

DISTRICT 303



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Kick-a-thon 2018

25 yrs

The 25th anniversary of Kick-A-Thon was a huge success last week! Thank you for joining the St. Charles East and North dance teams to “kick” away cancer.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Living Well Cancer Resource Center and Fox Valley Food for Health.



Richmond Students Conference with News Anchor

Amy Dixon, Richmond Intermediate Science and Technology teacher, connected with [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration](#) (CILC) to provide her 5th Grade News Network a memorable opportunity.

During SciTech class, students were able to video conference with news anchor Julie Tristan, of KLOU, in St. Louis. The video conference was offered by [Educate.Today](#). Educate.Today links students and the curriculum they are studying to those who are applying that curriculum in the real world.

Students were thrilled to speak one on one with a news anchor. Ms. Tristan offered tips for good stories, camera angles, and acting natural in front of the

camera. “It was a great experience,” said Mrs. Dixon. Each 5th grade class at Richmond will video conference with Ms. Tristan at the start of their Richmond News Network unit.

Click on the image to view a clip of the video conference.



St. Charles East Fall Play

An eclectic group vies for the spelling championship of a lifetime. These awkward sixth-graders, each with their own quirky personalities, fight to stay in the contest. Shy Olive brings her best friend (the dictionary); hyper-allergic William Bargee uses a “magic foot” for help, former champ Chip struggles with his burgeoning puberty, distractible Leaf lacks confidence, overachiever Marcy is disappointed by success, and Logainne Schwartzandgrubeinerre wants to impress her dads. These tweens disclose hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, ultimately learning that winning isn’t everything.



- Thursday 10/18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10/20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday 10/21 at 2:00 p.m.

Adult: \$7.00
Senior: Free!
Student/Child: \$5.00

Tickets are available in the [D303 webstore](#) and may also be purchased at the box office on the day of the show. Box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

St. Charles North Fall Play

A collection of nine slightly twisted and completely hilarious short plays. Set on a Friday night in an alternate suburban reality, this 80-minute romp explores the pain and the joy that comes with being in love. Full of imperfect lovers and dreamers, LOVE/SICK is an unromantic comedy for the romantic in everyone.



- Thursday 11/1 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday 11/2 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 11/3 at 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$7.00
Senior: \$3.00
Student/Child \$5.00

Tickets are available in the [D303 webstore](#) and may also be purchased at the box office on the day of the show. Box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

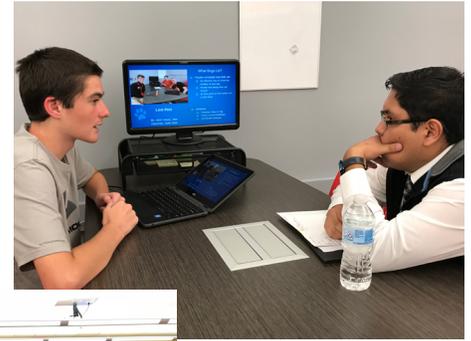
INCubatoredu Open Houses

Students in both D303 high schools who are enrolled in the INCubatoredu program welcomed parents, mentors, community members, and staff members to open houses last week. Fifty visitors rotated through the different teams' stations to hear ideas about how students are solving problems. Parents and community members were excited to see the projects students are developing such as building equipment that will clean sand off your clothes and belongings after a visit to the beach, or providing a "we'll come to you" car wash service.

This was also a great time to showcase the new bright spaces that are designed for creative and innovative learning. The comfortable seating can be arranged to accommodate small group work or large class instruction. A separate room at North High School is a large collaboration space where students can brainstorm ideas without disturbing their classmates.

The District is pleased that 76 unique volunteers have generously donated their time to mentor students, teach classes and assist with business plans. Kim

Abatangelo volunteers in the program and is excited to see it brought to District 303, "I'm still so excited this district is offering this opportunity to students in our community. I've seen the positive it does in other communities (Barrington 220), and personally believe at the very least, it's a way to marry the real world for students who immerse themselves in academia and don't have opportunity for very much practical experience."



Regional Office of Education Photo Contest - Week 1

Congratulations to St. Charles North students Mabelle and Gerri for having their photographs displayed in the Top 10 Photos from Week 1 of the ROE Photo Contest. [Click here](#) to view the other top photos.



'Coffee' - Gerri Solomon, St. Charles North H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Stephanie Dodd



'Loyal Runner' - Mabelle Acurio, St. Charles North H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Stephanie Dodd



Parent University Dates



Showing & Discussion of the film *Angst*

Wednesday, 10/10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Charles North Auditorium

The purpose of the film *Angst* 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. At the end of the film there will be a 30 minute panel discussion led by the D303 Counseling Team.

As part of our agreement with the production company, we are able to show the film in both middle

schools and both high schools between the dates of 10/10-10/16. This will provide parents and students an opportunity to have conversations at home about what they saw.

[Click here to register!](#)



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“LAS 12 CUALIDADES PARA ALCANZAR EL ÉXITO ESCOLAR”

miercoles, el 17 de octubre a las 6:00-8:00 p.m. en la Escuela Davis

El éxito escolar es el resultado de un conjunto de acciones concretas por parte de los padres e hijos, que incluyen reglas claras y firmes, no-negociables que deben establecerse como una prioridad. El estudio y las actividades de la escuela deben ser para los chicos su mayor responsabilidad, por encima de los videojuegos

y otras diversiones. Si esto se da, con seguridad el éxito escolar se obtendrá. Dr. Ferney Ramirez compartirá estrategias para que los padres y sus alumnos logren el éxito escolar.

Registración



The St. Charles Education Foundation Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting as it recognizes the 2018 grant recipients.

Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 PM

Board Room
201 South 7th Street
St. Charles, Illinois



We support projects and innovative ideas that will enrich D303's students' education. We are looking forward to having you join our celebration.

The St. Charles Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization operating independently of District 303.



Community Backpack



Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 9

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

October 15

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

October 25

Business Services Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

November 12

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. @ Munhall

2018-19 Calendar Highlights

October 5

School Improvement Day-NO SCHOOL

October 8

Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL

October 26

End of 1st Quarter (Middle & High Schools)

November 9

End of 1st Trimester (Elementary)


meeting



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.
- The pay rate has increased to \$92 daily for Teacher Assistants.

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 for more details.

