



## Four District 303 Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

### 26 Other District 303 Students Earn Commended Status



St. Charles North High School students Ryan Fahey, Kira Nutter, and Nicole Palmer, along with St. Charles East High School student Alan Koval have been named as semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. These four District 303 students are among 16,000 students nationwide who have been selected for this honor. The next phase of the National Merit Scholarship Program takes place in February when the finalists are notified.

St. Charles District 303 has 26 additional students who have earned Commended Status in the National Merit Program. The students are as follows:

St. Charles East High School – Eli Brottman, Andrew Culbertson, Shannon Dohr, Charles Downing, Justin Lichter, Brendan Luecker, Casey McNichols, Anna Moritz, Nathan Morrow, Claire Muckian, Erin Newman, Elizabeth Nguyen, Michael Santos, McKenna Shaffer, Neal Shah, Justin Stepien, Sophia Watts.

St. Charles North High School – Jack Currie, Jonathan Lincheck, Avee Oabel, Ryan Olson, Leanne Stahulak, Grace Taylor, Katherine Vetter, Sophia Wasilevich, and Ryan Wolak.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.



### 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)

# 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).

## Haines Student to Flip Coin at Bears Game



Haines Middle School 7th Grade student Danny Surges will be attending Sunday's Chicago Bears vs. Detroit Lions game at Soldier Field in his role as State Ambassador for the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. Danny is a member of Team 7-1 and he will conduct the honorary coin toss prior to the game.



**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.

# D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District's middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year.

The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. Details of the District Administration plan will be presented to the public at the following meetings:

Thursday, October 20	Haines Middle School	7 p.m.
Monday, October 24	Wredling Middle School	7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Thompson Middle School	7 p.m.

The three meetings will contain the same content and can be attended by anyone in the community who wishes to attend at their convenience.

The Board of Education will consider the middle school plan at the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 11	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m.
Thursday, November 3	BOE Special Meeting	TBA
Monday, November 14	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m. at North H.S.

All meetings to be held in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 South 7th St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.



# 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 Interests 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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# East HS Homecoming Weekend

Friday, September 30 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 1 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Football Game  
 Homecoming Dance



## Go Saints!



## Additions to the Community Backpack

**Moms Together**  
 Moms Together is a program created to affirm and encourage mothers of school through mentoring and support groups. Our morning together includes breakfast, time for conversation, information speaker presentations and discussion groups.

**October 6, 13, 20, 2016**  
 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
**Speaker: Elisabeth Klein**  
*Calm in My Chaos: Encouragement for a Mom's Weary Soul*

**First Baptist Church of Geneva**  
 West Campus  
 3435 Keslinger Road

Register by September 28th for first session, October 5th for second session, or October 12th for third session online at [www.fbtcg.com/mt](http://www.fbtcg.com/mt)  
 Cost is \$6.00 (includes breakfast) for mom only, \$8 for mom and one child, and \$10 for mom with two or more children.

All fees payable at the door or online. Cash, check or credit card payments accepted.

Moms Together

[Learn More](#)

**"Halloween Classics"**  
 Fox Valley Chorale  
 FREE ADMISSION

October 6 & 7, 2016  
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Fox Valley Chorale  
 1000 West Main Street  
 Appleton, WI 54912

HALLOWEEN CLASSICS  
 CONCERT

[Learn More](#)

**EARN YOUR BROWNIE DANCER BADGE**  
 at 3rd Street Dance & Theatre Academy  
**for FREE!!!**

- 20 minutes Brownie Significance Team Building
- 15 Minutes of Ballet Techniques
- 15 minutes of Jazz or Hip Hop Techniques (strong leaders choice)
- 10 minutes music time (self performed)
- 20 minutes to learn a performance routine
- 10 minutes performance opportunity for parents to watch what they have worked on. Take pictures/videos (not optional badge presentation with troop leader)

Please call at 815-445-0066 to schedule your dance class and verify your badge. We have flexible dates and times in order to work with your troop's schedule. There will be a cash deposit of \$10 for non-refundable.

**It will cost you \$10.00, you will receive your cash deposit back.**

Register by 5:00 PM before your troop's scheduled class.

We ask that the troop leader arrive up 15 minutes before class time. Please inform the Brownie troops to show up 10 minutes before class time. Troops are allowed to come and watch at the end of the 90-minute class to the group with the help of their troop parent/leader.

\*This program is NOT affiliated with or sponsored by Girl Scout of the United States of America.

3rd Street Dance & Theatre Academy, Inc.  
 10440 0041 | 101 S. 3rd St., St. Charles, IL 60114 | [www.3streetdance.com](http://www.3streetdance.com)

Free Dancer Badge Class for  
 Brownie and Girl Scout Troops

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**FOX TALES**  
 Moonlight MYSTRIES  
 There's a Charming Mystery in Every Tale

Fox Tales

[Learn More](#)

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



# Mark Your Calendars

## Friday, October 7

School Improvement Day (No Classes)

## Monday, October 10

Columbus Day (No Classes)

## Friday, October 28

End of 1st Quarter for Middle and High Schools

## Friday, November 11

End of 1st Trimester for Elementary Schools

## Monday, November 21

K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)



## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

### Thursday, September 29

Business Services Committee - 5 p.m.

### Monday, October 17

Learning & Teaching Committee - 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 11

BOE Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.

*(Please note the day and date of this meeting as Regular BOE Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month.)*

## Home Access Center (HAC)

### 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](http://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.](#)



## 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.)