



March 22, 2021

Shea Lazansky
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VIA EMAIL – slazansky@shawmedia.com

Re: FOIA Request dated and received March 19, 2021

Subject: Copy of email sent by Shaunise Thomas on or around February 21st in regards to the t-shirt made by the BSA organization. Also, a copy of the email sent by OHS Dean's Assistant Jon Vallo in response to Thomas' email.

Dear Ms. Lazansky:

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your March 19, 2021 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. The information regarding your request is attached.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this responsive document will be posted online on the district's website. To access it, go to www.sd308.org and select *Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses > FOIA Requests Responses -2021 > then select FOIA ID #21-12.*

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

Carrie Szambelan

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Freedom of Information Officer



Happy Black History Month from BSA

Shaunise Thomas <sthomas01@sd308.org>
To: OHStaff <ohstaff@sd308.org>

Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 9:33 AM

Hello All,

The year has been a whirlwind to say the least but Black Student Association has been learning, vocal and sharing their feelings on many platforms as district 308 equity ambassadors. In the fall, we held "The State of the Minority Child" a virtual program that helped a lot of BSA students from OHS and the surrounding high schools. Also, BSA students have been making their voices heard in district DEI committee meetings.

We still want to honor our minority students who have made the honor roll this year, so in lieu of our Black History Month show and dinner, we will be sending out a Black History Month video later this month.

BSA from both district high schools along with PEGS decided to start the month off by doing our first ever Heritage Bowl. We have 3 teams of 3 students per school, battling it out for bragging rights tonight. The trophy courtesy of PEGS will be kept at the winning school for the year. If you would like to join and watch the meets code is attached to this email.

I also have been getting a lot of emails about our shirts and hoodies, we do have a few sizes left. T-shirts are \$10 and Hoodies are \$25 and the combo is \$30. If you would like to purchase please let me know.

BSA would like to leave you with this

"I see no color" is not the goal

"I see your color and value you input. I will be educated about your culture and your lived experiences. I will do my part to work against the racism that harms you. I will do better"

That is the goal.

 **BSA 2021.jpg**

 **Heritage Bowl.pdf**

Happy Black History Month

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Jon Vallo <jvallo@sd308.org>
To: Shaunise Thomas <sthomas01@sd308.org>
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Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 2:23 PM

Do you have any positive t-shirts that refer to all races instead of these with political movement sayings on it ?
If so , I would be interested in one.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=ce75a31aa6&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1690779341012239357&simpl=msg-f%3A16907793410...>

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SD308 Mail - Happy Black History Month from BSA

Jon Vallo <jvallo@sd308.org>

Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 2:58 PM

To: Christopher Grays <cgrays@sd308.org>

Cc: Gary Mosley <gmosley@sd308.org>, Allison Abels <aabels@sd308.org>, OHStaff <ohstaff@sd308.org>, Shaunise Thomas <sthomas01@sd308.org>

It was meant for Shaunise , my apologies for all emails.

I back the BSA and good things they do , I was just a thought to make positive statements on shirts to encourage a positive out for all.

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