

Principal's Newsletter March 2022



Lida Burgos - 11th
in State



Ben Davino - 120 lb. State Champion



Tyler Guerra - 132 lb. 3rd Place



January and February Breakfast of Champions Recipients



Girls Dance - 4th at State



Cheer - State Qualifiers



Wrestling Send Off & State Qualifiers



Boys Swim & Dive Send Off & State Qualifiers



Girls Bowling Send Off



ISO Big Game



March Breakfast of Champions Recipients



Scholastic Bowl Team - Regional Champs



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Vocal Jazz Workshop at Retionals (right) and ILMEA (below)





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Winter Play
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea



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It is hard to believe how quickly the year is progressing. Third Quarter has ended and as we approach the last stretch of the year, I want to thank everyone for their flexibility and support as we continue to navigate this unique school year. In just a few weeks, Spring Break will be upon us. I hope everyone enjoys their time off and returns with the enthusiasm that encompasses East during the last few weeks of the school year.

Student Recognition - Katie Kempff was named a winner of the National English Honor Society's poetry contest in January - you can read her poem [here](#). Zac Chiet and Alissa Chimienti were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Our student Newspaper, *The X-Ray*, continues to publish outstanding articles that are available on their [website](#). Carter Kurinsky, Mary Kate Dunklau, and Ashley Daros designed a mousetrap car in physics that set a new school record at 37.1 meters. The STCE Scholastic Bowl Team took second place at the DuKane Conference competition, with Ben Seltz and Quinn Sidor receiving Top 10 honors for their performance in the competition. At the Regional Competition in March, they won the Regional Championship!

Performing Arts - Early in February, we gave three excellent performances of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* that showcased the on- and off-stage talents of our students. Images from the performances can be found on the previous page as well as in a [photo gallery](#) from our East website. STCE's Vocal Jazz Workshop was invited to be a featured performer at this year's ILMEA Conference in Peoria. The group performed five outstanding songs to a packed house at the state's premier music event. Our Vocal Jazz Workshop consists of Andrew Biallas, Lilly Fraser, Abbey Glidewell, Olivia Kennedy, Molly Kiefer, Annette McGinley, Parker Moran, Gabriella Panfil, Ashley Peters, Addison Petrine, Mary Kate Schoessling, Jay Steinke, Joey Wilbur and Quinn York. St. Charles East High School had six students selected to participate in the Illinois Music Education Conference (IMEC) which took place in Peoria from January 27th through the 29st. Seniors Harry Graham (viola), Benjamin Hommowun (French horn), and Andrew Pahadi (oboe), junior Nathan Throneburg (bass), and sophomore Megan Kamysz (cello) were all selected to participate for orchestra. This experience for these students concluded a four month process that began in early October with Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) district-level auditions. The students then participated in district festivals in mid November where they rehearsed and performed with the top high school musicians from the west-suburban area. The students listed above were a small number that were then selected from the district groups to continue on to the state level. For the IMEC, they again auditioned for placement in the state-level ensembles and rehearsed for two days with the best high school musicians from the state under the direction of top music educators and professional musicians. The conference culminated with performances by these ensembles on Saturday afternoon. Senior trombonist and vocalist Quinn York was one of 55 students from the entire state to be selected through an extensive application process to participate in the Future Music Educator Symposium which occurs during the All-State Conference. He attended clinics and masterclasses throughout the duration of the conference that were designed for students who are planning on pursuing a career in music education. Congratulations to these six students on their musical accomplishments!

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Athletics - We had a very successful Winter Sports season, with many teams and individuals advancing and placing in state competitions. Our Dance Team qualified for the state competition, qualifying for the second day competition and taking 4th place in the state. The following week, our Cheer Team qualified for state as well. STCE sent six wrestlers to the state tournament, with Tyler Guerra taking the podium earning 3rd place at 132 pounds and Ben Davino winning the state championship at 120 pounds. Lida Burgos qualified for the state competition in Girls Bowling and took 11th place in state. Saints ISO basketball athletes Hunter Hoan and Ola Boniak qualified for the Special Olympics State Basketball Skills competition at ISU. Both athletes earned Gold Medals at the Regional Qualifier at Deerfield High School in December. We also hosted our ISO Big Game in February which remains one of our best nights of the school year! Our Boys Swim and Dive Team qualified for the state meet with Kyle Algrim taking 15th place in the 200 Freestyle and 8th place in the 500 Freestyle. His time in the 500 Freestyle moved him to #5 all time in STC swimming and diving history! Leo Czerwinski took 2nd place in the 200 Freestyle, 4th place in the 50 Freestyle, 3rd place in the 100 Freestyle, and 4th place in the 100 Breaststroke. Jack Redden took 19th place in the 50 Freestyle and 23rd in the 100 Butterfly. Finally, our 200 Freestyle Relay team consisting of Kyle Algrim, Will Murray, Jack Redden, and Chris Souk finished in 25th place. Girls Basketball had a historic season, bringing home the first Sectional Championship in STCE history, and the first for STC high school since 1987.

End of the Year Events - Please continue to look for information sent from the Student Life and College and Career Departments regarding end of the year events. Information about Prom and Post Prom were sent to all Junior and Senior families this week, and other Senior event information will be forthcoming. Our [CCR Updates](#) will have information about AP Testing, Senior Honors Night, and graduation, among other announcements.

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](#). Currently, the STCE PTO is looking for parent volunteers for our Post Prom event.

Final Exams - Final exams will be administered in classes at the end of second semester. Please see the final exam schedule for more information.

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 screenshot shows the HAC interface with the 'Classes' tab selected. A table displays student grades for a specific class. The table has columns for Category, Student's Points, Maximum Points, Percent, Category Weight, and Category Points. The 'Assessment' row shows 22.00 points out of 25.00, which is 88.00%. The 'Total Points' row shows 68.00 points out of 68.00. The 'Student's overall average is' is displayed at the bottom. Arrows indicate the steps to click on 'Classes' and then 'Full View' to see the student's overall average.

Category	Student's Points	Maximum Points	Percent	Category Weight	Category Points
Assessment	22.00	25.00	88.00%	68.00	59.84000
Total Points				68.00	58.88000

Student's overall average is

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 or (331) 228-5675.

Final Exam Schedule

The Final Exam Schedule will be posted soon on the East website. Please encourage your student 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 is posted in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on the East High School Website.