

DISTRICT 303



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August 10, 2018

D303 Security Enhancements



Wredling Middle School

During the summer months, District 303 schools received enhanced security at their main entrances. In addition, we have put procedures in place that will ensure consistency for people visiting our buildings.

When you visit our schools, you will notice locked interior vestibule glass doors and windows that allow for more secure entrances. During the school day, we ask that visitors come to the main school entrance, press the buzzer, stand in front of the camera before identifying themselves and provide the reason for their visit. Visitors will be buzzed into the vestibule by school staff and will be asked to present identification that will be scanned into an electronic visitor management system. Items such as lunches, homework, or instruments can be placed on shelves in the vestibule and will be brought into the school by a staff member.

When visitors have to enter the school for any reason, they will be issued a temporary ID to wear while in the building and will be asked to check in the office for direction.

The safety and security of our students, staff members, and visitors is a top priority for District 303. We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to improve our secure learning environments while still maintaining a welcoming atmosphere in our schools.



St. Charles East High School

Share First Day Photos #d303firstday

The first day of school is an exciting time for students, staff, and parents. Whether it's your child's first day of kindergarten, or his first day of senior year we would like to see the photos. Email your scrapbook worthy photos to communication.itscomm@d303.org with the name of your child's school and his or her grade and we will share them on the District Facebook page using the hashtag #d303firstday.

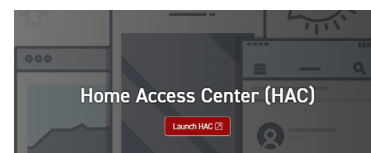


Home Access Center Reopening Dates

Elementary Schools: August 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Middle Schools: Opened August 6 at 8:00 a.m.

High Schools: August 20 at 7:00 p.m.



Shared Service Best Practices Award



In the spring, the St. Charles Park District and Community Unit School District 303 submitted an application to be part of the Journal of Local Government Shared Service Best Practices published by the Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti's office. On July 31, School Board Vice President Nick Manheim and Laura Rudow, Superintendent of Parks and Planning for the St. Charles Park District received a joint award as part of the Shared Service Best Practices Survey 2017. The [report](#) highlights 20 of the best examples from across Illinois of public entities that are helping to provide more effective and efficient services while saving taxpayers money. The award recognizes the management of the Norris Recreation Center's programs, membership, and services. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Transportation

On Wednesday, August 22, schools in Community Unit School District 303 will welcome over 12,000 students back for their first day of class.

We are asking for your assistance in keeping all students safe while they travel between home and school. If riding the school bus is an option for your students, we encourage you to have them do so, especially during inclement weather. Please only drive your student to school if it is absolutely necessary.

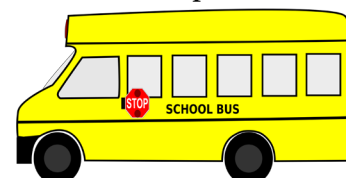
We ask that you remember the following items that will help keep our students safe during the school year:

- When you drive in the neighborhoods near schools while students are in session, please observe the posted speed limit signs - 25 mph in residential areas, and 20 mph in school zones.
- Please don't cut through neighborhoods as part of your route to or from our schools.
- It is **unlawful** to use cell phones in school zones.
- Passing a school bus that is stopped and has its stop sign extended is a violation of the law which can result in license suspension.

The bus routes developed by our Transportation Department during the summer are designed to maximize safety, and work as efficiently as possible. **During the first two weeks of school, our drivers and transportation department administrators will gather information about the efficiency and timeliness of routes. After that time, any necessary changes will be made and parents will be informed. We ask that you do not contact that transportation department during those two weeks.**

Elementary and middle school bus route schedules will be available on e-link at noon on Wednesday, August 15. High school bus route information will be available at noon on August 20. We encourage parents to check schedules again prior to the beginning of school to see if times have been updated.

We are looking forward to a great year.





New D303 Website



We are excited to let you know that District 303 has launched a [new website](#). This is the culmination of many months of work resulting in a site that is accessible on all mobile devices and compliant with ADA guidelines. Many of the ideas and suggestions we received from parents as part of the Parent Satisfaction survey last winter have been incorporated into the look and functionality of the site. Our IT Department has worked tirelessly to create a site that provides visitors with current useful information. If you have any questions regarding the site, please email communication.itscomm@d303.org.



[Click here](#) to view the new D303 website.

Back to School Center

Please visit the [Back to School Center](#) page of our website for helpful information relevant to the beginning of our 2018-19 school year.



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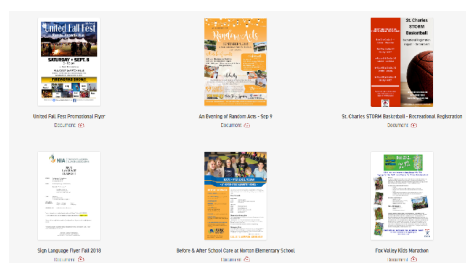
Parent University Feedback Survey

District 303 believes that we are partners with families and community to ensure that our students have access to rigorous curriculum, innovation, and opportunities for academic, social and emotional growth. Over the years, District 303 Parent University sessions have covered a variety of topics aimed at providing information to parents about those topics. As we enter the 2018-2019 school year, we are asking you to provide feedback about previous Parent University programming, as well as future areas of focus. Please take a few minutes and complete the [survey](#) that will aid us in our planning for the upcoming year. Your response is appreciated by August 17.



Community Backpack

District 303 has adopted a “green” approach to distributing information from non-profit organizations, intergovernmental agencies, and business partners for which it grants approval. Information is posted on the Community Backpack webpage throughout the school year for all to see. Please [click here](#) to view our Community Backpack and learn how to submit information to the backpack.



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.

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.



Upcoming School Board Meetings

September 10

School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.

October 9

School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.

November 12

School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.



2018-19 Calendar Highlights

August 22

First Day of Classes

August 31

Institute Day- NO SCHOOL (Offices Open)

September 3

Labor Day - NO SCHOOL (Offices Closed)





2018-19 District Calendar



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 303
201 South 7th Street, St. Charles, IL 60174

July

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
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August

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September

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October

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December

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2018-2019 School Calendar

AUGUST

Teachers' Institute Days (No Students)	August 20, 21
First Day of Classes	August 22
Teachers' Institute Days (No Students)	August 31

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Holiday	September 3
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OCTOBER

School Improvement Day (No Students)	October 5
Columbus Day Holiday	October 8
End of 1st Quarter (Middle, High Schools)	October 26

NOVEMBER

End of 1st Trimester (Elementary Schools)	November 9
K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Students)	November 19
K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Students)	November 20
High School Teachers' In-service (No Students)	November 20
Non Attendance Day (Offices Open)	November 21
Thanksgiving Break	November 22, 23

DECEMBER

Last Day of School in 2018	December 21
Winter Break	December 24 - January 4

JANUARY

School Resumes	January 7
Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday	January 21
End of 2nd Quarter (Middle, High Schools)	January 17
Teachers' Work Day (Middle, High Schools No students) ..	January 18
Teacher Institute Day (Elementary Schools No Students) ..	January 18

FEBRUARY

Presidents' Day Holiday	February 18
End of 2nd Trimester (Elementary Schools)	February 28

MARCH

Teacher Institute Day (Middle, High School No Students)	March 1
Teacher Work Day (Elementary Schools No Students)	March 1
End of 3rd Quarter (Middle, High Schools)	March 22
Spring Break	March 25 - 29

APRIL

School Resumes	April 1
K-5 Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5 in classes in AM) (K-5 ONLY-- No students in PM)	April 18
School Improvement Day (No Students)	April 19

MAY

Memorial Day Holiday	May 27
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JUNE

D303 HS Graduation Day	June 2
Last Day for Students if no "Emergency Days" used	June 3
Last Day for Students if 5 "Emergency Days" used	June 10

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