



BREMEN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 228

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2015-16 Annual Success Report



District 228 - It's Time To Celebrate!

ISBE Grants District 228 \$50 Million under the QSCB Initiative

The Good News

Bremen District 228 is proud to announce that it has received approval from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for \$50 million in Quality School Construction Bonds (QSCB). District 228 was one of only three school districts to receive the maximum \$50 million QSCB allotment.

The ISBE received 193 applications from December 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016. Following review of the applications, ISBE awarded a portion of the QSCB to each of 29 school districts.

The Financial Information

This grant allows D228 to issue low- to zero-interest bonds through the federal QSCB program. These funds will go towards a seven-year capital improvement plan approved by the D228 Board of Education.

The projected budget for the QSCB projects is \$74 million, including the \$50 million received from QSCB. A significant component of the capital improvement plan is the fact that the district is expected to receive \$35.6 million in federal funds over the next 20 years. These funds can be used to pay for capital improvements and to strengthen the District's financial condition.

"I am so proud that District 228 has the opportunity to use these low- to zero-interest funds towards improving the overall quality of our four schools. This couldn't have been possible without years of incredible fiscal responsibility. I commend the Board of Education, Administration and staff on all of their efforts," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Kendall.



The Construction Plan Information

On August 16, 2016, the Board of Education approved a 7-year capital improvement plan with regard to the Quality School Construction Bond, and exciting things are about to begin.

Students at all four campuses will receive:

- Turf fields and field houses, including a competition track and three multi-use courts
- Ancillary space will be created for additional classrooms, weight rooms, training rooms, restrooms and storage rooms
- Digital signage for outside announcements
- Food service kitchen remodels

Students at specific schools will receive:

- Band room expansions at Bremen and Tinley Park High Schools
- A new gym floor at Oak Forest High School
- A cafeteria expansion at Bremen High School
- Light poles in stadiums at Tinley Park, Hillcrest and Oak Forest High Schools
- A new parking lot at Tinley Park High School
- A roof replacement at Bremen and Hillcrest High Schools

"There is so much to be excited about and so much to do. Civil engineers have completed topographical studies on all four campuses. These studies have provided us with insight on how to improve each campus through infrastructure rehabilitation and repair. We will begin year one taking care of drainage and detention before moving on to all of the other exciting projects. This seven-year plan will be reviewed annually to continue our promise of fiscal responsibility," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Kendall.



Welcome

The Board of Education is pleased to present its 3rd Annual Success Report. We could not be prouder of our students and the young adults they have become. We are repeatedly amazed at their goal setting abilities and their tenacity to bring those goals to fruition. As you will see, our students are knowledgeable, talented, well-rounded, caring, and compassionate. They are successful in the classroom, in athletics and activities, and in the community, all while they prepare for the future.

Also included in this report is a snapshot of the dedication of the teachers, staff and community for all of our students. You will see examples of the supports provided to students so that they can plan for their future whether they are college- or career-oriented. Lastly, you will see examples of how we support our students financially through qualified staff and budget monitoring, while working to maintain programs for students. Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information, comments or questions.

*Sincerely,
Debi Stearns, Board President*



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Our Students are Leaders...

District 228 students are working now to be the leaders of tomorrow by participating in school and community clubs and organizations. Whether they work through clubs at school or other organizations in the school community, our students set goals and do whatever it takes to reach them.

- Students conducted the January 2016 Board of Education Meeting. Participants were: Zoe Janisse-Board President, Javier Covarrubias-Board Vice-President, Lonye Poole-Board Secretary and Jenna Brown, Kelcy Martin, Kevin Moore and Tay Nathan-Board Members. Autumn Clemons, Darnell Gilton, Dave Handing, Amber Holup, Sterlen Johnson, Morghan Schnell, and Karen Vargas were District Administrators. Group presentations were made by: Adenika Adekahunsi, Giavonni Gray, Anusha Haidry, JaRon Johnson, Brandon Loving, Jazmin Mercado, Estefany Vicente and Arsil Vohra. The event photographer was Maurice Robinson and the videographer was Diego Alvarado.
- Kunoichi Joiner, Tyler Bearden, and Jenna Kurecki received 1st Place awards for the VFW Voice of Democracy contest.
- Javier Covarrubias, Julissa Garcia, Jazmin Mercado, Richard Rhein, Sarah Smith, and Jennifer West presented at the National High School Leadership LEADS Conference.
- Amber Holup organized a Student Leadership Workshop for District 228 students through the Bridge Teen Center.
- Julissa Garcia, Giavonni Gray, Erianna James and Jillian Moss served as Student Council Presidents.
- Kira Feliszak was chosen to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Conference.
- Autumn Clemons and Moriam Yarrow were co-founders for an African Festival entitled, "Origins."
- Jenna Beardsley, Madison Hamrin, Aya Hasan, Majetic Marley and Jillian Moss were South Suburban Conference All-Conference Leadership award winners.
- Sterling Wright was chosen to attend the Illinois Boys' State Leadership Retreat and Estefany Vicente was chosen to attend the Illinois Girls' State Leadership Retreat, sponsored by the American Legion.
- Esmerelda Aguilar, Amber Holup, Armani White and Anthony Pellegrino served as Senior Class Presidents.
- Kevin Moore conducted a one-day Concert Band Camp for students at Prairie Hills and Southwood schools.
- Shane Bednarek, Jessica Freudinger, Kaizha King and Maura Zackavec received the Business Professionals of America's Torch Award for leadership and service to their chapter and community and the Ambassador Torch Award at the National level.
- Sarah Alderson, Amanda Ashmus, Julia Beck, Kaizha King, Patrick Nolan, Mary O'Brien, Abbey Ragan, Casey Weisfuss, and Abigail Zatkalik participated in the Tinley Park "Youth in Government" night.



They're Committed to Academics...

Our students achieved above the national average in Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry, Calculus AB and Calculus BC. The number of students taking AP Calculus AB has doubled over the last six years and we have seen an increase in pass rate from 51% in 2010 to 60% in 2016. The pass rate in AP Spanish has increased from 31% in 2010 to 80% in 2016.

- The College Board recognizes students' efforts on AP exams and awards several levels of distinction.
 - AP Scholar - Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams
 - AP Scholar with Honor - Students who receive an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams taken and score a 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams
 - AP Scholar with Distinction - Students who receive an average of 3.5 on all AP exams taken and score a 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams
 - National AP Scholar—Granted to a student who receives an average score of at least 4 or higher on 8 or more of these exams
- National AP Scholars were: Kika Arias, Damian Behmyer, Adam Kral, David Pleta, Alexander Quatrini and Rebecca Weber.
- AP Scholars with Distinction were: Amir Al Sheikh, Kika Arias, Amanda Beall, Tyler Bearden, Damian Beyhmer, Kirsten Birk, Nicole Borosak, Michael Brueggemann, Ivan Czajkowski, Nigere Epps, Bridget Fitzgerald, Robert Gonsch, Ruairi Haran, Gretchen Hedke, Matthew Jones, Alexander Kaffka, Adam Kral, Jenna Kurecki, Christopher Kyle, Jonathan Labampa, John Macayan, Pavol Majercak, Nathan McGovern, Patrick Nolan, Mary O'Brien, Alexis Petrauskas, David Pleta, Alexander Quatrini, Eric Schultz, James Simanis, Matthew Sinwelski, Jonathan Sullivan-Wood, Seth Taccola, Jayel Taylor, Gabrielle Toreja, Rebecca Weber, Casey Weisfuss and Abigail Zatkalik.
- AP Scholars with Honors were: Gretchen Behrens, Katarina Belcher, Brandon Bell, Chastity Berrios, Rebecca Boswell, Jenna Brown, Patrick Cooke, Sean Cramer, Zachary Dutkiewicz, Kyla Kelly, Reece Mascolino, Daniel McCullough, Aidan McMahan, Dana Miller, Laura Neupauerova, Joshua Palces, Abbey Ragan, Alejandro Rivas, Vladislav Souboch, Valerie Triolo, Margaret Turkovich, and Eric Vondrak.
- AP Scholars were: Estelle Marie Alaroker, Daniel Bahena-Murillo, Zainab Basit, Sydney Baumeister, Julia Beck, Colin Bell, Carolina Carrillo, Elizabeth Carrillo, Steve Cheng, Brett Chudina, Javier Covarrubias, Justin Coyle, Casey Crusius, Coleen DelRosario, Mairead Dewitt, Matthew Donley, Savannah Doyle, Carey Dwyer, Chris Dzik, Danny Farrell, Leonard Feil, Rachel Fimbianti, Nicole Finchum, Brianna Galvan, Tyler Gramm, Giavonni Gray, Dylan Henson, Cole Hickey, Autumn Hofsaes, Sara Izguerra, Caitlyn Jerkins, Diana Karajeh, David Kavalasukas, Kimberley Kelly, Sara Killackey, Elizabeth Klimek, Alexis Koronkiewicz, David Kozak, Katherine Kozlik, Thomas Kucek, Nick Kyle, Timothy Lash, Emily Lilly, Ella Lindokken, Marley Majetic, Morgan McCain, Brittany McManigal, Hannah McNaughton, Jacob Meline, Giovanni Mendoza, Micala Merino, Matthew Misheck, Eric Niewinski, Amani Nimer, Kaitlyn Nowicki, Martin O'Connell, Tiffany Ogbogu, Diana Pacheco, Giselle Palacios, Steven Pazur, Brooke Pisciotto, Philip Powers, Richard Rhein, Favian Rosales, Oscar Ruiz, Shereilyn Saceda, Ashley Santos, Maeghan Schreiber, Austin Septoski, Maha Sheikh, Cassandra Sheridan, Camryn Stuart, Valerie Sukolowsky, Michael Thayer, Haley Tipping, Kassieann Tragnitz, Zachary Tuuk, Jessica Velazquez, Kelly Vidovic, Kyle Wegner, Jennifer West, Sarah Williams, Casey Wolff, Sarah Wu, Haley Zinkan and Anastasia Zubek.

They're in the Spotlight...

Our students are champions in activities, athletics and community organizations. They set their sites high and continuously make us proud.

- Eniola Awoniyi, Lardell Clark, Tondalaha Davis, Darnell Gilton, Pierre Tutson, Taylor Winbush, Savannah Wooden, Alexis Woods, Moriam Yarrow and Darlena York won the Illinois State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Competition.



- Taylor Sterkowitz scored her 1,000th career point in Girls' Basketball.
- Nicole Ames, Joseph Crosetto, Kitara Dee, Jessica Dominguez, Matthew Donley, Dalia Fernandez-Morales, Aya Hasan, Alex Holewa, Magdalene Janisse, Zoe Janisse, Marley Majetic, Tara Neylon, Nick Trupes, and Jennifer West received the Cook County Sherriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor for volunteerism and community service.
- Karson Edwards-Fournier was crowned Miss Illinois High School America 2016.



- Marcus Garrett was named South Suburban Conference (SSC) Boys' Basketball Player of the Year.
- Kika Arias was the IHSA Speech Sectional Tournament Champion.

- Mikella Klimson was a Business Professionals of America National Finalist.
- Mickenzie Alexander, Kinsey Carrera, Emily Cooper, Daniel Deane, Brittney Hosttutler, Alex Joritz, Tyler Pajic, John Paras and Jianna Parel were chosen for the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Division I Choir.
- Martin O'Connell and Meghan O'Keefe were SSC All-Conference Science award winners.
- Audrey Cooper, Margaret Good, Marley Majetic and Nathan McGovern were chosen for the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Division I Band.
- Joshulyn Shepherd was the SSC Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.
- Adam Kral was the IHSA All-Sectional and All-Conference Scholastic Bowl Champion.
- Ricardo Avalos was named SSC Boys' Soccer Player of the Year.



- Lexxi Lux was named SSC Softball Player of the Year.
- Ethan Mensing was the IHSA Journalism Sectional Champion.
- Isaac Hollis, Danielle Jensen, Faith Ross and Moriam Yarrow were semi-finalists in the 2016 Letters about Literature reading and writing competition, sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Books.
- Carolina Carrillo was the South Suburban Conference Girls' Soccer Player of the Year.
- Shaina Spinks was named All-Conference in the South Suburban Conference Cast category.

- The District 228 Communication Arts & Technology Program was awarded \$7,500 from the Illinois Heart Rescue Organization for their Hand Only public service announcements and were recognized at the August 31 Cubs game. Participants included: Jose Ambrosio, Stephon Broaden, Doug Bulow, Adrian Cardenas, Dynecia Dixon, Veronica Garcia, Martez Jackson, DiJon Jones, Moises Montano, Rachel Mosqueda, Thomas Parchem, Efua Richardson, Michelle Rodriguez, Joshua Rooney and Kevin Espinosa. Honorable Mentions were: Garee Adams, Justin Barksdale, Brittany Condon, John Gleason, Nylle Graham, Jeremiah Griffin, Christian Hammond, Justin Zakaria McGrew, Tara Pollard, Ken Potocki, Nick Robinson, Christopher Shivers, Edward Singleton, Lilydian Tolbert and Demario Torrez.



- Stephen Brisco and Akiyah Lee received Top Performer awards at the Museum of Science and Industry's "Black Creativity Competition."
- Eric Schultz was named South Suburban Conference Football Player of the Year and was a State Champion in wrestling.
- Troy Hagadus and Alex Holewa received Three-Sport Athlete Awards.
- Adam Kral achieved All-Conference Mathlete in the South Suburban Conference.
- Amanda Beall, Nicole Borosak, Emily Cooper, Tessa Damien, Camryn Dusold, Margaret Good, Madison Greenhill, Caroline Lilly, Marley Majetic, Danielle Murawski, and John Nieszal were chosen for the South Suburban Conference All-Conference Honor Symphonic Band.
- Philip Powers was awarded the Chicago Bears Community Champion Award for his work as a food drive volunteer and mission work.
- Emily Cooper and Alex Quatrini were named South Suburban Conference ILMEA All-State.
- Martin O'Connell and Meghan O'Keefe were the South Suburban Conference All-Conference Science Champions.

- Four students were recipients of the Eleanor C. Ferraro Scholarship. Ella Lindokken for music, Cassandra Sheridan for art, Georgia Ellis for art and music, and Alex Joritz for drama, choral and music.
- Alejandra Escareno received the South Suburban College Regional "Best of Show" Art Award." Svetlana Heim, Magdalene Janisse, Kunoichi Joiner, Maya Maslovska and Cassie Sheridan received the South Suburban College Regional "Best of School" Art Award.
- Communication Arts & Technology Course students competed in the 24th Annual Midwest Media Educators Association's Video Festival. Cristian Cervantez received 2nd Place for his movie trailer, "Redemption." Katherine Kozlik, Emily Plummer, Kaleigh Urban and Cristina Robertson received 2nd Place for their public service announcement, "Texting & Driving."
- Christopher Dantis won the Sun-Times Black History Month contest with his essay, "The Seeds of Change."
- Roosevelt Jinter and Deanna Sosa won the South Suburban Conference "Best of School Award for Drawing" in the Visual Arts. Zoe Janisse and John Urbanski won South Suburban Conference "Best of School Award" in the Visual Arts. Austin Beckon, Nafis Shaheed, Nicholas Lindley and Karen Vargas won the South Suburban Conference "Honorable Mention Award" in the Visual Arts.
- Maddie Barthelt, Jessica Boger, Taylor Cortese, Kylie Deske, Sage Flassig, Sandy Florczyk, Rebecca Hagadus, Emily Killacky, Cassie Larsen, Madison Miller, Erin Moore, Nicole Neri, Charlotte Peloquin, Zoe Rios, Iryna Topchyi, Nicole Tucker, Clair Wolf and Elizabeth Zolna were the SSC 1st Place State Champions in Cheerleading.
- Luther Newburn was named State Champion in Triple Jump at 48-3.





They're Successful Athletes...

District 228 athletes have the drive, discipline and commitment to succeed in their sport. These qualities equal success, and we have success district-wide.

Badminton	All-Conference	Lizzy Samoska
Baseball	All-Conference	Collin Brown, Connor Ceglarz, Austin Franczak, Michael Fuentes, Colin Kelly, Cody McArthur, Jonathan McCord, Colin Walton
Basketball (Boys)	All-Conference	Marcus Garrett, Wesley Gray, Justice Jackson, Marshaud Watkins
	Regional Champions	Isaac Stanback, Stephon King, Tylen Williams
Basketball (Girls)	All-Conference	Sabrina Baxa, Rebecca Bragg, Jaila Cole-Clark, Kyla Cornelius, Christasia Fountain, Joshulyn Shepherd, Taylor Sterkowitz, Royale Williams
Bowling (Boys)	All-Conference	Jacob Chicoine, Keith Pedersen
Bowling (Girls)	All-Conference	Madelynn Fischer, Jamie Mack, Emily Plummer, Paige Shaw, Stacey Shelton
Cheerleading	All-Conference	Julia Beck, Olivia Burbatt, Justyce Galeano-Davis, Rebecca Hagadus, Erin Moore, Jayla Newton, Charlotte Peloquin, Jamia Perkins, Samantha Schultz, Abbie Wick, Claire Wolf
	State Qualifier	Bremen, Tinley Park, and Oak Forest Cheer Teams
	State Champion	Oak Forest Cheer Team
Cross Country (Boys)	All-Conference	Kane Burke, Suhayb Froukh, Dan Garcia, Javier Simental, Elijah Trella, Tyler Vrba
Cross Country (Girls)	All-Conference	Jaclyn Latocha, Emily Lilly, Mireya Lopez
	State Qualifier	Mireya Lopez
Football	All-Conference	Evan Broniarczyk, Lemont Brooks, Ezenna C'Madu, Damon Czarnecki, Nick Czeszewski, Cody Esparza, Marcus Garrett, Bob Gonsch, Jevon Gray, JaRon Johnson, Trevor Koepke, James Lipscombe, Dan McCullough, Jordan Moore, Jake Perez, Maurice Robinson, Zach Russell, Eric Schultz, Delante Scott, Adam Simon, Amari Smith, Seth Taccola, Myles Walton
Golf (Boys)	All-Conference	Matt Casey, David Kavalaukas, Eric Niewinski, Martin O'Connell, Collin Wilma
Golf (Girls)	All-Conference	Becca Boswell, Karla Otte
Poms	All-Conference	Jenna Beardsley, Mackenzie Cali, Jenny Colander, Passion Dyer, Sydney Ferreira, Kennedy Harris, Paige Ignatowicz, Katelyn Knoll, Karly Kammerer, Bailey Kessler, Cristina Robertson, Mia Stanek, Summer Thurmond
	State Qualifier	Bremen High School Pom Team, Tinley Park High School Pom Team

Soccer (Boys)	All-Conference	Ricardo Avalos, Max Butler, Shane Collery, Jake Diaz, Jon Doolin, Sam Grutzius, Jonathan Labampa, Cristian Lopez, Fabian Lopez, Danny Roche, Jorge Villanueva
Soccer (Girls)	All-Conference	Emma Alderman, Sabrina Baxa, Violeta Bravo, Jenna Brown, Carolina Carrillo, Elizabeth Carrillo, Casey Crusius, Paulina Gallardo, Alyssa Gilman, Emily Lilly, Stephanie Nichols, Rachel Valente
	All State	Carolina Carrillo
Softball	All-Conference	Taylor Ahlgrim, Shannon Coyle, Angela Elias, Jenna Gaskin, Alicia Kolacki, Karly Kos, Megan Laib, Alexandra Laphen, Lexxi Lux, Kylie Powers, Kaylee Saavedra, Annalisse Scott, Taylor Sterkowitz, Annie Zubek
	All-Area	Taylor Sterkowitz
	All-State	Kylie Powers, Taylor Sterkowitz
Swimming (Boys)	All-Conference	Kevin Griffin, John Manso
Swimming (Girls)	All-Conference	Briana Alarcon, Gretchen Behrens, Elizabeth Minnich, Emily Moffit, Jillian Schultz, Grace Stahnke, Samantha Toland, Leah Wood
Track (Boys)	Conference Champions	Ezenna C'Madu, Kendall Corbett, Joey Davies, Roderick Harris, John Kennedy, Michael Meskill, Tayjione Nathan, Luther Newburn, Aldreiron Smith, Najee Sylvester, Seth Taccola
	Sectional Champions	Ezenna C'Madu, Luther Newburn
	State Qualifiers	Ezenna C'Madu, Joey Davies, Roderick Harris, Michael Meskill, Tayjione Nathan, Luther Newburn, Da'kari Smith, Nayjee Sylvester, Solomon Wilson-Walls, Sterling Wright, TJ Weglarz, Tylen Williams
	State Champion	Luther Newburn
Track (Girls)	All-Conference	Veronica Arias, Alex Lambros, Vejune Sidaugaite, Desiree Wilson
Volleyball (Boys)	All-Conference	Josh Balinao, Luke Borosak, Jake Olson, Karol Rzeminski
Volleyball (Girls)	All-Conference	Jackie Alberto, Sabrina Baxa, Tyler Bearden, Kasey Brennan, Jenna Brown, Jaila Cole-Clark, Emily Ellis, Ana Lambros, Deborah Martinez
Wrestling	All-Conference	Eric Brenner, Ceaser Clark, Joey Davies, Kurtis DeGroot, Justin Emmick, Carlos Garza, Nick Graziano, Justin Idrovo, Trevor Koepke, Brandon Muselman, Eric Schultz, Adam Simon, AJ Stengel, Anthony Stengel, Dom Stump
	State Qualifiers	Marshawn Bunch, Ceaser Clark, Joey Davies, Justin Emmick, Justin Idrovo, Trevor Koepke, Eric Schultz, AJ Stengel, Anthony Stengel
	State Place Winner	Ceaser Clark (6th in State)
	State Champion	Eric Schultz

They're Career-Minded...

In addition to high school studies, our students are working ahead to plan for their future careers. They are receiving recognition and certificates in their chosen fields of studies.

- Four District 228 students received the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy in English and Spanish. They were: Esmeralda Aguilar, Damian Behymer, Michelle Genta, and Marco Zendejas. Fourteen District 228 students received the Illinois State Commendation of Biliteracy. Kika Arias, Amanda Beall, Elizabeth Carrillo, Javier Covarrubias, Ricardo Gutierrez, Daisy Herrera, Felipe Lopez, Raymond Perez, Elizabeth Ramirez, Jada Roberts, Favian Rosales, Veronica Torres, and Moriam Yarrow received the Seal in English and Spanish. Suhayb Froukh received the Seal in English and Arabic. The seals are placed on the students' diplomas and add an important skill set for college and career readiness.



- Steven Addison, Andrea Al-Nurridin-McKinley, Emily Anderson, Anderson Blunt, Joshua Camarena, Nina Castillo, Corey Conwell, Estefania Flores, Jamaury Gaines, Sherman Garrett, David Gatlin, Gianni Hamilton, Jaiven Harlan, Savannah Hodge, Ariel Jefferson, Justice Jones, Raven Jones, Daquan Jordan, Mercedes Key, Jeremy Larkin, Alliyah Lewis, Tianna Lindsey, Cristian Lopez, Ariel Martin, Javery Maxey, Iverson McKinnis, Belinda Muniz, Edward Noakes, Miriam Pantoja, Nacoda Poole, Terrance Powell, Juan Quezada, Qurdri Rahman, Tammia Richardson, Sara Rodriguez, Annetta Smith, Cory Stanback, Mia Stanek and Shannon Walker earned their ServSafe Food Handler Certificate. This certification covers five areas including basic food safety, personal hygiene, cross-contamination and allergens, time and temperature, and cleaning and sanitation.



- Jasmine Dillard, Sarah Florek, Estefania Flores, Jamaury Gaines, Sherman Garrett, Gianni Hamilton, Andrew Houser-Richerme, Mercedes Key, Sarah Marszewski, Andrea Al-Nurridin-McKinley, Michael Moreland, Eric Niewinski, Miriam Pantoja, James Peoples, Monee Peoples, Nathan Sanchez, Herbert Sommer and Kayla Taylor earned their ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification. This certification is accredited by the American National Standards Institute Conference for Food Protection.

- Michael Dewan, Brandon Evans, Feryal Georgey, Giavonni Gray, Eroll MacAlindong, Breanna Morgan, Lawrence Mullins, Courtney O’Connell, Jacob Ramos, Abrial Suarez and Francesca Zarate received Emergency Medical Training (EMT) through South Suburban College and sat for the EMT state exam.



- Brooke Armistead, Jessica Freeman, Michael Jankun, Danielle Jensen, Kayla Knudsen, Alexander Martinez, Nala Mason, Joe Milazzo, Edith Ramirez, Mashell Rush, Barbara Taylor and Jakayla Wright received Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training through South Suburban College and sat for the EMR state exam.



- Twenty-five students, including Moshood Ashogbon, Janet Avila, Aaron Bozek, Alexander Bozek, Jenna Brown, Kitara Dee, Carey Dwyer, Nicole Finchum, Justina Garcia, Lauren Hahn, Crystal Hurst, Marina Ibrahim, Deondre Johnson, Victoria Lopez, Jayla Lockett, Pavol Majercak, Henrietta McDonald, Kaitlyn Nowicki, Nathaniel Perry, Victoria Rice, Alexandra Tattas, Rhyana Washington, Timothy Weglarz, Antoinette White and Armani White, completed a pre-pharmacy technician program at South Suburban College.

- In addition 439 students received the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification, 116 students earned Occupational Safety Health Association (OSHA) General Industry certificates, 98 students earned Mandated Reporter certificates, 94 students received Personal Finance certifications, 66 students completed CPR training, 50 students received their Early Childhood Education (ECE) Level I Credential, 19 students earned their Stewards of Children certificate, 13 students received OSHA certification, and 7 students participated in a law enforcement/ criminal justice career program.



And... They're Humble & Kind!

District 228 does not have a community service requirement for graduation, however, our students understand the importance of giving back to the communities in which they live. Whether it is fundraising for charities, helping the military, feeding the needy or recognizing others locally, our students are happy to lend a hand.



District/School Fundraisers, Drives & Events

- Blood Drives (Nearly 500 pints of blood were donated)
- Detroit Public Schools (75 cases of bottled water were collected)
- Food Drives & Pantries (23,000 pounds of food collected)
- Ford Drive 4 UR School (Raised \$6,000 for scholarships)
- Garage Sale (Items sold for charity; remaining items went to shelters)
- GoFundMe (Raised \$3,000 with Chris Medina for needy families)
- Jeans for Teens (1,129 pairs of jeans collected)
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (\$6,500 was raised)
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (\$700 was raised)
- Minutes that Matter (96 phones collected for soldiers)
- Oncology Treasure Chest Toy Drive (Collected 2,024 toys)
- Pediatric Oncology (5 cases of items for teen patients collected)
- Pups on Deployment (\$100 raised)
- Special Olympics (Collected \$1,500)
- St. Baldrick's Day (Organized, set up, & raised over \$22,000)
- Susan G. Komen Foundation (\$1,000 raised for cancer research)
- Together We Cope (Collected 1,500 canned goods)
- Wounded Warriors (Donated \$1,200)





Community Events & Volunteering

- Anti-Bullying Community Walk
- Bartel Grassland Preservation
- Bridge Teen Center
- Community Awareness Fair
- Family Reading Nights
- Feed My Starving Children Foundation
- Feeder School Transition Projects
- Food Pantries
- Global Youth Service Day Garden
- Hazel Crest Park District Fall Festival and Haunted House
- Hazel Crest Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
- Kiwanis Peanut Day
- Midlothian Community Garage Sale
- Oak Fest
- Oak Forest Community Fleadh
- Oak Forest Senior Citizen Dinner Dance
- Relay for Life
- Ronald McDonald House "Hot Chocolate 5K/15K"
- Senior Citizen Events
- Yankee Woods Preservation



The Class of 2016 Reached its High School Goals...

We could not be more pleased with our graduates. They have set their sites high with short- and long-term goals already in the works as some plan to continue their education at college or in the military while others are preparing to start their chosen vocation. We are confident that each student will be successful with his or her choice because of who they are and where they come from.



They're Serving their Country...

Thirty-two of our graduates enlisted in the military. They will become members of the Air Force, Army, Army Reserves, Coast Guard, Marines or the Navy. Their positive choice benefits our communities, our state and the nation. We wish them all the best as they serve our country.

Air Force

Joseph Hernandez
Savannah Hodge
Aaron Smith

Army

Savon Andrews
Bryan Besowshek
Jerod Decker
Martin Garcia
Monica Garcia
Kenneth Hall
Beau Howe
Chase Kortum

Army Reserves

Rafael Vieyra

Coast Guard

Aaron Hodges

Marines

Dave Handing
Jake Hurst
Kyle Jackson
Alexander Kush
Kyle Lefko
Shayne Simon
Caden Winson

Navy

Joshua Brown
Deanna Daniels
Tyler Dorcic
Max Dorner
Jonathan Filca
Jasmine Gontarz
Annie Holder
Aaron Iverson
Emily Jurgovan
Arielle Lewis
Kaitlyn Nowicki
Abrial Suarez



They're Heading to College with Scholarships...

Our Class of 2016 was offered more than \$18 million in scholarship opportunities. In fact, many students were offered scholarships amounting to \$100,000 or more. Those students are:

Scholarship Opportunities = \$18,478,012

Marissa Alcalá	Mairead DeWitt	Trevor Koepke	Jeremy Praski
Roia Allan	Tyler DeYoung	Katherine Kozlik	Russell Pruitt
Diego Alvarado	Carey Dwyer	Elizabeth Lampasoma	Monique Rias
Daniel Bahena-Murillo	Teri Easter	Abria Lanier	Khayla Roberts
Jessica Barelli	Rudolf Fabian	Ella Lindokken	Arianna Robinson
Destiny Barriga	Gianna Fabiano	Felipe Lopez	Andrew Rodriguez
Zainab Basit	Nicole Finchum	Pavol Majercak	Owen Ryan
Amanda Beall	Bridget Fitzgerald	Marley Majetic	Tiera Rowell
Jenna Beardsley	Alyssa Gilman	Paige Manso	Morghana Schnell
Julia Beck	Delfino Gomez	Nathanael Martin	Eric Schultz
Nicole Borosak	Margaret Good	Maya Maslovska	Cassandra Sheridan
Michael Boyajian	Troy Hagadus	Morgan McCain	Caylie Sheridan
Evan Broniarczyk	Tala Hammad	Jacob Meline	Reed Simonsis
Jenna Brown	Madison Hamrin	Giovanni Mendoza	Deanna Sosa
Elizabeth Carrillo	Roderick Harris	Yelitza Mendoza	Andrew Stengel
Matthew Casey	Aya Hasan	Athena Michel	Camryn Stuart
Jack Cervantes	Gretchen Hedke	Erin Moore	Tichina Tam
Diamond Cheffin	Annie Holder	Jillian Moss	Michael Thayer
Javier Covarrubias	Alex Holewa	Pushkar Navni	Valerie Triolo
Alexis Cox	Sara Izguerra	Eric Niewinski	James Walsh
Sean Cramer	Thomas Jager	Amani Nimer	Myles Walton
Heaven Creator	Gabriel Jeronimo	David Nuskiwicz	Rebecca Weber
Nicholas Czeszewski	JaRon Johnson	Patrick Nolan	Samantha Wikberg
Coleen Del Rosario	Alexander Joritz	Daniel O'Farrell	Casey Wolff
Jessica Delesio	Neydi Juarez	Charlotte Peloquin	Sterling Wright
Michael Dewan	Sara Killackey	Philip Powers	Moriam Yarrow

The Class of 2016 will attend colleges and universities such as Augustana, Ball State, Bowling Green University, Butler University, Concordia University, Colorado State University, DePaul, Eastern Illinois University, Georgetown, Illinois Institute of Technology, Indiana University, Iowa State, Loras College, Loyola, Michigan State University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Monmouth College, North Central, Northern Illinois University, Ohio State University, St. Ambrose, St. Xavier, Southern Illinois University, Stanford University, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, University of St. Thomas, University of Tampa, University of Wisconsin, Valparaiso University, Western Illinois University, Wittenberg University.

And...They're Competing at the College Level!

Colleges near and far sought out District 228 athletes and offered them the opportunity to continue their sport while they pursue their college degrees. It is our hope that they remember their high school experience as they achieve their goals at the college level.

Baseball

Connor Ceglarz, South Suburban College
Troy Hagadus, Benedictine University
Thomas Jager, Robert Morris College
Ryan Newton, Aurora University
Alex Farrell, Loras College
Brandon Williams, Northern Illinois University

Basketball (Boys)

Wesley Gray, Rockford University
Milton Lawrey, Tyler Junior College

Basketball (Girls)

Imani Clark, Aurora University
Joshulyn Shepherd, Savannah State University
Taylor Sterkowitz, Roosevelt University

Dance

Jenna Beardsley, University of Illinois-Chicago

Football

Malik Bailey, Rockford University
Jack Cervantes, Carroll University
Amiir Chambers, Rockford University
Nicholas Czeszewski, St. Xavier University
Salvator Geraci, Carthage College
Jevon Gray, Tyler Junior College
Troy Hagadus, Benedictine University
Sterlen Johnson, Rockford University
Trevor Koepke, Illinois Wesleyan
Dan McCullough, Aurora University
Michael Murray, Millikin University
Jacob Perez, Benedictine University
Russell Pruitt, Millikin University
Maurice Robinson, University of Indianapolis
Zachary Russell, Loras College
Adam Simon, Carroll University
Myles Walton, Benedictine University

Soccer (Boys)

Jonathon Doolin, University of Dubuque
David Nuskiewicz, Carroll University

Soccer (Girls)

Emma Alderman, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Alyssa Gilman, St. Xavier University
Amanda Rodin, Mt. Mercy University

Softball

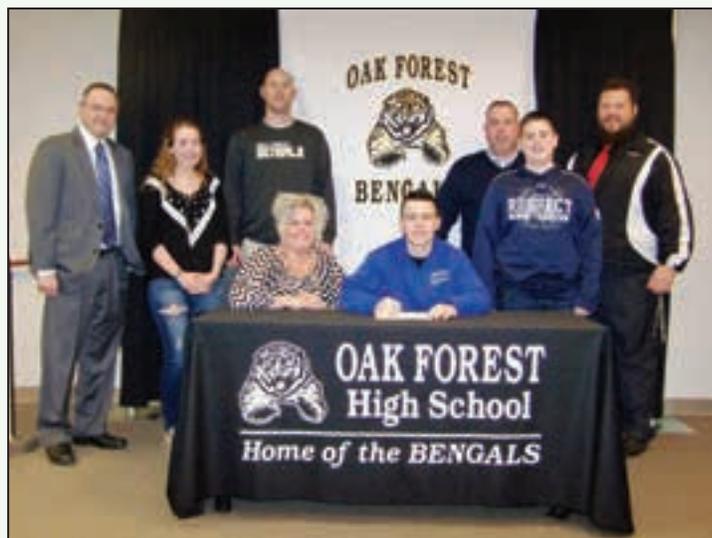
Morgan Dunn, North Park College
Megan Laib, Lakeland College
Alexandra Laphen, Benedictine University
Lexxi Lux, St. Xavier University
Aubrey Paluszek, Prairie State College
Kaylee Saavedra, Illinois Central College
Annalisse Scott, St. Xavier University
Taylor Sterkowitz, Roosevelt University
Annie Zubek, South Suburban College

Volleyball (Girls)

Ana Lambros, Trinity Christian College

Wrestling

Nicholas Graziano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Eric Schultz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



District 228 Teachers & Staff Care About Students!

District 228 teachers and staff work well beyond their regular work day to lead, teach, share and provide a positive example for our students. They support each other and take pride in their job whether the it is in the area of teaching, coaching, assisting, or supporting.

- Mr. Michael Lynch, the District 228 Communication Arts & Technology Program teacher, won an Award of Distinction at the 9th Annual Video Competition hosted at South Suburban College.
- South Suburban Coach of the Year Awards went to:
 - Mr. Jon Baikie, Oak Forest High School Boys' Golf
 - Mr. Marquice Cole, Hillcrest High School Football
 - Ms. Christine DiVenti, Oak Forest High School Cheerleading
 - Mr. Chris Hill, Hillcrest High School Girls' Tennis
 - Mr. Josh O'Shea, Tinley Park High School Baseball
 - Mr. Matthew Spreadbury, Oak Forest High School Boys' Bowling
- Mr. Colin Milton, District 228 Social Science Supervisor, served on a committee to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to the Village of Hazel Crest. Nearly 500 District 228 students were able to visit the memorial tribute.
- Many staff members bring programs and projects to Board meetings to share classroom and after school activities with the Board. Included in this year's presentations were:
 - Top voted Institute Day professional development presentations were presented to the Board. They were: Jennifer Bylut and Kristine Bonebrake, *College Athletes: Motivating for Student Success and Eligibility*; Kristen Kaczmarek and Mayra Ortega, *iPad, Reflector and Technology... Oh My!*; Mary Rose Bernas and Kelly Sala, *SAMR: How to Use the iPad as a Teaching Tool with Regard to the SAMR Model*; and Heather Manzke and Stacy Faulker, *Sugar: What It's Doing to Our Students*.
 - Ms. Jane Dempsey, Ms. Paige Stryczek and Ms. Lori Shemoski presented a program being used in our schools entitled Erika's Lighthouse. This program educates school communities through teenage depression programs to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness and empowers teens to take charge of their mental health.
 - Mr. Lee Rucinski brought Advanced Placement Chemistry students to a Board meeting to present a partnership through the Shedd Aquarium that includes a remote operated vehicle (RTO) through Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE). Mr. Rucinski was also recognized for being selected by Ford Motor Company to assist in creating a curriculum in Mastery of Cars.
 - Ms. Lori Vitt and her students, Amber Holup, Francesca Zarate and T.J. Weglarz presented the Career Pathways Program to the Board of Education. The program provides students with opportunities to have hands-on internships or college level coursework to help them in determining their career path.
- Ms. Tanya Mack, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, was voted "Teacher of the Year" by Bremen High School's Class of 2016. She received the award for the relationships she has built with her students, her passion for teaching, and her love of the School Community. Ms. Mack is also an alumni of Bremen High School.



- Ms. Carla Cheatham and Ms. Rhonda Cracco were asked to speak at the Career Education Admissions Symposium. Their presentation was, “Best Practices: The collaboration between high school counselors and admission professionals.”
- Ms. Kristen Kaczmark was chosen to present at the Fall Conference of the Illinois Council of Teaching Foreign Languages. Ms. Kaczmarek submitted an application to present on movement in the foreign language classroom. Her topic created a standing room only group of attendees.



- Dr. Corinne Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, and Mr. Steve Granat, Science Department Supervisor, presented “Three Critical Steps for Developing a Strong STEM Program” at a South Cook County Illinois Association of School Board meeting. They were chosen to present the information to South Cook County School Boards and Administrators because of the positive changes made to the District 228 science curriculum and the number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) workshops held with our feeder schools over the last few years.

- Teacher Gary Andruch donated his 2001 Honda Civic for a cross country fundraiser. It was the first car he had when he began teaching in 2001 and still ran well. The student that won the car purchased 15 raffle tickets. His family was in need of a car and they were excited to hear he won.
- Fifteen staff members retired with a combined 314 years of service to our students. Retirees included:
 - Ms. Claudia Allred, Pupil Personnel Services Secretary
 - Ms. Kathleen Andrews, Spanish Teacher
 - Mr. Joe Banach, Social Science Teacher
 - Ms. Annmarie Deransburg, Business Professionals of America Teacher
 - Ms. Audrey Ephraim, Supervision Monitor
 - Mr. Thomas Farrell, Custodian
 - Ms. Betty Fox, Secretary
 - Dr. Savka Mladenovich, Assistant Principal
 - Ms. Mary Pavlick, Secretary
 - Mr. Somnuck Rattanakone, Maintenance/Groundskeeper
 - Ms. Beth Ringwald, Special Education Teacher
 - Ms. Lori Shemoski, Guidance Counselor
 - Ms. Wil-Lynda Spates, Special Education Teacher
 - Mr. Jerry Ward, Industrial Technology Teacher
 - Ms. Rhea Wehrmeister, Special Education Aide
- Ms. Sue Bonner was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Association (IADA) Hall of Fame. Ms. Bonner retired from District 228 in 2012 after 33 years of service to D228 students. During her tenure she held the positions of Coach, Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Director at Oak Forest High School from 1986-2012 and English teacher, Dean and Coach at Hillcrest High School from 1979-1986.



The District 228 Community Cares!

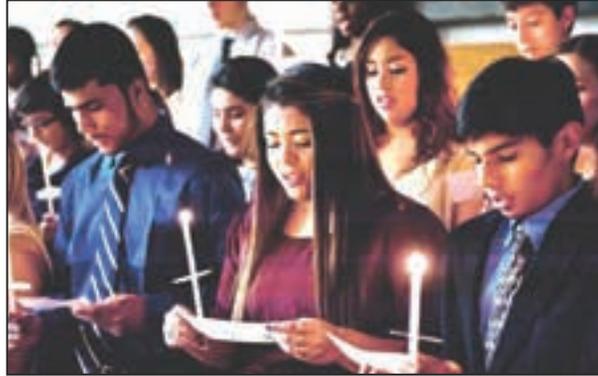
Seven communities feed into the four high schools in District 228. Throughout those communities there are many parents and businesses who support our students through volunteerism. Each month throughout the school year the Board of Education recognizes a volunteer.

Board of Education Volunteer Awards went to:

- Ms. Julie Marker, of Catherine's Gardens in Oak Forest, was recognized for donating floral arrangements for the main office every week at Bremen High School. Ms. Marker wanted to brighten the day of each and every visitor to the school.
- The Tinley Titan Football Boosters provided food to students during the ABC7 Friday Flyover. They arrived at the school before sunrise and supplied more than 600 attendees with fresh grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a drink.
- Mr. Mitch Johnston, founder of The Winged Foot Foundation, assisted Hillcrest High School student athletes in need of athletic equipment. Mr. Johnston also sponsored the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country and Track programs at Hillcrest High School.
- Mark and Rebekah Mensing were recognized for supporting the band and choir programs at Oak Forest High School. From photography to raffles to driving music equipment and instruments to and from events, the Mensings have worked hard to support students.



- Ms. Jennifer Cottrill, Teen Librarian at Midlothian Public Library, set up a reading program for Bremen High School students. She also assisted them in obtaining library cards.
- Tinley Park Chamber President Mr. Tom McNulty and Chamber members assisted students with obtaining scholarships, a business mural, career days, and employment opportunities. They also arranged for students to work side by side with local businesses and financially assisted booster clubs at Tinley Park High School.
- Katrice M. Matthews, principal attorney of the Hall Legal Agency, was the coach for the Hillcrest High School Mock Trial Team. The team won 1st Place at the Cook County Court 6th Municipal District High School Mock Trial Competition. In addition, Ms. Matthews also hired a student to work in her firm.
- Roy and Cathy Cooper have volunteered hundreds of hours, offering their talents and organizational skills toward making the Oak Forest High School band and choir programs a success. They assisted with special event planning and set ups, edited newsletters, organized band concessions for football games, and provided expertise with various musical arrangements.
- Mr. Bruce Moy, owner of Gum Wah Restaurant, has been a proud supporter of Bremen High School for many years. He has contributed food and funds to support activities for students and staff. He has also worked with the Bremen Theatre and the Dramatic Arts.



Bremen High School

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Principal: Dr. David Kibelkis



Tinley Park High School

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Tinley Park, IL 60477
(708) 532-1900

Principal: Dr. Theresa Nolan



Bremen High School District 228

Administration Center

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Superintendent: Dr. Bill Kendall

We would like to apologize in advance for any student success stories we may have missed. We are proud of all of our students.

Hillcrest High School

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Country Club Hills, IL 60478
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Principal: Dr. Renee Simms



Oak Forest High School

15201 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452
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Principal: Dr. Brad Sikora

