



# Bulldog Blast

November 17, 2016

**Together We Make a Difference**



NEW

## Calendar Notifications



- November 18 – Yearbook Special Price Ends (Online) – See Enclosure
- November 18 - OEHS Counselors Visit 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (during History classes)
- November 21 – Hello Day
- November 22 – Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Group Sign-up Due (to Student Services)
- November 23 – No School (Thanksgiving Break -District Closed)
- November 24 – No School (Thanksgiving Break -District Closed)
- November 25 – No School (Thanksgiving Break -District Closed)
- November 28 – Topic Approval Deadline for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair (to Ms. Truemper)
- December 21 – PBIS Reward Day! (see details below)

## NEW and UPDATED NEWS:



NEW

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Topic Approval Due Soon**

- 8th grade students should have their topic approved by November 28 to Ms. Truemper. The Bednarcik Science Fair will be held on February 1, 2017. 8th grade students will present their science fair projects in the school gymnasium between 6 and 9 pm. 8th grade science teachers will send out more detailed information to parents

NEW

### **Say Hello!**

- November 21st is World Hello Day in celebration of promoting global citizenship and peace. In honor of this day, Bednarcik student volunteers will be saying "hello" in their native and also multiple languages Tuesday-Friday of next week! Factoid: there are 28 languages spoken in the homes of our students other than English!

NEW

### **Social- Emotional Learning (SEL) Groups Now Forming at Bednarcik**

- Sign up for the following student support groups at Bednarcik: (See enclosure for sign-up & details)

- Achieving Peace
- Academic Success
- Social Support
- Grief Group



NEW

### **High School Counselors to Visit 8th Grade Students!**



On Friday, November 18th, Oswego East counselors will be visiting with our 8th grade students at Bednarcik during History classes. OE counselors will be discussing the basics of high school, course selection, two-year plan, and scheduling. This is an introduction to high school life. More information about high school registration and scheduling will come after winter break.



NEW

## Jenga Blocks Wanted

- Mr. Kokes is seeking donations of unwanted games of Jenga. He will not be playing Jenga, but using the blocks in his science class for engineering design projects. If you have an unwanted game or two of Jenga, please have your student bring it to school and drop it off in the main office.

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## Science Department looking for recycled materials

- The following items will be needed for projects this year:
  - election signs (which are made of Coroboard)
  - paper towel roll tubes
  - used packing boxes (broken down please for delivery& storage purposes)



If you are able to donate any of these items please place a post it or note with Ms. Truemper's name on the outside of the items so they are delivered to right place.

NEW

## Do your part! Save energy with The Resource Force

- Our school is participating in The Resource Force and is helping to save 1.2 million kilowatt-hours of energy this school year. We want to have at least 100 families at our school sign up for a FREE Resource Kit and use it to make their homes energy-efficient. These FREE kits contain items like LED bulbs, power strips or energy-efficient showerheads, and other useful gadgets that can make a difference toward saving energy at home. As our families request and use their kits, we can measure the energy that our school is saving! And, if we are one of the first 30 schools to reach 100 kits, our school will automatically win \$250! Sign up for your FREE kit and help to save energy! Go to [ResourceKit.org](http://ResourceKit.org) or call 1-844-452-1160.

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## Quarter 2 PBIS Reward Day



- In an effort to encourage and reward all students to Own their responsibility students are challenged with homework completion and appropriate behavior for the second quarter.
- Students will earn time on December 21 to take part in one of three activities during that 4-hour day. Students who qualify will:
  - Have less than 7 total missing assignments for the quarter
  - Have 0 In-school or Out-of-School suspensions from 10/31/16 – 12/20/2016
- All students have heard the challenge during announcements and lunch. We hope this is a way for us to recognize and honor all students who are Doing the right thing, Owning their responsibility, Getting positively involved, and Staying safe



NEW

## Toys for the Needy

Toys for Tots is running until December 16th! For every new toy your child brings in to their homeroom teacher, they will receive a chance to attend the Oswego Fire House Breakfast. The more toys you donate, the better we can help make this holiday season a happy one for those less fortunate. All toys donated stay right here in the Oswego Community.

Toys must be BRAND NEW and unwrapped when they are brought school. Thank you for helping us brighten the holiday season for children in our area.



NEW

## **KEEP 'EM COMIN' Our Goal is 150 items!**

### **We need NEW Hats! Scarves! Gloves, Head Bands! for the Homeless**

Our Giving Tree is ready for your donations of NEW hats, gloves, head bands and scarves. These items will be distributed among needy & homeless children and adults. Please help us collect lots and lots of items to keep those in need warm during the cold winter months.

*The student that brings in the most items will win a **\$25 gift card to Fox Valley Mall!***

### ➤ **Home and School Organization (HSO)**



#### **Future HSO meetings:**

February 16<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Judith Minor, Associate Superintendent, or Allen Clasen, Director of Technology, will discuss digital technology and student use of Chrome Books.

April 20<sup>th</sup>: An overview of our AVID program, and open invitation to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

**HSO Membership** - Membership to our wonderful HSO is only \$10 per year. All of our Membership dues are used for the benefit of our students and school. Please visit our website <http://www.sd308.org/bednarcik> to sign up. Any questions, please contact Rhonda Jorgensen, HSO President, at [rhondajorgensen@me.com](mailto:rhondajorgensen@me.com), or Alisa Rannocho, HSO Secretary, at [sisterbunny@comcast.net](mailto:sisterbunny@comcast.net).

## **ONGOING NEWS and REMINDERS:**



### ➤ **Excused Absences:**

- The following is needed for Excused Absences:
  1. A message must be left on our Attendance Line (630-636-2501) by 10:00 a.m.
  2. Symptoms or reason for absence must be included in the message.
  3. If student is arriving late due to a medical appointment, a written doctor's excuse needs to be turned in.Thank you for your cooperation.

### ➤ **Student IDs**

- Students who did not attend registration should be getting a new ID by the end of the second week in October. Starting Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> all students are required to have their current school year ID for identification at BE and sporting events, use in the library, for printing, and lunchroom purposes. If your student has lost the ID they received during registration they may purchase a new ID for \$5 in the LRC.

### ➤ **Rewards Programs:**

- Parents and students: the following collections can be taking in the main office:
  - HSO—collecting Box Tops for Education
  - My Time—collecting Campbell's Soup labels
  - Athletics – Cokes rewards codes

### **Labels for Education**

Please continue to cut out and turn in the Labels for Education from any Campbell's products that still have them while there is still time! This program is being gradually phased out, so we are trying to raise as many points as we can from this program before it is gone. We use these points to obtain additional materials for our My Time program.

### **Box Tops for Education (BTFE)**

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our School, and all of the programs the HSO sponsors. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and all you have to do is clip them out and send them in to school. Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products (see the attached flyer). For more information on the Box Tops program, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers. The website even has Sweepstakes that give you an opportunity to earn bonus box tops for our school! There is also a New Box Tops Bonus APP. Visit our website <http://www.sd308.org/bednarcik> and click "news" to sign up. Any questions, please contact our Box Tops Coordinator, Alisa Rannocho at [sisterbunny@comcast.net](mailto:sisterbunny@comcast.net)

### ➤ **My Time After School Program**

- My Time started on Monday, September 26th, and will meet every Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Room 1269D (located in the 1st floor 6th grade pod). My Time is a very flexible program – students can attend as many or as few days as fit into their schedule. Parent pick-up time is at 4:30 p.m. sharp. What is My Time? It is a free program run by Aurora Communities in Schools, and is affiliated with Aurora University. The adult staff and Aurora University students help our Bednarcik students with homework, class, projects, crafts, board games. Applications can be found on our website: <http://www.sd308.org/bednarcik> “ If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Alisa Rannocho, at [arannocho@sd308.org](mailto:arannocho@sd308.org)

### ➤ **Are you on FACEBOOK?**



- “Like” Bednarcik!.... <https://www.facebook.com/bednarcik308>

### ➤ **Get Ready. Get Connected.**



- Community Unit School District 308 is excited to announce the launch of its mobile app. The free app is available on both Apple and Android mobile devices (including cell phones and tablets) by searching for “SD 308” in the app store. Have questions? Go to [www.sd308/mobile-app](http://www.sd308/mobile-app)

### ➤ **Enclosures:**



- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Info
- Yearbook Order Info
- OEHS Food Truck Feast

 **Transportation Questions? – Call 630-636-2999**



## Student Policy Reminders:

- **Alternate Bus Ride Home** - A reminder to all families that if your child will be riding the bus home with another student, both you and the parent of your child's friend must provide a written note to the main office no later than the end of homeroom. No verbal consent can be taken.
- **Outside Vendor Food** – NOT allowed to be brought in for students during lunch periods. Please do not drop off food for special student occasions or personal lunches. Students will be required to eat in the main office. "Table parties" are also not allowed.
- **Locker Decorating** - Only permitted before school starting at 7:40. Students must have permission from a teacher and the teacher must supervise them. This must be arranged in advance with the teacher.
- **Locker Sharing** - Sharing lockers is not permitted. Each student is to use their assigned locker only. Sharing locker combinations is also not permitted.
- **Gum** – chewing gum in school is not permitted.

## Questions, Comments, Praise, and Concerns:



### Parent Feedback:

- The faculty and staff at Bednarcik are always looking for questions, comments, praise, and concerns that parents may have regarding our building. We have created a continuous dialogue through a Google document where you have an opportunity to ask questions that are on your mind, offer advice to the school, give praise, or voice concerns. We then would try to answer or follow up with information in the following weeks Bulldog Blast or with a conversation.
- [Communication Link](#)

<http://www.sd308.org/bednarcik>

*Our mission at Bednarcik Junior High is to instill academic and social skills that allow students to succeed now and as they prepare for high school, college, and their career.*

Fall 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Bednarcik Junior High will be offering Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) groups. Students completed a needs assessment survey to identify top areas students need support. Based on the results of the survey, the following SEL groups will be offered.:

**Achieving Peace** - Students are welcome to join this group to address ways to manage stressful thoughts and emotions that may interfere with school and social functioning. This is a six week introduction for 20-30 minutes per week to introduce participants on methods to identify triggers and manage anxiety.

**Academic Success**- Topics will include: Time Management, Goal Setting/Monitoring Grades, Use of Assignment Notebook, Learning to Advocate, and Improving Study Skills.

**Social Support**- Topics will include: establishing and maintaining positive peer interactions, making friends and social communication skills.

**Grief Group**- Students are welcome to join this group if they have experienced the loss of a significant person through death, divorce, or separation. We will meet for 20-30 minutes per week and learn the various coping strategies as well as the stages of grief.

Groups will meet weekly during the school day and will be facilitated by a member of the Bednarcik Student Services Team.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the members of our Student Services Team.

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**Yes, I would like my student to participate in the following group:**

Achieving Peace     Academic Success     Social Support     Grief Group

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Period \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following questions:**

**Student: Please explain any concerns you may have or why you would like to participate in the group:**

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**Parent: Please explain why you would like your child to participate in the group:**

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**Please return complete sheets to Student Services by November 22nd.**

# Fall Special

ONLY \$27

This deal won't last long!

Order your 2017 yearbook before **November 18<sup>th</sup>** and save \$\$\$!!

All orders will be submitted online following these 5 easy steps:

1. Click on the link below
2. Enter your school's name
3. Select "yearbook"
4. Add personalization, if desired, then add to cart
5. Check out

<http://www.jostens.com/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email

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Hello, Oswego East Families-

If you enjoy food truck cuisine, then come check out the first ever Oswego East Food Truck Feast sponsored by the Key Club! This feast will take place on Saturday, November 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM at OE. The event will feature some of the area's best food trucks, live DJ entertainment, face painting, and more! A portion of proceeds will benefit the Hesed House and donations of scarves and hand warmers for Hesed House will be accepted onsite as well.

Our Food Truck Lineup Includes

- Yum Dum Truck
- Cupcakes for Courage
- Crème of the Crop Food Truck
- Grumpy Gaucho
- The Roaming Hog
- Toasty Cheese
- Mimi's Chicago Humble Pie
- Best Truckin' BBQ
- Xtreme Street Eats
- Mario's Cart
- Gobble Doggs
- Jerk, Jamaican Grill
- Auntie Vee's Desserts
- Chick-fil-a Oswego
- ROGUE Curbside Kitchen

All participants are subject to change.

Help us award your favorite truck the "Beast of the Feast" award! Just eat and look for our voting station jars.

Oswego East Food Truck Feast is a **Brew Avenue Events** production.