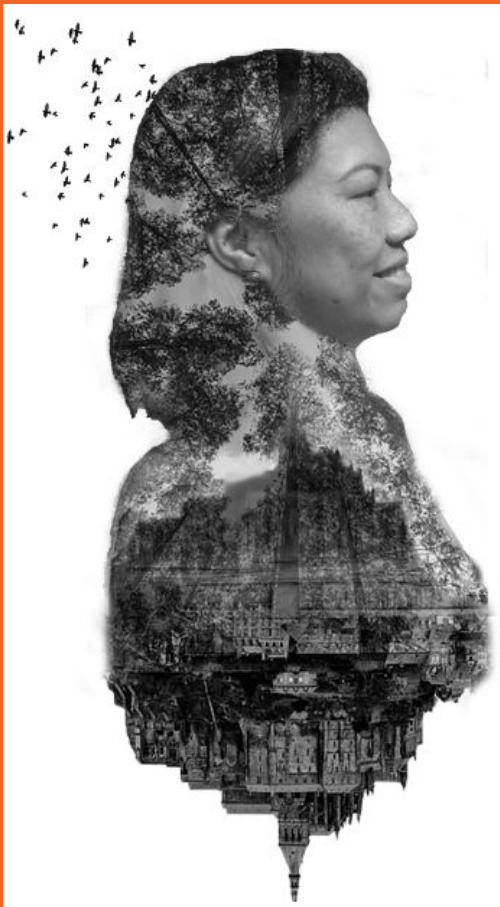

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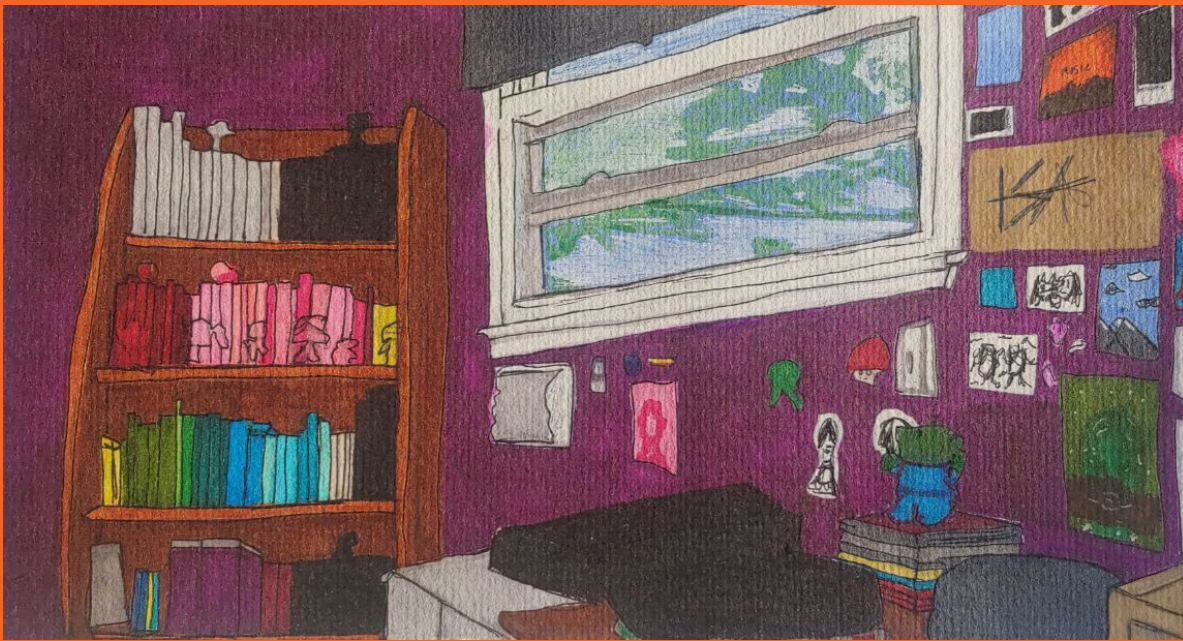
Tyler Locklin
2nd Place
Digital Illustration



Aadit Shah
2nd Place
Digital Photography



Joseph Zitella
1st Place
Time Arts



Isa Arce
1st Place
Drawing



Boys Cross Country at the Shazam Racing
State Championship - State Champs!



Dom DiPalermo
Honorable Mention
Digital Photography

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As we launch into Winter Break, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for our school community and the support that has been provided as we continue to navigate this pandemic. Our students were fantastic in their commitment to ensuring universal health and safety practices were adhered to as they came to the building. They were eager to come to school as well as to assist in keeping our school environment safe. Our staff has been resilient in trying new methods of instruction and we shifted between instructional models in order to provide students the best possible learning experience. Our school community took the opportunity to show their appreciation through our [#D303Thankful](#) campaign. As much as we would love a return to our typical school experience, we continue to find ways to keep the spirit of STCE alive to the best of our abilities.

We celebrated HOPE's [My Trusted Week](#) at East during the week of December 7. HOPE Club created a [video](#) and then asked students to fill out our [My Trusted Survey](#). An important component of academic and SEL success of students is connected to having a trusted adult staff member at East in addition to peers and outside of school. The information we collect helps us gauge the extent to which we are helping students make those connections at school. The SEL needs of our students remains an important part of our work at STCE. Our Student Services Team has 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.

We continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. One such celebration is our monthly Breakfast of Champions ceremony where we honor students who have excelled in and out of school. Videos of our ceremonies can be found [here](#). Congratulations to all of our recipients, we are proud of you!

Our STCE performing arts department continues to publish their performances online to celebrate the work of our students. Here is a list of performances from the last quarter:

Symphonic Band - [Grand Ledge Overture](#)

Wind Symphony - [Synergy](#)

Chorale - [City Called Heaven](#)

Jazz Workshop - [Lullaby of Birdland](#)

Concert Band - [Heroes Triumphant](#)

Chamber Orchestra - [Messiah Overture](#)

Concert Orchestra - [Conquistador!](#)

Symphonic Orchestra - [Contrasts in E Minor](#)

Philharmonic Orchestra - [Prelude to Die Meistersinger](#)

Bel Canto - [Travelin Home](#)

Wind Symphony - [Imperial](#)

Chorale - [The First Noel](#)

Cantus & Chorale - [We Three Kings](#)

Cecilian, Bel Canto & Chorale - [Away in a Manger](#)

Cecilian - [Away in a Manger](#)

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Chorale - [Away in a Manger](#)

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Our DuKane Conference annually hosts an art competition where students from each school are able to display their pieces and have them judged as part of the competition. This year, we had the following students place in the following categories: 1st Place Drawing - Isa Arce; 1st Place Time Arts- Joseph Zitella; 2nd Place Digital Photography- Aadit Shah; Honorable Mention Digital Photography- Dom DiPalermo; 2nd Place Digital Illustration- Tyler Locklin. Congratulations! Their work is displayed on the first page of this newsletter.

Athletically, there is a lot to celebrate from our fall season. We had several DuKane All-Conference Athletes. They are: Jake Daeschler (Golf), Chris Petri (Golf), Bennett Mortensen (Golf), Sarah Podjasek (Golf), Emily Charles (Golf), Abby Buechele (Golf), Ella Tassone (Golf), Allison Edgar (Special Mention - Golf), Emaira Saini (Tennis), Caroline Donati (Tennis) Samita Dhar (Tennis), Hannah Chapman (Tennis), Megan Conroy (Tennis), Marley Andelman (XC), Morgan Sandlund (XC), Ava Abbott (XC), Mackenzie Loomis (XC), Eleanor Clark (XC), Shauna Norgaard (XC), Hannah Kilpatrick (XC), Luke Schildmeyer (XC), Micah Wilson (XC), Zack Loomis (XC), Connor Murphy (XC), and Tyler Tobin (XC). Our Girls Cross Country team placed third at their sectional tournament. Our Boys Cross Country team placed first at their sectional tournament, and then went on to take first place at the ShaZam Racing/Milesplit Illinois Cross Country Championship in Peoria (state meet) and 3rd at the XC Town USA Meet of Champions (national meet). For the ShaZam race, Luke Schildmeyer was the state champion, Micah Wilson was 2nd, and Zack Loomis was 10th. Way to go, Saints!

As we start second semester, I wanted to remind you that Monday, January 4 is a non-attendance day for students. Teachers will be finalizing their grades to have them posted to HAC during the day on Thursday, January 7. Students will return to school following our currently published hybrid schedule for at least the first two weeks. Based on the selections families have made in regards to their children's second semester learning model, we will be adjusting student schedules to match the selections. This will entail some balancing of classes which may change student schedules. Updated second semester schedules will be available in HAC by January 4.

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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Additional Information from our Department of Instructional Programs

Progress and Report Cards

Progress reports and report cards are no longer printed and mailed home. Please use Home Access Center (HAC) to view and print progress reports and report cards. Semester grades can be viewed on HAC by clicking the grades tab. Semester grades will be posted to HAC on Thursday, 1/7. Requests for paper copies can be made if you are unable to access HAC. If you have any questions about your account or log in, please contact Julie Olney at 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.

Message from D303 Human Resources Department

It takes more adults to operate schools safely for students during the pandemic. District 303 currently has numerous job openings in a variety of job categories. If you are looking for temporary, part-time, or full-time employment, please visit the [D303 Human Resources](#) page to apply for a position.

One of the more flexible positions available is that of a D303 Substitute. You can choose to work, or not work, as your schedule permits. Take a moment and read the [Substitute Handbook](#) to see what this job entails.

If you are interested and hold a:

- **Bachelor's degree** in any field you would qualify to apply for a **substitute license** with the state which allows you to sub for teachers or teacher assistants. You would apply using [THIS](#) link.
- **Associate's degree** you apply for a **Paraprofessional license** which only allows you to sub for Teaching assistants. You would apply using [THIS](#) link.
- **High School diploma** you have to take an aptitude test with the KANE ROE office. Once you pass that, you apply for a **Paraprofessional license** which only allows you to sub for Teaching assistants. You would apply using [THIS](#) link.

Contact Julie Wenger (julie.wenger@d303.org) with any questions.
