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St. Charles North Homecoming Parade



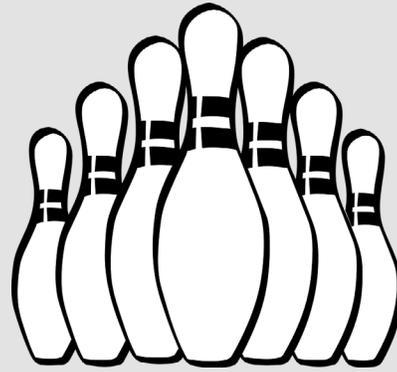
Go North Stars!



D303 United Bowlers Qualify for State



Congratulations to our D303 United Bowlers. The team competed in the Special Olympics Sectional Bowling tournament in Addison on October 13. Two students won gold medals and qualified to move on to the State Tournament in Peoria in December.



Norton Creek Walk to School Day

The threat of inclement weather earlier in the month forced Norton Creek to re-schedule its Walk to School Day to October 18. The sun shone and did its best to melt the frost on the grass as students, parents, staff members and community partners walked around the school in support of being healthy. Principal Tony White said that the goal for this year's event was to have as many people from the Norton Creek School community participate as possible. "It's important that we provide children opportunities to get as much physical activity as possible throughout the day, and this was a way that we could encourage families to be active in a fun way."



Munhall Collaborates for Greater Good

Third grade students at Munhall Elementary School read *The Water Princess*, which is a story about a girl in Africa who has to spend her days walking to get water for her family. The story of Gie Gie made students think about what they could do to help people who do not have access to clean water.

Around the same time Nancy O'Hara, Munhall Special Education Resource teacher, attended a presentation at her church and learned about World Vision and its mission to tackle causes of poverty and injustice around the world, including lack of clean water in Africa.



Nancy O'Hara

The players in these two stories were about to come together and do something great.

When Miss O'Hara talked to members of the Munhall student council about activities for the year, and showed them a video about wells being built in Africa, she had no idea that her students read the book about Gie Gie. Together they decided to raise money to help. The entire school community came together and donated money as part of two spirit wear events.

Miss O'Hara was touched by the stories of African children who could not go to school because their job was to get water for that family. She decided to do something out of her comfort zone that would bring awareness to the cause – train for the Chicago Marathon. Her students were excited about the prospect of her running 26 miles and encouraged her to continue with her 6:00 a.m. training sessions. On October 7, Miss O'Hara ran 17 of the 26 miles as part of Team World Vision. "I didn't finish, but seeing the need and talking with students at Munhall about what we could do to make a difference in the world motivated me to keep going even though it was extremely difficult."



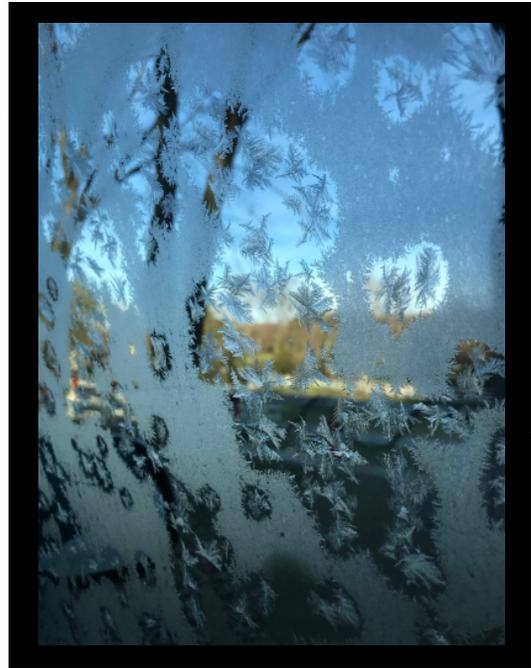
The \$1,000 raised by the Munhall community ensures that 96 people will have access to clean water for life. Student Council members said that helping people made them feel good. They pointed out that while they can turn on a faucet in their houses and not worry about how much water they are using, families in Africa walk for miles to get water that is not even clean.

Regional Office of Education Photo Contest - Week 2, 3

Congratulations to St. Charles North students Sky and Ava for having their photographs displayed in the [Top 10 Photos from Week 2](#) of the ROE Photo Contest. Jackie, a St. Charles East student, and Ava, a St. Charles North student, also had their photographs exhibited in the [Top 10 Photos from Week 3](#) of the contest.



Week 2

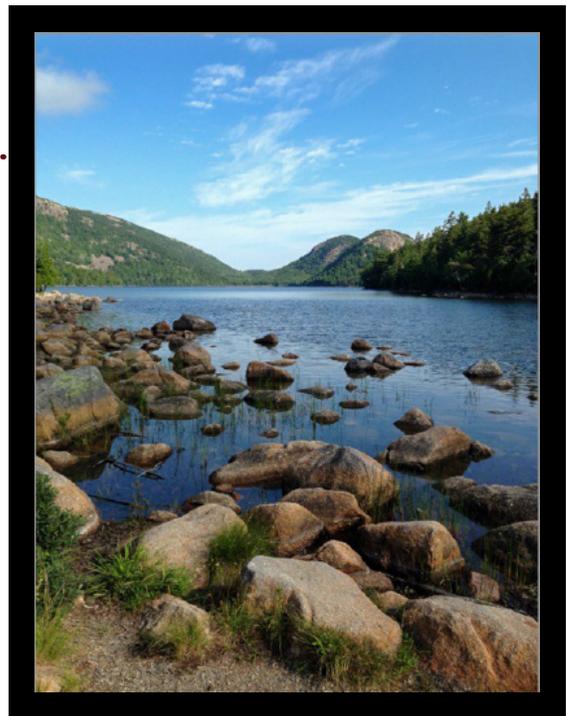


'Flamingos' - Sky Wuestenfeld, St. Charles North H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Sally Vincent

'Snowflakes' - Ava Volling, St. Charles North H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Stephanie Dodd



Week 3



'74' - Jackie Andrzejewski, St. Charles East H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Taylor Shuck

'Pond' - Ava Victor, St. Charles North H.S.
Digital Photography
Instructor: Stephanie Dodd



FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSION # 1

11/5/18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Anderson LRC

Join us on November 5 to learn strategies to assist and respond to your child when they are feeling anxious. Tim Buhrt, from Centennial Counseling, along with D303 staff will offer insight on how to help your child deal with anxiety.

[Click here to register.](#)

FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSIONS

11/5/18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Anderson LRC

1/24/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wasco LRC-*Save the Date*

4/16/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wild Rose LRC-*Save the Date*



Registration links for 1/24 and 4/16 are coming soon.



TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG & ALCOHOL USE

12/4/18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Room 302 at North High School



Research shows that when parents talk to their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and set expectations with open lines of communication, that children are less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.

On December 4, Matthew Quinn, Licensed Counselor from Rosecrance will be our guest at a Parent University program entitled, "Talking to your Child about the Dangers of Drug and Alcohol Use." Mr. Quinn will provide parents with information and resources that will:

- Help them identify major risk factors for drug use among youth/adolescents
- Teach them the signs of drug use and appropriate responses
- Provide them with tools to implement practical steps that prevent children from gaining access to opioid drugs
- Increase awareness of trends and current terminology surrounding drug use
- Gain awareness of the long term health effects of vaping and e-cigarettes

The abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs are the leading cause of preventable accidents, premature death and disability among young people. While today's youth are among the most vulnerable in our communities for experiencing these adverse effects, research demonstrates that parent awareness and influence is critical in prevention and in getting the right help.

As part of this program, Nicole Cook, Mrs. America 2019 will share her personal story on how opioid abuse impacted her family in a tragic way.

[Click here to register.](#)





Parent University



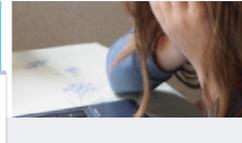
PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING BULLYING: LESSONS LEARNED & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

1/30/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thompson 6th Grade Cafeteria

Parent University

Bullying

Preventing & Addressing Bullying:
Lessons Learned and Resources for
Parents



Faculty from the Psychology Department at Northern Illinois University will present practical information from their research and their work as part of a U.S. Department of Education training grant “Project Prevent and Address Bullying.” Thompson Middle School is partnering with NIU on this grant project, bringing resources that will be shared throughout the district. The faculty will present helpful knowledge, tips, and resources parents can use when navigating bullying situations.

La interpretación en español estará disponible durante la presentación.



[Click here to register.](#)



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Make a Difference in St. Charles Day

St. Charles North High School Students Seeking Volunteers!

800 Volunteers are needed to help pack meals during
Make a Difference in St. Charles Day, a
Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event on

Sunday, November 4 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.



Goal: Raise \$36,000 & Pack 163,000 Meals

Want to volunteer or donate?
Visit <https://madstc.wixsite.com/mpstc>



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.



Community Backpack



Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 25

Business Services Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

November 12

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

November 19

Learning & Teaching Meeting 5:30 p.m.

November 19

Policy Committee 6:30 p.m.



November 27

Community Relations Committee 5:30 p.m.

December 3

Business Services Meeting - 5:30 p.m.



2018-19

Calendar Highlights

October 26

End of 1st Quarter (*Middle & High Schools*)

November 9

End of 1st Trimester (*Elementary*)

November 19

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (*No School*)

November 20

K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (*No School*)

November 21

No School (*Offices Open*)



November 22-23

Thanksgiving Break (*Offices Closed*)

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.

