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PLTW Infection Detection at Wasco



Fifth grade students at Wasco Elementary learned about germ transmission during a presentation by Lisa O'Brien from the St. Charles Park District. Mrs. O'Brien came into the classrooms to teach about vector and vehicle disease transmission in support of the fifth grade Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Infection Detection science unit.

Students used test tubes to pass a simulated germ around the class. They were excited to see who was 'infected'. Students also worked through a series of stations using deductive reasoning to determine the source of an illness. By looking at symptoms, they were able to determine where the disease was contracted and who else might have been affected. This interactive program is a wonderful collaboration with the park district in support of student learning.



TMS Orchestra Group Purchases Donation Items



Thompson Middle School's extracurricular orchestra group, IMPACT, purchased donation items for Rover Rescue and Snopko's Socks with the \$500 gift card they were awarded by the local Meijer store in St. Charles after their performance on December 16th.

For this holiday season, the students chose to sponsor Rover Rescue (a local dog rescue group) by providing them with much needed items. They also purchased donation items for Snopko's Socks, a charity that provides new socks and underwear for individuals in need.

Led by Orchestra Director, Angie Wifler, IMPACT's mission is to better the community through performance and service. During the fall, they did a canned food drive, collecting over 150 cans of food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. And this year, they have also performed at Scarecrow Fest, Barnes and Noble, and Bickford Senior Living.



“Discover-Y” Career Exploration Panel at East

St. Charles East High School’s College and Career Readiness Department hosted its fourth “Discover-Y” series event on December 18, with a career exploration panel where various speakers from the community highlighted careers in Government, Public Administration, and Public Safety. As part of a new career awareness initiative, the monthly “Discover-Y” series event aims to expose students to an array of career opportunities.

The panel featured the U.S. Representative-elect, Lauren Underwood, the State’s Attorney for Kane County, Joe McMahon, the Kane County Sheriff, Ron Hain, the Mayor of St. Charles, Ray Rogina, the Kane and DuPage County DUI Prosecutor, Kim DiGiovanni, Criminal Defense Attorney, Liam Dixon, ECC Program Coordinator of Paralegal Studies, Laura Haske, Circuit Judge, Clint Hull, Associate Judge, Elizabeth

Flood, and ECC Senior Director of Public Safety Training, John Fahy.

The speakers answered questions submitted by students and shared stories about the career paths that led them to their current positions. Panelists also highlighted some of the challenges within their fields that gave students insights about those careers. After the discussion, students posed for pictures with the speakers, and took the opportunity to share their stories, gather information for their government classes, and asked for college and career advice.

Each month the CCR Department highlights a different pathway based on student feedback. In September careers in education were highlighted; in October it was the health sciences and human services field; and in November it was careers in the military.



D303 Gives Back this *Holiday* Season



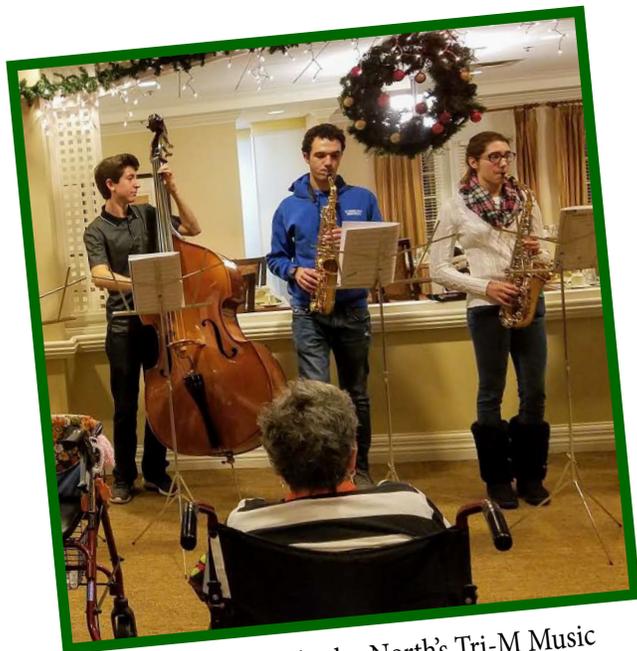
Munhall's Student Council ringing bells for Salvation Army at Jewel.



WMS Orchestra students at Hunt Club Village Senior Residence.



A car full of items were donated to Lazarus House through a service learning project at Wredling.



Students from St. Charles North's Tri-M Music Honors Society play holiday tunes at Brighton Gardens.



Bell Graham students participated in the Angel Tree Drive.





Wasco students collected for the Park District - Jim Wheeler and the Toys for Tots campaign.



Ferson Creek students created and delivered banners to various locations including Gerritage Woods Retirement Center and Lazarus House.



Richmond's Student Council spreading holiday cheer by caroling at Carroll Tower.



St. Charles East High School's Operation Holiday Card helped provide 1,700 cards to the US 99 Drive for their 10,000 cards for the Troops. Another holiday card shipment of 500 cards went to the Hines VA on December 7th.





Student council members from St. Charles North High School make blankets for Project Linus at their Winter Retreat, organized by senior student, Laura Fang.



Lincoln Student Council students donated their time to support the Salvation Army at Blue Goose.

The student council at Norton Creek partnered with Lazarus House. Students wanted to fill stockings for the men, women and children who currently reside there. NC students were humbled to learn that Lazarus House residents had wishes for items such as socks, chapstick, a coloring book or a \$5 gift card for a coffee or burger, so the students set out to fulfill their wishes.

Students organized wishes into five major categories, and came up with a Five Days of Giving Campaign. Student Council promoted the event and with the incredible generosity and support of the Norton Creek student body and families. They were able to collect specific items each day for five days.



Over two weeks of lunch recesses, student council members collected and sorted the donations and were able to provide 75 gift bags filled with socks, sweet treats, personal grooming items, playing cards, coloring books, small toys and gift cards. The students are grateful to have had the opportunity to help out our community.

Turkey Drive Success at East High School



The traditional Turkey Drive at East was a great success this year, helping 76 families this fall thanks to the participation of many classes, families, clubs, and teams!

HOPE-5 at WMS

Wredling Middle School's HOPE club members pass out "HOPE-5" stickers meant to replicate a friendly high-five aiming to symbolically pass along positivity and hope throughout the school.





2019-2020 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

General Information:

For the 2019-2020 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program. You will have the option to choose from the following locations: Fox Ridge or Ferson Creek School.

The program will be open to children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3-5 years old and are not eligible for Kindergarten.

The Preschool fee for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required. *

*All fees are pending board approval

Tours:

Come see our classrooms in action! Observational tours will be offered to all D303 community parents prior to registration.

Fox Ridge Tour: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. (1905 Tyler Road, St. Charles)

Ferson Creek Tour: Friday, January 11, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (38W160 Bolcum Road, St. Charles)

Enrollment Procedure:

Since space may be limited, an enrollment lottery for new preschool students will be held. *The enrollment lottery will be offered online on the district website (district.d303.org) from Tuesday, January 22, 2019 through Monday, February 4, 2019.*

Names will be drawn on Tuesday, February 5 and parents will be notified by email that day if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a space becomes available.

Please contact the Early Childhood Office at 331-228-4834 with questions.

Parent Satisfaction Survey - *Feb. 15 Deadline*

Annually, District 303 conducts a satisfaction survey that gives us meaningful feedback from our students, teachers, and parents. For the last decade, we have administered a local survey that has provided us with comparable data.

This year, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) we will now be participating in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.



Please [click here](#) to take the survey. We appreciate your participation in this anonymous tool used to gather information about our schools.



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Distinguished Alumni Award - *Dec. 21 Deadline*

The 2019 District 303 Distinguished Alumni 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 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award are being accepted through today, December 21. Nominations should include the nominee's name, current address, phone, e-mail, the high school from which the nominee graduated 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 2019 recipients will be recognized at the [St. Charles Education Foundation's Gala Event](#) which will be held on April 6, 2019, at Hotel Baker. Nominations may be submitted by [clicking here](#).

STCEF Grant Applications - *Jan. 24 Deadline*

The St. Charles Education Foundation supports the education of students in the St. Charles school district by offering scholarships to students and grants to teachers to support innovative teaching.

The [STCEF grant application](#) is now available on the [STCEF website](#). Grant applications are due to Carole Camp at ITS on January 24, 2019. We invite staff to write a grant to fund innovative ideas or equipment you want to try that are not part of the regular school budget. [Click here](#) to view the 2017-18 grant recipients.

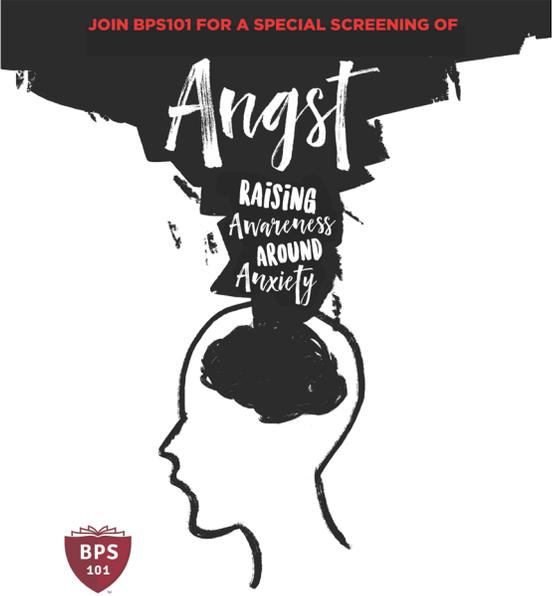


Free Screening of “Angst” at Batavia Fine Arts Centre

In October, over 200 members of our school community viewed the movie Angst, which documents the struggles teens and young adults have with anxiety, and the ways they overcome them with support. District 303 families have asked that we bring Angst back for an additional showing. We are pleased to announce that our colleagues in Batavia District 101 have invited us to attend their showing of Angst on January 23. Below you will find information about their screening, as well as a link to the sign up sheet. We want to thank the Batavia community for extending this invitation to our families in District 303 and hope you can attend.

Free Screening of “Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety” at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre

On Wed., Jan. 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Batavia Public School District 101 will hold a special screening of the IndieFlix documentary “[Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety](#)” at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre (located within Batavia High School) to open up a dialogue on the important topic between families, community leaders, and experts. Suggested for ages 10 and up, this free event will feature a viewing of the 56-minute film, followed by an informative panel discussion with special guests in the mental health care field. All community members in the Fox Valley area are welcome. [Reserve your seats.](#)



JOIN BPS101 FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

Angst
RAISING
Awareness
AROUND
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101

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 23, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Batavia Fine Arts Centre at BHS

IndieFlix  INDIEFLIX FOUNDATION ANGSTMVIE.COM



Exam Cram offered by St. Charles Public Library

Study for finals with us! Free pizza, snacks, and drinks provided courtesy of the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. We stay open until 10:00 p.m. for the late night crammers. Drop in!

- 1/14 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room
- 1/15 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room
- 1/16 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room



*St. Charles East and North High Schools
Final Assessment Schedule
2018-2019*



First Semester

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Period 1 (exam)	7:30-9:10
Period 2 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 7 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Period 6 (exam)	7:30-9:10
Period 3 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 8 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Make-Up Exam Time	7:30-9:10
Period 4 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 5 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

Parent University



FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSION #2

1/24/19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wasco LRC

Join us on January 24 to learn strategies to assist and respond to your child when they are feeling anxious. A representative from Riverview Counseling, along with D303 staff will offer insight on how to help your child deal with anxiety

FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSIONS

1/24/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wasco LRC



4/16/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wild Rose LRC

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration link for 4/16 coming soon



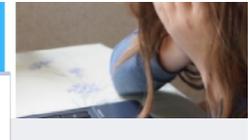
PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING BULLYING: LESSONS LEARNED & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS



1/30/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thompson 6th Grade Cafeteria



Preventing & Addressing Bullying:
Lessons Learned and Resources for
Parents



Faculty from the Psychology Department at Northern Illinois University will present practical information from their research and their work as part of a U.S. Department of Education training grant “Project Prevent and Address Bullying.” Thompson Middle School is partnering with NIU on this grant project, bringing resources that will be shared throughout the district. The faculty will present helpful knowledge, tips, and resources parents can use when navigating bullying situations.

La interpretación en español estará disponible durante la presentación.

[Click here to register.](#)

COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO MANAGING TECHNOLOGY: TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO BE GOOD DIGITAL CITIZENS IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, GAMING AND SCREEN TIME

2/20/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wredling Middle School Cafeteria



Technology is a part of all our lives. From phones to laptops to video games, we are more “connected” or “plugged in” than ever. How do we help our children (and ourselves) find balance when it comes to the use of technology? During this Parent University we will share tools and strategies to help create balance and set boundaries. The night will feature a panel as well as opportunities for interactive discussion. Come “hang up, and hang out”!

[Click here to register.](#)





Community Backpack



Upcoming School Board Meetings

- January 14**
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. -North H.S.
- January 22**
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- January 23**
Community Relations Committee 5:30 p.m.
- January 31**
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- February 11**
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- February 19**
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- February 21**
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.



2018-19 Calendar Highlights

- December 24-January 4**
Winter Break (*No School*)
- January 7**
School Resumes
- January 17**
End of 2nd Quarter (*Middle & H.S. Students*)
- January 18**
Institute Day (*No School*)
- January 21**
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (*No School*)
- January 24**
Parent University: Angst Follow-Up Session #2
- January 30**
Parent University: Preventing & Addressing Bullying



We're Hiring Substitutes!

Did you know?

We are ALWAYS hiring:

- Substitute teachers (college degree required)
- Substitute teacher aides (no college degree required)
- RN certified nurses

NEW this year:

- The pay rate has increased to \$100 daily for teaching. There is also a loyalty bonus that increases the daily teaching rate to \$125 after 31 days.
- The pay rate has increased to \$140 daily for long-term teaching.
- The pay rate has increased to \$92 daily for Teacher Assistants.

Join Our Team!

If you are interested in substituting, please visit <https://bit.ly/2M4dU4Y>
to view our substitute handbook or contact our District Substitute Coordinator at
Julie.Wenger@d303.org for more details.

