
Principal's Newsletter October 2021



FVCC Students of the Month -
Alex Pallan and Justin Sowa

Our National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists
- Zachary Chiet and Alissa Chimienti



Students in Residential
Maintenance assembling
small houses



Our Emcees did a great job during Homecoming Week - Bradley Olsen, Sam Sima, Ty Risberg, Katie Kempff



Senior Banner (above) and Drumline (Below) at the Small Games



Orange and Black Competition Winners



GSA at the Homecoming Parade



Girls Swim and Dive Team at the Homecoming Parade



Candid shots from the Homecoming Dance





Nolan Karrick - First Place in Bocce and a State Qualifier



Orange Fever



Saints Family Fun Fest



Girls Golf - State Qualifiers

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We have been so excited to kick off the school year with many of the traditions and events that we have missed over the past year. It has been great to see our students engaged in the extracurricular activities that contribute to a well-rounded high school experience. Whether it be in a club, sport, or activity, getting involved at East is something we encourage all of our students to have as part of their four years in high school.

Student Recognition - We are proud to announce that we have two National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and nine National Merit Commended students. Our Semifinalists are Zachary Chiet and Alissa Chimienti, who also scored a perfect ACT score last spring. Our Commended students are Aaron Delaney, Nathaniel Foreman, Lucas Hull, Katherine Kempff, Edward McNally, Cali Papez, Patrick Rafferty, Benjamin Seltz, and Jonathan Sengstock. In another celebration, Serena Thakkar is continuing her role as a member of the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. We also have 206 STCE students honored with being an AP Scholar, including 37 with Honors, 64 with Distinction, 6 with the AP Seminar & Research Certificate, and one student earning the AP Capstone Diploma - Katherine Kempff. We have two students to celebrate that were recognized by the Fox Valley Career Center for being students of the month - Alex Pallan for PC Repair and Justin Sowa for Welding. Finally, We are proud to recognize the following Auto III students for earning their first automotive workplace credentials. The National Institute of Auto Service Excellence (ASE) certifies technicians in the auto service industry. AllData provides OEM-accurate mechanical repair information to technicians and they facilitate the "Certified Auto Information Specialist" certification. The following students earned either ASE, CAIS or both certifications this month: *Franco Alonso, *+Charlie Bishop, *Tate Blethroade, *+Andrew Brett, *+Rhett Einwich, *Luke Fredrick, *+Tristan Grayson, *+Emily Hipolito, +Michael Kochanski, *+Patrick Laskosz, *+Aidan Niziolek, *+Lukas Nowak, *+Lennon Pinarci, *+Alex Regelbrugge [**AllData CAIS Certified, +Entry-level ASE Certified in at least one area*]. Congratulations to these students!

Performing Arts - Our performing arts department will be starting their series of performances of *The Good Doctor* this weekend - here is [information](#) about the performance and tickets. We are also able to welcome our families and guests into the Norris Cultural Arts Center for music performances from our band, orchestra and vocal music students. Please continue to look for more opportunities to see our students perform.

Athletics - Athletically, our teams have been off to a great start and some have had a successful close to their seasons. STCE was thankful to host the Kick-A-Thon on Friday, October 8 during the cross-town football game. This is one of our biggest athletic events and an opportunity for East and North High School communities to come together to raise funds for families affected by cancer in our area. The STC ISO Team had a state qualifier for Bocce - Nolan Karrick, who took first place in the event to qualify for state. Our Girls Golf team qualified for the state tournament in Decatur after finishing third at the sectional tournament. More teams will be wrapping up conference competitions and entering into the playoffs - follow the STCE Athletic Department's [Twitter feed](#) for updates!

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Homecoming - We were able to host Homecoming Week this year with great success and positive feedback from our students. Although we had to postpone the kickoff assembly to the afternoon, the event was filled with spirit and a new enthusiasm in its new setting in the stadium. We also moved our Class Volleyball Game and Small Games to the stadium, which was also well-received by our students. The Homecoming Parade was spectacular, and showcased the best of our students and their spirit. Congratulations to our students who won the Orange and Black Competition for their classes - James Albion and Ian Maxfield (Freshman), Robert Dawson and Rowan Frontjes (Sophomores), Alden Van Beest and Brennan Kunstman (Juniors), and Bradley Olsen and Mia Possin (Seniors). We were also very excited that we were able to host the Homecoming Dance in the stadium. There are lots of pictures on our [Flickr page](#). A big thank you to our Student Council who planned and executed the week's events for our students!

Masking - Protecting these opportunities for our students is very important to us. Please continue to reinforce the importance of wearing a mask - it is the best way for us to protect the experiences we want our students to have.

SEL Info - The SEL needs of our students remains an important part of our work at STCE. On September 1, STCE was excited to welcome college basketball coach Mark Potter for a special presentation to our students titled [*Mental Illness: The Silent Epidemic*](#). Bringing Coach Potter to STCE was a joint effort from our [STCE Athletic Boosters](#) and the [D303 Parent University](#) series. Our Student Services Team has also 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.

Instructional Focus - Our Math teachers attended professional learning over the last few months that had them focus on their new curriculum as well as instructional shifts to support student engagement and learning. One such shift is the use of visibly random groupings of three students, working together on a vertical, non-permanent surface (such as a white board). Research suggests that this is a way to increase the engagement and participation of students in the classroom. Our Math teachers have been incorporating this practice into their classroom with great success. If you have a chance, ask your child about this and how it has impacted their learning and engagement in math class.

Parent Involvement Opportunities - There are also lots of opportunities for parents to get involved at STCE! There are three great organizations that work to make the school and experience for students more exciting. Please consider joining the [STCE PTO](#), [Athletic Boosters](#), and the [Music Boosters](#).

Final Exams - Final exams will be administered in classes at the end of first semester. Please see the [final exam schedule](#) for more information.

Building Safety and Security - As a safety and security measure, we are reminding students to wear their current school IDs as they enter the building. We have been making it part of our morning routine. Please remind them to bring it with them and wear it in the building. We have been printing many IDs without charging students as of yet. Furthermore, as you drive in and around the East/Wredling campus, please be cautious and give right of way to our students as they are walking. Please stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks near East and observe the speed limits. As a reminder, there is also a "No Left Turn" sign from Fighting Saints Drive onto Dunham Road. This is for the safety of our drivers and our students using the crosswalk at that location.

East 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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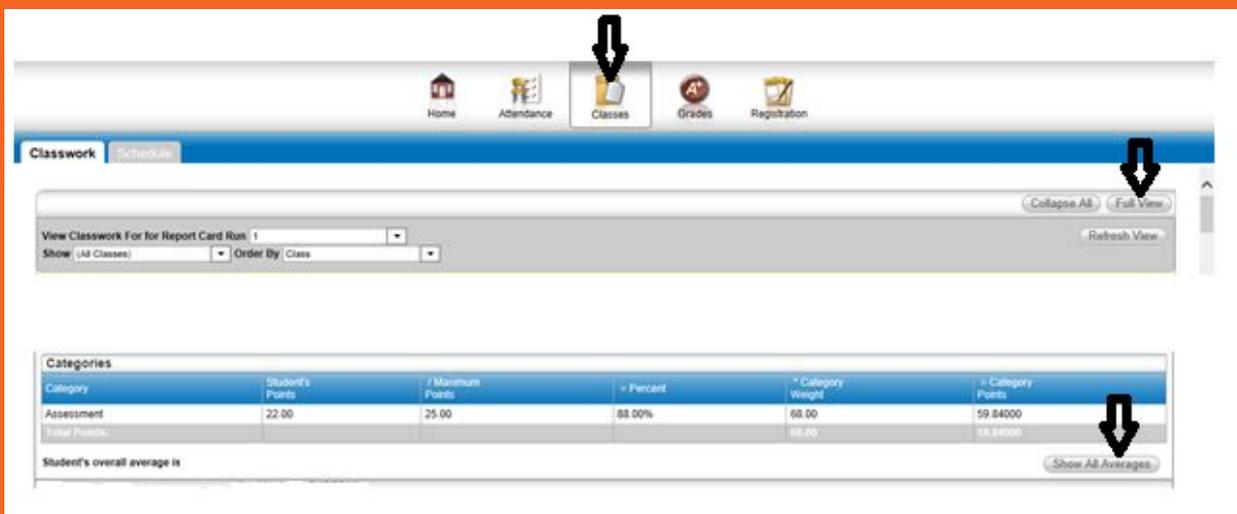
Instructional Programs



Additional Information from our Department of 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 [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.

Final Exam Schedule

The [Final Exam Schedule](#) is posted on our website. Please encourage your child to begin reviewing for final exams.

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.