

Principal's Newsletter



It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of First Quarter! It has been great to have students back in our building this past week. I appreciate everyone's support in adhering to the health and safety measures that will contribute to our goal of keeping everyone healthy. Completing the daily [COVID Self-Certification Form](#), properly wearing a face mask, maintaining a six-foot distance from others, and washing your hands are very basic universal safety precautions that can help keep our students in school. Furthermore, following these safety measures outside of school is equally important.

St. Charles East is proud to announce that we have three National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and 15 National Merit Commended students. Our Semifinalists are Shae Atkins, Henry Nunns, and Aidan Szuch. Our Commended students are Sarah Brunson, Bennett Cassata, Amelia Chipman, Teagan Ditsworth, Liam Fronk, Michelle Giovacchini, Nikhil Jain, Jason Kroeker, Janina Mangulabnan, Edward Nawrocki, Sage Overstreet, Mason Peterson, Emma Santos, Megan Sreniawski, and Ethan White. In another accomplishment for one of our Saints, Serena Thakkar was named to the 2020-2021 Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. On Thursday, October 21, she participated in the October ISBE Board Meeting.

Despite not being able to put on live performances, our STCE performing arts department has pivoted to find new ways to bring amazing performances to our school community. Students in multiple ensembles have put together performances of [Dracula](#), [Frankenstein](#), and a double feature of [Tick Tock Man and War of the Worlds](#). Mr. Jim Kull's Wind Ensemble class put together a performance of [March April Leaf](#), and our Choral group, led by Ms. Monica Bertrand, published a performance of [City Called Heaven](#).

Athletically, STCE has had a very successful fall athletic season thus far. Our Girls Tennis team won their sectional tournament, and Emaira Saini was named to the All-State Team. Our Boys and Girls Cross Country teams won DuKane Conference titles. Our Boys Golf team qualified for the sectional tournament and placed fifth. You can follow the STC Athletic Department on Twitter at the handle [@STCEathletics](#) to see how the rest of the season goes for these teams.

We appreciate all your flexibility as we have navigated this unique start to the school year. From our new [Back to School Night](#) format to virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences, we are finding new ways to serve our school community, and will continue to do so as the year progresses. One such way is our new [Parent Link communication page](#), which houses all our Parent Link messages to make it easier to refer to. Additionally, [technology/Chromebook support](#) and all our [calendars/bell schedules](#) are located on our website.

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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.

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. First-quarter grades can be viewed on HAC by clicking the grades tab and selecting the 10/21/2020 drop-down for Interim Progress Report. 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.

There will be NO final exams for the 1st semester.
