

# Saints' Happenings

## Principal's Newsletter

### October/November 2018



Our fall musical - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*



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Gino Rotella's digital photo, "Midnight Pavillion Mist," was awarded the photo of the week by Kane County Connects. [See the story here.](#)



Operation Holiday Card - we wrote over 1700 cards for the troops



McTeacher Night to benefit the family of Maya Donis



STCE's National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists

- Ryan Wolfsmith
  - Kayla Villa
  - Neehar Shah
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# Office of the Principal



October (above) and November (below) Breakfast of Champions recipients



Marching Band Concert



English National Honor Society Induction



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The Getaway - Opening Day



Chemistry Halloween Demos



Boys & Girls Cross Country - Off to State!  
Alice Abbott & Bennett Melone - All State  
Boys Team - 5th Place in State



Girls Volleyball - Sectional Champions



Veterans Day  
presentation to  
students in the  
NCAC

# Office of the Principal

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Student Leadership Summit at Batavia High School



One Acts in our Black Box



Student-created board games in European History spanning the Greek & Roman Societies and the Dark Ages



Mary Jania - 4th Place in State - 100 Breaststroke





We have had a lot of academic, extracurricular, and athletic accomplishments this fall! 110 Seniors were recognized as [Illinois State Scholars](#). Our students performed one of the best theatrical performance I have seen in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Our Girls Volleyball team won sectionals. Alice Abbott and Bennett Melone were designated All-State, and the Boys finished first at sectionals and fifth in state in cross country. Mary Jania placed fourth in state in the 100 Breastroke. The Boys Soccer Team were regional champions, and Truitt Battin was named to the All-State Soccer Team. Justin Hull was named to the All-State Football team. It was a great fall to be a Saint!

Although students were not in attendance, there were a lot of great things to share from the week of Thanksgiving. We kicked it off by delivering 76 Thanksgiving meals to STC families. Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences were held and we had a great turnout. Our Boys Basketball team won the Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament. We were excited to have members of the St. Charles East and North Special Olympics Team lead the Electric Christmas Parade as this year's grand marshals.

On November 27, the East staff came together to support the family of one of our students, Maya Donis, by participating in McTeacher Night at McDonalds. There are still opportunities to support the family through a [Go Fund Me](#) page, and more details about the evening can be found within this [article](#). Thank you to all STCE students and families who have been able to support Maya and her family!

The STCE Athletic Boosters launched a new [website](#) that has a lot of information about the ways in which they enhance the athletic experience at East as well as ways to support their 40th Anniversary renovation and beautification initiatives.

Every year, 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. 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. You will receive an email communication on December 3 with the link to the 5Essentials Survey. We appreciate your participation in this anonymous tool used to gather information about our schools.

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Stay connected to all things STCE by subscribing to the [O&B Bulletin](#), 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](#).

As we approach the holiday season, I hope you have the opportunity to rest, relax, and connect with family and friends. Enjoy your time off during winter break, and thank you for your continued partnership and support.

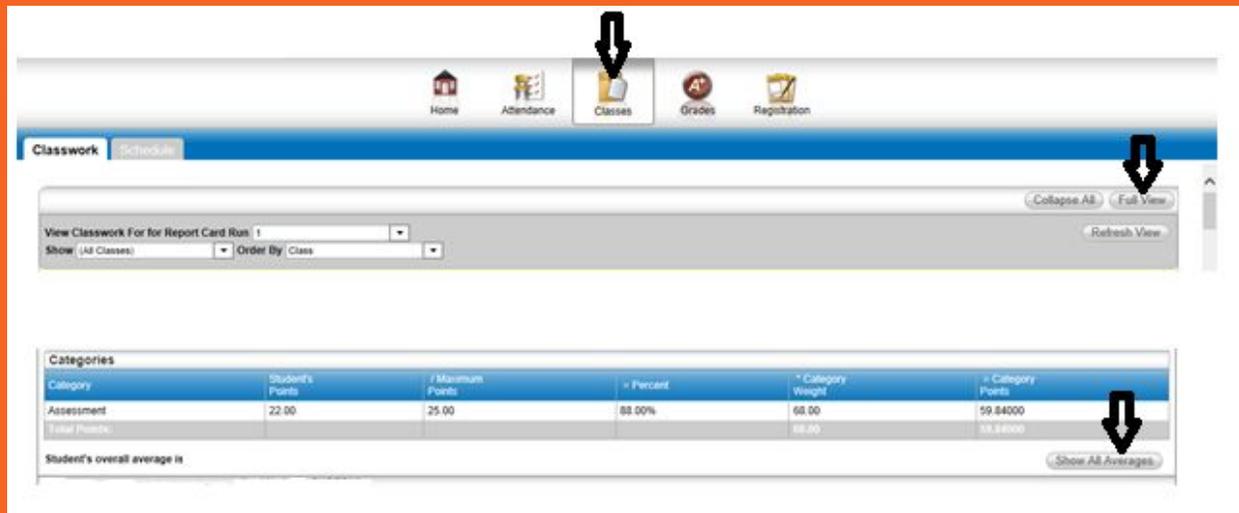
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## Accessing Grades on HAC

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 screenshots 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 will be posted soon on the East High School website. Finals are on January 15th, 16th, and 17th. Please encourage your child to begin reviewing for final exams.

## Progress and Report Cards

Progress reports and report cards are no longer printed and mailed home. Please use Home Access Center to view and print progress reports and report cards. Requests for paper copies can be made if you are unable to access HAC. 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.

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# Attendance



## **Reporting Student Absences at East**

Accurate student attendance is important at St. Charles East! Research shows that there is a direct relationship between regular attendance, punctuality, and school success. Regular school attendance includes arriving to school on time and attending all classes throughout the day. There is no substitute for actual classroom instruction. We notice when your child is not in attendance.

If your child is going to be absent or late, his/her parent or guardian must call the Attendance Office as soon as possible. The Attendance Office number is 331-228-4100. Voice mail is available 24/7. Please leave a detailed message with the date of absence, the child's name, their Id number, and the reason for absence.

We care about attendance. We track attendance. We would like to help resolve any problems that may cause your child to miss school. If your child misses four or more days in the first eight weeks of the school year, a letter will be sent home. The State of Illinois considers the threshold of excessive absence reached when a child misses more than 5% of the total school year (9 school days total – all year).

Thank you in advance for partnering with us to make 2018-19 the best attended school year in East's history!

## **Attendance facts from the start of 2018-19:**

- 215 students have had PERFECT attendance this year to date!



# Instructional Support Coaches



## Ed. Camp Personalizes Learning for Teachers

On Tuesday, November 20th, the St. Charles East staff combined with our North colleagues to engage in learning during our November School Improvement Day. This was the fifth year that our cross-river staff have come together in our Ed. Camp format to suggest and then engage in learning and teaching of topics that are most pressing in our instruction. Leading up to the day, the instructional coaches surveyed staff at both schools in order to build the session offerings.

Over the course of the morning, the staff engaged in discussions and resources sharing across more than 52 topics--ranging from Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to maximizing the impact of LRC space and resources. At its heart, Ed. Camp is teachers teaching teachers and engaging in socratic discussion and resource sharing in order to bolster our already strong instructional practices. The morning ended with educators sharing their learning within their specific departments and having time to reflect and apply their learning to lesson plans for the upcoming weeks.



**An English classroom is working on integrating SEL with students this week!**

**Objective: students will be able to plan, implement, and evaluate a group project.**

**Students learned about effective group work and talked about writing and setting goals. Each day, students wrote goals and discuss whether or not they met their goal. Finally, they developed strategies to implement the next day to help reach their goal and improve their group effectiveness.**



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# Foreign Language



The Latin students gather on the quad



East and North fight a mock military battle between Greece and Rome

On Saturday, September 29th, 21 Latin students from North and East went to Monmouth College to participate in their Classics Day event. The students first enjoyed a Greek luncheon and then explored a multitude of activities on the quad. These included viewing demonstrations of classical weaving and pottery, trying on Ancient Roman clothing, seeing Ancient Rome through 3D technology, learning about ancient Japanese incense and card games, getting to experience face paint from traditional Indian and Japanese theatre, enjoying crafts like designing their own mosaic tiles, participating in Ancient Greek Olympic events, having (foam) gladiatorial competitions, and participating in Greek, Macedonian, and Roman military demonstrations. It was an amazing experience!

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# Foreign Language



German and Spanish National Honor Society volunteered in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Unit, that took place right here in St. Charles on Nov. 4th, 2018.

The following GNHS students graciously volunteered their time:

- Grace Petersen
- Megan Perry
- Ava Clark
- David Erickson
- Michael Larry
- Paul Denovo
- Ava Thurman
- Zachary Mattes
- Braeden Womack



The following SNHS students shared their joy & dedication:

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Natalie Schaffer  | Emma Santos   | Grace McClure      |
| Tommy Craven      | Kylie Harrier | Amelia Chipman     |
| Courtney McCarron | Andrea Brink  | Faith Piercy       |
| Elizabeth Towne   | Alesa Luecker | Marissa Di Palermo |
| Aidan Szuch       | Aayushi Patel | Ryan Williams      |
| Derek Luecker     | Emily Quid    | Sophia George      |
| Brenda Garcia     | Ethan White   |                    |



# Foreign Language

AP Spanish Language classes of Profe Forbes and Profe Charles alongside Spanish NHS with advisor Erika Kittl partnered to make a global & local impact this Holiday Season.



Profe Forbes and Profe Charles are piloting for the 2nd year the WE Service Learning component into their AP Spanish Language & Culture curriculum. The focus is for students to find and create tangible action plans to help break the cycle of poverty locally and globally. AP Spanish Students not only led the charge to be the majority of students who drove the turkeys for the Turkey Drive to families in need for Thanksgiving, but also coordinated the collection of 275 desserts, enough for each of the 100 families to have nearly two desserts each! They surpassed their original goal of only 100 desserts. In addition to that local impact, students decided for their global impact they would collect 100 shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene products to send abroad to a child as their first ever Christmas gift through "Operación Niño de la Navidad." In total, students surpassed that goal as well with a total of 108! Way to go AP Spanish Lang!! They also made bilingual gratitude cards to pass out to staff throughout the building.



AP Spanish Lang Students and Profe Forbes loading 108 boxes into a car to drop off to send abroad to Spanish-speaking countries!



AP Spanish students make gratitude cards for staff. Many Foreign Language teachers do this with their classes.



Special thanks to Spanish NHS and advisor Erika Kittl who partnered with the AP Spanish with WE Service classes by donating to the local and global causes with filled and wrapped shoeboxes as well as perishable goods for the Turkey Drive. Together we really made a difference!!

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# Fine Arts



## Music

We are entering a very busy time of year for the Music Department. All the bands, choirs and orchestras will present concerts during the second and third weeks of December. Members of the choir program sang at the St. Charles Lighting of the Lights ceremony on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Marching Saints performed in the St. Charles Electric Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Charles East Music Program had many students participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association District 9 Jazz Festival and Concert Festival which were held the first and second Saturdays of November. Selection to these festivals is through an audition that takes place in early October. The following students spent the day rehearsing and performing with the best high school musicians from the western suburbs:

**Band:** Grace Adams, Shae Atkins, Sage Overstreet, Andrew Pahadi

**Orchestra:** Jason Bijonowski, Alexander Carroll, Storey Childs, Trudie Childs, Lasey Emmerich, Noah Hauptmann, Grace Jackson, Chris Nimick, Ayu Seiya, Ethan White, Jenny Zauhar

**Chorus:** Andrew Biallas, Kiera Denker, Jamie Dowat, Jayd Steinke, Quinn York

**Jazz Band:** Grace Adams, Grace Adduci, James Brazelton, Alexander Carroll, Tom Edgar, Chloe Fanning, Will Leidig, Allen Steinberg

**Vocal Jazz Ensemble:** Austin Aquino, Madeline Brown, Cole Jensen, Marley McIntosh, Lindsay Peters, Jacob Stenstrom, Brylee Wicker, Michael Wonderly

Many of these students are also eligible for selection to All-State, which occurs the fourth week of January.

On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the St. Charles East High School Music Program will welcome the Musashino Academia Musicae Wind Ensemble from Tokyo, Japan for a 7:00 PM concert in the Norris Cultural Arts Center. This performance will be conducted by Professor Ray E. Cramer, Director of Bands Emeritus at Indiana University. The program will feature the United States premiere of composer Julie Giroux's Taboo, Concerto for Trumpet and Band, featuring Chris Martin, the Principal Trumpet of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Ms. Giroux will also be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to hear one of the finest concert bands in Japan, as well as one of the world's premier trumpet players. The St. Charles East High School Wind Ensemble will also perform on this concert. The concert is free and open to St. Charles East High School students and families.

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# Fine Arts



## Visual Arts

The Dukane Conference Art Show has completed its exhibition in the Norris Cultural Arts Center Gallery, and the following students received awards:

- Alek Crawford, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Time Arts
- Sara Donis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Digital Illustration
- Mary Kilkas, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Digital Photography
- Yazmin Martinez, Honorable Mention in Digital Photography
- Lily Peck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Time Arts

Recently, Photo student Gino Rotella received a first-place award in the weekly Kane County ROE Photo Contest for the following photo:

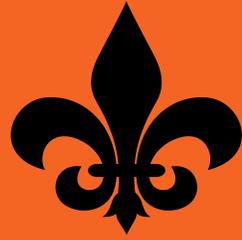


## **Upcoming East High School performances at the Norris Cultural Arts Center (all performances at 7:30)**

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| Tuesday, Dec. 11 | Band and Orchestra Concert |
| Thursday, Dec.13 | Band and Orchestra Concert |
| Tuesday, Dec. 18 | Choir Concert              |
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# Math

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## **Want Math Help?**

Talk to your math teacher to set up a time to come in for extra help.

Ask your math teacher for a pass to the Math Resource Room (MRR). The Math Resource Room is located in room B205 and it is open during periods 4 through 7. A math teacher will be present and able to answer any questions you have.

There is peer tutoring available from the Math Honor Society. Help is available every Wednesday and Thursday after school in the LRC.

## **Math Team**

The math team practices in B126 after school on Mondays. We practice a variety of fun topics and compete against 55 top schools. We also compete in the state math meet in May. If you are interested, please stop by our practice and check out this social and challenging team.

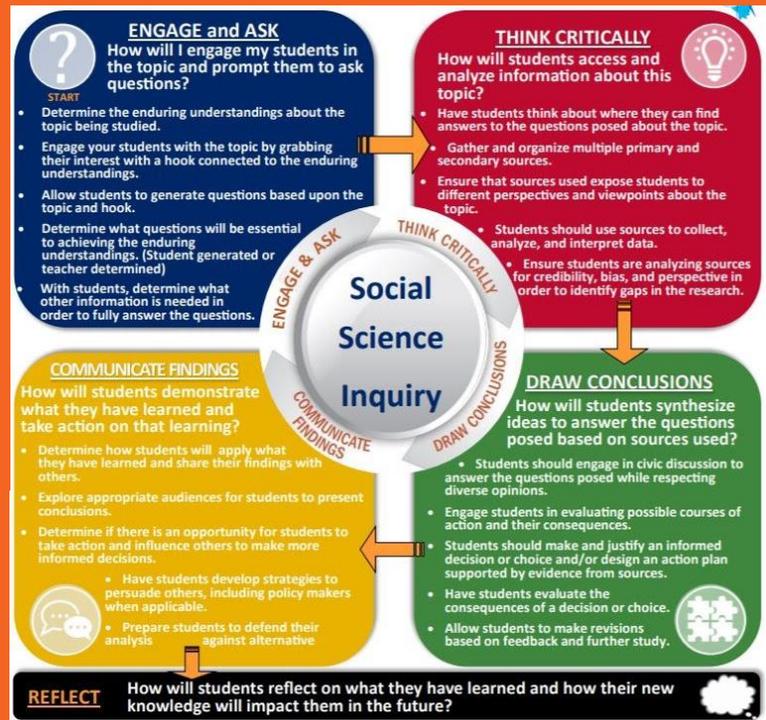
Congratulations to the math team on their Candy Bar Contest victory! The Candy Bar Contest is a team event with all students participating in the win! Way to go Saints!



# Social Studies



There are many joys of teaching Social Studies. One of the big ones is helping students get their heads around the big, messy issues of our past and current world and discerning their significance. Whether it be the mid-term elections in the U.S., the movement of people and cultures worldwide, or foreign policy decisions, we always strive to help students understand and move past the political rhetoric and make clear-eyed assessments based on evidence.

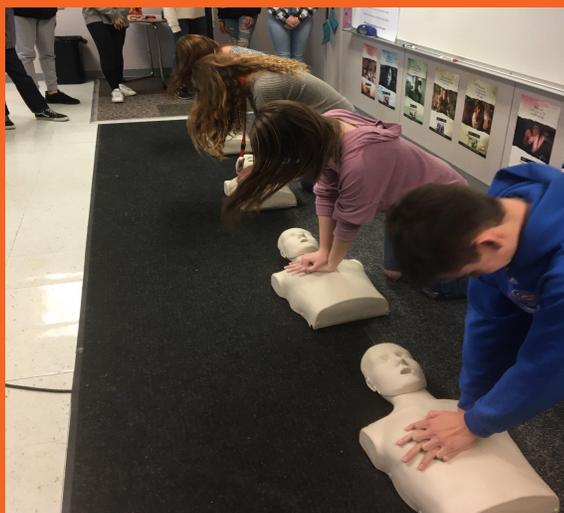
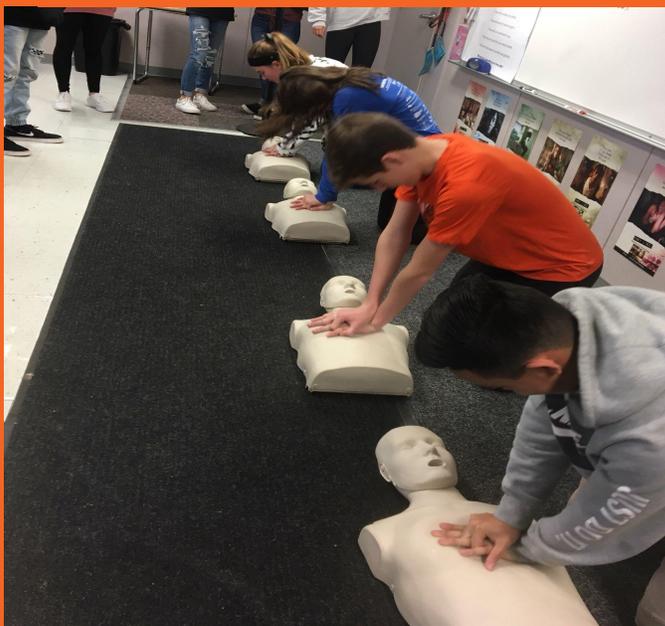


For that reason, with our new curriculum the major assessments have moved from a more test-driven approach to a performance-based approach where students analyze evidence and make claims regarding situations where there are a variety of “right” answers. We hope that this not only enhances your student’s classroom experience, but conversation around the dinner table as well!

To promote this type of learning, social studies teachers have worked hard on creating “collaborative civic spaces” - environments where students are encouraged to share their thinking throughout an investigation for critique and as a source of ideas for others. We also hope to help our students think and share ideas with confidence in ways that respect a diversity of viewpoints. Our middle school colleagues have also started these instructional shifts, so we anticipate making great gains over the next few years.

# Wellness

A busy time in Health classes-All students enrolled participated in Hands-Only CPR training before Thanksgiving Break! They are ready for action!



The College and Career Department brought in a number of Medical Professionals to speak about post high school options to our Health Occupations and Athletic Training classes.



Health Occupations 2 students went to Oakton Community College and saw a number of different departments and specialty areas. A highlight was the Phlebotomist!

# Career & Technical Education

## Business Education

### Virtual Enterprises International (VEI)

On October 19, EAST VEI firms attended the Fall Leadership Conference at the NIU Naperville campus. Students networked, attended sessions based on interest, and learned the day-to-day world of VEI. Breakout sessions included leadership, trade booth strategy and design, marketing design, accounting, women in business, sales, and many more!

Firms are currently prepping and planning to compete at the Tennessee Southern Regional Trade show in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. Catch the next edition for updates and results!



# Career & Technical Education

## Business Education

### INCubator Mentor Match Days!

In late October INCubator mentors from the community visited classes to meet the students and hear about the problems that they are trying to solve. After visiting the teams, each mentor was matched with an entrepreneurship team to help them continue moving forward with business ideas.

Next, mentors joined up with their student teams to discuss strengths, struggles, vision, and next steps. We are honored to have the knowledge, wisdom, and energy that these mentors bring to the table.

Thank you to our Mentor Team:

- Robert Saxe
- Laura Purdy-Macklin
- Bobbi Bock
- Mario Grado
- Mat Bischof
- Kate London
- Hetal Patel
- Poonam Gupta
- Julie Kurutz
- Brent Nakayama



# Career & Technical Education

## Business Education



### INCubatoredu Featured Emerging Entrepreneurs (4th Period)



**Alex Fernandez, Alex Deetjen, Daniel Goetsch, Jacob Boecher**

Our problem that needs to be solved is the problem of picture frames always tilting and staying crooked on the wall. This is a problem because the crooked frames can make the "wall of pictures" look sloppy and unorganized. It also just bugs many people.

Our possible solutions include:

- A frame with a weight in the middle so when the frame moves from daily bump ins or shakes it can just recenter itself.
- A frame with a built in level so you can check and adjust the frame anytime.

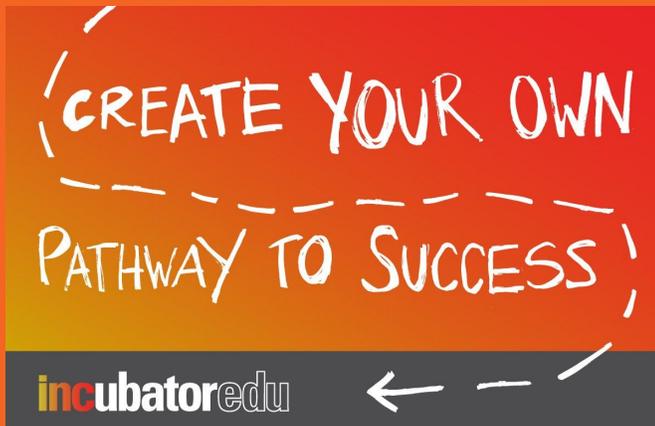
**Jake Molina, Anthony Digiulio, Nathan Hardy, Landen Kowalewski (not pictured)**

What Bugs Us!

- Sand sticking to skin and won't come off of skin or get out the car and other items
- It ruins your day at the beach and becomes an annoyance.

Our possible Solution:

- Aerosol cans that spray out air and powder that removes sand from your skin



Stay tuned for more Emerging Entrepreneurs.....

# Career & Technical Education

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## Business Education



### INCubatoredu Featured Emerging Entrepreneurs (5th Period)

#### Jacob Daeschler, Jack Craney, Dylan Both

Our problem deals with the fear and panic that people feel when they lose their pet. This is a problem because once lost, there is no way for a pet owner to track down the exact location of their lost pet. We know that pets are valuable members of people's families and they would be devastated to lose their pets forever.

#### Our possible solutions include:

- A pet tracking collar or tag
- The device would also monitor pet health statistics.



#### Nick Regelbrugge, Josh Schweizer, Jack Dixon-Ely

Our problem deals with people not having an easy way to connect with people who have the same interests and passions. This is a problem because many people want to connect with others and learn more about their craft, hobby, or interest.

#### Our possible Solution:

- A platform that allows users to input their unique interests, hobbies, and activities and get connected with others who have those same interests and passions
- The platform would also allow you to communicate with professionals in that area of expertise.



Stay tuned for more Emerging Entrepreneurs...

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# Career & Technical Education

## Business Education

### SkillsUSA Students Attend LEAD Conference.

November 1-3, East students Madeline Swan, Veronica Swan, Kiley O'Mally, Vijay Krishnan, Bilal Karim, and Kishan Patel attended the SkillsUSA LEAD Conference in Lisle. Besides participating in team building and leadership activities, these members competed in events including Job Interview, Quiz Bowl, and Customer Service. Congratulations to all.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of educators, students, and industry coming together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. We help students succeed. Please contact advisors Keith Glavan and Liz Savickas with any questions about the club. New members are welcome.



# Career & Technical Education

## Family & Consumer Sciences



### Culinary Arts

Students in the Culinary Arts classes have been practicing their knife cuts through the completion of several recipes pertaining to fruits and vegetables. Recipes like stir-fry, braised winter vegetables, glazed carrots and broiled tropical fruits. We have been cruising through quick-breads mastering mixing techniques through the creation of recipes such as biscuits and gravy, muffins, and pumpkin bread.

### Culinary Practices in Entrepreneurship

The students in the Getaway have had a very successful 1st quarter. Numerous meals have been served and essential culinary skills are being practiced and mastered. This semester students in the Getaway are also giving back to the community. CPE has partnered with Lazarus house to provide dinner to those in need on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Currently, students are planning and preparing their traditional side dishes to go with a turkey to celebrate "Getaway-Giving".

**With the holidays approaching, why not try out a new holiday cookie recipe with the family! Culinary Arts students will be soon participating in their annual holiday cookie exchange. Here is an opportunity to try out a crowd pleaser and enhance your culinary skills.**

### Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

#### Ingredients

1 cup granulated sugar  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
¼ cup + 2 Tablespoons cocoa  
2 eggs  
1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ cup powdered sugar



#### Directions

1. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. In an electric mixing bowl, mix granulated sugar, oil, vanilla, and cocoa.
3. Add 1 egg at a time and mix until well blended.
4. Add flour mixture to egg mixture.
5. Place dough into bag and label with your class period and kitchen color.
6. Refrigerate dough at least 3 hours or overnight.

#### Day TWO Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Drop by teaspoonfuls into powdered sugar.
3. Roll around to coat and shape into balls.
4. Place 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet covered with parchment paper.
5. Bake until almost no indentation remains when touched - 10 to 12 minutes.

*Yields 2-3 dozen*

# Career & Technical Education

## Family & Consumer Sciences



### Fashion Marketing & Merchandising

Fashion students are exploring the history of fashion through creating original croqui designs from each decade. This project allows students to not only research fashion throughout the decades but also showcase their design style. From here we will continue to explore the world of fashion through designer eyes as well as retail components.



### Interior Design

Student designers were able to apply their knowledge of the elements and principles of design as well as learn from industry professionals throughout the course of this semester. We recently had the opportunity to tour the Merchandise Mart Downtown Chicago. This experience helped students not only make connections from what we have covered in class to real life application but also heard some of the different paths that professionals at the Merchandise Mart took along their journey to success. In class students are finishing up their 3D elevation projects where they are utilizing concepts necessary to create calming, cozy spaces. Be on the lookout for their projects in the display case outside of B114 after Thanksgiving Break.



# Career & Technical Education

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## Family & Consumer Sciences



### **Child Development: Early Years**

Almost all students have completed the Real Care baby simulation project in which they take home the baby simulator for a weekend and experience what it is like to take care of an infant. Students are currently applying concepts about toddler growth and development by participating in toddler observation day and toddler simulation day. Toddler observation day allows students to see their topics come to life through different toddlers that come for a visit. They are also able to ask parents questions about guidance techniques and developmental milestones.

### **Child Development: School Age Years**

Child Development students are looking at the various realms of development across 1st through 5th grade children. Through scenarios, hands-on station exploration, and team projects students are being challenged to think through the mindset of a young child as well as a caretaker to ensure that all needs are met. We are looking forward to our upcoming middle school and high school lessons!

### **FCCLA**

Members of FCCLA are currently preparing for Regional competition in February. We have 30 students competing in different events such as, Interior Design, Fashion and Apparel Construction, Professional Career Image, Cake/Cookie Decorating, Salad Demonstration, and Preschool Lesson. Students are gaining experiences in leadership and career exploration, as well as real-world experience in these different career pathways. We recently attending the Fall Leadership Conference at Northern Illinois University - Naperville. The students were able to network and learn from industry professionals. We look forward to our upcoming competition - Good luck!



# Career & Technical Education

## Technology & Engineering



### Auto Club - submitted by Johanna Wieden

Auto Club has been busy! Returning members have been working on their own cars, and new members have been searching for a new project to work on in the shop. Outside of the shop, club members have contributed over 40 hours of service to our school and community. Members have volunteered in the shop for cleaning and organizing, collaborated with the ISO athletes in designing and building their golf cart for the homecoming parade, donated time, money, food and labor to the Turkey Drive, written holiday cards for soldiers, labored in the Healing Gardens at Stone Hill Farms, volunteered in the Wredling Color Run, and more!

The Mustang team in particular has been working hard. Although running well with a hot new camshaft, 75 mm throttle body, cold air intake, the team decided to investigate some clickety-clackety noises and discovered that a few pushrods were bent due to a timing error at assembly. They are now putting things back together and getting ready for brake, suspension, and engine tuning. Thanks to the Evertsen family for donation of the beautiful Cobra rims and tires. While the team waited for cylinder heads to return, they put on our "new" used wheels giving the Mustang a nice new look.

Aside from that, Auto Club Engine Challenge team leaders Kat Hammond and Tyler Nowak are introducing prospective team members to the challenge. The Engine Challenge team is a group of students who work together to practice disassembling and reassembling a Chevy 350 engine for the annual Engine Tear Down Challenge in February. They are working for a good year!

Embracing the season, auto club members recently got together and gave thanks for each other and the club at our annual Thanksgiving feast. Thanks to all members who contributed time, food, and fellowship to the event, Mrs. Johnson for providing us with delicious home baked brownies, and Mr. Straiker for providing us with his delicious chili! Here's a pic we snapped at the party for our yearbook photo:



# Career & Technical Education

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## Technology & Engineering



### Automotive Tech

We are proud to be an ASE Education Foundation accredited automotive program. ASE works through this program and others across the US to align schools, students, instructors, training managers, and employers. We are working to support the goal of training students to gain expertise in technology, problem-solving, and strategic thinking.

As students progress through our auto curriculum, we are able to teach skills and prepare them for workplace credential testing. All told, our students earned 62 certifications! We are excited to recognize the following students for earning credentials in one or more automotive service areas this semester:

Ryan Adolph\*^#

Josh Aganon\*^#

David Alarcon\*^#

Dylan Barrett\*^

Logan Bell\*^#

Evan Celio\*^

Jackson Dietrich\*^#

Luke Differding^

Vicente Dominguez\*^

Carter Evertsen\*^

Caden Gabrenya\*#

Kat Hammond\*^#

Robert Henricksen\*

Owen Mruk\*^#

Alex Nicolas\*^#

Tyler Nowak\*^#

Cris Sanchez\*

Evan Vitallo\*^#

Ramses Zamorano\*^#

**\*Earned Entry-level ASE Certification**

**^Earned AllData Certified Auto Info Specialist designation**

**#Earned multiple ASE certifications**

Additionally, we are excited to recognize the following current Auto students/Auto Club members who are now using their skills as employees in local auto service shops:

David Alarcon - Discount Tire

Jackson Dietrich - Reber and Foley Service Center

Tyler Hite - Discount Tire

Tyler Nowak - Reber and Foley Service Center

Ramses Zamorano - St. Charles Toyota

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# Career & Technical Education

## Technology & Engineering



### Residential Maintenance

Students have been busy on their framing, drywall and finishing skills. Student have all built a 4' x 4' walls then hung, taped, mudded, sanded and painted their free standing walls....only have to have to add a patch when some careless worker managed to put a hammer through it. Up next...plumbing!



# English Department Meanderings

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**The English Department** declared October 31 Book-o-ween and dressed in costumes of favorite literary characters. The student who was able to match the most teachers with their literary characters was senior Jonathan Nguyen. He and the 2nd and 3rd place winners received Starbuck gift cards.



Mrs. Ter Bush assigned content-specific skits for Friday and allowed her students to declare it Flannel Friday.



# English Department Meanderings

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**National English Honor Society** inducted 26 new members in the LRC on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Principal Jim Richter welcomed our new members, and English teacher Jennifer Bora gave an empowering address to our new members, filled with Harry Potter references! The first photo is of our executive board with the inductees who were able to be present. The second is Jennifer Bora delivering her keynote address.



**X-RAY EDITORS-IN-CHIEF ATTEND JEA/NIPSA NATIONAL JOURNALISM CONVENTION IN CHICAGO:** Carmella Furio and Sara Donis, along with X-Ray adviser Leslie Ladowski, attended the JEA/NSPA Fall 2018 National Journalism Convention in Chicago, November 1-3. The convention consisted of workshops and guest speakers, including the keynote Pete Souza, the presidential photographer for Barack Obama. Students from across the country attended. The final count was over 6000 student attendees. Carmella and Sara also competed in the journalistic writing competitions called "write-offs." Sara competed in "commentary writing" and Carmella competed in "editorial writing." Carmella earned an Honorable Mention for her entry. For this contest, the students are given an on-the-spot prompt and have 90 minutes to complete their writing. Both said they learned so much about how to improve the school newspaper and how to be better leaders for their staff.

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# English Department Meanderings

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The **English 12: World Tour** students from East and North, along with their teachers Leslie Ladowski and Elizabeth Battaglia, took a field trip in October to tour the Dia De Muertos exhibit and The National Museum of Mexican Art. The goal of the cultural experience is to explore the commonalities in art and literature. The Ofrendas provide important insights into various life experiences as well as impactful messages about social issues and concerns. After the tour, students shared another cultural experience of traditional food at Los Comales.

