

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

November 1, 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! **Please submit** content for Friday Updates to: [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).....*thank you!*

**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](http://www.sd308.org/PassItOn).

## Congratulations Oswego East High School!!

Oswego East High School received the highest designation on the Illinois School Report Card, Exemplary! The school's success is attributed to the outstanding staff, students and families working together to help all students achieve! The designation puts them amongst the top 10% of high schools in the state, based on academic proficiency, school environment, college readiness, and attendance data included in the report card. To view the district report card, individual school report cards, or to learn more about the report card data and designations, visit [www.sd308.org/reportcard](http://www.sd308.org/reportcard).

## LAST DAY OF OPEN ENROLLMENT IS TODAY (NOVEMBER 1)

This is your last day to make any changes to your benefits for the upcoming year.

- 1) Go to [enroll.benefitsconnected.net/cusd](http://enroll.benefitsconnected.net/cusd)
- 2) Enter your **username** (up to the first 6 characters of your last name, first character of your first name, and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number); Enter your **password** (your full 9 digit SSN without dashes)
- 3) Follow prompts to review your existing benefit selections
- 4) Review your selections, dependent elections, then click "Finish" to enroll

**Please note:** You will need the date of birth and SSN for each of your dependents (if applicable). These are required to enroll them in eligible benefits and to complete your beneficiary designation. Please review your current elections. You have the opportunity to make changes to the benefits that you are currently enrolled in and also have the option to enroll in additional benefits. Keep in mind - your current elections will carry over if you don't make a change, with the exception of flexible spending plans, which do require an active election to continue beyond the end of this plan year. For more information, [click here](#). [FAQ - click here](#).

## OHS Holiday Craft Fair TOMORROW!

The annual [OHS Holiday Craft Fair](#) is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9am-3pm, at Oswego High School, join over 180 vendors to get a start on holiday shopping and decor! Free admission to SD 308 staff with school ID. General admission is \$3 (children under 12 are free).

### **WGN Around Town Segment at OHS**

WGN was live today at OHS celebrating the success of the football team heading to playoffs and other fall sports! Catch clips of the pep rally filmed today online [here](#).

### **Young Hearts For Life at OEHS**

Young Hearts for Life along with many volunteers at Oswego East High School provided 1,442 students with free EKGs at OEHS last week. Several students were found to need follow-up screenings and care for possible conditions which could lead to sudden cardiac death. The YH4L Cardiac Screening Program identifies high school and college students at risk for sudden cardiac death. The program alternates between SD 308 high schools each year.

### **17th Annual Chicagoland 4x5 Exhibition**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 6 from 5-9pm to stop by this amazing exhibition of talented artwork on display at Oswego High School. Over 60 high schools will be participating and each are allowed to bring 30 entries. The show will feature close to 2000 works of art! Also present will be 13 art colleges/universities doing a portfolio review. The Oswego High School award-winning student Jazz Ensembles, led by Mr. Kevin Schoenbach, will be performing and the Culinary Program, led by Mr. Tom Dywer, will be providing food for all guests. To visit the website of the Chicagoland 4x5 Art Exhibition, please [click here](#).

### **North Central College Grant**

North Central College is hosting an Open House/Instant Admission Day on Monday, Nov. 4 from 3:30-5:30 pm. The event is for teachers to learn about the Master of Education in Educational Leadership leading to Principal Endorsement and the Master of Education in Instructional Coaching. Teachers are eligible to receive a partnership grant that reduces tuition by 20%. Teachers who apply for the Master of Education in Educational Leadership leading to Principal Endorsement are also eligible to apply for the Cultures of Character Scholarship that if awarded reduces tuition by an additional 20-40%. Spring semester classes begin on January 6, 2020. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by [clicking here](#).

### **2020 IGNITE308**

While it may seem early, we are looking to show off talents and special skills of our district faculty and staff. Those interested in presenting/facilitating at 2020 IGNITE308, please let us know by answering a few questions [on this link](#). Thank you for sharing! Please contact Jodi Ancel with any questions: [jancel@sd308.org](mailto:jancel@sd308.org).

### **Professional Development Questions?**

Please use TalentEd to sign up for in district trainings. The [user guide attached to this link](#) is intended to help you to login and familiarize you with the menu on the home page. If you are attending an outside workshop/conference, gain building administrator approval and record your absence in AESOP. MyLearningPlan is ONLY used for continuing coursework and credits. MyLearningPlan is managed by the HR department.

### **Educator Discounts**

**The Art Institute of Chicago:** [free admission](#) is available to current Illinois educators, including pre-K–12 teachers.

**The Field Museum:** Free admission for Illinois Teachers; pre-K through 12th grade, receive [free basic admission](#).

**Shedd Aquarium:** Educators from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin can receive a complimentary Shedd ticket by [registering online](#).

**Museum of Science and Industry:** Illinois teachers (pre-K through 12th grade) receive [free museum entry](#) for themselves by showing a valid occupation/military status I.D. when purchasing tickets onsite.

**Adler Planetarium:** Illinois teachers (pre-k through 12) receive [free museum entry](#) which can be applied to any admission pass. Please show proper identification at the box office to take advantage of this benefit.

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*WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:*

**As a reminder - All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the Communications Tab**

### **Licensure Renewal Professional Development Hours**

Please remember that beginning with the 2015-2020 renewal cycle, and every cycle thereafter, there are no longer any reductions for licensure renewal professional development hours. There will no longer be any reductions for advanced degrees, National certifications, etc. since these “pre-July 1, 2014” activities, as allowed under 25.800(e) of Administrative Code, were last applicable to FY 2020 license renewal.

Educators who are due to renew their licenses this spring/summer should begin taking additional professional development hours now so they will be able to accumulate the required hours needed to renew their licenses. Please contact [licensure@isbe.net](mailto:licensure@isbe.net) or (217) 557-6763 with questions.

### **Annual Required Notices**

The following attached materials are being provided to you, as required by Federal and Illinois law:

[Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)

[Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act \(WHCRA\) Notice](#)

[Medicare Part D Notice for CUSD 308 Active Employees](#)

### **Required Staff Training**

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are live and must be completed by March 31, 2020. To access these tutorials, please visit [www.gcntraining.com](http://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](mailto:kodum@sd308.org).

***“Every Kid Is One Caring Adult Away From Being A Success Story.” - Josh Shipp***