

Saints' Happenings

Principal's Newsletter

August/September 2018



Homecoming Tug of War, Band, Emcees, and X-Ray staff. Congratulations to Carmella Furio for winning First Place at the State Competition in Journalism for Editorial Writing (bottom right)!



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Mr. & Miss Orange & Black
Congratulations to our winners: Madison Solomon,
Mia Barone & Tyler Johnson!



Senior Kyle Biallis coordinating his Eagle Scout Project outside the mobiles

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Vocal Music Performance



7th Heaven at Saints Family Fun Fest

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The SAINTS Way!

The Perfect Blend Coffee Shop

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We have had an amazing start to the school year! Summer concluded with the Saints Family Fun Fest that celebrated the completion of our Fitness Center, turf field, and highlighted our fall sports teams with competitions and demonstrations. In addition to serving as a fundraiser for our STCE Athletic Boosters, it brought the school together to celebrate the start of a new school year and to showcase our Saints Pride!

School safety continues to be an emphasis for us as we started the school year. We were very pleased to see students wearing their ID's at all times, utilizing our new building entry protocols, and getting to class in a timely manner to keep our hallways clear. We appreciate all the help and support from the students, parents, staff, and the community.

At our class meetings on August 28, we highlighted for students the new safety protocols as well as talked about the SAINTS Way (see picture on previous page). This saying encompasses who we are as Saints and how we treat each other and ourselves. We talked about building each other up with our words, actions, and social media while making sure to reiterate that behaviors contrary to that will be addressed seriously, including, but not limited to, bullying, initiation (We Celebrate, not Initiate!), and digital citizenship (social media). Capitalizing on My Trusted, we reminded students that there are many adults in the building who are there for them should they need to report anything. We like to use the phrase, "If you see something, say something." Additionally, we revealed that we have an anonymous [Bullying Reporting Form](#) on the East website that allows students to report such behaviors as well.

We also ask parents and community members to follow our, "If you see something, say something," principle. Should you see anything you think could lead to a student, group of students, or our school being unsafe, please report it. Yes, it is important to let us know, but please do not hesitate to report anything directly to law enforcement as well, especially when students are out of school. Often times, they will want to seek the information from the person who was able to witness it first-hand. STCE and local law enforcement partner together to keep our students safe, and we all have a responsibility for taking care of each other!

We have a lot to celebrate! We have three students who are National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists - Neehar Shah, Kayla Villa, and Ryan Wolfsmith. Additionally, we have fourteen students who are National Merit Scholarship Commended - Mason Beydoun, Hattie Gibson, Noah Hauptmann, Christopher Heuser, Ryan Kelly, Michael McHenry, Laura Nawrocki, Vraj Patel, Benjamin Rinker, Neehar Shah, Madeline Swan, Kayla Villa, Robert Villa, and Ryan Wolfsmith. Congratulations to all of you! St. Charles East also received an [A+ rating from Niche](#), and was top in the county among public schools!

Office of the Principal



Homecoming Week was a great success! We kicked off the week with our Homecoming Assembly, and followed that up with classes competing in volleyball on Tuesday and Small Games on Thursday.

Our fall play, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, will debut on Thursday, October 18, with additional performances on Saturday and Sunday. Please come out and support our performing arts students both on and off the stage!

On October 10, Freshman will take the PSAT, and Sophomores and Juniors will take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT, which is part of the SAT suite of assessments). These assessments are extremely important as we use them to identify opportunities to support students to reach college and career readiness benchmarks. Our [College and Career Readiness Website](#) has links to more information about the SAT test, college entrance considerations, and resources/tools for support. One such resource is the [SAT Daily Practice App](#), which provides students with individualized practice questions and is a great way to get started preparing for the SAT, even during Freshman year. More specific information about the testing schedule will follow.

Additionally in October, look for information about Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences.

Vaping continues to be a growing trend amongst teens across the U.S. Edward Hospital/Linden Oaks Behavioral Health has a [newsletter](#) that addresses myths related to vaping. Students caught vaping or in possession of vaping products are subject to a tobacco violation at STCE, and it is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for athletics and activities.

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](#).

We look forward to a great rest of the school year. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Jim Richter
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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. At the top, there are icons for Home, Attendance, Classes, Grades, and Registration. The 'Classes' icon is highlighted with a downward arrow. Below this, the 'Classwork' pane is visible, with a 'Full View' button highlighted by a downward arrow. The 'Full View' button is located at the top right of the classwork pane. Below the classwork pane, there is a table showing student progress. The table has columns for Category, Student's Points, Maximum Points, Percent, Category Weight, and Category Points. The table shows data for 'Assessment' and 'Total Points'. At the bottom of the table, there is a 'Show All Averages' button highlighted by a downward arrow.

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	59.84000

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.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Student-Teacher Conference scheduling will take place soon. Please look for more information on how to use Pick-A-Time to schedule conferences with your child's teachers.

2019-2020 Course Selection

The course selection process for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in November. More detailed information about how to sign up for courses will follow in late October.

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 or (331) 228-5675.

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!

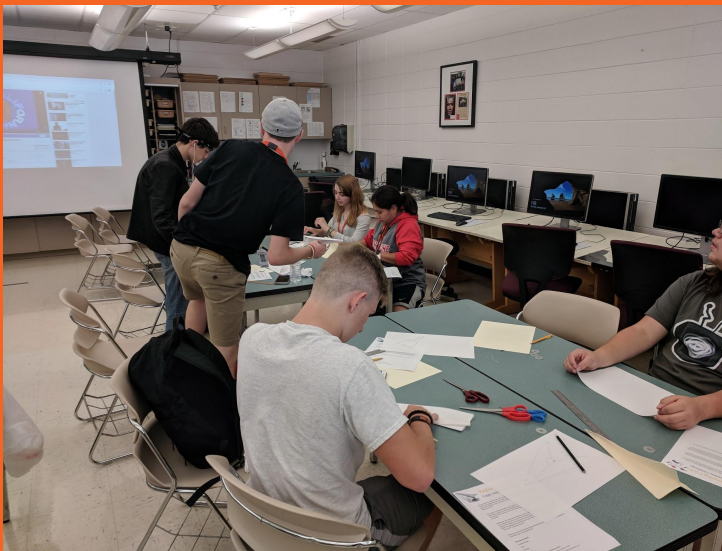
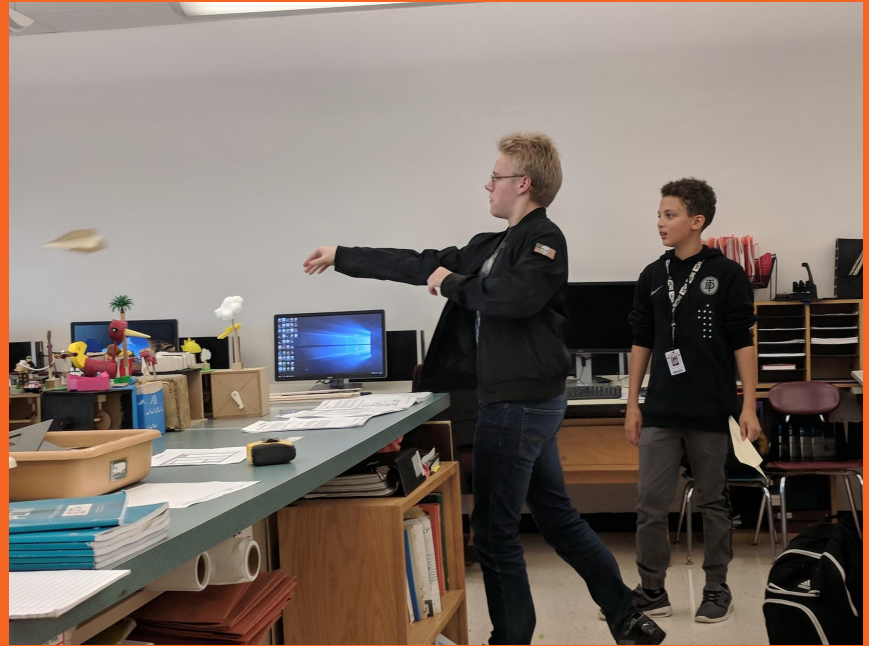
Attendance facts from the start of 2018-19:

- 59 students missed 4 or more full days of school from 8/22/18 - 9/14/18
 - 485 students had PERFECT attendance from 8/22/18 - 9/20/18
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Instructional Support Coaches



St. Charles East welcomes new educator, Atif Hussain, who is taking his engineering students through the PLTW six step design process. Here they are developing 21 century creativity skills with a paper airplane challenge!



Foreign Language

German National Honor Society

French National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society

The three language honor societies helped in celebrating Homecoming by painting windows at downtown St. Charles businesses. The groups are very excited to give back this year with numerous service projects; all while practicing their respective languages, and culminating the year with induction ceremonies for all three organizations in April.



Foreign Language



¡Vamos a picar!



Translation: Let's snack! or Let's chop!

Spanish 3 students at East High School are learning about the "Hispanic Kitchen." Today, in Mrs. Reyes' class we made pico de gallo! ¡Que rico! We ate our pico de gallo with authentic corn tortilla chips. This experience will help us transition into reading recipes and learning commands.



Foreign Language

AP Spanish Language & Culture

AP Spanish Language and Culture students were excited to apply their learning of the culture of Spain with the school and community by creating original flamenco music videos including elements of Spain. Students were seen dancing and infusing the passion of flamenco and the Spanish culture in businesses around the St. Charles community as well as other classrooms around the school, inviting teachers and even Principal Richter to learn and dance the flamenco. Profesora Forbes and Profesora Charles are excited to see their students' final products.

¡Olé!



Fine Arts



Visual Arts

This year, we are excited to welcome Ms. Carrie Schweiger to the teaching ranks of the Visual Art Department. Ms. Schweiger is a native of the Chicago suburbs, growing up in Elmhurst. She then taught for eight years in Houston, Texas before returning to the Chicago area. She is teaching Photo and 3D Media and is very happy to be at St. Charles East High School.

Music

The St Charles East and North orchestra programs will be combining to tour Germany, Austria, and the Czech republic in March 2019. We'll be touring such sights as Mozart's birthplace, the Mauthausen concentration camp, and Hohensalzburg Castle, culminating with a farewell dinner cruise on the Vltava River in Prague. We'll see a performance by the Prague Symphony Orchestra and give our own concerts in Salzburg and Prague.

The Wind Ensemble and Jazz Workshop will be traveling to Japan during Spring Break. The groups will perform at a band festival in Hakone, where they will also tour that historic city and travel to Kyoto as well. The groups will then travel by bullet train to Okayama, where they will stay with Japanese host families and also perform a side-by-side concert with the fabulous band from Shujitsu Jr/Sr High School. While in Okayama they will also have a picnic with their Japanese hosts in beautiful Korakuen Park, where the cherry blossoms should be in full bloom.

The Marching Saints have performed at two football games, an in-school assembly, the Homecoming Small Games assembly, and the Homecoming Parade. The band will perform at the remaining two home football games and will present their annual Marching Band Concert on Thursday, October 11th at 7:30 in the Main Gym. The Marching Saints rehearse during the school day in the students' assigned band periods, with the six band ensembles then combining for the performances at football games and parades. By the conclusion of the marching season at the end of October, these students will have learned a pre-game show, three different halftime shows, and more than twenty pieces of music. The Marching Saints are also planning a trip to Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando in June. One of the highlights of the trip will be marching in a parade at Disney World.

Fine Arts



Many of our Band, Choir, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir and Orchestra students will participate in the Illinois Music Educator Association District 9 auditions on Tuesday, October 2nd. The students selected through these auditions will participate in the District 9 Music Festivals in November, where they will perform with the best high school musicians from the western suburbs under the leadership of top educators and professional musicians. These auditions can also lead to being selected to perform as a member of an All-State ensemble at the Illinois Music Education Conference which occurs in January and honors the best high school musicians in the state.

Drama

The drama students are hard at work rehearsing and building the set for their production of *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee*. This is a musical that follows six students through the course of spelling bee while learning about their lives through humorous and touching stories and songs. This production will be presented October 18th and 20th at 7:00 pm and October 21st at 2:00 pm in the Norris Cultural Arts Center.

The students are also already preparing for auditions for the Studio Theatre Student Directed One Acts which will be presented November 14th, 15th and 16th at 7:00 in the Koepl Black Box Theatre.

Please come support our many talented students involved in the cast and crew of these productions.

Fine Arts



St. Charles East Students: Clark Cheatham, Max Fredrickson, Payton Johnson, and Alex Saviano wrote and directed two one-act plays for the STCE Summer One Acts. They rehearsed with a cast of St. Charles East students June and July in preparation for their July 13 - 15 in the black box theatre. All their profits were donated to Living Well Center in August.

Upcoming Fine Arts Dates:

Oct. 18, 20	7:00	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee</i>	NCAC
Oct. 21	2:00	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee</i>	NCAC
Oct. 25	7:30	Choir Concert	NCAC
Nov. 1	7:30	Jazz Choir Concert	NCAC
Nov. 6	7:30	Jazz Band Concert	NCAC
Nov. 8	7:30	Orchestra Concert	NCAC
Nov. 14, 15, 16	7:00	Students Directed One Acts	Koeppl Black Box Theatre

Math



Want Math Help?

The Math Resource Room(MRR) is open to all students who have questions about their math work. The MRR is in room B205 and is open periods 4 - 7. There is a math teacher and peer tutors available to answer math questions or go over math concepts with students. If a student wants math help during their 4 - 7 period study hall, he or she should get a pass from their math teacher. Students should show the pass to their study hall teacher and go to B205 for help. Math Honor Society students are available for math help after school on Wednesdays, early release or not, and Thursdays in the LRC. Students should go to the LRC after school on any Wednesday or Thursday to go over their math work. Students can also make an appointment to get help from their math teacher.

Math Team Mondays!

The Math Team meets after school on Mondays in B126. All interested students are invited to come by and enjoy solving problems! Our first meet is October 11th.



Social Studies

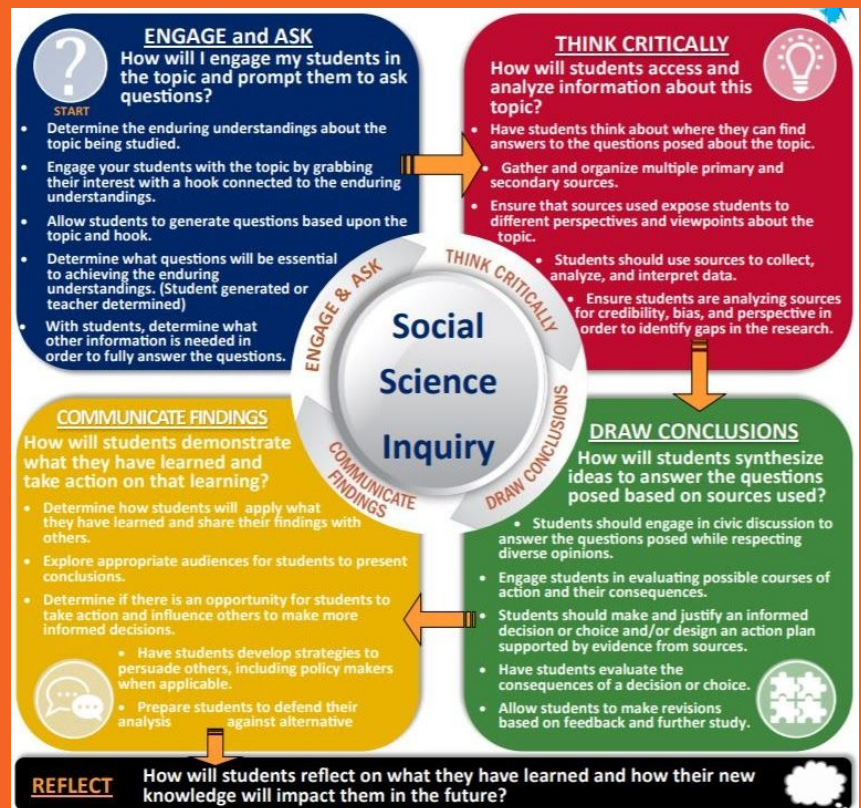


Sometimes, the question is the answer...

For the last two years, D303 Social Studies teachers representing grades 6-12 have met to design new Social Studies curriculum aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards. These Standards place equal emphasis on developing student inquiry skills and providing opportunities to take informed action as it does on disciplinary concepts like Geography, History and Civics. The purpose of this emphasis is to provide students with the mindset and inquiry skills required to become lifelong learners and to prepare students for college, career and civic life.

These exciting new changes are being implemented in our core courses, and we are currently working on rewriting our elective courses and making new ones available for the 2019-2020 school year. We will provide you with updates as our work progresses.

On the right is a representation of the inquiry model provided by the Illinois State Board of Education. As the year progresses, you will see your students working on assessments that focus on developing these skills, using the content of their specific courses. We hope this work will help build their curiosity and spark interesting conversations around the dinner table! Contact your child's Social Studies teacher with questions.



Wellness



The Wellness Department is off to a great start to the year. Here are a few highlighted areas:

Drivers Education

Classes are behind the simulators practicing. They have been perr and are behind the wheel already!

Adventure Education

Started the year with a number of different Team building activities.



All PE classes are also enjoying our cardio room as well as the newly renovated weight room.



Career & Technical Education

Business Education

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BY UNCHARTED LEARNING

NEW COURSE INCubatoredu Holds Open House!

On Tuesday, September 25, East held an open house to showcase our new entrepreneurship course, INCubatoredu. In INCubator, students experience first-hand what it takes to create, develop, and fund a business idea. Students partner with community leaders who help mentor and coach them through the entrepreneurial process leading up to a "Shark Tank" formal presentation to potential investors, where student teams can earn funding to move their business into reality. At the open house, community partners, volunteers, students, and staff members gathered to learn more about this exciting program. If you are interested in volunteering with our students and the program, please email Dr. Melissa Byrne, Associate Director of Curriculum at Melissa.byrne@d303.org.



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VEI Students Interview for Positions

Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) is our capstone business course. It is an international curriculum in which the students start and run a virtual online business and interact with over 500 other student-run businesses in the VEI network. On Monday, September 24, community members, district staff, and school personnel gathered at East to interview students for their positions in our virtual firms Clever Contraptions, Electric Avenue, and Xtreme Comfort. At this point, they are finalizing the product lines, writing the business plan, and preparing for the Tennessee Trade Show.

Next, students will finalize their product lines and business plans as well as participate in the Annual Illinois VEI Leadership Conference at NIU's Naperville Campus, where they will receive training and insight from business professionals and have the opportunity to network with other VEI firms in the region. Please contact Keith Glavan, keith.glavan@d303.org, Adam Boyer, adam.boyer@d303.org, or Nolan Possley, nolan.possley@d303.org for more information about Virtual Enterprises International.

VEI Interviews



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When: Saturday, October 27
Time: 10AM - 5PM
Where: St Charles East HS
Event Link: bit.ly/beds4stcharlese



Adjustable Beds



Pillows



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BENEFITS ST. CHARLES EAST BUSINESS

On **Saturday, October 27**, St. Charles East will hold its second ever mattress sale fundraiser. This year's event will raise funds for DECA, SkillsUSA, VEI, INCubatoredu, and National Business Honor Society. Last year we raised over \$4000 for these classes and clubs. We look forward to another successful year.

Check out this Youtube video to see how it works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQ4NpXCI_iU

There will be over 20 beds on display for customers to try. The beds are new, brand name, made to order, available in all sizes, and cost less than retail stores. In addition to beds, there will also be pillows, mattress protectors, sheets, and adjustable power bases!

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SkillsUSA National Business Honor Society



This year, SkillsUSA and National Business Honor Society will be working closely together to offer students unmatched opportunities for growth and involvement. NBHS is our honor society to recognize student excellence in the area of business education, while SkillsUSA is a broad club that helps students prepare for leadership in the world or work. Together, these students will engage in community service, leadership opportunities, and skills competitions.



Our first big event is the **LEAD Fall Leadership Conference** that will take place November 1-3 in Lisle, IL. At this event, students will participate in leadership and team building activities, learn about the SkillsUSA organization, and compete in a mini-interview and competition. **There are still spots available! The price is only \$100 which includes transportation, hotel, and some meals.**

Please contact SkillsUSA president **Madline Swan**, NBHS president **Katilyn Dunfee**, or **Mr. Keith Glavan**, keith.glavan@d303.org, for more information.



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Family & Consumer Sciences



Culinary Arts

Students are beginning to gain experience in the lab setting using their previous knowledge of culinary skills and team work abilities. The granola lab was a great success as students demonstrated their measuring and recipe following abilities. In the next few weeks students will be receiving small group instruction and demonstrations on knife skills and safety. They will then apply these newly learned skills to cooking potatoes o'brien and creating their own salsa recipes.

Hospitality, Tourism & Event Planning

Students in Hospitality are wrapping up the Food & Beverage Unit by designing their own food truck. Students are choosing themes, menus and even building a 3D model of their truck. Groups will cook items from their menu and guest judges will choose a winning truck! Good luck!



Culinary Practices in Entrepreneurship

Students are demonstrating their knowledge of advertisement principles to create the theme for The Getaway this year. Students are creating logos, slogans, menus, promotions, and loyalty programs to advertise the opening of the student led restaurant. After students vote on their advertising campaign for the year, students will be honing their culinary skills during station training to ensure a smooth opening of The Getaway.



Career & Technical Education

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Child Development: The Early Years

Students wrapped up learning about the areas and characteristics of development and will be applying these concepts throughout our units on infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children. Our second unit just started giving students insight into prenatal development. Along with learning about prenatal development and infants, students are gearing up to gain real, hands-on experience as they take home the Real Care infant simulator for a weekend starting on September 28th. Good luck students!

Child Development: The School Age Years

Students are busy learning about child development theorists and making connections between theory and application. Students are excited to take the learning one step further and apply personal experiences with the different areas of development.

Teaching & Learning Practicum

Twenty three student interns are prepping for their practicum experience at the middle and elementary schools. We're learning about classroom management, diverse learners, and how to plan and write lesson plans. Everyone is really excited to meet their students and start working in a classroom!

Interior Design

Student designers are busy creating 3D models of rooms utilizing the elements and principles of design. Through color psychology and proper implementation of elements and principles, designers are really able to make their ideas into reality!

Fashion Design

Fashion Design students have just wrapped up exploring their personal style and how the color wheel applies to designing and styling an outfit. We are now moving into the design lab and have started using our sewing machines. Our first designs will be headbands and scrunchies!

Fashion Marketing/Merchandising

Fashion Marketing and Merchandising have had a very busy fall semester! We have taken a deeper look at Fashion from the perspective of Fashion Weeks and what is currently walking down the runways. Student designers are feeling inspired and have enjoyed their designer research project learning about fashion icons and what inspired them.

Career & Technical Education

Technology & Engineering



Automotive Tech

After learning and reviewing shop safety for the new school year, students are involved in learning how to repair vehicles, work collaboratively, and work in an automotive shop. Students have had opportunities to guide our class norms, safety lessons, clean-up procedures. Each period is different and has its own culture. The study areas are as follows: Auto I - parts and systems, lifting, emergency tire changes, and vehicle inspections. Auto II - the brake system (parts, functionality, hydraulics, maintenance, diagnosis, repair). Auto III - beginning the process of earning industry credentials. The Entry-level ASE program and AllData Certified Auto Info Specialist certifications are goals for the year, and students have begun some preview and practice test activities. This will guide our learning for the school year.

Auto Club

Auto Club has been moving along since the 1st week of school. After getting everyone through some safety training, everyone is getting active in the shop. Our 1995 Mustang project has progressed since last spring, and is now running and driving with a student-rebuilt 5.0 liter engine, transmission repair, and clutch replacement. Now that it moves under its own power, we will begin plans for chassis upgrades and body repair. Stay tuned!

Additionally, Auto Club is happy announce our new leadership team. Congrats to Johanna Wieden, Alex Nicolas, Kat Hammond, and Jackson Dietrich on earning your spot on our board. We look forward to a great year with our new student leaders and a motivated membership.

Homecoming is an Auto Club tradition, too. We have serviced the class floats and teamed with ISO athletes for many years for the parade experience. This year, our club golf cart "float" was a 4 X 4 Jeep theme, and our members helped create an Olympic themed cart with ISO athletes and coaches.



**Conrad Miller, Kevin Reda, and Jake Bartalone
servicing the flatbed trailers for class floats**

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Auto Club ISO Float Building Party



Auto Club
ISO Float
Building
Party



Homecoming Parade - Auto Club and ISO Ride Share!

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Woods/Residential Maintenance

Residential Maintenance has been busy learning how to use the hand tools found in a typical home tool kit. They have driven screws, cut boards by hand and using a miter saw, measured and marked using tape measures and speed squares, driven nails and assembled using nails screws and clamps. They installed hinges and locking hasps with drills and screwdrivers to keep a everything secure. Students will be loading these boxes with the tools they will be using the rest of the semester as the learn how to frame a wall, wire an outlet and a switch, sweat copper pipes, lay a floor and much, much more. But that will be a tale for later newsletter.



English Department Meanderings



The English Department is excited to welcome two new teachers to the department: Jacquie Johansen and Don Spencer.

The St. Charles East **Writing Center** is now open during lunch hours (4th-7th) in the LRC. Each hour is staffed by members of the English Department and students who've been trained as peer tutors. We encourage students to utilize the Writing Center during any part of the writing process.

Speech Team, coached by Court Burkhart, Amanda Hayes, and Millie Combs, has started meeting, but students can join at any time by coming to a Tuesday Team meeting after school in Mobile 2. The team will compete at 9 tournaments from October to February.

