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District 88 shares highlights of 2024 Illinois Report Card

The results of the 2024 Illinois Report Card, which were released by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on Oct. 30, show the successes of District 88 and reflect the efforts of its Board of Education, staff, students, parents/guardians and community members.

District 88 successes and report card highlights include:

• Addison Trail and Willowbrook again received a summative designation of Commendable, which is the second-highest level. According to the ISBE, "A school's annual summative designation describes how well an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students ... across a range of academic and student success indicators. Illinois has five summative designations within the statewide school accountability system: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted, Comprehensive, and Intensive." See the links below for more information.

Addison Trail: <https://www.dupage88.net/ATSummativeDesignation>
Willowbrook: <https://www.dupage88.net/WBSummativeDesignation>

• District 88's 4-year, 5-year and 6-year graduation rates are above 90 percent and remain above the state level.

• District 88's 9th Grade on Track number (which is the percentage of freshmen on track to graduate) is more than 94 percent, which is above the state level.

• District 88's percent of students achieving at the proficient and exemplary levels on the Science Assessment is above the state level.

• District 88's percent of students meeting and exceeding standards on the SAT in math increased from 2023

to 2024.

• English Language Arts (ELA) increased from 2023 to 2024.

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Other District 88 successes and highlights:

• District 88 is committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready and continues to partner with colleges/universities and local businesses to expand these opportunities. See details at dupage88.net/Pathways.

• District 88 offers a comprehensive curriculum, including about 30 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and about 50 Dual-Credit/Collegiate-Credit courses in 17 career pathway areas, along with award-winning fine arts programming.

• During the 2023-24 school year, District 88 students earned 3,744 college credits through Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Project Lead The Way, College of DuPage, Technology Center of DuPage, Elmhurst University and Dominican University. These classes allow students to potentially earn college credit while in high school, saving them an average of \$1.4 million annually. For more information, view the district's strategic plan online dashboard at www.dupage88.net/StrategicPlan.

• During the 2023-24 school year, District 88 students earned 1,422 industry-recognized credentials. For more information, view the district's strategic plan online dashboard at www.dupage88.net/StrategicPlan.



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Pool, whirlpool reopen at Centennial Recreation Center

Last week, the Addison Park District celebrated the re-opening of the indoor pool and whirlpool at the Centennial Recreation Center, which is home to Club Fitness, the pool, Centennial Gym, NEDSRA and Athletico. The celebration included free coffee for members and membership information and raffle prizes such as 12- and six-month memberships, a \$25 Addison Park District gift card, a 30-minute assessment (one session) with a personal trainer and 30-minute bay rental at the Golf Dome. Renovation to the six-lane lap pool included a new roof over Centennial Recreation Center, NEDSRA and Club Fitness, a new non-slip pool deck, a remodeled whirlpool with new plaster, grout and lights, polishing of the pool floor, newly painted walls, ceiling, heaters and depth markers in the pool area, a new lobby welcome sign, a new front door entrance and a new air-conditioning unit over Centennial Gym for year-round comfort. Shown here utilizing the newly renovated pool is the Aqua Energizer class with instructor Sharon Wilk.



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District 88 Superintendent participates in Addison Public Library Italian Heritage Open House



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District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente (fourth from left) poses with community leaders who participated in the Addison Public Library's Italian Heritage Open House. The event took place on Oct. 27 to share information about the various organizations and resources related to Italian culture that are available in Addison.

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente participated in the recently held Addison Public Library's Italian Heritage Open House.

Barbanente presented about Addison Trail's Italian courses and the Village of Addison Sister Cities student-exchange program with Triggiano, Italy, where Addison Trail students have the opportunity to travel to Italy.

The event featured Italian music, crafts and coloring sheets for kids, a Mona Lisa photo booth, coffee and cookies, the library's curated Italian media collections and information from local organizations, including:

- Village of Addison
- Sister Cities student-exchange program with Triggiano, Italy
- Village of Addison
- Addison Historical Society
- Maria de la Croce Society
- Americans of Italian Descent
- CASA ITALIA

Addison Park District upcoming events

Sunday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Swimathon benefiting Toys for Tots

The Addison Park District's second annual Thanks-swimming Swimathon for all water enthusiasts of all ages and skills will be held from 7 a.m.-noon. The event will benefit Toys for Tots, and swimmers are invited to raise funds for the organization, making a difference with every stroke and splash. For more information, call 630-233-7275 or visit: <https://addisonparks.org/mc-events/thanksgiving-swimathon-benefiting-toys-for-tots>.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Take a day trip to Four Winds Casino

From 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., take a trip to the Four Winds Casino, located in New Buffalo, Mich. The \$50 for members (\$55 for nonmember) includes \$15 slot play and a \$10 food voucher. The bus ride includes water, a banana and snacks. The \$10 lunch voucher can go towards the price of the buffet or be used at the Grille

(onsite). For more information, call 630-233-7275, Option 2, and register at addisonparks.org.

Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5

Polar Express

Storytime Train Ride

The Addison Park District is hosting a Polar Express Storytime Train Ride from 8:12 a.m.-1:12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 11:12 a.m. to 3:12 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Itasca Metra Station. Fee is \$22 for residents, \$32 for nonresidents. A storyteller will be on the train to narrate this story while children and their parents enjoy chocolate milk, cookies and a snow ball fight on the way back from the North Pole. When we reach the North Pole, we will find Santa Claus and take lots of family photos. A parent or guardian must accompany all children.

Children age 9 months or younger do not need to be registered. For more information, call 630-233-7275 or visit: <https://addisonparks.org/mc-events/polar-express-storytime-train-8>.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Breakfast with Santa

From 9:30-11 a.m. at the Community Recreation Center, 120 E. Oak St., enjoy a catered breakfast and photos with Santa. Fee: \$17 for resi-

dents, \$22 for nonresidents. Children 1 year old and under do not need to be registered. For more information, call 630-233-7275 or visit: <https://addisonparks.org/mc-events/breakfast-with-santa-4>.



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Addison Trail names October recipient of 88's Best recognition

Joselyn Macedo Hernandez (pictured at right, with Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews) has been named as Addison Trail's October recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments. Macedo Hernandez, a senior, was recognized during the Oct. 23 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

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Nearly 5,000 entries received in flag redesign contest

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced the Illinois Flag Commission received 4,844 entries during the six-week submission period that closed Oct. 18.

"I'm thrilled by the number of submissions the commission has received, as well as the excitement that this project has generated. I can't wait to see which designs the commission selects for public voting," Giannoulias said. "The contest has encouraged us all to reflect on what makes us proud to be Illinoisans, resulting in some great stories and unique designs reflecting what our state represents."

Now that the submission period is closed, the Illinois Flag Commission will meet before the end of the year to select the top 10 designs. Beginning in January, the public will have the opportunity to vote online for one of 10 new designs, or one of the three former flag designs, including the current state flag, the 1918 Centennial Flag and the 1968 Sesquicentennial Flag.

After a public feedback period, the commission will report its findings to the Illinois General Assembly by April 1, 2025, whose members will vote on whether to adopt a new flag, return to a previous iteration of the flag or retain the current flag.

Senate Bill 1818, sponsored by state Sen. Doris Turner (48th District—Springfield) and state Rep. Kam Buckner (26th District—Chicago), was signed into law in 2023, creating the commission with the goals to gauge public sentiment on a new flag and to bolster civic pride. The Secretary of State's office chairs the commission.

