



happy holidays!



Bulldog Blast

December 8, 2016
Together We Make a Difference

NEW

Calendar Notifications



- December 8 & 9 - The Girl with the Golden Locks Play 7 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- December 13 – Winter Band Concert 7p.m. (Gym)
- December 14 – NJHS T-shirt Orders Due (to Mrs. Think)
- December 21 – PBIS Reward Day! (See details below)
- December 22- January 6 – No School. Enjoy your Winter Break! (Students return to school on January 9)
- January 12 & 13 – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts 3-4:30 p.m. (Gym) -see important info below
- January 13 – Literacy Fest Writing Contest Entries Due (to Language Arts Teachers)



NEW and UPDATED NEWS:



...Debuts tonight!

- Come to Bednarcik's cafeteria tonight or tomorrow at 7 p.m. to see if Agent Goldilocks can stop the Three Bears from blowing up the Magic Kingdom. Student tickets are \$1, adults are \$3.

NEW

NJHS T-shirts

- NJHS students, now is the time to order your 2016 NJHS t-shirt! Please see the enclosure for ordering information. All orders are submitted online and are due by Wednesday, December 14. The next NJHS meeting is on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 am in the LRC. See you there!

NEW

7TH & 8TH GRADE BEDNARCIK GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Interested in trying out for the Bednarcik girls basketball team? Tryouts for both 7th and 8th grade girls will be after school on Thursday, January 12th and Friday, January 13th from 3:00-4:30 each day. All girls interested in trying out these days MUST have an updated physical on file with the school nurse or they will not be eligible to participate. Athletes must attend BOTH days of tryouts to be eligible to make the team. Please contact Mr. Morrison at jmorrison@sd308.org (8th grade) or Ms. Crema at ccrema@sd308.org (7th grade) with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing all of the athletes on those days!

NEW

Literacy Fest Writing Contest

- This year's Literacy Fest will be held at Thompson Junior High on February 8th at 6:00 PM. See the enclosures for information about submitting writing pieces for the contest. A new Mystery genre has been added as well! Submissions will be due to LA teachers by Jan 13th. Winners will be presented with ribbons the night of Feb 8th at 7:30 PM.

NEW

Optimist Club Essay Contest

- The Oswegoland Optimist Club is encouraging area students to contemplate the phrase "Chasing Optimism In The Face of Challenges", as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for 2017. Please see attached flyer for more information. Entries are due by February 1, 2017.

NEW

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.

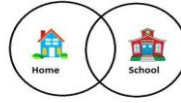
- Toys must be BRAND NEW and unwrapped when they are brought school. Thank you for helping us brighten the holiday season for children in our area. (See the enclosure regarding our partnership with "The Chiropractor Place")



BRRRR IT'S COLD OUTSIDE... could you send a WARM NEW SCARF?

The temperatures are frigid and we want to keep the needy & homeless warm this winter. Our tree is looking beautiful with all the donations of warm accessories but we could use some more to reach our goal of 150 items! *We are actually short on warm fleece and knit scarves. The student that brings in the most items will win a \$25 gift card to Fox Valley Mall! The winner will be announced at our December 21 assembly.*





➤ Home and School Organization (HSO)

Future HSO meetings:

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

April 20th: An overview of our AVID program, and open invitation to 5th 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, or Alisa Rannocho, HSO Secretary, at sisterbunny@comcast.net.

➤ 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.

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. 11th 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

➤ 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

➤ 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

➤ Enclosures:



- Literacy Fest Writing Contest
- Optimist Club Essay Contest
- NJHS Tshirt Order
- The Chiropractor Place



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>

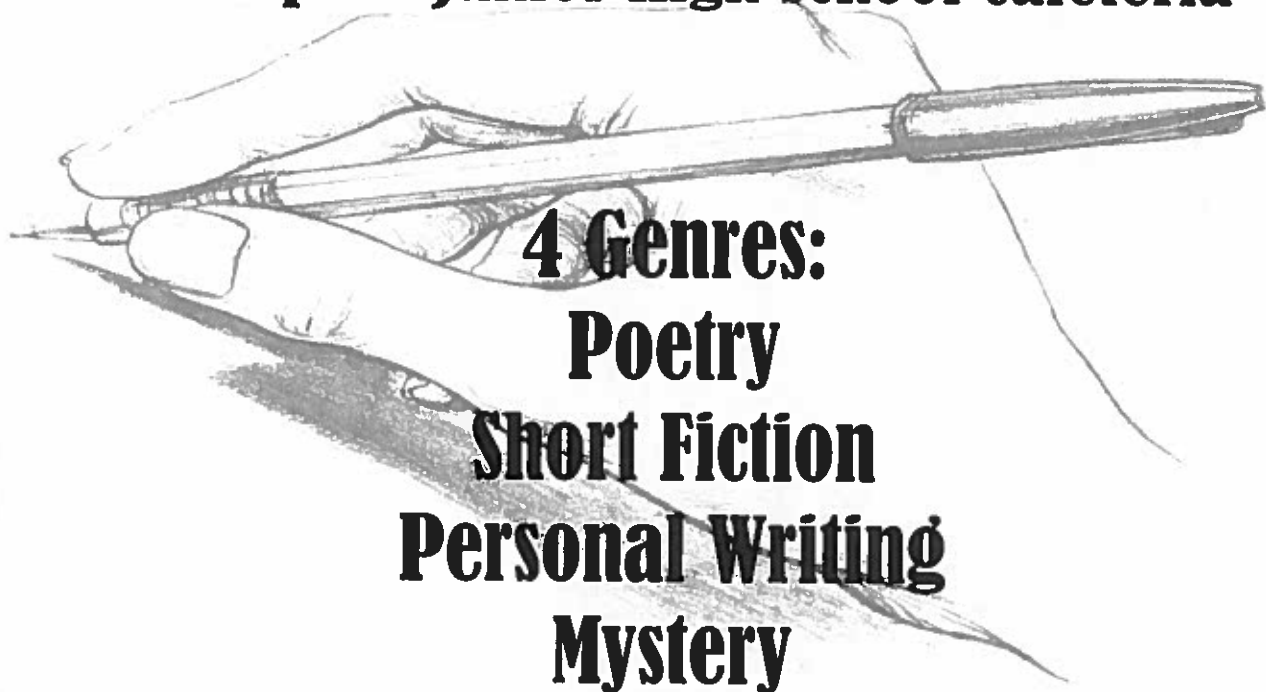
Our mission at Bednarcik Junior High is to instill academic and social skills that allow students to succeed now and as they prepare for high school, college, and their career.



SD308 Junior High Writing Contest

February 8, 2017

Thompson Junior High School Cafeteria



4 Genres:

Poetry

Short Fiction

Personal Writing

Mystery

Guidelines:

- ❖ **Maximum 8 Pages**
- ❖ **Entries Due By January 13th**
- ❖ **Maximum 3 Entries Per Student**
- ❖ **Turn in Entries to Language Arts Teacher**
- ❖ **Your Name Must Be On Cover Sheet - Not Manuscript.**

(SEE YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER FOR COVER SHEETS!)

Thompson Junior High School

February 8, 2017 At: 7:30 PM

SD308 JUNIOR HIGH WRITING CONTEST

TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CREATIVE WRITERS

**4 Genres:
Poetry
Short Fiction
Personal Writing
Mystery**

Guidelines:

Maximum 8 Pages

Entries Due By January 13th

Maximum 3 Entries Per Student

Students Submit Entries To Language Arts Teacher

Student Name Must Be On Cover Sheet - Not Manuscript.

SD 308 Family Literacy Night Begins at 6:00 / Writing Contest Awards at 7:30

WRITING CONTEST ENTRY COVER SHEET

Name: _____

Manuscript Title: _____

Genre (Circle): **Personal Writing**
 Short Fiction
 Poetry
 Mystery

Grade Level (Circle): **6** **7** **8**

Your language arts teacher (Circle):

DiFiore
Phillips
Johnson
Dutdut
Shumate
Schultz
Sparacino
Panzeca
Sadler
Herrick
Walker
Smith
Thilk

REMEMBER: Your name (or other identifying information) CAN NOT be included on your entry. Do NOT include the MLA heading. Staple this cover sheet to your manuscript.

Manuscripts must be titled, typed and double-spaced. Eight page maximum!

(Exception: Poetry may be single-spaced.)

Manuscripts are due to your language arts teacher by January 13, 2017.

The Oswegoland Optimist Club

Essay Contest

“Chasing Optimism In The Face of Challenges”

DUE: February 1, 2017

The Oswegoland Optimist Club is encouraging area students to contemplate the phrase **“Chasing Optimism In The Face of Challenges”**, as part of the **Optimist International Essay Contest for 2017**.

The guidelines require that contestants be under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016 and have not yet graduated high school or the equivalent.

This contest is open to all area students! Home schooled students are encouraged to participate, as well! You do not have to live in Oswego.

Winners receive a cash prize, and the opportunity to advance to the district level, where he/she will compete for a \$2500 scholarship.

The essay contest is sponsored by the Optimist Club to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective.

Concern

All entries must be sent to Tracey Contino, at Oswego High School, no later than February 1, 2017.

Visit Mrs. Shumate’s Google site, under *Student Opportunities/Writing Contests* for an entry form and rules.

Application for 2016-2017 Optimist International Essay Contest

Name _____ M F
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Telephone (_____) _____
 E-mail _____
 Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____

Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Essay Contest this school year? Yes No

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Relationship _____

I, _____ grant the Optimist Club International my permission to use a picture of my son/daughter _____ for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club International may use the photo in any publication they see fit.

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

by Feb. 1, 2017

Please send application to address below:

Official Topic:

"Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges"

Essay Contest Rules

Each contestant must be given a copy of the rules and complete the entry form. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.

Section I - General Rules

- The Optimist International essay contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club and District.
- Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club or an A-Large contest if a local club is not available. An A-Large student may not have competed in an Optimist International or District contest in the same year.
- Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretive literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
- All District-level competitors must have a minimum of 3 contestants participating.
- Optimist International will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise use duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

- The contest is open to students under age 18 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International Contest year (October 1 - September 30). Students must enter in the District in which they reside.
- U.S. students attending school on military installations outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record.
- Contestants are eligible for only one Club's contest during any given year.

- No student who has previously won a District Optimist Essay contest scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.
- All contestants at each level of the contest must show proof of age before competing. Optimist Clubs may require a copy of birth certificate or passport before participating if offering a Club scholarship separate from Optimist International. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District entry documentation.

Section III - Contest Rules

- Participants must write on the official topic.
- Each entry must begin with a title page containing the official topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.
- At the top of page 1 should be the official topic and the number of words (repeatably of 2 points for lack of topic and 3 points for failure to identify the total number of words correctly).
- Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced (Deduction of 5 points).
- Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit).
- Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1 of the essay; not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.
- Any quotations or copyrighted material used must be identified properly. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA) may be specified by the instructor overseeing the contest. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
- No references can be made in the essay that identifies the student, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)

- An essay may be written in either English, French, or Spanish if the language used is an official language of the country in which the sponsoring Club is located.
- The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Entries of any type are not accepted.

Section IV - Judging and Timing

- Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges. At the Club level, judges may be Optimist members who are not acquainted with the contestants. At the District level, judges must be non-Optimists.
- In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essay bearing only the assigned number.
- Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged.
- Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V - Scoring

- Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.
- Material Organization - logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic: 40 points
 - Vocabulary and Style - pleasing and convincing: 30 points
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 20 points
 - Neatness: 5 points
 - Adherence to Contest Rules - prepared in the proper format: 5 points

Section VI - Penalties

- Failure to list official topic: 2 points
- Failure to accurately identify total number of words: 5 points
- Failure to type essay and double-space: 5 points
- Failure to stay within the 700-800 word limit: 5 points for each 25 words or fraction based on degree

- Club level - medals
- District level - plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first-place winner.

Section VIII - Awards

- Scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundation in the U.S. and Caribbean or the Canadian Children's Foundation in Canada. Scholarships awarded are for use at a college, university, or trade school only.
- All scholarships will be payable to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International.
- Scholarships must be used in a school located in the United States, Caribbean or Canada. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
- Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

For more information contact:

Tracey Contino
 Oswego High School

Contact Address: 4250 Route 71

Oswego, IL 60543

Contact Phone or Email: _____

NJHS T-shirt Orders

Order yours today!

Visit: www.crosstownink.com

Group=Bednarcik NJHS

Access Code= serve (all lower case)

T-shirts are \$10, and all orders are due by December 14, 2016.





PLEASE DONATE A TOY AND RECIEVE SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR YOU GENEROSITY!

TCP HAS PARTNERED WITH BEDNARCIK JR. HIGH TO HELP THE COMMUNITY OF OSWEGO WITH YOUR HELP EVER NEW TOY DONATED TCP WILL HONOR A

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** EXAM*

**CONSULTATION*

** X-RAYS (IF MEDICALLY NECESSARY)*

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