

Good afternoon Jaguars! Here is the news of the week.

Don't forget – next week is a shortened week! Students will be in attendance full days on Monday and Tuesday (December 19th and 20th), Wednesday December 21st is a 4 hour day, students will be dismissed at 12:45 (students will have a lunch period before dismissal). There is no school following the 21st until we return on Monday, January 9th. We wish all our Jaguars a safe and happy winter break!

A friendly reminder from the Fox Chase P.E. department: please be sure that your student has proper P.E. shoes with them on days that they have P.E. Many students are wearing boots in the morning and if they do not have appropriate gym shoes they will not be allowed to participate in P.E. that day.

As we approach the cold winter months, here are a few reminders:

- Parents, please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the temperatures of the day. Students are sent outside for recess when the temperature (factoring in wind chill) is above 10 degrees as long as there is not any issue such as ice on the playground, precipitation or strong winds.**
- When we have snow accumulation, students will only be allowed to play in the snow if they have boots, snowpants gloves and hat/hoods. Otherwise, students are limited to playing on the cleared blacktop.**
- On days when the weather dictates indoor recess, students are not allowed to play with electronic gaming devices (such as DS or PSP devices). Electronic devices and phones are expected to be kept in backpacks and turned off during the day, including recess time.**

While you are getting out the winter coats, hats, and gloves, please save any things that are still in good shape that your students have outgrown. We will be collecting NEW hats, mittens and scarves for the Oswego Optimist Club's annual mitten tree drive (see the flyer below for more details), and we are also once again participating in Coats for Kendall collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and other winter items. See the attached flyer from the Optimist Club for all the details

about their program. For more information on the Coats for Kendall program, please visit the Oswego Rotary Club website at www.oswegorotaryclub.org/

All students staying after school for any activity, or going home a different way than normal need a note sent in that day. For your convenience see below for the change of dismissal for, or find the form on our website under the parents tab that you can use for this purpose!

Ready to plan ahead? Mark your calendar for these important upcoming dates at Fox Chase! Watch your Thursday folders and future e-backpacks for more information about these events and activities. To stay in the loop, visit the Fox Chase page on the district website (www.sd308.org). Planned activities for the school year are on the calendar and updated frequently.

Thursday, December 15-3rd Grade Gym Night 7-8pm, ChickFILA Night

Monday, December 19 – Home and School Meeting, 7pm LRC

Wednesday, December 21 – Holiday room parties

Parent volunteer check-in 9:25am

Party – 9:45am

Wednesday, December 21 – Early Dismissal Day 12:45pm dismissal, End of 2nd Quarter

Winter Break-Thursday, December 22-Sunday, January 8

Students return to school Monday, January 9, 2017

Monday, January 16 – No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 23 – Home and School Meeting 7pm, LRC

Friday, January 27 – Family Fun Night (Bingo!) 6:30-8pm Gym

All visitors to the building are now required to present a photo ID. A state issued driver's license or ID, passport, or a work ID with photo will be acceptable. The system will scan your ID and create a visitor badge.

Did you know that classrooms have daily routines? So if your child is frequently late, they are missing the same subject every single time they are late. Help your student get their day off to the best start by getting them here on time every day!

Attendance is important! So far this year (79.5 days of school) we have had:

709 students arrive late

513 students sign out early

255 vacation days

It is important for your student to be here all day every day! Please make every effort to get your student here on time each day so they can start the day with their best foot forward! While we know it is sometimes unavoidable, we also appreciate any appointments for your students being made outside school hours or on days off of school. Thank you for all your efforts in getting your students to school each and every day, we appreciate your support!

**Remember the Fox Chase mission: Practice
Kindness**

Aim High

Work Hard

Show Respect

And a few notes from our wonderful Home and School Association and Father's Forum...

For all the latest Home and School News, please watch tomorrow for the Home and School newsletter in your inbox! All newsletters are also attached to the news page on the Fox Chase website to view anytime!



FOX CHASE FATHERS' FORUM

Are you a dad or father-figure who is interested in getting involved here at Fox Chase? Well then we have the group for you! Fox Chase Fathers' Forum is a great organization that requires minimal time commitment throughout the school year but reaps big rewards! Our events include Donuts with Dad, Daddy Daughter Dance, Father vs Son Event, Father-Son Grade level Gym Nights, Chic Fil A Nights as well as helping out at Muffins with Mom and setting up/tearing down LRC book fairs. If you are interested in lending a hand at any of these events, please contact Dave Abbott @ ddmcabbott@aol.com.

Dont miss out on the upcoming fun activities

from Fox Chase Fathers Forum!

Thursday, December 15th is Fox Chase Fathers' Forum 3rd Grade Gym Night! Third grade students and their dads (or father figures or even mom!) can come to the Fox Chase gym from 7-8:00pm for some open gym fun. Please enter thru door 8. Due to space restrictions, only Fox Chase third grade students and their adult may attend, no siblings. Each grade will have a gym night during the school year. See the flyer below for more details.

Thursday, December 15th is also Fox Chase Fathers' Forum Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A from 5-8pm! Visit your Oswego Chick-fil-A at 2740 Route 34, and up to 20% of the sales will be donated back by mentioning Fox Chase Fathers' Forum when placing your order! No flyer is necessary! All Dine-in, Take-out, Drive-thru and Catering orders will be counted. Play Plinko from 5-7pm for just \$1 and a chance to win FREE Chick-fil-A! 100% of the Plinko plays go to Fox Chase Fathers' Forum! See the flyer below for more details.

More news and opportunities from SD308/the Oswego community

PTAG 308 (Partners for Talented and Gifted Education) is hosting a district approved Parent Panel "Succeeding in AP and Honors in High School." Mark your calendars for January 9, 7-9pm to attend this forum at OHS. See the flyer below for all the details.

Have some baseball players that you need to keep active this winter? See the below flyers to find out more information about the Father/Son Pitching camp being held this January at OHS and also the OHS Spring Training Baseball Camp.

Scholarship Opportunities are offered by the Oswegoland Optimist Club!

Essay Contest

The Optimist Club is once again holding an essay contest, as well as an oratorical contest, for area students. The essay contest requires students under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent to compose a 700- to 800-word essay around a central idea. The topic this year is "Chasing Optimism In The Face Of Challenges". The contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. All essays need to be turned in to Ms. Tracey Contino at Oswego High School, no later than February 1, 2017. For complete rules, please visit www.optimist.org. Cash prizes are awarded for the top three placing individuals at the club level. The first place winner advances to the district level, where there is an opportunity for a \$2500.00 scholarship.

Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest is open to students under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016, who have not yet graduated from high school or its equivalent. Students are required to prepare a 4- to 5-minute speech on a pre-assigned topic. The Topic this year is "What the World Gains from Optimism". This contest is designed to assist youth in gaining public speaking experience and provide them with an opportunity to compete for a scholarship. For more information and complete rules, please visit www.optimist.org.

For information on these opportunities, as well as the local Oswegoland Optimist Club, visit their website at www.oswegooptimists.com, or their Facebook page, Oswegoland Optimist Club.

The Oswegoland
Optimist Club thanks
you!!

Project

“Hats & Mittens”

**The Hats & Mittens Drive is part
of the Family Christmas Project**

The Oswegoland Optimist Club is asking for District 308 Students to help in the collection of hats and mittens for children whose parents are experiencing financial hardships.

If you are able and would like to donate a new hat, new mittens or new gloves for a child, please send them to school in your child's backpack. They will be hung on the schools Hats & Mittens Tree. A volunteer from the Optimist Club will collect them and distribute them to the children. If this is something you would like to participate in, you may want to involve your own children with the shopping so they too can feel good about helping others.



**Donations due
by Friday,
December 16th**

Fox Chase Elementary

Change of Dismissal Form

Date _____

Student _____

Teacher _____

Will be _____ a walker
_____ a bike rider
_____ riding home with _____
_____ staying after school for _____
_____ Parent Pickup by the GYM or OFFICE
_____ Other (specify) _____

Parent Signature _____

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SPIRIT NIGHT

for Fox Chase Fathers'

December 15, 2016 • 5:00 – 8:00PM

Come out and support your school during Spirit Night. Mention you're with Fox Chase, and up to 20% of sales will be donated to the school!

Also, play Plinko to win awesome prizes or free food, all while supporting your school.



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**Third Grade Gym Night
with Dad (or father-figure)
Thursday, December 15th
7:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym**

CALLING ALL THIRD GRADERS!!!

The Fox Chase Fathers' Forum is excited to host "Grade Level Gym Nights with Dad" at Fox Chase. We're pulling out the hula hoops, scooters, gym balls and jump ropes on the one night a year that third graders have the gym all to themselves! If your third grader would like to participate, he/she should bring his/her father (grandfather, uncle, or even mom!) and join in on the fun!

Due to space restrictions, only third grade students from Fox Chase may participate.
Please enter thru door 8 on the large parking lot side.



PTAG 308

Partners for Talented & Gifted Education

Parent and Student Panel Discussion – Succeeding in AP and Honors in High School



Date: Monday, January 9, 2017

Time: 7-9 PM

Location: Oswego High School Auditorium
4250 Route 71, Oswego, IL

Topics include:

- Taking Honors vs. AP Classes
- Summer School and AP Classes and the Impact at College
- Courses, Activities and Clubs
- Extracurricular and Volunteer Opportunities for College Admission
- ACT/SAT Preparation Tips
- Balancing School and Life
- Study Habits, Tips, Tricks and Techniques
- Scholarships and Ways to Finance College
- College Application Process, Interviews and Preparedness

You'll hear from parents of successful SD #308 students and graduates, AP/Honors graduates and career counselors. The panel will answer questions about student success and provide information for AT and Gifted students and their parents so they can better-navigate high school and college.

Please contact us at: ptag308@gmail.com if you have any questions.

RSVP at Eventbrite:

[PTAG 308 Parent Panel - Succeeding in high school AP & Honors](#)

PTAG 308 Vision:

To advocate for all high achieving and gifted students in School District 308, Kindergarten through high school.

Visit our web site for more information www.ptag308.org and like us on Facebook

OHS Father/Son Pitching Camp

OHS baseball staff is hosting a two day clinic demonstrating the skills and drills needed to be a successful pitcher. Camp designed for all abilities and provides knowledge on the art of pitching, technique, and the development process for anyone interested in pitching.

Saturday • Jan 28 & Feb 4 • 9:30-11:00am • Oswego High School

GRADE 5-8 #8173 \$25(R)/(N)

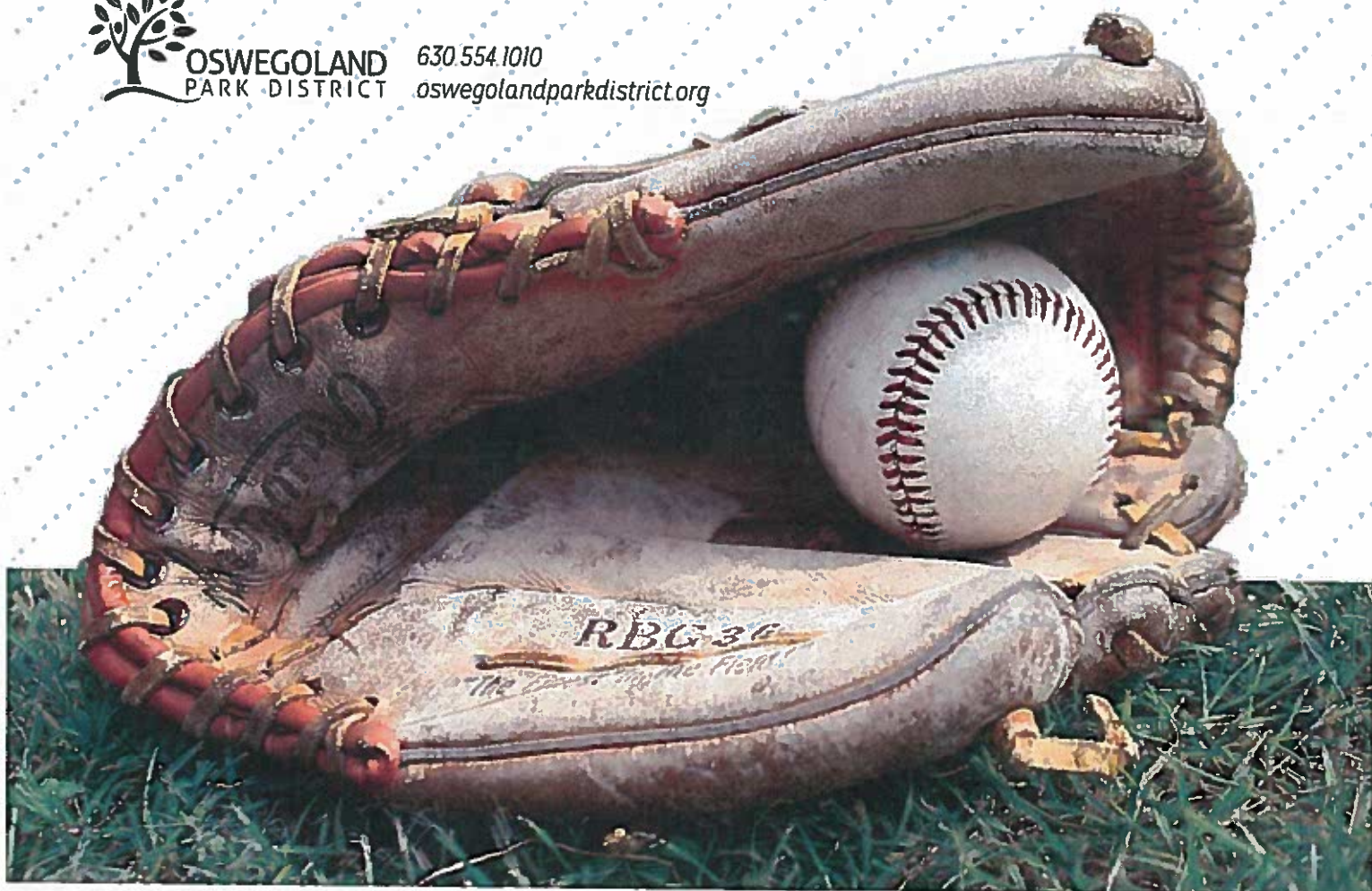
Register online or in person at any Oswegoland Park District facility.



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oswegolandparkdistrict.org



OHS Spring Training Baseball Camp

OHS baseball staff is hosting a clinic to help athletes (Grade K-8) prepare for their upcoming baseball season.

Saturdays • Jan 14-Jan 28 • 9:30-11:00am • \$50 (R)/(N) • Oswego High School
GRADE K-2 #8166 GRADE 3-4 #8167

Saturdays • Jan 14-Jan 21 • 11:00am-1:00pm • \$40 (R)/(N) • Oswego High School
GRADE 5-6 #8168 GRADE 7-8 #8169

Register online or in person at any Oswegoland Park District facility.



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