

District 303 E-NEWS



St Charles District 303



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Chicago Bears Recognize North Quarterback Ethan Plumb



St. Charles North High School student-athlete Ethan Plumb was selected as the Chicago Bears 2023 High School All-Star for week 1. The junior quarterback threw for three touchdowns, completing 34 of 45 passes for 332 yards in leading the North Stars to a week 1 victory.

Gustavo Silva, Manager of Youth and High School Football for the Chicago Bears Football Club, presented Ethan with his award last week and a \$500 donation was made to a youth football organization on his behalf. Ethan will also be invited to a Bears Game in December to be recognized during halftime. These recognitions are part of the Coach of the Week and High School All-Stars award programs by Athletico Physical Therapy.



"We continue to be proud of Ethan not only for this award but for his leadership on the field and within our school," expressed North Athletic Director, Joe Benoit. "He's truly a shining example of what it means to be a North Star student-athlete."

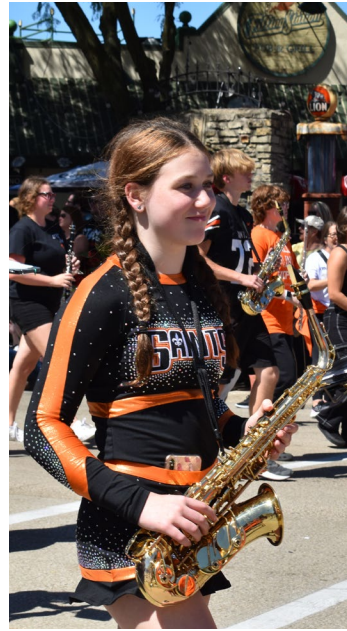
Exploring Crayon-Counting Strategies

Throughout the school year, staff members are able to take part in professional development courses and activities that expand their knowledge and enhance the learning experiences for students. As part of the Building More Fact Fluency summer course for staff, the Corron 1st grade team led students through a "3 Act Math" task in late August to help develop students' critical thinking skills, vocabulary, and math strategies.

For the 1st act, students watched a short video. It included images of a desk with school supplies and students were asked to write everything they noticed. Then, students received the math problem: determine how many crayons were on the desk. Students did this by not only counting the ones they initially saw but also through a colorful drawing



found in the picture. In groups, students discussed how many crayons they saw and talked about how many more there could be based on the drawing. For the 3rd part of the act, they got to see the full picture. As they wrote their final answers, many were pleased to know that they were right about there being more crayons. As a group, students learned new vocabulary, listened to different strategies and were informed how to implement these new strategies in other projects.



Homecoming Parade 2023



The Parent Education series (formerly Parent University) includes informational meetings and workshops intended to empower parents and guardians to support their children's academic, social and emotional needs.

Sessions for the 2023-2024 school year will focus on bullying prevention, addressing anxiety, and include film screenings and discussions about the impact of screen time and cultural awareness. The schedule also includes college preparation workshops hosted by our high schools. Sessions were selected based in part on feedback from District 303 parents.

Explore the [full lineup of sessions here](#). Signup forms for each session will be made available closer to the session dates. New this year, you can also [register for Parent Education notifications](#) and receive alerts as new information and session recaps become available.

Serie de Educación para Padres

La serie de Educación para Padres (anteriormente Universidad para Padres) incluye reuniones informativas y talleres destinados a capacitar a los padres y tutores para apoyar las necesidades académicas, sociales y emocionales de sus hijos.

Las sesiones del año escolar 2023-2024 se centrarán en la prevención del acoso escolar, cómo abordar la ansiedad, e incluirán proyecciones de películas y pláticas sobre el impacto del tiempo frente a la pantalla y la concienciación cultural. El programa también incluye talleres de preparación para la universidad organizados por nuestras escuelas preparatorias. Las sesiones fueron seleccionadas basándose en parte en los comentarios de los padres del Distrito 303.

Explore la [lista completa de sesiones aquí](#). Los formularios de inscripción para cada sesión estarán disponibles cuando se acerquen las fechas de las sesiones. También puede [registrarse para recibir notificaciones](#) y alertas cuando haya nueva información y resúmenes de las sesiones.

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES PRESENTS

College Options for Juniors

Presented by District 303 Academic Counselors

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023
6:30pm–7:30pm
St. Charles North High
School Auditorium

Visit district.d303.org/parent-education for more information.



2023 College Board National Recognition Program Awardees

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Congratulations to the 2023 College Board National Recognition Program awardees from St. Charles East and North High School:

St. Charles East Students

Abrielle Kapoor: NHRA

Alyssa Gennaro: NHRA

Ana Avila: NHRA

Benjamin Finkley: NAARA

David Ortiz: NHRA

Ella Flores Brosnan: NHRA

Emily Prell: NIA

Jesus Castellanos: NHRA

Juliet Ndonga: NAARA

Keira Moore: NAARA

Lillian Dirickson: NIA

Manuela Ramirez: NHRA

Sebastian Semenek: NHRA

St. Charles North Students

Aliya Clayton: NAARA

Dante Cabezas-Figliozi: NHRA

Emily Kraut: NIA

Jakelyn Leycock: NAARA, NHRA

Lauren Martin: NHRA

Megan Hines: NHRA

Michelle Su: NRSTA

Award recipients have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and earned high performance marks on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. The College Board National Recognition Programs provide academic honors to underrepresented students. Students are considered for the awards if they take eligible administrations of the exams and identify as Black, African American, Latino, Hispanic, Indigenous, Native, or attend high school in a rural area or small town. Students can include this academic honor in their college and scholarship applications.

Award Key:

National African American Recognition Award (NAARA)

National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA)

National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)

National Indigenous Award (NIA)

Career Center Pathways at FVCC

District 303 Superintendent Paul Gordon visited the Fox Valley Career Center on August 31 and connected with Kane County students enrolled in the center's various programs. This fantastic vocational program nearby provides them the opportunity to choose from over 12 different career pathways.

"I walked away so impressed by the passion and dedication of the FVCC educators," reflected Dr. Gordon. "These are individuals who have all worked or are still working in their teaching area." Young people are graduating with their Firefighter II certificate with offers to join different firefighting academies within Chicagoland or out of state. Nursing students are passing their licensure tests at a 98% success rate, the highest in the region. Students are earning their journeyman certificate for electrical with starting wages at about \$22/hour, and by the time they reach a journeyman year-five status, these students will be making \$38 to \$50 an hour, with significant overtime on top.



Dr. Gordon was also offered the opportunity to drive a firetruck typically used in an airplane fire, along with copilot Dr. Andrew Barrett, Superintendent of Geneva.

Is Your Contact Information Up-to-date?

Ensure You're Getting Timely District Alerts



District 303 uses Finalsite (formerly ParentLink) to send mass notices to multiple people simultaneously. Informational or emergency messages are sent to the contact information you have on file. While email is the primary way we send communications, text or voice calls may also be sent. To receive emergency or other timely messages, we strongly encourage families to enable text notifications.

Please note, unsubscribing from ParentLink emails or replying "stop" to text messages will disable all informational messages from your child(s) school and the District. You will still receive emergency communications. [Visit the Home Access Center website](#) for information on how to view and edit your contact settings.

Early Release Dates & Times for the 2023-2024 School Year



All Grade Levels (Pre-K-12)

Early Release Days

August 30

September 27

October 25

November 29

January 24

February 21

March 20

April 24

High School Early

Release Days

Every Wednesday

AM Early Childhood: 9:00 - 11:05 a.m.

PM Early Childhood: 12:05 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

AM Kindergarten: 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

PM Kindergarten: 11:40 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Elementary School: 8:00 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Middle School: 8:40 a.m. - 2:52 p.m.

High School: 7:20 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Important Information

FROM DISTRICT 303

Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

The District adopted the [Standard Response Protocol](#) (SRP) from the I Love U Guys Foundation last spring. The SRP is designed to provide consistent, clear, shared language and actions among all students, staff and first responders during emergencies. It is a trusted brand for several preK-12 school districts and higher education across the country. Locally, the SRP is utilized in many area school districts and has the support of the St. Charles Police Department and other local emergency response agencies.

Important Bus Route Information



With the new school year comes increased traffic in and around our District. We are asking for your help to ensure the safe travels of everyone to and from our schools.

Bus Transportation and Schedules

Routes are visible through [e-Link](#). If you have not logged into the eLink system before, login using your child's student ID number as the username and password. If you have multiple children in the district, you can use any of their student IDs to login and access their bus route information. Parents should call their student's school if they need their student's ID number.

Driving to School/Personal Transport

When driving in and near school property, please be mindful of the following safety regulations:

- 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.
- Cell phone use is prohibited 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.

We would like to encourage parents to remind their students to practice good bike safety as they travel to and from school, which includes obeying traffic signals, being careful at intersections, and following directions from the crossing guards.



*The St. Charles East & North Dance Teams
invite you to the 30th Annual Kick-A-Thon*



SEPTEMBER 29TH

at East High School before the Varsity football game

STC NORTH VS. STC EAST



This year's beneficiaries:

- COLETTE'S CREW
- FOX VALLEY FOOD FOR HEALTH

To donate: visit

www.STCkicks.com

or scan the QR code



Food Trucks **At East on 9/26**
At North on 9/28

Restaurant Night

At Chipotle
(on Main St.)
on 9/20

Check out the Community Backpack

Learn about local events, community organizations,
and activities throughout the school year.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming School Board Meetings

September 11

School Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Meeting will begin at 5pm with closed session. Open session will begin at 6pm.

September 18

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

September 25

Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

October 2

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

2023-2024 School Calendar Highlights

September 13

High School Early Release Day

Parent Education - College Options for Juniors

September 20

High School Early Release Day

September 27

All Grade Level Early Release Day



DISTRICT 303 IS HIRING BUS DRIVERS AND ASSISTANTS!



- **Starting pay:**
Drivers: \$22.86 | Assistants \$18.75
- **All drivers are guaranteed 6 hours per day and are eligible for insurance and pension**
- **Obtain your CDL – District 303 will train qualified candidates who want to obtain their Commercial Driver's License**



JOIN NOW

Apply Online:

district.d303.org/employment

Call: 331-228-5180

Visit our Transportation Office:

901 S. Peck Rd., St. Charles, IL

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 303

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2023-2024 School Calendar

July

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AUGUST

Institute Days (No Students).....	August 10-11
First Day of Classes	August 14

SEPTEMBER

Institute Day (No Students).....	September 1
Labor Day Holiday	September 4

OCTOBER

PreK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Students)	October 5
PreK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Students)	October 6
High School Teachers' In-Service (No Students).....	October 6
Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday	October 9
End of 1st Quarter (Middle, High Schools).....	October 13
School Improvement Day (No Students).....	October 20

NOVEMBER

End of 1st Trimester (Elementary Schools)	November 10
Non Attendance Days (Offices Open).....	November 20-22
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 23-24

DECEMBER

End of 2nd Quarter/First Semester (Middle, High Schools)	December 22
Last Day of School in 2023.....	December 22
Winter Break	December 25-December 29

JANUARY

Winter Break	January 1-January 5
Teacher Work Day 6-12, Institute Day PreK-5 (No students) ..	January 8
School Resumes	January 9
Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday	January 15

FEBRUARY

Presidents' Day Holiday (No Students).....	February 19
End of 2nd Trimester (Elementary Schools).....	February 23
K-5 Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5 classes in AM)	
K-5 ONLY - No K-5 Students in Afternoon (tentative); PreK - No Classes.	
.....	February 29

MARCH

Kane County Institute Day / Teacher Work Day PreK-5 (No Students)	March 1
End of 3rd Quarter (Middle, High Schools)	March 15
Spring Break	March 25-March 29

APRIL

School Resumes	April 1
School Improvement (No Students).....	April 19

MAY

Last Day for Students if no "Emergency Days" used.....	May 24
Memorial Day Holiday	May 27
Last Day for Students if 5 "Emergency Days" used	June 3

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High School Early Release - Every Wednesday

All Grades Early Release - Aug 30, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Jan 24,
Feb 21, Mar 20, & Apr 24

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