

# DISTRICT 303



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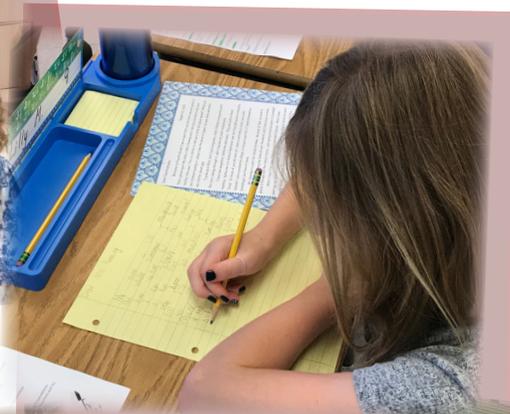


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## Welcome Back D303 Students!



## Early Childhood Supply Drop Off

Students and their families dropped off supplies, met the teachers, and played in their new classrooms at Fox Ridge and Ferson Creek on Friday in preparation for the start of school on Monday. The bright welcoming classrooms had cubbies for coats and backpacks, color coded tables, and plenty of play based learning stations. Even students who were a bit shy as they entered the classrooms quickly found areas that interested them including sensory tables, puzzles, and building blocks. Students who were in pre-school last year hugged the teachers who they knew. We are happy to have our youngest learners heading back to school.



## Parent University-Mark Your Calendars!

We appreciate the feedback from parents who completed the Parent University survey related to last year's programming and ideas for the 2018-2019 series. A calendar of programs, locations and times will be posted soon. One program that we have already scheduled with the production company is the showing of the film *Angst*. The purpose of the film is to raise awareness and have conversations about anxiety. It features candid interviews with kids who have struggled with anxiety, as well as discussions with mental health professionals. Please mark your calendars for:

Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Charles North High School auditorium.  
There is no cost to attend.

As part of our agreement with the production company, we are able to show the film in both middle schools and both high schools during the week of October 8. This will provide parents and students an opportunity to have conversations at home about what they saw.

More information will be coming as we get closer to the date.



# Safety & Security

The safety and security of our students, staff members, and visitors is a priority in District 303. Please take a look at the [safety and security page](#) of our website so you can become familiar with our procedures. In addition, please watch the [video](#) that provides information about our new entrances.



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## Fundraiser for Annual Kick-A-Thon



The St. Charles North and East High School Drill Teams will host a car wash fundraiser from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26, at McDowell Remodeling, 521 W. Main St., St. Charles.

Cost is \$6 for cars and \$10 for vans or trucks.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Kick-A-Thon, an annual fundraiser that helps to raise money for the Fox Valley chapter of the American Cancer Society, LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, and Fox Valley Food For Health. Visit [www.kick-a-thon.org](http://www.kick-a-thon.org).

The 2018 Kick-A-Thon will take place Friday, Sept. 28, at St. Charles North High School.

The 25th annual Kick-A-Thon is a joint effort by St. Charles North and East High Schools to raise money to help fight cancer. To date, more than \$1 million has been raised.

You can sign up to be a "Community Kicker" at [www.kick-a-thon.org/registration](http://www.kick-a-thon.org/registration). There is a \$25 registration fee that goes toward the suggested minimum donation amount of \$200. After registering, create your own Kicker Donation Campaign on the Kick-A-Thon website.

The evening's events on Sept. 28 begin with a "tailgate dinner" at 5:30 p.m. The "Kick Line" begins at 6:15 p.m. You and your dance team partner will be lined up for the march onto the field at approximately 6:15 p.m. At the end of the sophomore game, the Community Kickers are announced and then the kicking will begin. Afterward, enjoy more refreshments and desert off field or watch the Crosstown Classic football game from the stands.

For questions, contact [Amy Mitrenga](#), St. Charles North co-chair, or [Donna Jo Woelffer](#), St. Charles East co-chair.

*Submitted by St. Charles North and East Drill Teams*



# Transportation



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 the Transportation Department during those two weeks.**

We are looking forward to a great year!

## REMINDER:

Pre-K bus routes will become available on [e-link](#) at noon on Saturday.

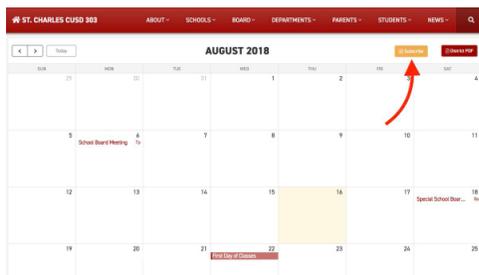


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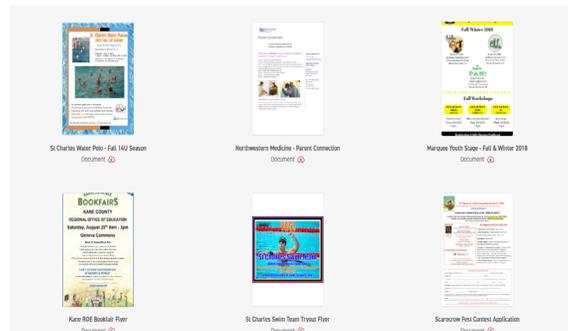
## iCal Function

The iCal function is now up and running on the District 303 website. Use your computer or your mobile device to sync your child's school calendar with your own.



## 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](#) throughout the school year for all to see.



# Upcoming School Board Meetings

## August 29

Business Services Meeting -5:30p.m.

## September 10

School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.

## September 17

Learning & Teaching Meeting -5:30 p.m.

## September 25

Community Relations Meeting -5:30 p.m.



# 2018-19 Calendar Highlights

## August 31

Institute Day- NO SCHOOL

## September 3

Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

## October 5

School Improvement Day-NO SCHOOL

## October 8

Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL



## 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](mailto:Julie.Wenger@d303.org) for more details.

