

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

December 7, 2018

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.

OHS Coaching Opportunity

OHS is looking for a boys head volleyball coach for this school year. Candidates should have advanced volleyball knowledge and ideally would have played high school and college volleyball. Previous coaching experience is a plus. Contact Darren Howard at dhoward@sd308.org with any questions. To review and/or apply for this and other coaching positions available, visit [Applitrack](#).

PRIDE Nominations Are Open

Nominations for the December PRIDE awards that recognize teachers, employees and volunteers across the district are being accepted now through Dec. 14. It only takes a few minutes to [submit a nomination](#). All nominees receive a certificate. Winners will be surprised by Dr. Sparlin, recognized at a Board of Education Meeting, and provided gifts from area sponsors.

Culver's Fundraiser for Homestead Teacher

On Wednesday, Dec. 19 visit Culver's of Oswego to show support for Julie Wilson, 4th grade teacher at Homestead Elementary, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia CMML2. Julie is currently undergoing treatment.

Julie and her family live in Oswego, and her daughters Sarah and Emily have attended SD 308 since elementary school. Emily is a senior at Oswego East High School and Sarah is a 2018 graduate of Oswego East High School.

Culver's of Oswego will generously donate 10% of sales from Dec. 19 to Julie and her family.

Winter Break Hours

As a reminder, schools and district offices will be closed for winter break beginning on December 24. Offices will reopen on January 2; classes will resume on January 7.

Record Number of State Scholars Recognized

We are pleased to announce a record-setting 105 students from Oswego East and 78 students from Oswego High Schools' graduating classes of 2019 as Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state agency committed to helping to make college accessible and affordable for Illinois families, confers this prestigious recognition to top Illinois

high school students annually. This year, more than 21,000 honorees join the other top students who have been honored for their academic achievements since the designation was first introduced in 1958.

Illinois State Scholars represent approximately the top ten (10) percent of high school seniors from 757 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. To learn more click [here](#).

Board of Education Meetings

This month the Board of Education will meet on Monday, Dec. 10 and Monday, Dec. 17 in the Community Room at Oswego East High School, beginning open session begins at 7:15pm. The meetings are broadcast live on our website. On Dec. 17 PRIDE winners and students with state and national recognition will be honored.

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.” —Malala Yousafzai
16-year-old Pakistani student Malala Yousafzai was an advocate for students’ rights in her hometown of Swat during a very dangerous time of war and political upheaval. Malala won the Nobel peace Prize in 2014. She now lives in the United Kingdom where she attends school.

The message: *If there’s anyone who is in a position to bring positive change into the world every day, it’s a teacher. Don’t ever think that your efforts as a teacher are insignificant and make no difference. There is no telling what positive effect you will have on someone’s life, especially a student’s. Be brave, stay passionate about your kids and your work, and don’t give up—ever.*