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### **Good Afternoon 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. Feel free to submit content for future Friday Updates to: [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).

### **PRIDE Nominations Open Now!**

Nominations are open through September 14 for the PRIDE program. The PRIDE program recognizes individuals who contribute positively to the district. Two teachers, one employee, and one volunteer will be selected each month. Winners are surprised by a visit from Dr. Sparlin, recognized at the Board of Education meeting, and given gift(s) from area businesses. All nominees will be awarded a certificate of appreciation. The nomination form can be completed online by clicking [here](#). A huge thanks to our presenting sponsors Allied First Bank, Huntington Learning Center, and Chick-Fil-A, along with the many other area businesses featured on our [PRIDE webpage](#).

### **5th Annual Food Drive Community Collection Day Celebration!**

The collection period for this year's district-wide food drive will be September 24-October 3. A Community Collection Day will be held on September 29, from 11am-1pm at Allied First Bank. Anyone bringing in a donation for the Kendall County Community Food Pantry will receive a free hot dog, chips, and drink sponsored by Aramark and Allied First Bank. Attendees can designate which school they would like the donation to be credited towards in the district-wide competition. Allied First Bank will be offering a special for new accounts opened, with benefits for schools during the competition and cash incentives to the customer. The celebration will feature music, games, and fun for the whole family, hope to see you there!

### **One Percent Sales Tax on November Ballot**

On November 6, 2018 Kendall County voters will see a question on the ballot regarding sales tax. The County School Facility Occupation Tax adds 1% to the tax rate on certain retail purchases. The tax dollars are sent to the public school systems serving children who reside in Kendall County.

The SD 308 Board of Education adopted a policy that would direct all the money received from the 1% sales tax, if passed, towards the retirement of debt, thus lowering property taxes.

You're encouraged to review the [FAQs](#) that further explain what is and is not included in the 1% tax. If you have any questions not addressed, please let us know by emailing [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).

### **Young Hearts For Life coming to Oswego High School**

The Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) Cardiac Screening Program identifies high school and college students at risk for sudden cardiac death. Each week sudden cardiac death claims the lives of more than 60 young adults in the United States.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and in Illinois. YH4L, under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Marek, a clinical cardiologist, seeks to detect young adults at risk for sudden cardiac death, and increase community awareness of this devastating problem. YH4L does this by providing free ECGs that can identify those heart conditions that can cause sudden death.

We are proud to bring this free screening event to Oswego High School on September 20, 2018. Screening consists of a quick, simple, painless ECG. Volunteers attach electrodes to the students' chest and limbs in preparation for the ECG. The ECG machine monitors the electrical activity of the heart and prints out the information about heart rate and rhythm. A trained cardiologist then interprets the printed ECG. All Oswego High School students with parent/guardian permission will be screened.

**To Volunteer:** Over 120 adult volunteers per shift are needed to help complete ECG testing for the students during the school day. All volunteers must attend one of the training sessions on September 19. To sign-up for your spot, click [here](#).

### **Best Buddies Shirt Fundraiser**

Circle of Friends is now BEST BUDDIES! Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our program empowers the special abilities of people with disabilities by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society. In our school friendship program, we focus on bridging the gap between students in special education and their peers in general education by providing opportunities for friendship and leadership.

**To kick off the year**, we are selling Oswego Strong Gear! Get yours today! Order through this [link](#) or contact Sara Duffy or Vicki Dickson by Monday, October 1st. Thank you for your continued support!

### **The Shirts Are In!**

There was an overwhelming response to the shirt sales held at the start of this school year. The t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and sweatshirts have arrived! They're being sorted and will be delivered over the next week. If you have any issues or questions related to your order, please contact Cindi Krachtus at [ckrachtus@sd308.org](mailto:ckrachtus@sd308.org).

**Maurices Discount**

Anyone with a school district employee ID can receive an extra 25% off at Maurices Sept. 7-9, along with free gifts and styling sessions. This is part of their #mauriceslovesteachers promotion. Check with the store for more details. They are also running a Maurices Loves Teachers Sweepstakes, by entering online you could win a \$500 Maurices gift card and \$500 to [adoptaclassroom.org](http://adoptaclassroom.org). Enter at [maurices.com/sweepstakes](http://maurices.com/sweepstakes).