for online sales only and standard order fees apply. This promo cannot be used on previously purchased tickets or combined with other offers. As always, all sales are final.

WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

SD 308 Wellness Screenings and Flu Clinics

The district is offering five locations over four dates for its annual Flu Shot Clinics and Wellness Screening Events this year. Flu Shots and Wellness Screenings are provided at **No Cost** to all

employees and spouses currently enrolled in a SD 308 medical insurance plan who present their SD 308 medical insurance card. To secure your appointment, please register today: [sign up here](#). For times and complete program information, view the flyer [here](#).

Required Staff Training

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are now live for the 2019-2020 school year. This year, tutorials must be completed by March 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 have any questions or need any assistance accessing the GCN training tutorials, please contact Kris Odum at 630.636.3081 or kodum@sd308.org.

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone. - Audrey Hepburn