



## D303 Middle School Facilities Proposal

The Board of Education will consider and is expected to take action on the middle school plan at the following meeting:

**Monday, November 14** BOE Regular Meeting

7 p.m. at North H.S.

To view information about the middle school facilities plan, visit [www.d303.org/middleschools](http://www.d303.org/middleschools)

## Parent University 2016-17 Session 1

### Fostering Resiliency and Promoting Emotional Growth in Children

As much as we may try as parents, it is not possible to protect our children from all the ups and downs of life. Raising resilient children, however, is possible and you can help provide them with the tools they need to respond to the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood. The key to resiliency is changing how we think about challenges and adversities.

Join us for District 303 Parent University "Fostering Resiliency and Promoting Emotional Growth in Children" on **Tuesday, November 15** from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 S. 7th Street St. Charles, IL 60174.

Our guest speaker will be Heather Bilbrey MA, Therapist at Amita Health. Heather will discuss specific strategies parents can provide to their children to foster resiliency while also promoting their emotional growth. This presentation will also help parents understand signs and symptoms of anxiety, as well as provide strategies for parents to use when their child is anxious and/or struggling.

To RSVP and reserve your place, please [click here](#).

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# Happy Veterans Day!

*Thank you to all who have served.*

## Saints Football On Live TV

Saturday's Class 8A Quarterfinal playoff game between St. Charles East and Palatine will be televised live at 5 p.m. on

**Saturday, November 12** on Comcast Sportsnet Chicago. CSN in HD can be found on the following channels: DirecTV 665, Dish Network 429, AT&T U-Verse 1740, Comcast Xfinity 200. Nathan Baliva, Jack McInerney and Sierra Santos will have the call for the game.



## D303 Has Three New Graduates Thanks to First Class of Night School Graduates


Jeremy Bryant, Sam Leckbee, and Mayur Patel became pioneers as the first District 303 students to earn their high school diploma through the D303 Night School. This program was put into place by the Board of Education last spring to help students who were just a few credits short of graduation as a way to earn their diploma. Jeremy and Sam join the long list of proud graduates of St. Charles North H.S. and Mayur is now an alumni of St. Charles East H.S. In a ceremony held on Thursday, November 10, the graduates received their diplomas, while other students who are on the verge of graduating received recognition for their progress.



*Students and staff of the District 303 Night School gathered for the first Night School Recognition Event on November 10.*

## Pay It Forward Challenge

# #BEKINDFOR25

Nov 7 Hold the Door Open for Someone	Nov 8 Ask a friend to play a game	Nov 9 Help set the table and clean up!	Nov 10 Smile at One More Person Today 	Nov 11 Find a Veteran and Thank them for their service!
Nov 14 Have Dinner with Your Family, Sitting at the Table	Nov 15 Make Small Talk while Waiting in Line for Someone	Nov 16 Greet People you see with "Hello! How Are You?" Even if they are a stranger	Nov 17 Tell Someone Why You are Thankful for Them Call, Text, Email, Send a Letter	Nov 18 Read a book about kindness or helping others
Nov 28 Pull Out a Chair for Someone	Nov 29 Tell a friend why you appreciate them	Nov 30 Give Someone a High Five, When They Do Something AWESOME!	Dec 1 Don't Complain About Anything All Day...	Dec 2 Do Something Extra Around the House to Help your Parents
Dec 5 Send a Positive Message to a Teacher or a Student	Dec 6 See a Piece of Trash on the Ground, Pick it Up, & Throw it Away	Dec 7 Offer Help to Someone Around You	Dec 8 Give a Sincere Compliment to 5 People	Dec 9 Spend a Weekend Night with Your Family
Dec 12 Find Spare Change & Donate it to a Favorite Cause	Dec 13 Invite Someone Who Sits Alone to Eat with You	Dec 14 Tell a joke! Make someone laugh!	Dec 15 Send an Inspirational Quote to Someone who needs it	Dec 16 Free Choice: Pick Your Random Act of Kindness

## Be Kind for 25

Last year, 5th grade students at Norton Creek Elementary School partnered with students in the Early Childhood and Life Skills program. The culmination of the partnership was the reading of a book by the older students called "How to Grow a Friend". The idea of growing friends through kindness is now taking the next step as Norton Creek students are participating in "Be Kind for 25". It is a rather simple idea of performing a specific act of kindness each day at school for 25 days. Along with Norton Creek, St. Charles East H.S., St. Charles North H.S., and Wredling Middle School are also participating. We've included the calendar for anyone else who wants to spread some

## Jazz Cafe

Wredling Middle School Music Department invites you to its annual fundraiser Jazz Cafe!

**Friday, December 2**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more details!

*100% of the of the proceeds will benefit the continued education of all Wredling Music Students.*



# St. Charles North H.S. Madrigal Dinner Tickets on Sale Now

It is once again that time of year for St. Charles North's annual Madrigal Dinner at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles. The students have been preparing their music for this event and are looking forward to another wonderful start of the holiday season. The dates are **December 8, 9 and 10** and tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$40 and payment is by credit card. When your order is complete, you will receive confirmation by e-mail and have the ability to print an e-ticket.

To order your tickets, go to either [north.d303.org](http://north.d303.org) or [scnmusic.com](http://scnmusic.com) and use the link to SCN Madrigal Dinner 2016. You may also use the link below. We hope to see you there!

[SCN Madrigal Dinner 2016](#)



## Additions to the Community Backpack

**WANT TO LEARN HOW TO CODE?**  
Join Fox Valley Girls Coding Club  
For High School Girls, Ages 14-18



Learn Object Oriented Programming Languages Java and C#  
Be able to create web sites, software and mobile apps  
Join other girls for 45-60 minutes of Computer Science learning each week  
Participate in Hack Chins with women in Tech initiatives

Thinking of a career in Computer Science or simply want to learn the skills to be successful in any major industry? This is the club for you! Unlike great on a college application - and learning to code is fun!

2016-17 Coding Club is meeting now!

Join us on Fridays from 3-4:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. at 2206 Clowding, Geneva, IL

To Join or to Learn More:  
[http://www.foxvalleygirls.org](#)  
[http://www.foxvalleygirls.org/coding](#)  
Contact with us at [backpack@foxvalleygirls.org](mailto:backpack@foxvalleygirls.org)

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[Learn More](#)

**A DICKENS CHRISTMAS CAROL**

DEC 2 & 9 @ 7PM  
DEC 3, 4, 10, 11 @ 3PM  
THE QUAD, ST CHARLES

TIX: [MARQUEUYOUTH.ORG](http://MARQUEUYOUTH.ORG)  
[MYSDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MYSDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM)

MYS Presents A Christmas Carol

[Learn More](#)

**Campton United Soccer Club**

The second annual Campton United Soccer, Thanksgiving 3v3 Tournament is on November 20, 2016.

Girls and boys soccer teams can be formed with Campton United (CU) members and/or non-club members. This allows an opportunity for member players to compete with their non-member friends or teammates. Following is the specifics regarding the Thanksgiving 3v3 Tournament.

Date: Saturday, 11/20/16  
Location: Campton United Indoor Complex  
3800 Peck Rd  
St. Charles, IL 60174

Age Groups: Boys U10-U13 & Girls U10-U13  
Divisions: Boys U10 (2007) & Girls U10 (2007)  
Boys U11 (2006) & Girls U11 (2006)  
Boys U12 (2005) & Girls U12 (2005)  
Boys U13 (2004) & Girls U13 (2004)

Contact: Tim McClements  
Campton United Soccer Club  
Tournament Director  
[www.camptonunited.com](http://www.camptonunited.com)  
972-868-5307

Cost: \$150 Per Team (3 Game Minimum)  
Max Roster: 6

While participating in the 3v3 tournament, the team formed will be considered an independent team regardless of membership status, therefore team members are not permitted to use their Campton United team name or wear CU uniforms.

Campton United Thanksgiving 3v3 Tournament

[Learn More](#)

**FOX RIDGE ELEMENTARY**  
*Winter Wonderland*  
A HOLIDAY MARKET

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

THE BOND CHRISTMAS STORE  
AND TUTOR CENTER  
ST CHARLES, ILLINOIS

Fox Ridge Winter Wonderland Holiday Market

[Learn More](#)

**Join us!**  
The Wedding Middle School Music Department cordially invites you to its annual fundraiser **Jazz Cafe!**

Performances by various Wedding Middle School Ensembles

**Friday**  
December 2, 2016  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Wedding Middle School**  
1200 Quince Orchard  
Saint Charles, IL

**Evening Includes**  
Dinner - \$10/person  
Bottle

**Admission**  
\$5 Per Person

\*Half tickets will be available for purchase at the event.  
\*A \$100.00 donation will be made to the St. Charles School District.  
100% of the proceeds will benefit the continued education of all Wedding Middle Schoolers.

**Jazz Cafe**

Jazz Cafe

[Learn More](#)

**Click here to view more community events happening soon!**

# 2017 District 303 Board of Education Elections



Nominating petition forms for the April 4, 2017 Board of Education election in District 303 are now available. Forms are available online through the office of the Kane County Clerk's website [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org). Tuesday, September 20 is the first day that residents of District 303 may circulate the nominating petitions.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the Kane County Clerk's Office, 719 Batavia Ave., Building B (North Entrance), Geneva IL 60134 no earlier than **Monday, December 12 and no later than Monday, December 19.**

Four seats on the seven-member Board of Education will be filled by the results of the April 4 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2021.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and District 303 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election. The Board of Education election is nonpartisan and board candidates do not run under political party affiliation.

Illinois Law requires that any candidate seeking election to a board of education must file:

- Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 voters residing within the District.
- Statement of Candidacy.
- Statement of Economic Interest.
- Loyalty Oath – which is optional.

*Important dates for candidates are:*

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016** – First day candidates may circulate nominating petitions.

**Monday, December 12, 2016** – First day that prospective candidates may file nominating papers with the county clerk.

**Monday, December 19, 2016** – Last day to file nominating petitions with the county clerk. Also, last day for candidates to file receipt for Statement of Economic Interest to accompany nomination papers.

**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/>.



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District 303 has added Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to our community communications toolbox. In addition to [district.d303.org](http://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.



# D303 Seeking Nominations For Distinguished Alumni Award

District 303 in conjunction with the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee and the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation are proud to announce the opening of the nomination period for the 2017 District 303 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be given to selected nominees who have graduated from District 303 and have demonstrated a high level of achievement in their field of endeavor or in their contributions to their community.

Nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award are being accepted through December 1. Nominations should include the nominee's name, current address, phone, e-mail, high school the nominee graduated from and what year, along with details of the nominee's achievements and accomplishments. Those making a nomination are also asked to include their contact information.

The 2017 recipients will be recognized at the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation's Gala Event which will be held on April 8, 2017, at the Baker Hotel. Nominations can be submitted on the District 303 web site. [Click here](#) to go the nominating page, or visit [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org).



## Mark Your Calendars

### Monday, November 21

K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)

### Tuesday, November 22

K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)  
High School Teachers' In-service (No Classes)

### Wednesday, November 23

Non Attendance Day (Offices Open)

### November 24-25

Thanksgiving Break

### December 19 - January 2

Winter Break

### January 3

School Resumes

## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

### Monday, November 14

Regular BOE Meeting - 7 p.m.  
at North High School



## 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](http://www.d303.org)