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# Principal's Newsletter October 2022



Our National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists  
- Nathan Throneburg and Matthew Hall



October Breakfast of  
Champions Recipients



Saints Family Fun Fest



Marching Band Concert in Norris Stadium



Chorale Concert



Fall Play - *Our Town*



Girls Golf



Boys Golf



Top Left - Girls Swim and Dive

Top Right - Football

Bottom Right - Girls Tennis

Bottom Left - Boys Soccer





Orange & Black  
Competition  
Participants



Student Council E-Board

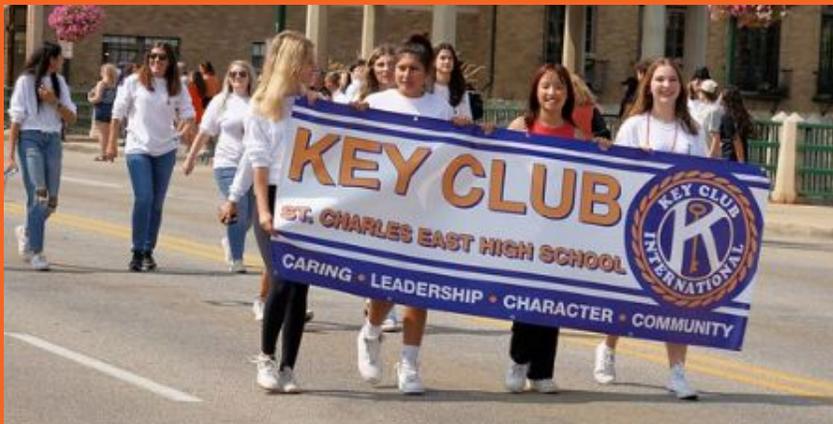


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Wow! What a great first quarter we have had at St. Charles East High School! Student spirit has been outstanding, participation levels extremely high, and our Saints pride has been ever present this fall, all of which was on full display during our very successful Homecoming Week! I am incredibly grateful for and proud of our students and school community for making the start of the 2022-23 school year one of the best ever!

**Student Recognition** - We are proud to announce that we have two National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and eighteen National Merit Commended students. Our Semifinalists are Matthew Hall and Nathan Throneburg. Our Commended students are Clare Archbold, Christopher Barbera, Nathan Borgstrom, Rachel Cornille, Daniel Flores, Jack Griffin, Andrew Komerska, Abigail Kreeger, Peyton LaCroix, Emma Maxwell, Clara Owen, Dylan Platt, Maggie Rich, Jackson Sengenberger, Ryan Sponzilli, Amanda Stepien, Andrew Szuch, and Hannah Wojcik. From the College Board, the following students were awarded with the National African American Recognition Award: Joshua Evans, Kendall Saunders, and Nia Cocroft. Additionally, the following students were awarded the National Hispanic Recognition Award from the College Board: Cooper Ramos, Daniel Flores, Edward Herrera, Ethan Flint, Gabriel Im, Samuel Evangelista, and Samuel Frausto. Hannah Wojcik was also a semi-finalist in the [Stossel in the Classroom Essay Contest](#). We also have 213 STCE students honored with being an AP Scholar, including 43 with Honors, 72 with Distinction, 1 with the AP Seminar & Research Certificate, and 8 students earning the AP Capstone Diploma.

**Performing Arts** - Over the summer, many current and recently-graduated STCE students wrote, directed, and produced original One Acts to raise funds for charities. *The Oregon Fall* by Elizabeth Nowak (2023) and Hannah Wojcik (2023) is about a mismatched group of students and teachers who get sucked into the *Oregon Trail*. *The New Therapist* by Jay Steinke (graduate) and Aaron Delaney (graduate) is a story about Sara's first day on the job as well as Charlie's first day searching for a new therapist. Will they find the perfect match? *Working Point* by Sam Uchill (2023) and Quinn York (graduate) is about a day in the life of your average movie theatre staff with all their trials and tribulations. Lastly, *You Thought You Escaped* by Levi Petrine (graduate) and Alex Pallan (graduate) is about a trip down memory lane to explore all the high school tropes you missed. They made a little over \$1700 which was donated to both the Trevor Project and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Our performing arts department will be continuing their series of performances of *Our Town* this weekend - here is [information](#) about the performance and tickets. We are also able to welcome our families and guests into the Norris Cultural Arts Center for music performances from our band, orchestra and vocal music students. Please continue to look for more opportunities to see our students perform.

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**Athletics** - Athletically, our teams have been off to a great start and some have had a successful close to their seasons. The Kick-A-Thon was hosted at St. Charles North on Friday, October 7 during the cross-town football game. This is one of our biggest athletic events and an opportunity for East and North High School communities to come together to raise funds for families affected by cancer in our area. The STC ISO Team had a Bocce event in September where several athletes earned medals. Nate Borrico and Mitchell Hahn earned Gold medals, Natalie Glenn and Cecelia Glenn earned Silver medals, Bridget Nepil and Nolan Karrick earned Bronze medals, and Hayden Haneberg and Cullen Hand earned 4th Place! Emily Charles from our Girls Golf team qualified for the state tournament in Decatur and placed 21st overall at the two-day state competition!. More teams will be wrapping up conference competitions and entering into the playoffs - follow the STCE Athletic Department's [Twitter feed](#) for updates!

**Homecoming** - We had an outstanding Homecoming Week this fall! We were able to resume all activities as we had done them previously in our main gym. Our students really enjoyed the competition between classes and the unified spirit and pride in all things St. Charles East. For the only time in all the years I can remember, our Seniors won every homecoming competition throughout the week. There are lots of pictures on our [Flickr page](#) as well as on the [photography page](#) of one of our staff members, Bob Martines. A big thank you to our Student Council who planned and executed the week's events for our students!

**Instructional Focus** - On our School Improvement Days, staff are engaging in professional development designed to increase the skill level and achievement of our students. As we work in our professional learning communities, we are continuing to strive to have our students experience our collective best through collaboration and being responsive to our student's needs as determined by analyzing evidence of their learning. From a social-emotional standpoint, we are responding to the data reported to us by students through the Panorama SEL screener from last year, which revealed an opportunity to strengthen the grit/perseverance of our students. Finally, PLCs have made a decision to engage in learning and application of strengthening the executive functioning skills of our students through note taking or initializing, prioritizing, and organizing.

**SEL Info** - As indicated above, the SEL needs of our students remains an important part of our work at STCE. 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.

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**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](#). In addition, D303 is offering many opportunities for parents to engage in learning through their [Parent Universities](#) as well as offer opportunities for community feedback through the [Listen Learn Return](#) events.

**Final Exams** - Final exams will be administered in classes at the end of first semester. Please see the [final exam schedule](#) for more information.

**Building Safety and Security** - As a safety and security measure, we are reminding students to present 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. Furthermore, as you drive in and around the East/Wredling campus, please be cautious and give right of way to our students as they are walking. Please stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks near East and observe the 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.

**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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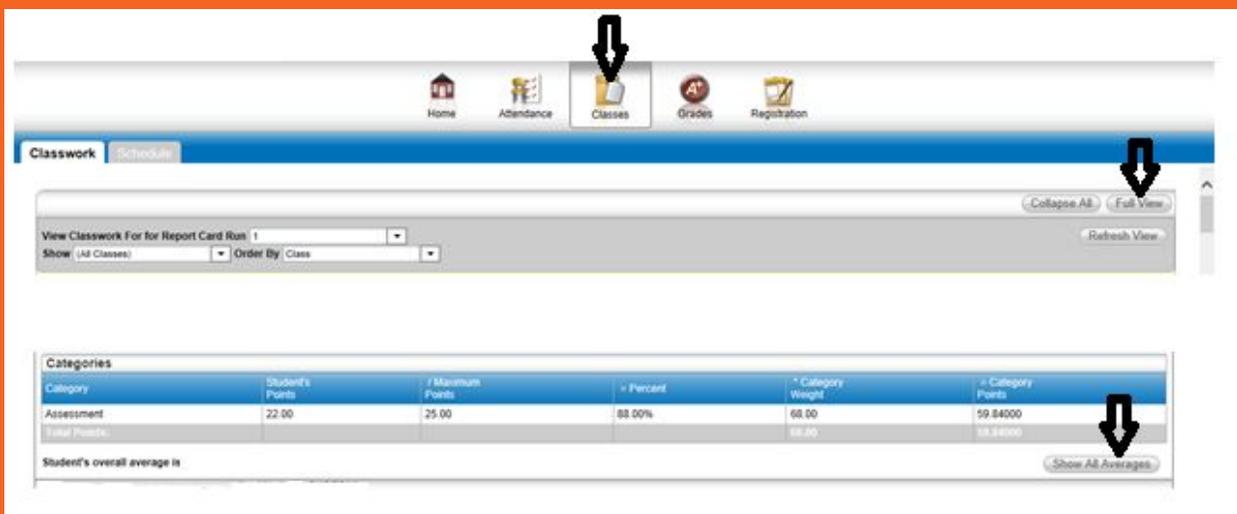
# Instructional Programs



## 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 [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.

### **Final Exam Schedule**

The [Final Exam Schedule](#) is posted on our website. Please encourage your child to begin reviewing for final exams.

### **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.