



D303 Conducts Voluntary Water Testing

79% of Drinking Fountains and Sink Faucets Pass Inspection

District 303 has completed voluntary water testing of all drinking fountains and sink faucets to determine if lead is present. The results show 79% of the fountains and faucets are under the Environmental Protection Agency's action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). All drinking fountains testing over the action level have been taken out of service and will either be replaced with new, filtered systems or removed completely before the first day of classes on Wednesday, August 24.

Three District 303 buildings tested below the EPA's action level at all fountains and faucets. Those buildings are Corron School, Norton Creek School, and Thompson Middle School. The testing also indicates the water supplied to the buildings is under the action level of 15 parts per billion.

The following is a summary of the testing results:

- 608 locations were tested
- 79% of the drinking fountains and sink faucets are below the EPA action level
- 239 of 263 drinking fountains tested below the EPA's action level of 15 parts per billion
- 239 of 345 sink faucets tested below the EPA's action level. Most of those faucets are only occasionally used by students or staff such as sink faucets in science labs

As an additional precaution, all classroom sink faucets will be labeled "Hand Washing Only".

Once it is determined water from the municipal supply is below the EPA action level of 15 ppb, lead in water is most likely to come from the solder used to connect copper pipes. Lead from solder can collect in stationary water contained in a pipe, possibly leading to a reading above the EPA's action level of 15 parts per billion. If lead is present in a pipe supplying a faucet that is not used overnight, running the faucet for a few moments will flush any lead that may be present. The testing that is being conducted is done on the first draw from a fountain or faucet that has not been used for several hours.

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Kick-a-Thon Takes Place Friday, September 16

Kick-a-Thon is one of the top fundraising events in District 303 and in St. Charles every year. The event is conducted by the combined efforts of the drill teams at St. Charles East and

St. Charles North High Schools. Please mark your calendar for this year's event as it comes up earlier on the school year calendar than in recent years. The Kick-a-Thon will be held on Friday, September 16 as part of the festivities surrounding the St. Charles East vs. St. Charles North football game. To donate, volunteer, or participate in Kick-a-Thon, [click here](#) to visit their website.

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D303 Grade Schools Grab 7 of 10 Spots in County Rankings by Chicago Magazine

Seven St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Elementary Schools appear in Chicago Magazine's rankings of the Top 10 Elementary Schools in Kane County. Bell-Graham Elementary School appears highest in the rankings in being ranked second. Fox Ridge and Wild Rose are ranked third and fourth, while Corron is ranked sixth. Munhall, Ferson Creek, and Lincoln appear in places eighth through tenth.

Chicago Magazine also ranked the Top Five High Schools in Kane County. St. Charles East H.S. is ranked second and St. Charles North H.S. is ranked fourth.

Chicago Magazine developed their elementary school rankings by taking into consideration: Spending per pupil, percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards in PARCC testing (adjusted by percentage of low-income students), a score based on the 5Essentials survey, and student attendance.

The high school rankings took into consideration: Spending per pupil, a measure of how many freshmen are meeting or exceeding state benchmarks, percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards in PARCC testing (adjusted by percentage of low-income students), percentage of students scoring 21 or higher on the ACT (adjusted by percentage of low-income students), a score based on the 5Essentials survey, student attendance, and graduation rate.



Community Backpack

[Click here](#) to view community events happening soon!



North H.S. Student Organizes Event to Fight Hunger

St. Charles North H.S. senior Claire Miller is leading the effort to stage a community wide service event on **Sunday, November 6**. The entire District 303 community is invited to join together to fight hunger in the Make A Difference St. Charles Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

MobilePack Event. Community members can support this MobilePack by making a donation to cover the costs of the meals to be packed, or by volunteering to package food at the event. The goal is to pack 100,000 meals. Each meal costs 22 cents, making the funding goal \$22,000. Donations are being accepted now. Volunteer registration will be available September 25. To learn more, please visit fmsc.org/MobilePack. If you have questions please contact Claire Miller at makeadifferencestc@gmail.com.

Changes in District 303 Administration for 2016-17

Three District 303 Schools will have new principals for the 2016-17 school year. Former Munhall Principal Dr. Kelly Sculles is now the principal at Ferson Creek School. Former Lincoln Principal Mr. Jarrod Buxton is now the principal at Munhall School. Lincoln's new principal is Mrs. Chris Balaskovits. Prior to coming to Lincoln, Mrs. Balaskovits was the Instructional Support Coach at Bell-Graham School. District Administration welcomes Dr. Kris Raitzer as the new Area Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Schools and Mr. Matthew Smith as the new Executive Director of Instructional Technology.

D303 WAYBACK MACHINE



As recently as the early 90's, students could walk home for lunch in District 303 if they walked to school. Current Wredling Middle School Asst. Principal Ms. Sarah Burgess rode the bus to Munhall, but was creative in finding ways to go home with a friend for lunch. You can also view this video on the D303 YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/i_M9QRDyJqE.

School Events of Interest



The St. Charles East Boys Soccer team will host a soccer clinic on Sunday, August 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic is for boys and girls ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Cost of the clinic is \$15 and includes a clinic t-shirt. For more information contact Linda Nelson at (630) 587-0402.

H.S. Student Schedules Available on HAC August 23

Class schedules for high school students will be available to the students on Home Access Center at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23. (High school students receive their schedules on materials pick-up days). Student schedule data will be visible on the District mobile app beginning on Wednesday, August 24. Bus route information for high school students will be available on-line beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, August 22. Bus route information can be viewed by going to Bus Route E-Link located on the “For Parents” menu on www.d303.org. Please note that for the first two weeks of the school year, we will not make adjustments to the transportation routes. Our transportation department will collect suggestions about the routes and will make adjustments where necessary after the first two weeks of classes.



How to Set Up a Home Access Center Account

To create an account you must have a current and valid e-mail address on file with your school.

1. Supply a valid e-mail address to your school (if you haven't done so already).
2. Set up an ID. The Home Access Center (HAC) can be found on district.d303.org in the “For Parents” menu.

VERY IMPORTANT - City name must be entered according to the posted instructions. Video tutorials are available online to assist with login and navigation.

[Learn more.](#)



Get the App!

The District 303 Mobile App is available for free download for Apple and Android devices. Search CUSD 303 in the App Store or Google Play to download the app. If you would like to see a short video about the App, watch the video in the Video Vault at www.d303.org



Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, August 24

First Day of School 2016-17

Friday, September 2

Teachers' Institute Day (No Classes)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day (No Classes)

Friday, October 7

School Improvement Day (No Classes)

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day (No Classes)

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, August 25

BOE Business Services Committee - 5 p.m.

Monday, September 12

BOE Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.



Check Out Our Interactive Boundary Map

In addition to the boundary maps that are posted on our website, we now have an interactive map upon which you can enter an address and see the schools assigned to that address. [Click here](#) to check it out!

(Please keep in mind all attendance area questions are officially determined by contacting the schools.)



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District 303 has added Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to our community communications toolbox. In addition to district.d303.org, ParentLink and the FOCUS magazine, you can keep up with news from the District via Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. On Facebook, Like us by visiting our page and on Twitter follow us at @StCharlesD303. To check out our YouTube Channel visit StCharlesCUSD303 when you are logged into YouTube.