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# Principal's Newsletter December 2021



ISO State Sendoff



Micah Wilson -  
Boys Cross  
Country State  
Champion



Luke Hull and Katie Kempff (far right)  
at Senator DeWitte's Youth Advisory  
Council



Voice Of Democracy Contest Winners  
Allison Ollie, Alissa Chimienti, Connor Eskeli,  
Hannah Wojcik

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Model UN at ILHMEC Student Leadership Conference



AP Environmental Science Trash Audit



Interact Club Coat Drive



Leadership Studies Participates in the Turkey Drive

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Students in Astronomy work on models of planets and moons



Girls and Boys Cross Country Send Offs



Sundae Showdown



November and December Breakfast of Champions





Combined Band  
and Orchestra  
Holiday Concert



Vocal Music  
Holiday Concert



Student-Directed One Acts

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As we finish first semester, I want to wish everyone an enjoyable and well-deserved winter break. I hope you have the opportunity to connect with family and friends and spend time doing the things that bring you happiness.

**Building Safety and Security** - I am so very proud of our students for reaching out to East administration and the STCPD when a concerning social media post began circulating. We remind our students regularly, "If you see something or hear something, say something." Our students did just that, and they continue to be an important part of keeping our school community safe. Furthermore, there are other things we can do to keep our school safe that are simple, everyday actions. While driving in and around the East/Wredling campus, please be cautious and give pedestrians right of way as they are walking. This includes stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks near East and observing posted speed limits. As a reminder, there is also a "No Left Turn" sign from Fighting Saints Drive onto Dunham Road. This is for the safety of our drivers and our students using the crosswalk at that location. Additionally, as a safety and security measure, we are reminding students to wear their current school IDs as they enter the building. We have been making it part of our morning routine. Please remind them to bring it with them and wear it in the building. We have been printing many IDs without charging students as of yet. Finally, there are many resources available on the [D303 Safety & Security](#) page, including our safety procedures, messaging systems, safe gun storage, building security, etc...

**Masking** - Protecting opportunities for our students is very important to us. Please continue to reinforce the importance of wearing a mask - it is the best way for us to protect the experiences we want our students to have.

**Student Recognition** - In something that I don't recall happening at STCE, we had a student recognized for attaining a perfect score on an AP Exam. On last spring's AP Computer Science Exam, RJ De Guzman earned a perfect score! He was one of 356 students in the entire world to score a perfect score in the AP Computer Science Exam! In the [DuKane Conference Art Show](#), there were several students who were recognized for their outstanding work. Sarah Forsell was awarded first place in the Digital Illustration/Art category, Vanessa Slovik was awarded second place in the Painting category, Ben Cabel was awarded third place in the Drawing category, Gwendolyn Erwin was awarded third place in the Digital Illustration/Art category, and Evelyn Erwin was an Honorable Mention in the Sculpture & Jewelry category. In the VFW's Voice of Democracy contest, Alissa Chimienti was awarded third place, Allison Ollie fourth place, and Connor Eskeli an Honorable Mention. Our Interact club collaborated with the Rotary Club for their annual coat drive and helped purchase roughly \$8000 worth of coats for families in need. Finally, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, STCE participated in our annual Turkey Drive and Angel Tree Project, which certainly brightened the holiday season for hundreds of families in our community.

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**Performing Arts** - Our students performed a series of vignettes titled *The Good Doctor* in October, and performed three amazing theatrical shorts during our Student Directed One Acts in November. Our students are now preparing for our winter performance of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, which will premiere on Friday, February 4 in the Norris Cultural Arts Center. We have also had a series of successful performances from our band, orchestra, and vocal music students during the past quarter. Here are links to performances from our vocal music students: [Fall Choir Concert](#) and [Vocal Jazz Workshop](#).

**Athletics** - The Saints had a very successful fall athletic season. Boys Cross Country and Boys Soccer were DuKane Conference Champions. Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Soccer were Regional Champions, and our Girls Golf and Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams qualified for their respective state competitions, with the Girls Cross Country Team finishing 8th in state and Micah Wilson winning the Boys Cross Country State Championship as an individual. Senior Sebastian Carranza was named the Kane County Preps Soccer Player of the Year and to the United Soccer Coaches High School All-American Team. In December, our ISO Team competed in the state bowling competition with Hayden Haneberg earning a fourth place ribbon and Kayle Brooks and Cullen Hand winning gold medals! Finally, Senior Boys Bowler Edgar Burgos won the Gold Medal at the Panamerican Junior Games in Cali, Columbia. You can follow the STCE Athletic Department's [Twitter feed](#) for updates!

**SEL Information** - Our Student Services Team has also streamlined the process by which students or parents can request support. If you have any concerns that you would like addressed by a member of our team, please fill out this [form](#). This [video](#) provides additional information.

**Parent Involvement Opportunities** - There are also lots of opportunities for parents to get involved at STCE! There are three great organizations that work to make the school and experience for students more exciting. Please consider joining the [STCE PTO](#), [Athletic Boosters](#), and the [Music Boosters](#). Furthermore, here is a message from the St. Charles Education Foundation - *Get to know the St. Charles Education Foundation! Over the past 30 years, the STC Ed Foundation has donated almost \$1.4 million to support D303 students. Last year, EHS staff received a grant that funded digital video presentation equipment. The foundation also gave \$10,000 to improve internet connectivity in school neighborhoods, and funded four scholarships for high school seniors. Please consider supporting this important organization by donating, giving teacher tributes, attending the spring event or all of the above! More information: [stcedfoundation.org](http://stcedfoundation.org)*

**End of Semester Information** - Teachers will return on Monday, January 3 to finalize grades and plan for the start of second semester with students on Tuesday, January 4. Grades will be posted to HAC on Thursday, January 6.

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**East Information** - Stay connected to all things STCE by viewing our [Parent Link communication page](#), subscribing to the [O&B Bulletin](#), reading the [CCR Updates](#), following us on Twitter at our handle [@StCharlesEast](#) and on [Facebook](#), and reviewing our [daily announcements](#). All this information and much more can be found through our [East website](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

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# Instructional Programs



## Additional Information from our Department of Instructional Programs

### Accessing Grades on HAC

The best way to access your child's grade is to click on CLASSES and the FULL VIEW button at the top right corner of the classwork pane. Under each class on the right side will be an option to SHOW ALL AVERAGES. Clicking that button will bring a pop-up that will display the student's overall grade. Some classes use grade categories that report information about student progress but may not impact the grade. Following these steps will ensure the grade you are seeing is the grade your child has in the class. Please refer to the accompanying screen shots as a guide.

The screenshot shows the HAC interface with the 'Classes' tab selected. A table displays student grades for 'Assessment' and 'Total Points'. The 'Show All Averages' button is highlighted in the bottom right corner of the table.

Category	Student's Points	Maximum Points	% Percent	Category Weight	Category Points
Assessment	22.00	25.00	88.00%	68.00	59.84000
Total Points:				68.00	59.84000

Student's overall average is

The [district website](#) has information about HAC under the FOR PARENTS section of the home page. If you have any questions about your child's assignments or grades, please contact their teacher. If you have any questions about your account or login, please contact Julie Olney at [julie.olney@d303.org](mailto:julie.olney@d303.org) or (331) 228-5675.

### Seal of Biliteracy

D303 is proud to offer qualifying students the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy testing information will be posted on the East High School Website. More information will be coming soon about registration and testing dates.