



## Wasco Teacher Wins Award after Nomination by Student

Wasco Elementary 1st Grade Teacher Mrs. Susanna Hartmann was recently given the Excellence in Teaching Award by the National Federation for the Blind based on the nomination by Thomas Howe, one of her students from last year. There is no better way to explain why Mrs. Hartmann won this award other than using the words from Thomas' nomination letter that his mom helped him write:

"Mrs. Hartmann encouraged Thomas to arrive to class a little early to put his belongings away and get settled before the mad rush of children arrived. She also provided a special hook for Thomas's walking cane and a home for his other tools like; monocular, magnifier, and brailier. Additionally, Mrs. Hartmann suggested during indoor recess Thomas could make the brailier "open" for him to show the other kids what it was and how it worked. Thomas gained a sense of pride when

he would teach the other children Braille and he even helped them use the brailier to make bookmarks with their names brailled on it."

**Congratulations to Thomas and to Mrs. Hartmann!**

## 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.



# Both D303 High Schools Advance

East H.S. Football to Appear on CN100  
Game of the Week



Both St. Charles North H.S. and St. Charles East H.S. will compete in the second round of the IHSA Football Playoffs this weekend. North H.S. will play their second round Class 7A game on Saturday, November 5 at 1 p.m. against Auburn H.S. in Rockford. East H.S. will play their second round Class 8A game on Friday, November 4 at 7 p.m. against New Trier H.S. at New Trier's Northfield campus. The St. Charles East at New Trier game has been selected by the Comcast Network as the CN100 Game of the Week. The full production of the game can be seen on Comcast Xfinity Cable on channel 100 at Noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. Jim Blaney, Jack McInerney and Camron Smith will call the action.



## St. Charles North Educators Rising Participate in Read for the Record

The St. Charles North Educators Rising Club participated in the 2016 Read for the Record at Corron Elementary School on Thursday, October 27. Sixteen high school students read the book and led activities for 11 elementary school students who participate in the South Elgin Park District's AfterShock program after school.

Jumpstart's *Read for the Record*® is a national campaign launched over a decade ago that helps address educational inequities that leave too many children unprepared for kindergarten. The 2016 book featured was *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* written by Julia Sarcone-Roach.

The Educators Rising students led activities including games and crafts after reading the book. A copy of the book will be donated to the Corron Elementary School library from the North H.S. Educators Rising.

# WRED-TV Producing Report for Students

## about Election Process



Wredling Middle School's Broadcast Club visited the Kane County Clerk's office this week to interview Kane County Clerk Mr. John Cunningham about the 2016 presidential election. Mr. Cunningham greeted the WRED-TV crew of 18 students in his office for over an hour and gave them a behind the scenes tour of the facility and thorough explanation on how the voting process works. WRED-TV also interviewed voters who were taking part in early voting. Another team of students from WRED TV club also interviewed several voters asking them questions such as why

do they think voting is important, how can young people get involved and what technological advancements would they like to see in the voting process in the future to make it easier/more accessible.

The students will be using the video in their WRED-TV news episode that will air at Wredling next month.

## 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](#).

# 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](#)



## 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.

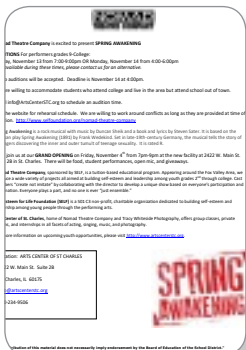
The 2017 recipients will be recognized at the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation's Gala Event which will be held on April 8, 2017, at the Baker Hotel. Nominations can be submitted on the District 303 web site. [Click here](#) to go the nominating page, or visit [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org).



District 303 students recently participated in a design, thinking, and learning event presented by Google. Students and teachers from all over the Chicagoland area participated in the event at which students identified community issues and developed plans to address those problems during the coming year.



## Additions to the Community Backpack



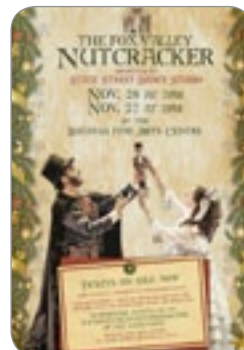
Spring Awakening Auditions

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An Almost Winter Day

[Learn More](#)



The Fox Valley Nutcracker

[Learn More](#)



Fox Ridge Winter Wonderland Holiday Market

[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/>.



**Like Us on Facebook, Follow Us on Twitter, Watch Us on YouTube**

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.



## Mark Your Calendars

### Friday, November 11

End of 1st Trimester for Elementary Schools

### Wednesday, November 23

Non Attendance Day (Offices Open)

### Monday, November 21

K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)

### November 24-25

Thanksgiving Break

### Tuesday, November 22

K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)

High School Teachers' In-service (No Classes)

## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings



### Monday, November 14

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



## 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.)



## 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)