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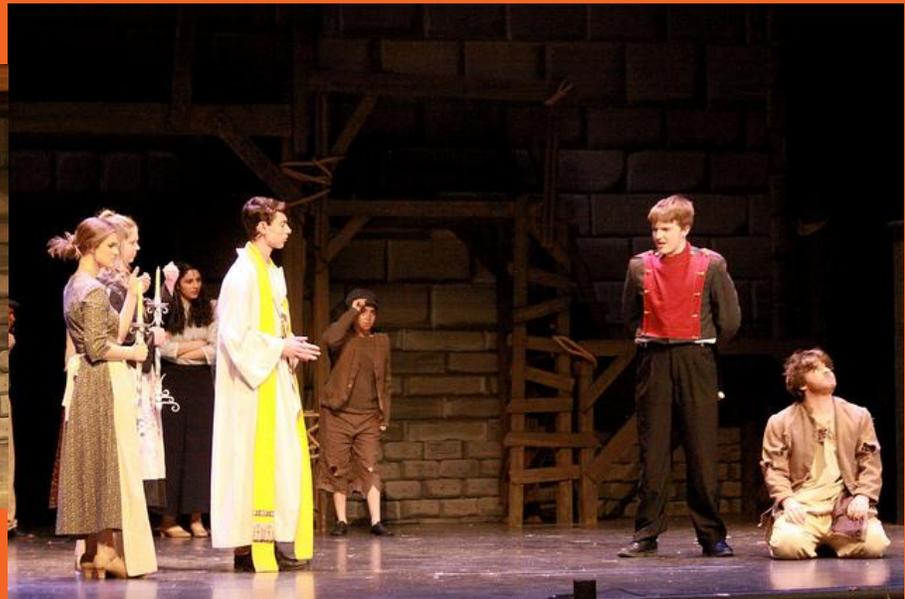
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Office of the Principal



This is the final Principal's Newsletter that I am writing as Principal of St. Charles East High School. Having the opportunity to lead one of the best high schools in the state and nation has been the best seven years of my professional career. The parents, teachers, administration, and support staff have been incredible and continue to impress me as I am winding down the last month of school.

Last Thursday, May 17, a group of teachers, students, parents and administrators interviewed and picked the next Principal of St. Charles East High School, James Richter. Mr. Richter has been a science teacher, Lead Teacher and is currently the Assistant Principal for Instructional Programs at STCE. The STCE Principal's Selection Committee's recommendation will be voted on by the D303 School Board on Monday, June 11. I am so excited for Mr. Richter and St. Charles East! He is the right person for the job and will continue the tradition of excellence we have grown accustomed to at St. Charles East High School. I will continue to work in D303 until June 30, 2018, and then start my new job in Wheaton-Warrenville School District 200 on July 1st. I would like to thank all of the parents, students, administration, teachers and support staff who have worked with me as the Principal of STCE.

The Class of 2018 will graduate on Sunday, June 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the Northern Illinois Convocation Center. Please click on [this link](#) for more detailed information on parking, arrival, departure, etc. regarding graduation. I look forward to presiding over the graduation ceremony and feel like an honorary member of the Class of 2018. Congrats to an incredible group of men and women.

Due to the availability of Chromebooks for all high school students, the 2017-2018 second semester finals will be administered online and using Chromebooks. Teachers have been piloting online testing throughout the second semester in preparation for online semester finals.

We ask that all students bring their fully charged Chromebooks each day during finals week. Since this is our first attempt at online testing, we are also asking students to bring their charging cord to finals as well. If a student forgets to bring their Chromebook to finals, they will need to utilize the make-up exam time on Tuesday, June 5th or schedule a make-up exam time in the summer with the Assistant Principal for Instructional Programs.

Upon the completion of their finals on Tuesday, June 5th, faculty and staff will be collecting student Chromebooks and charging cords at the end of 5th period testing. The bus pick up for June 4th and June 5th have been moved back until 1:15p.m. to accommodate the collection of thousands of Chromebooks. If a student is done with finals before the 5th period final, they can return their Chromebook and charging cord to the LRC. In addition, information regarding what is required during the return process will be shared with students via email and announcements and for parents via email.

Seniors will follow a similar procedure during their last day of attendance on Thursday, May 31.

Please note that students who do not return their Chromebook and charging cord prior to Summer Break will be charged a replacement fee (\$250/\$22).

Thanks for all the Incredible Memories,
Charles Kyle
Principal

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DuPage County Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)

ACT-SO, the principle youth initiative of the NAACP, is designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. Students receive enrichment and mentorship in the areas of Science, Humanities, Business, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. After 7 months of rigorous preparation each Olympian will compete at our local competition with an opportunity to represent DuPage ACT-SO at the National Competition later this summer in **San Antonio, Texas.**

Congratulations to Nneka Onwuta for winning gold in the local competition. Nneka is a senior and we are proud that she is a Saint!

Vocal Competition - New York

Brylee Harkins was recently named a national finalist in the New York Lyric Opera Theatre 2018 vocal competition, singing "Mein Herr Marquis" from Die Fledermaus. She will be singing in the finalist concert for the high school division in early May at the National Opera Center in NYC (Scorca Hall).



Instructional Programs



Viewing Grades on HAC

With 4th Quarter starting, it is important to follow these steps in order to see your student's cumulative (3rd and 4th Quarter combined) grade on HAC. The screen shot below will help guide you to the location of the buttons to click:

- Make sure VIEW CLASSWORK FOR REPORT CARD RUN is set to 4
- Click on CLASSES
- Click on FULL VIEW
- Click on SHOW ALL AVERAGES

A pop-up will appear that will display the grade for all work entered this semester. As always, contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

The screenshot shows the HAC interface with several navigation steps highlighted by black arrows:

- An arrow points to the **Classes** icon in the top navigation bar.
- An arrow points to the **Full View** button in the top right corner of the main content area.
- An arrow points to the **Show All Averages** button at the bottom right of the table.

The table below shows the student's overall average:

Category	Student's Points	Maximum Points	Percent	Category Weight	Category Points
Assessment	11.00	21.00	52.38%	8.00	28.00
Total Points				10.00	10.00
Student's overall average is					

Final Exam Schedule

Please click on the linked title to access our Second Semester Final Exam Schedule.

Foreign Language



On April 18th, AP Spanish students participated in an Immersion Day in Elgin starting at the Hemmens for a Latin Rhythms Music & Dance performance followed by an authentic meal at Los Comales. Students spoke Spanish all day even on the bus, and was a very educational and memorable day.



Foreign Language



On Saturday, April 21st students from Spanish Language along with their teacher Profe Forbes volunteered at the St Charles Sly Fox 1/2 Marathon from 7am-10am at mile 12 passing out water and cheering on runners. 🇺🇸🇧🇪🇨🇪 They won 2nd place for best cheering, winning \$200 which they will donate to provide clean water to an impoverished community in a Spanish-speaking country.



AP Spanish Lang and Profe Forbes held a Coco Movie night in April on the 23rd to support Lazarus House as part of their local impact for the course. They had raffle baskets as well from local businesses to help raise money for the cause.



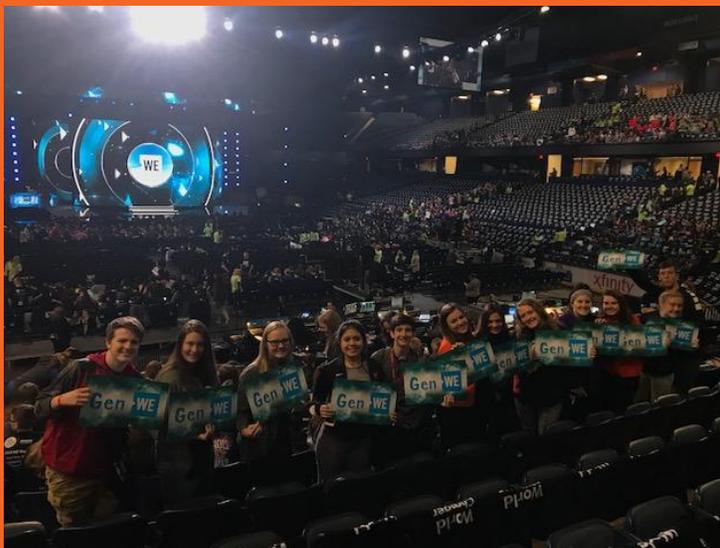
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AP Spanish Lang students Jasmine Turrubiarres and Emily Erickson sold donated soda & candy at from a school store grant at the Saints Volleyball game on April 24th with all proceeds going to Lazarus House as part of their local impact project for the WE pilot component of the course.



On April 25th, AP Spanish students who completed their 20 hours of service (10 local impact hours & 10 global impact hours) were invited to attend WE Day at the Allstate Arena. Inspirational speakers and famous actors and singers graced the stage to encourage students to make service a part of their life, becoming leaders at any age.



Foreign Language



Profesora Forbes' AP Spanish Lang classes sold hand-woven bracelets by nearly 200 artists from Nicaragua and Guatemala for \$5 each during lunch periods for two weeks, raising over \$1000 with 100% of funds going to the cause to help break the cycle of poverty in Central America and provide funding to educational programs and scholarships.



Foreign Language



Latin

On Tuesday, March 13, 10 East students took the National Latin Exam, and many achieved distinguished scores. For Latin I, Edward Nawrocki received summa cum laude (1st rank), Jordan Striley received maxima cum laude (2nd rank), and Grace McGill and Alyssa Justiniano received cum laude (4th rank). For Latin II, Erika Denker received summa cum laude (1st rank), Grace Passaglia, Gabriel Delaney, and Michael O'Donnell received maxima cum laude (2nd rank), and Skyler Purvis received magna cum laude (3rd rank). Congratulations to all participants for their hard work!

1- Pictured left to right: Jordan Striley, Grace McGill, Edward Nawrocki, Alyssa Justiniano
2 - (left to right): Michael O'Donnell, Skyler Purvis, Gabriel Delaney, Grace Passaglia, Erika Denker



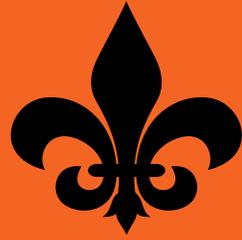
LRC Information



New to the LRC are the updated wall mounted flat screen T.V.'s for teachers & students. These T.V.'s are a great way to keep information about our school scrolling throughout the day. They also make all of our LRC spaces better equipped for presentations and visual learning using HDMI cables which are compatible with students Chromebooks and teacher laptops.



Math



Math Help

As always, your math teacher is available for extra help outside of class. Set up a time to come in for extra help if needed. The Math Resource Room is open periods 4, 5, 6, and 7 for math support or you can go the LRC for peer tutoring during those hours. The Math Honor Society offers tutoring in the LRC after school every Wednesday and Thursday.

Math Honor Society

Twenty-nine students were inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, a national math honor society, this April. The students are: Brian Aguilar, Ben Anderson, Andrea Brink, Blake Carlino, Reema Dhar, Thomas Ditsworth, Brennan Eng, Colin Hanley, Brett Herman, Chris Heuser, Grace Jackson, Jazzlyn Jacobus, Jolie Jacobus, Kyra Johnson, Ryan Kelly, Kyle Lewarchick, Michael McHenry, Matthew Nagler, Tram Nguyen, Katie O'Hara, Julianne Pabona, Nya Pauldon, Isabel Prath, Ellie Roberts, Alexia Scott, Ayumu Seiya, Kevin Stefanczyk, Kaitlin Wixted, and Sean Yetter.

Congratulations and welcome new members!

Math Team

Congratulations to the Algebra 2 Team for their top 20 finish in the state of Illinois math meet. Noah Hauptmann, Ryan Kelly, Laura Nawrocki, Kayla Villa, and Bob Villa traveled to the University of Illinois on May 5th to compete in the state math meet. The team had to qualify to compete in the state meet at the regional meet in February at Northern Illinois University.



Social Studies



When the Question is the Answer...

With the adoption of new social studies standards by the state of Illinois, District #303 has been working on developing new curriculum. The standards dictate that our curriculum focus equally on disciplinary concepts and inquiry skills, to enable students to become independent thinkers and lifelong learners. We are excited about the changes and have been working hard to get our classes rewritten and our own skills up to date. Here are a few highlights.

1. Most required social studies classes have been rewritten, and new options are available for freshmen. Freshmen can now choose between a Contemporary World Issues class or a World History and Geography class. Both of these will be new for next year and feature a more specific look at Geography.
2. New AP classes will also be available. Freshmen through seniors can enroll in our new AP World History course, and sophomores through seniors can enroll in an AP Seminar course. Our Seminars next year will focus on Conspiracy Theories: Fact or Fiction? Or Sports in Society.
3. We will start rewriting our elective courses this summer and will be developing new standard-level electives. Keep your eyes open for exciting new options for the 2019-2020 school year!

Besides writing new curriculum, social studies teachers will be participating in summer staff development to ensure we coach students through the inquiry process consistently. These changes will be in place in grades 6-12 starting next school year, and K-5 shortly after. We look forward to fostering your child's (and our!) curiosity next year!

Wellness



- Driver's Education classes completed time behind the simulators and the range. As the semester comes to an end, these future drivers are mastering all the aspects of driving-how to change a tire, how to interact with police on the road, and how to be a courteous driver.



- Health classes welcomed Kim Cook from Teen World Confidential as a guest speaker. She facilitated group discussions as well as directed students through role playing scenarios in regards to healthy relationships and dating boundaries.
 - Adventure Education ended the school year in the pool practicing their kayak skills.
 - Health Occupations 2 has finished up their observations at Delnor Hospital
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Business Education



St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 is introducing a new program aimed at providing students with an authentic learning experience around entrepreneurship. The program will be implemented in the fall of 2018 at both St. Charles East and St. Charles North high schools.

Throughout the course, students work in teams to brainstorm, design, and develop their own product or service in attempt to be awarded seed money from a board of investors. The design of this course is similar to the ABC television show, "Shark Tank." Community entrepreneurs and business experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors guiding student teams to success. At the final pitch night, student teams have the opportunity to earn actual funding to further develop their product or service and launch their business. Student teams who earn funding at the pitch event are expected to make a commitment to continue onto ACCEleratoredu, the second year of the program.

St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 is pleased to announce the Community Champions who will serve as liaisons between the school district and the community. Mayor Ray Rogina, Jim Di Ciaula, Chamber of Commerce President, Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director of the Downtown Partnership, and Laura Macklin-Purdy, Developing and Branding Manager of the Downtown Partnership have agreed to be part of the team as Community Champions.

This INCubatoredu curriculum is part of Uncharted Learning programs, which are available to more than 3,500 students in more than 85 schools across 15 states, including Illinois, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Ohio. Learn more at: www.incubatoredu.org.

In addition to the Community Champions, volunteers are needed to work with students as coaches and mentors. District 303 is currently seeking local businesses and community members to volunteer to be part of the program and work with our student entrepreneurs.

Please see [Volunteer Role Descriptions](#) for an explanation of the volunteer opportunities.

[Volunteer Registration/Interest Form](#)

We are also looking for individuals and businesses who are willing and able to financially sponsor this unique and innovative program. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like more information about the program, please reach out Dr. Melissa Byrne, Associate Director of Curriculum at Melissa.Byrne@d303.org or 331-228-6733.

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SkillsUSA Members Succeed at State Competition

On April 27-29, East students **Madeline Swan, Veronica Swan, Kiley O'Malley,** and **Emerson Stopen** competed at the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in Springfield. Congratulations to all competitors including:

- Madeline Swan** - 3rd Place Customer Service, 4th Place Job Interview
- Kiley O'Malley** - 1st Place Job Interview, 7th Place Customer Service
- Emerson Stopen** - 5th Place Customer Service, 6th Place Job Interview
- Bilal Karim** - 7th Place Job Interview, 8th Place Customer Service
- Veronica Swan** - 11th Place Job Interview

Special congratulations to National Qualifier Kiley O'Malley who will be heading to Louisville, KY to represent Illinois in Job Interview Competition



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Leadership Speaker Series

Leadership and Management students are currently coordinating the Leadership Speaker Series. Student teams are responsible for inviting speakers, inviting other classes, coordinating, and running the event. We would like to thank our speakers Rowena Zimmers, Mike Fields, and Wendi Barlow. Their insights on leadership, management, entrepreneurship, and success were invaluable to students and teachers alike. If you know of anyone who would like to speak at the event next semester, please contact Keith Glavan, keith.glavan@d303.org.



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Employer Appreciation Banquet, 2018

This year both East and North Co-op and Internship students gathered to say “Thank You” to the many employers and sponsors throughout our community.

Students in **Cooperative Education** class earn credit and build skills while maintaining a job during the year. In addition, in the classroom they learn real world topics such as how to create a resume, interview, how to do their taxes and create a budget.

In **Internship**, students spend 75 hours working directly with a sponsor in a career field of interest to them. Students gain first-hand perspective of what is needed to be successful in that career as well as gain experiences not possible in the classroom.

Over 50 students attended with their employer/sponsor to celebrate their accomplishments and show their appreciation to the community.

Congratulations to the following students:

Cooperative Education Students of the Year

Ryan Donohue, Play it Again Sports

Mikaela Utley, Target

Trinity Furmanski, European Wax Center

Abigail Mortensen, Goldfish Swim School

Internship Students of the Year

Tommy Jackson, Rule 29

Emily Erickson, Advocate Sherman Hospital



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DECA Students Compete at the International Career and Development Conference in Atlanta

This year students **Brendan Kempff** (Hotel and Lodging Management) and **Courtney Hydar** (Automotive Services Marketing) qualified in the top four of their event at state which allowed them to advance to DECA's next level of competition. The International Career and Development Conference was held in Atlanta, GA this year and was attended by nearly 20,000 students and advisors. The competition consisted of role plays and exams in the students chosen events.

In addition to competition, our students had the opportunity to visit the College Football Hall of Fame, see a private concert of pop star Andy Grammer and see the sights and sample some southern cooking in downtown Atlanta.



Congratulations to **Brendan Kempff** as he placed in the top 10 for his marketing cluster exam.

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VEI Students Get Out of the Classroom

As Virtual Enterprises wraps up the year, students have gotten out into the community to gain real world experience. VEI students landed virtual sales contracts with two different groups at ALE Solutions as well as with the Arcada Theater. Additionally, students presented to Dr. Peter Smith at St. Charles Dental, who responded generously with sponsorship to reduce out of pocket costs for VEI students attending trade shows and other outside learning opportunities. Thank you all of our community partners.



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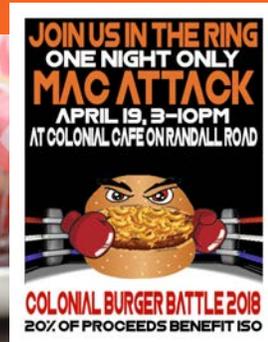
Marketing and Advertising II East vs. North Burger Battle

On Thursday, April 19th, the Marketing and Advertising II classes held the 8th annual “East vs North Burger Battle” fundraiser event at Colonial Cafe on Randall Road. East created two burgers - the Krabby Patty (from the 1st period class) and the Mac Attack (created by 2nd period). North’s class created the Baltic Billionaire Burger.

This was the most successful Burger Battle to date! It was a fun competition, and the classes were able to raise a total of \$854.20 to benefit the D303 Illinois Special Olympic team. In the end, the Krabby Patty was the overall winner, selling 207 burgers. The Mac Attack took second, selling 148 burgers. The Baltic Billionaire sold 30 burgers.

Each class was incredibly proud of their burger creation. Students initially worked in teams to research burger concepts and create unique combinations. Students then teamed up to create ideas for the branding of the burger, including color schemes, themes, and logos. The classes voted on the winning campaign to represent their burger and went to work in production teams to create all of the fliers, commercials, menus, table toppers, social media, and announcements.

The students were overwhelmed to see the amount of support from East staff, parents, and students, and we would like to thank everyone for making this event a success!



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Culinary Arts

With the end of the year quickly approaching, the students in the Culinary Arts program have wrapped up the quick breads unit. Students enjoyed making blueberry pancakes, biscuits and gravy, pumpkin bread and a variety of muffins. The final test being the creation of cookies, the classes were able to complete six varieties and participated in a cookie share at the end of the lab.

Baking & Pastry

Students have been mastering their cake mixing and baking skills. They have created butter cakes, sponge cakes, and angel food cakes and have been working on their decorating skills as well. The unit will end with a cupcake competition. Students will vote on a theme, design unique cupcakes, create, and present them using the skills learned throughout the unit.

Hospitality, Tourism & Event Planning

Students had a great time learning from our local businesses. Thanks to Pheasant Run, Hotel Baker, The Arcada, Brunch Cafe & the St Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau for giving us an inside tour of the hospitality industry!



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Child Development: The Early Years

Students have all successfully brought home the infant simulators and have experienced first hand what it is like to care for an infant. Looking ahead, students will be applying their knowledge of toddler development in a real life simulation where they are given the chance to be toddlers again for a period. Currently, they are working on understanding toddler development and will be conducting research on what toys are most age and developmentally appropriate for toddlers before closing out the year learning developmental milestones for preschoolers.

Child Development: The School Age Years

Students just wrapped up their unit on Middle Childhood and have moved on to learning about children in the Adolescent Stage of life. Students are focusing on understanding teenagers' physical, emotional, social, and moral development. Currently students are planning a Talk Show on different struggles teenagers experience. We can't wait to see their creative presentations!

Early Childhood Practicum

Career & Life Studies

Students recently wrapped up their financial management unit and were amazed at how much money will be taken out of their paychecks for taxes. Welcome to the real world :-)
They have just started to dive into our next units on peer, work, family, and romantic relationships and the positive qualities, communication styles, and warning signs in these relationships. Our school year will bring all of these ideas together as we finish with collaboration and teamwork.

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Interior Design II

Student designers have been very busy!! CEO and Founder of 25N Coworking, Mara Hauser, stopped by and shared her journey as an interior designer with the class. Mara is a native of Geneva and we really appreciate her willingness to support our community! Interior Design 2 students also were able to learn from Jane Kielb, Head of the Interior Design program at the College of DuPage. We were even able to take a field trip to CoD to utilize their design lab and resources.



Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing II

Student designers are finishing up their next sewing project - shorts! Just in time for the nice weather. Next up, a collaboration with the school store and designing new Saints Spirit Wear!! Be on the lookout for more information to come.

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Culinary Practices in Entrepreneurship

CPE students are looking forward to the end of the year as they are planning for their Restaurant Wars Practicum Final Exam. Each class is tasked with creating a restaurant concept that they will execute entirely during their service time. Classes brainstormed various concepts and shopped for appropriate decor. Student managers maintained their budget and are preparing to order food for their menu in mid-May.

Fifteen students had an amazing opportunity April 27-30 when we traveled to Orlando, Florida to experience an extensive look into the Hospitality Industry. Students were given behind the scenes tours of Resorts and amusement parks at Walt Disney World. The highlight of the event was when two student teams represented St. Charles East and North in an intense culinary competition. Students designed an executed menus based on their assigned continent Asia. Both teams excelled in teamwork, leadership and culinary skill as they completed dishes such as Shrimp Lo Mein, Lettuce Wraps and Fried Rice. Students enjoyed the experience and we look forward to returning next year.



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FCCLA

This April 16 members of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America traveled to Springfield to compete in the 2018 State Competition. Students competed in the areas of Interior Design, Fashion, Culinary, and Child Development. The following members will be representing STCE and the state of Illinois by traveling to Atlanta, Georgia in June to compete in the National Competition:

Rebecca Koch (Food Innovations)

Addison Strachan (Interior Design)

Madison Weick (Interior Design)

Congratulations to all of our FCCLA members and good luck Rebecca, Addison, and Madison!



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Engineering/PLTW



Student designed and built robotic vehicles.

Project Lead the Way national recently notified East that 7 students qualified to receive the AP & PLTW recognition. To earn this student achievement, students must complete three courses in a pathway - one AP course; one PLTW course; and a third course, either AP or PLTW - and earn a qualifying score of 3 or higher on the AP Exam(s) and a score of Proficient 6 or higher on the PLTW End-of-Course (EoC) Assessment(s). This sequence can be completed over multiple years. Completing this qualification demonstrates to colleges and employers that the student is ready for advanced course work and interested in careers in this discipline.

Schools that bring together AP and PLTW courses in a meaningful way for students also earn recognition for their commitment to helping students get college and career ready in STEM fields.

Grade Weighting

On May 14th, the school board will vote to recognize most Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses with honors weighting. If approved, all courses will carry this weighting starting with the 2018/2019 school year. Changing this designation recognizes the importance of the PLTW national curriculum, high quality professional development, and the rigor of these project/problem based classes. Historically, math and science classes are taught in isolation but in the PLTW classroom, students get opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned and take the initiative for their own learning. This change to PLTW courses also provides equal footing to the students when competing against other surrounding PLTW programs for college admission.

English Department Meanderings



*The 2017-2018 **Leadership Studies** class is finishing up their Service Learning Projects in strong fashion. However, all students in the class decided to press pause on their projects last Friday (5/11) and travel over to Wredling Middle School in order to answer questions from 8th graders and to impart knowledge based on their time at St. Charles East High School. Both the 8th graders and the current STCE students were enthusiastic about the experience. We hope to make this a tradition for Leadership Studies in the years to come.*



*East Junior and **X-Ray's** Managing Editor Carmella Furio was awarded first place at the IHSA Journalism Sectionals in the editorial writing category. This win qualified her for the IHSA Journalism state competition at Eastern Illinois University. There she won first place in Editorial Writing.*

Earlier in April, the entire staff celebrated several awards received from the Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association conference held at the College of DuPage. Overall, the newspaper earned a Silver Certificate. The individual awards were the following: Blue Ribbon--News Writing--Annabel Sengstock and David Michelotti; Blue Ribbon--Feature Writing--John Michelotti; Blue Ribbon--Editorials--David Michelotti and Sayre Milo; Honorable Mention--Columns--Carmella Furio; Blue Ribbon--News Team In-Depth--Sara Donis; Honorable Mention--News Individual In-Depth--Natalie Laciola; Honorable Mention--Graphics--Michael Sluis; Honorable Mention--Editorial Cartoon--Michael Sluis.