

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

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Good Morning SD 308 Family!

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. **Thank you for sending in article ideas...**submit content for future Friday Updates to: communications@sd308.org.

Those Who Excel

SD 308 was once again well represented at this year's Those Who Excel banquet Saturday, October 20th at the Marriott Bloomington-Normal Conference Center. The state presented awards to its top educators, school district personnel, and school volunteers.

A selection committee comprised of individuals who represent a variety of educational organizations evaluate the nomination materials and present Awards of Excellence, Meritorious Service, and Recognition in seven categories: school administrator, school board members/community volunteer, educational service personnel, student support personnel, team, early career educator, and classroom teacher.

Congratulations to this year's District 308 award recipients: Dr. Patti Marcinko, Administrator, Award of Excellence; Becki Corradi, Educational Service Personnel, Award of Excellence; Karen Ferguson, Teacher, Award of Merit; OH English Learner Team (Jacklyn King, Brenna Murphy, Maureen Terwelp, Lirio Ramirez, Jeffrey Schneider, Dr. Patti Marcinko, Mary Lepe), Team, Award of Merit; Paul Magnuson, Student Support Personnel, Award of Recognition.

[Click here](#) to read entire press release. For listing of Those Who Excel awardees going back to 2012-13, [click here](#).

OHS 4 x 5 is a Team Effort and Showcase of Talent!

The 16th Annual [Chicagoland 4x5 High School Art Exhibition](#), hosted by Oswego High School is filling the halls! This show asks students how can you create artwork within the perimeters of 4"x5" or 5"x4", in nine categories. This year over 40 high schools are participating; the show will feature over 1000 works of art! You're invited to attend the show's opening and awards ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 5-9 pm. The award winning student Jazz Ensembles, led by Kevin Schoenbach, will be providing outstanding tunes while the award winning Student Culinary Program, lead by Tom Dwyer, will be providing food for all the guests! You're welcome to stop by OHS to see the artwork!

We Need Your Input! DEI Staff Survey Open Through Nov. 2

Parent and caregiver responses are going well, but we need to hear more from our staff! To gather information to inform the district's equity focused school improvement efforts, the district is engaging in an Equity Context Analysis Process (ECAP) to determine the extent to which educational equity is evident in our school district. The ECAP was designed by the district's equity partners Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center (MAP) and involves several data collection activities, including the completion of staff questionnaires, parent/caregivers

questionnaires, and school visits.

You can take the survey now through November 2. The ECAP Staff Questionnaire takes between 15-20 minutes to complete. Survey Links: [Administrator Questionnaire](#) and [Staff Questionnaire](#)

Open Enrollment Starts Monday!

Open Enrollment for 2019 benefits runs October 29 - November 9. Watch for an email with instructions on how to complete the process. The web address is <https://enroll.benefitsconnect.net/cusd>. For assistance with open enrollment, you can reach Benefit Express at 844-501-7256.

2nd Annual Ignite 308 Planning

Planning has begun for the 2nd Annual Ignite 308 Conference to be held on April 2, 2019. There is a survey for you to give input into what will make the day great. Also, there's a section for you to fill out if you are interested in presenting at Ignite. You only need to indicate interest at this time - sessions will be finalized in December/early January. Please [click here](#) to fill out a survey regarding the day. The questions include: topics that are of most interest, if you are interested in presenting, and other ideas/suggestions to make the day AMAZING! For questions please contact Heidi Podjasek, director of professional development.

SEL Committees - Looking for New Members

Are you passionate about social emotional learning? The SD 308 SEL Core Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on one of the following sub committees: SEL Intervention Committee, Parent and Community Committee, SEL Professional Development, SEL Curriculum, and SEL Communications Committee. Staff who participate on a sub committee will receive professional development hours and a letter acknowledging their leadership at the district level which can be uploaded as evidence for evaluations in Domain 4. If you are interested in joining one of the sub committees, please [click here](#).

Special Education Data - E-School Training Nov. 2 SIP Day

E-School Training pertaining to Special Education Data will be held on the November 2 SIP Day at Murphy Jr. High's Multi-purpose Room. It is mandatory that at least one secretary from each building attend one of the following training sessions: 8:00am-9:30am (secondary); 10:00am-11:30am (elementary-first session); 12:00pm-1:30pm (elementary-second session). Training will include: IEP Data, RCDTS Codes, and added fields in E-School. Please [click here](#) to RSVP to the training session. Kim O'Hara and Yari Corral from Student Services and Aubrey Aguilera and Amy Vandenberg from Special Education will be facilitating.

Back by Popular Demand - Spirit Wear Shirts with New Options!

For a limited time only, we are offering our back-to-school designed shirts for sale in select colors ([click here to view flyer](#)). We have also added two new styles for you to select from: a long sleeve lightweight hooded t-shirt and a tie dyed t-shirt! [Click here](#) to place your orders now through the end of the day on Sunday, November 18th. Once the store is closed, orders will be processed and delivered to you at your school with 2 - 3 weeks. We have transitioned to a new vendor, Imagination Print and Design. They are located in Oswego and available to assist with any questions; you can stop in the store (5462 US Highway 34), send an email: contact@imaginationpad.com, or call 630-636-7474.