

District 303 E-NEWS



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Let's Talk!

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St. Charles North Student Council Receives Top National Award

The St. Charles North High School Student Council was recognized as a 2023 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for their exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that improve the school and community. This is the 14th year the group has received this recognition, which is the highest a Student Council can receive in the nation.

Winning the National Gold Council of Excellence Award is testament to the highest standards of quality that the student council consistently demonstrates in its operation, and its projects and activities.

"Our students, and their advisors, work incredibly hard to bring spirit, service, and leadership to our school and local community," expressed Cyndi Mihalik, St. Charles North Social Studies Teacher and Student Council Advisor. "I continue to stand in awe year after year of what this group achieves and the impact they have on those they serve. This group deserves all of the recognition and accolades they receive."



A student council must meet a variety of criteria to earn the National Council of Excellence Award. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings and a democratic election process, the councils must have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community. Learn more about the award [here](#).

Next for the North Student Council, they will be hosting the Illinois Association of Student Councils State Convention this year from May 4-6 at the Westin Chicago Lombard.

Sharing Thanks With St. Charles Police

Thompson Middle School students in Builders Club recently assembled over 50 care packages for our local police department. The bags included delicious treats and personalized notes and messages thanking the officers for their support for their school and the St. Charles community.

Builders Club is an international student-led organization providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership. Way to go, Builders Club!

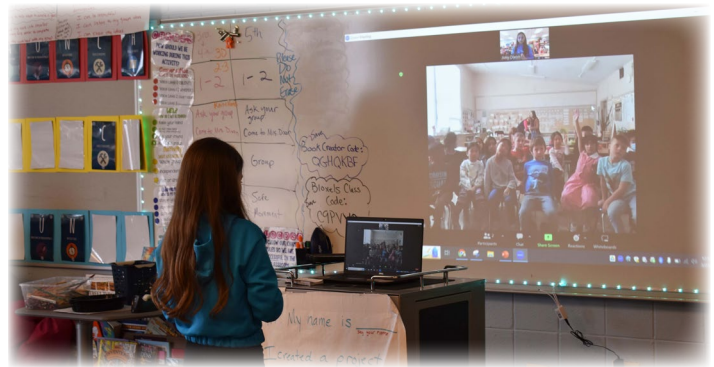


Touring the Globe to Promote Literacy

Richmond 3rd graders connected with several classes around the country and Canada during Read Around the Planet, an event that celebrates the use of interactive virtual learning to promote literacy. One of their connections included a conversation and showcase of projects between them and students from Alberta, Canada. Their partner class shared the projects they completed in their Language Arts Classes and presented interesting facts about their school, their hometown, and Canada.

Likewise, Richmond students were eager to share all about the storytelling projects they completed in the Show it Off Empower Module. The projects included fun and colorful stop motion videos with figures and puppets, and also presented their coding projects.

Students also had the special opportunity to connect with a partner class in China on April 6. Any Richmond student who wanted to participate in the connection stayed after class to practice. Students were very excited to connect with the students from China, learn about their school, what they like to do, and even some families stayed to witness the fun and engaging connection.



2023-2024 School Year

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

OPENS APRIL 24



Families of current District 303 Kindergarten–11TH grade students can view registration instructions, important due dates and fee waiver details online.

CLICK HERE
for more
information

Other Important Dates

JUNE 1

Elementary and Middle School Online Registration due

JULY 1

High School Online Registration due

JULY 6

2023–2024 Fees posted in Pushcoin

JULY 7

Fee Waiver Applications available online

AUGUST 14

First Day of School



Año escolar 2023-2024

LAS INSCRIPCIONES PARA ESTUDIANTES QUE REGRESAN

ABREN EL 24 DE ABRIL



Las familias de estudiantes actualmente en Kindergarten a 11º grado en el Distrito 303 pueden ver las instrucciones de inscripción, fechas de vencimiento importantes y detalles de exención de cuotas en línea.

HAGA CLIC AQUÍ
para más información

Fechas Importantes

1º DE JUNIO

Plazo de inscripción en línea para los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria termina

1º DE JULIO

Plazo de inscripción en línea para los estudiantes de preparatoria termina

6 DE JULIO

Las cuotas para el año escolar 2023–2024 se publican en las cuentas de PushCoin

7 DE JULIO

Las Solicitudes de Exención de Cuotas están disponible

14 DE AGOSTO

Primer día de clases



Submit to the Community Backpack

District 303 distributes information electronically from non-profit organizations, intergovernmental agencies and business partners for which it grants approval. Information can be posted on this Community Backpack webpage throughout the school year. Please visit the [Community Backpack page for more information](#).





The first week of April presented an opportunity for families and staff to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet the needs of young children and their families. As part of this celebration, Fox Ridge families shared testimonials, compliments, and kind “Thank You” messages. We appreciate our Early Childhood families for taking the time to share their thoughtful messages, which were shared on Fox Ridge’s Facebook page. [Click on this link to read](#) all the wonderful messages celebrating early learning, our young learners, and their extraordinary teachers and supportive staff.

Grant Helps Lincoln Grow Playground Options

The warmer weather brings more opportunities for students to have outdoor recess. And at Lincoln, students were very excited to go outside and play together in their newly installed GaGa Ball Pit.

Principal Michelle Woodring expressed how they wanted to get more recess equipment for the school and be able to offer different game options for kids during recess. After much research and preparation, they submitted a grant proposal last fall through the Making Kane County Fit for Kids program. The program’s Jackie Forbes presented Woodring with the check earlier this year for the \$6,529.65 grant.

Woodring then worked with Coach Cliff’s GaGa Ball Pits to have the ADA compliant equipment installed and students finally had the opportunity to use it for the first time on April 14. Once the ball was tossed in the center of the playing area, students chanted “GaGa Ball” and then began playing. The game consists of keeping the ball in the playing area and using only one hand, players have to hit the ball off the walls and knock another player below the knee. Students laughed and cheered each other on as they played, with the “last player standing” being named the winner of that round.



The City of St. Charles offers a career pathway job shadow program to St. Charles East and North High School students interested in exploring a career in municipal government. Recently, an East Freshman student met with Lieutenant Steve Rehak from the St. Charles Fire Department for an opportunity to learn all about his job and experience as a firefighter and paramedic.

Lieutenant Rehak took the student on a tour of the fire station where they could see other firefighters go about their daily jobs and routines. He shared how the fire station is their home and they treat it as such, noting how they're able to develop stronger relationships and help each other improve, stay motivated, and trust each other as they go about doing their jobs. "There's a lot of trust placed in us," he remarked, and continued to discuss all the required tests and certifications applicants must pass before they're considered to join the department. As they concluded the tour, the student even had the opportunity to try on Lieutenant Rehak's uniform, including all the equipment firefighters have to carry with them when faced with a real fire, which can weigh over 30lbs.



Students may schedule up to three different job shadow experiences per school year, during which they can explore work sites, ask questions, see demonstrations, and learn about education and certifications. Students are able to explore careers such as electrician, police officer, lab technician, tree maintenance, or positions in IT/Networking.

From the City of St. Charles: The high school job shadow program was first launched in late 2019. As the City redesigned the program, they explored different ways to give participating students a more personalized experience. After the program was put on hold in late 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they re-launched it in late 2021. Since then, the City of St. Charles has hosted over 60 job shadows with 39 different students from St. Charles North High School, St. Charles East High School, Kaneland High School (Fox Valley Career Center), Batavia High School (FVCC), Geneva High School, and Jacobs High School.



Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 17

Special School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

April 24

Policy Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

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

May 8

School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

May 11

Special School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

May 15

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

May 25

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

June 12

School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

2022-2023 School Calendar Highlights

April 26

All Grade Level (PreK-12) Early Release Day

May 10

High School Early Release Day

May 22

D303 High School Graduation Day

May 26

Last Day for Students if no "Emergency Days" used

May 29

Memorial Day Holiday (Offices Closed)

June 5

Last Day for Students if 5 "Emergency Days" used



Looking for a summer job? Join the

D303 SUMMER GROUNDS TEAM

Seasonal grounds worker positions are available with the
D303 Operations Team

Duties include: Mowing; Weed Wacking; Mulching; and
Summer Moves.

32 HOURS/WEEK • MONDAY-THURSDAY • 6:00 AM TO 2:30 PM

If interested, please contact the D303 Operations Department to
obtain an application:

KENNETH.BEDENBAUGH@D303.ORG, OR CALL (331) 228-5462