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IH & CHIP Spirit  
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**EARLY RELEASE DAY!**



PLC EARLY  
DISMISSAL 1:30 PM  
September 28



IJHS Patriot Band @  
Shepard Homecoming  
Parade 3:30  
September 23, 2016

# PALOS HEIGHTS 128 eNEWS





By law we are required to simulate an active shooter drill in all Illinois public schools using the police department. As much as we try to prepare students, this can be a little scary for them, especially if it is the first time they will experience a drill.

We will be running these drills at each of our four schools over the next few weeks. Please make sure you have discussed this with your children. While most children will not see anything, they will hear an announcement for a lock down drill and will move to a secure location with their teacher. Administration and police will check every door.

Thank you for your help with this.

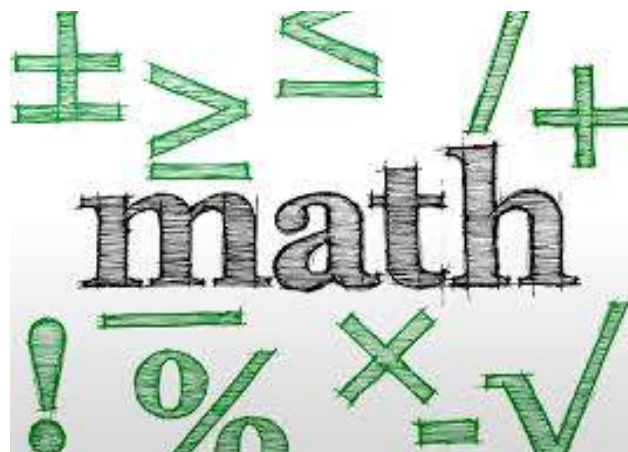


# Math Lab

We are thrilled to announce that Independence Junior High School is bringing back their Math Lab! Math Lab will take place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 3:45 in Mrs. Rosynek's classroom and is open to all students.

If you are looking for additional math help or just need a quiet place to work on math homework, this is the place for you.

If students are staying for Math Lab, they will need to arrange their own ride home as there will not be any buses at 3:45 to take students home.



# "Hugging the Cactus"

Our state superintendent , Dr. Tony Smith, talking about "hugging the cactus". How some of the most difficult things we have to do can often hurt. It is worth the hurt, if you are doing the right things by children. When you know the "why", the "what" becomes easier to understand.



# Gold Medal for Bravery



Each of these gold medals was filled out by a student at Chippewa on how they showed bravery.

# Fun Facts

- So excited that over half of our new 4th graders have signed up to participate in our district's band program! What a testament to our director, Brian Everson, and to our program. We can't wait to see their progression over the years to come!
- This is our first year offering free full day kindergarten; and ALL 62 students are attending full day, even though they have the opportunity to only attend half day.
- This is our first year of offering full day preschool; and of our 68 preschoolers, 13 of them are full time.
- Due to standards based reporting k-8, we have gotten a new student management system that supports standards based reporting. This new management system is called SchoolInsight.
- We now have over 300 new student-use iPADS in the district!
- The Independence Patriot Marching Band will be performing in downtown Chicago in the Columbus Day Parade on October 10, 2016. The parade will be televised on Channel 7.
- CHSD 218's College and Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center located at 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

# Meet Our Staff...

## Amanda Pearson



**Amanda Pearson,  
District Social Worker**

1. The position I hold is social worker, and this is my 1st year (at Dist. 128, 11th year as a social worker).
2. I grew up in Mokena.
3. My favorite way to spend a Sunday afternoon is with my family.
4. If I weren't in this line of work, I would be a stay at home mom.
5. Growing up, my teachers were an important influence in my life.

1. The position I hold is School Psychologist. This is my 12th year as a school psychologist.

2. My favorite way to spend my Sunday is with my family.

3. If I weren't in this line of work, I would be a therapist.

4. Growing up, my parents were important influences in my life.

## Tara Fitzgibbons



**Tara Fitzgibbons,  
District School Psychologist**

*We have a Great Staff!*

# Kindergarten



*Kindergarteners greeting each other "Good Morning"*



*Kindergarteners with Principal Leslie*

