



Kindergarten Enrollment February 1, 2017

District 303 parents and guardians may register their children for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on **Wednesday, February 1** at all District 303 elementary schools. Register at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend Kindergarten.

Per state law, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2017 to be eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2017-2018 school year. Reliable proof of a child's identity and age (original birth certificate, passport, visa, etc.) will be required at the time of registration as will verification of the identity of the parent or guardian.

Families must provide two (2) documents as proof of residency when enrolling children. Student residency and enrollment information, including links to required notices and Kindergarten enrollment forms, can be found on the District 303 website district.d303.org/enrollment-and-registration.

Parents have the option of an All Day Kindergarten (ADK) or Half Day Kindergarten program. All Day Kindergarten is a tuition-based program. Information regarding All Day Kindergarten tuition for the 2017-2018 school year will be available before February 1, pending Board of Education approval.

Registration Times:

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bell-Graham Elementary	(331) 228-2100	Munhall Elementary	(331) 228-2600
Corron Elementary	(331) 228-6900	Norton Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2700
Ferson Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2300	Wasco Elementary	(331) 228-2900
Lincoln Elementary	(331) 228-2500	Wild Rose Elementary	(331) 228-3000

9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Fox Ridge Elementary (331) 228-2400

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Anderson Elementary	(331) 228-3300	Davis Primary	(331) 228-2200
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Enroll February 1

Your cooperation will enable the school to better serve your child.

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D303 Announces 2017-18 Pre-School Program Key Dates

District 303's Early Childhood program is conducting an on-line registration lottery through **Monday, January 23** for preschool classes at Fox Ridge, Ferson Creek and Norton Creek schools. The five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program is open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2017. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2017 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285* per month. A \$100* annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required. (*Tuition and registration and materials fee are pending Board of Education approval.)

The lottery will take place on Tuesday, January 24 and parents will be notified that day via email if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if space becomes available. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here to register](#)



North and East High Schools to Host Kane County Mock Trial Tournament



The Mock Trial teams at St. Charles East and St. Charles North are hosting the annual Kane County Mock Trial Tournament on Saturday, January 28. The tournament will be held at the Kane County Judicial Center located at the intersection of Route 38 and Peck Rd. The tournament welcome ceremony will begin at 8:20 a.m. and the first round of competition will begin at 9 a.m. The teams will be competing in two rounds: one at 9 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m. each trial lasts between 60-75 minutes.

The St. Charles Education Foundation Scholarship Deadline Is March 3

The St. Charles Education Foundation is once again offering four \$1000 scholarships, two scholarships to students at St. Charles East and two scholarships to students at St. Charles North. The applications are due **March 3, 2017**. Applications and more information are available at <http://stced.org/>.





D303 Parent University Presents the Film “Paper Tigers”

Join us for District 303 Parent University when we present the Documentary Film “Paper Tigers” on **Wednesday, January 25** at 7 p.m. in the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Rd. in St. Charles. This

screening is being provided in collaboration with the St. Charles Education Association, St. Charles Education Support Professionals, and St. Charles Transportation and Maintenance.

Paper Tigers is an intimate look into the lives of selected students at Lincoln High School, an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth. Set amidst the struggling rural community of Walla Walla, WA, the film intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma-Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Following six students over the course of a school year, the film shows Lincoln’s staff trying a new approach to discipline: one based on understanding and treatment rather than judgment and suspension.

[Click here](#) to RSVP and reserve your place. Those who RSVP are invited to come to the St. Charles East H.S. Commons at 6 p.m. for a light meal prior to the movie.

(Due to some of the mature subject matter addressed in “Paper Tigers”, parents may find the film to be unsuitable for younger audiences.)



2017 District 303 Board of Education Election Key Dates

Thursday, February 2, 2017 – Last day to file a declaration of intent to run for the school board as a write-in candidate in the April 4 election.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017- Election Day

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, visit the Illinois Association of School Board’s website at: <http://www.iasb.com/elections/>.

CHICK CHAT by HGNA

Spend a day learning about what makes you unique -- and learning how you can build positive friendships!

Chick Chat is a full-day workshop where fourth through sixth-grade girls can explore their interests, address common challenges facing young girls today, build interpersonal skills and have fun - all within a safe and nurturing environment.

TWO workshop options:

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at:

Geneva Middle School SOUTH

1415 Viking Drive, Geneva

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM * Check-In from 8:30 to 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at:

Wredling Middle School

1200 Dunham Rd., St. Charles

For more details, [click here!](#)

REGISTER or Learn More: www.TriCityFamilyServices.org

Norris Cultural Arts Center Presents "Meeting the Lincolns"

On Sunday, February 5 at 3 p.m. - just ahead of Lincoln's birthday and Presidents' Day – the Norris Cultural Arts Center will present a program called, "Meeting the Lincolns," featuring renowned Lincoln portrayers Michael Krebs and Debra Miller, who recreate the 16th President and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln in astonishing realism. Krebs and Miller are highly experienced in presenting performances of the Lincolns that are educational and highly engaging. Their performance in the Norris Gallery will include a Q&A session. Following the performance audience members will have an opportunity to meet Krebs and Miller.

Please see this page for more information: <http://norrisculturalarts.com/event/meeting-the-lincolns/>



Call for Artists 5th Annual Student/Emerging Visual and Video Artist Gallery



The St Charles Arts Council will be opening a pop-up gallery featuring the work of Student/Emerging Visual and Video Artists that will run from Saturday, March 11 through Saturday, March 25.

Visual and Video Student/Emerging Artists must submit their work electronically to ArtistLiaison@StCharlesArtsCouncil.org.

There is NO FORM to fill out. Simply send an email with the following:

1. An image of each piece of work submitted, the title, and the medium. Or, in the case of video, an electronic location where the work can be viewed.
2. Artists may submit up to 5 pieces of their work.
3. All submitted work MUST include the artist's name, physical address, phone number, and school attended. Students may attend any school, including out of state schools.

Entries for the gallery can be in any style or medium of visual art, as well as video.

More information about the gallery and the Pop Up Arts program may be found on the [SCAC website](#).

ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TO THE SCAC BY end-of-day, Thursday, February 16.



Additions to the Community Backpack

Arts Center of St. Charles
QUESTIONS? Email info@stcharlesarts.org or call Tracy at 630-234-8106.

LOCATION:
Arts Center of St. Charles
2422 West Main St, Suite 2B
St. Charles, IL 60141

Our open enrollment policy allows anyone to enter our programs regardless of previous experience.

CLASS DESCRIPTION: Musical Theatre for JUNIORS

LOCATION:
Arts Center of St. Charles

TEACHING ARTIST: Tracy Vitale

DESCRIPTION: Musical Theatre is a fun, exciting, and challenging experience including acting, singing and dancing from popular musicals. All roles are equal, and each student has a solo. Participants will build confidence and develop many skills including teamwork and creative thinking.

AGES AND COST INFO:

AGE: 13-15

DATE: February 1, March 8, 2017

TIME: 4:30-5:30pm

STUDENT: \$100 for 4-10pm

DAY AND SCHEDULE AND ADDRESS:

DATE: 1/24, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

TIME: 4:30-5:30pm

ADDRESS: Arts Center of St. Charles, 2422 West Main St, St. Charles, IL 60141

The following classes meet Illinois State Board of Education Teaching Standards for Drama/Theatre Arts.

Acting and Musical Theatre Classes

[Learn More](#)

Moms Connected
For Moms of Teens and Tweens

Date: January 26, 2017

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Topic: Helping Your Teen Navigate Peer Relationships Online and In Person

Speaker: Michelle Demaruy

Cost: Free for first time attendees! Or, \$6 for mom only, \$4 for the first \$2 for each additional child.

Where: FRCG West Campus, 3435 Kettlinger Road, Geneva

Moms of teens and tweens are invited to Moms Connected as Michelle Demaruy presents Helping Your Teen Navigate Peer Relationships Online and In Person. Bullying has become a concern for parents today. How can young people interact socially in person and online? Join us as we discuss ways to help our teens develop positive peer relationships - in person and online. Find out how to respond if your child is bullied and how we can empower our youth to become a positive influence with their peers.

Breakfast is provided!

Helping Your Teen Navigate Peer Relationships Online and In Person

[Learn More](#)

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

School Event of Interest



The **St. Charles North Boys Volleyball Team** will host a free volleyball clinic on Friday, February 3 for all boys in grade 5th through 8th. The clinic will take place in the North H.S. Main Gym from 6 – 8:30 p.m. If you have questions, contact Todd Weimer at todd.weimer@d303.org



Mark Your Calendars

February 20

Presidents' Day Holiday (No Classes)

April 3

School Resumes

March 3

Teachers' Institute Day
(Middle, High Schools No Students)
Teachers' Work Day
(Elementary Schools No Students)

April 13

K-5 Afternoon Parent/Teacher (K-5 in classes in AM)
(K-5 ONLY - No students in PM)

April 14

School Improvement Day (No Students)

March 27-31

Spring Break

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, January 26

Business Services Committee - 5 p.m.

Monday, February 13

Regular BOE Meeting - 7 p.m.



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