

# DISTRICT 303



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## Corron's Earthquake-Resistant Structures



Implementing a Hands-On Standards STEM in Action project within the weather and natural disasters unit, third grade students at Corron Elementary worked on building structures that could withstand an earthquake.

To determine which types of earthquake technologies would best support their structures, students followed the engineering design process, consisting of finding a problem, planning a solution, making a model, testing the model, reflecting and redesigning it, and sharing their findings.

Applying their math skills, students held a “budget meeting,” where they discussed the types of earthquake technologies they needed that followed criteria such as price and cost of the project, height of the building, and the requirement of two different earthquake technologies to use on the structure, such as the single-cross brace or the X braces.

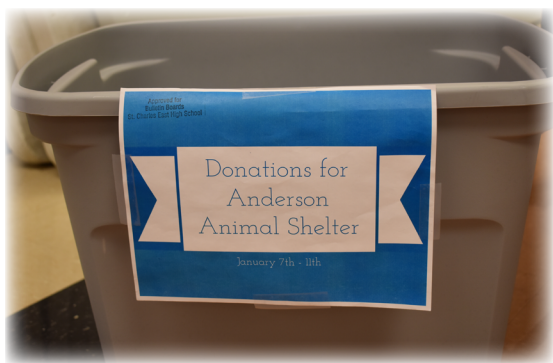
The technologies had different prices and students had to calculate which technologies they could afford to make an earthquake-resistant building.

Some students were under budget and added additional supports to their buildings. Others had to determine which parts were most essential, as they were significantly over budget. Once students determined a final cost that was under budget, they began building.

After the buildings are created, they will test the technology using an earthquake shake table to simulate an earthquake. They will compare their building and the sway time to one without any earthquake technologies and will share their findings with the rest of the groups.



# 20 Days of Kindness Campaign at East



Throughout the school year, St. Charles East Student Council members who serve on the Hospitality Committee plan activities aimed at building a sense of community for students and staff members.

In November and December, students created a “20 Days of Kindness” campaign where they developed a daily random acts of kindness calendar that encouraged participation from everyone in the school. Some of the acts included complimenting someone, paying it forward, and volunteering.

Student Council members Adrianna Stanke and Alexis Cornille brought an idea to the committee to organize a donation drive to benefit the Anderson Animal Shelter. After contacting the animal shelter for approval, students created flyers that listed items the shelter needed, and set up donation areas in the school.

Before winter break, Student Council members volunteered at the annual “Special Night for Special Kids,” where they helped children with special needs play games and decorate cookies. Volunteers dressed up as elves, Minions and Disney characters greeted children as they came into Davis School.

During the remainder of the school year, committee members will plan service projects and activities such as the St. Baldrick’s event and the annual “See-Saw-A-Thon” for the Thomas-McBride Memorial.



## Kane County Mock Trial Tournament

*Attorney & Judge Volunteers Needed!*



On January 26, 2019, St. Charles East and St. Charles North High Schools, along with the 16th Judicial Circuit, will be hosting the Kane County Mock Trial Tournament for 16 high school Mock Trial teams. Registration for the event begins at 8:00 am, with the first round of competition beginning at 9:00 am and the second round at 11:00 am.

We are in need of approximately 25 attorneys or judges to score and provide feedback during these two rounds of competition, as well as 3-5 evaluators to oversee the final Championship Round after lunch. If you are able to volunteer your time on this day, please complete the registration form by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about volunteering or registration, please contact Janelle VanDeSampel at [Janelle.VanDeSampel@d303.org](mailto:Janelle.VanDeSampel@d303.org).

We sincerely appreciate the continued support we receive from the legal community in Kane County and the surrounding communities. The success of our tournament and our local Mock Trial teams is a direct result of the time and encouragement that you provide for these high school students.

# Future Freshmen Curriculum Nights

As we began the new year, St. Charles East and St. Charles North High Schools invited members of the class of 2023 and their parents to future freshmen curriculum nights. St. Charles East High School hosted the “Future Saints Night” on January 9, and St. Charles North High School hosted their “Future Freshmen Curriculum Night” on January 10.

The events highlighted the school’s curriculum during an informational presentation, and counselors answered parents’ questions about registering for classes, grades and graduation requirements. Teachers shared information about the academic departments, the classes offered and projects on which students work during the school year.

Additionally, at the “Future Saints Night,” students and staff shared information about athletics, activities and clubs in which students can get involved. Informational tables were set up around the main gym and the main commons where current high school students, teachers and coaches met with future freshmen students and their families.

Enthusiastic students and athletes shared information about their involvement in school and provided incoming freshmen with an opportunity to sign up for club mailing lists so they can receive future information about the clubs’ meeting dates and times.

St. Charles North will host its “Future Freshman Athletic and Activity Information Night” on February 6 at 6:00 pm.



*Future Saints*



*Future Stars*

# 2019-20

## Preschool Program Lottery

### General Information:

For the 2019-2020 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon pre-school program. You will have the option to choose from the following locations: Fox Ridge or Ferson Creek School.

The program will be open to children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3-5 years old and are not eligible for Kindergarten.

The Preschool fee for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required. \*

\*All fees are pending board approval

### Enrollment Procedure:

Since space may be limited, an enrollment lottery for new preschool students will be held. The enrollment lottery will be offered online on the [district website](#) from Tuesday, January 22, 2019 through Monday, February 4, 2019.

Names will be drawn on Tuesday, February 5 and parents will be notified by email that day if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a space becomes available.

Please [click here](#) for additional information and contact the Early Childhood Office at 331-228-4834 with questions.



## Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

**February 6**

**9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

- Bell-Graham
- Corron
- Ferson Creek
- Lincoln
- Munhall
- Norton Creek
- Wasco
- Wild Rose

**February 6**

**9-11 a.m. & 4-7 p.m.**

- Anderson
- Davis

**Enroll at the elementary school  
where children in your area  
currently attend Kindergarten.**



**Visit [district.d303.org](http://district.d303.org) for additional information**

Please [click here](#) for additional information.

## Parent Satisfaction Survey - *Feb. 15 Deadline*

**A**nually, District 303 conducts a satisfaction survey that gives us meaningful feedback from our students, teachers, and parents. For the last decade, we have administered a local survey that has provided us with comparable data.

This year, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) we will now be participating in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.



Please [click here](#) to take the survey. We appreciate your participation in this anonymous tool used to gather information about our schools.



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## Corron Students Collect Brain Recovery Project Donations

**F**ifth grade Student Council members and teacher leaders Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kriz organized and collected donations



for the Brain Recovery Project before winter break on Dec. 21st, 2018. Throughout the school year, Corron students find ways to pay it forward and try to organize collections each month for different organizations, especially for those that help current students and their families. For the month of December, they chose the Brain Recovery Project, a nonprofit corporation that seeks to fund research and resources for families after pediatric epilepsy surgery. "We want students to feel our support" said Mrs. Smith, one of the teacher leaders that helped organize this act of kindness.

## STCEF Grant Applications - *Jan. 23 Deadline*

The St. Charles Education Foundation supports the education of students in the St. Charles school district by offering scholarships to students and grants to teachers to support innovative teaching.

The [STCEF grant application](#) is now available on the [STCEF website](#). Grant applications are due to Carole Camp at ITS on January 23, 2019. We invite staff to write a grant to fund innovative ideas or equipment you want to try that are not part of the regular school budget. [Click here](#) to view the 2017-18 grant recipients.



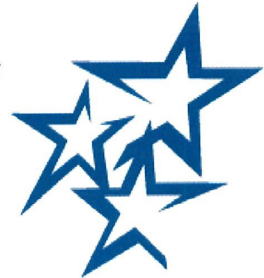
# **Exam Cram offered by St. Charles Public Library**

Study for finals with us! Free pizza, snacks, and drinks provided courtesy of the Friends of St. Charles Public Library. We stay open until 10:00 p.m. for the late night crammers. Drop in!

- 1/14 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room
- 1/15 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room
- 1/16 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the Huntley Meeting Room



***St. Charles East and North High Schools  
Final Assessment Schedule  
2018-2019***



## **First Semester**

### **Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Period 1 (exam)	7:30-9:10
Period 2 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 7 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

### **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

Period 6 (exam)	7:30-9:10
Period 3 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 8 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Make-Up Exam Time	7:30-9:10
Period 4 (exam)	9:20-11:00
Period 5 (exam)	11:10-12:50

- Buses Depart at 1:10 p.m.

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## Free Screening of “Angst” at Batavia Fine Arts Centre

In October, over 200 members of our school community viewed the movie Angst, which documents the struggles teens and young adults have with anxiety, and the ways they overcome them with support. District 303 families have asked that we bring Angst back for an additional showing. We are pleased to announce that our colleagues in Batavia District 101 have invited us to attend their showing of Angst on January 23. Below you will find information about their screening, as well as a link to the sign up sheet. We want to thank the Batavia community for extending this invitation to our families in District 303 and hope you can attend.

### Free Screening of “Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety” at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre

On Wed., Jan. 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Batavia Public School District 101 will hold a special screening of the IndieFlix documentary “Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety” at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre (located within Batavia High School) to open up a dialogue on the important topic between families, community leaders, and experts. Suggested for ages 10 and up, this free event will feature a viewing of the 56-minute film, followed by an informative panel discussion with special guests in the mental health care field. All community members in the Fox Valley area are welcome. [Reserve your seats.](#)

JOIN BPS101 FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

# Angst

RAISING AWARENESS AROUND ANXIETY

**BPS 101**

DATE	January 23, 2019	TIME	6:30 p.m.	LOCATION	Batavia Fine Arts Centre at BHS
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IndieFlix INDIEFLIX FOUNDATION

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## **FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSION #2**

1/24/19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wasco LRC

Join us on January 24 to learn strategies to assist and respond to your child when they are feeling anxious. A representative from Riverview Counseling, along with D303 staff will offer insight on how to help your child deal with anxiety

### **FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSIONS**

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



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

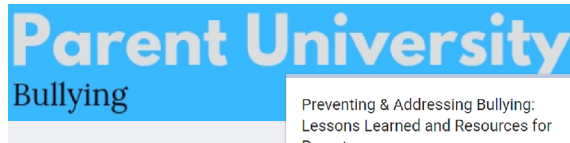
[Click here to register.](#)

*Registration link for 4/16 coming soon*

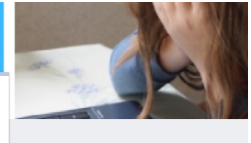


## **PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING BULLYING: LESSONS LEARNED & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

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



Preventing & Addressing Bullying:  
Lessons Learned and Resources for  
Parents



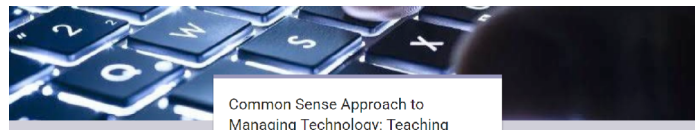
Faculty from the Psychology Department at Northern Illinois University will present practical information from their research and their work as part of a U.S. Department of Education training grant "Project Prevent and Address Bullying." Thompson Middle School is partnering with NIU on this grant project, 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.](#)

## **BALANCE & BOUNDARIES: MANAGING TECHNOLOGY IN OUR LIVES**

2/20/19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Wredling Middle School Cafeteria



Common Sense Approach to  
Managing Technology: Teaching

Technology is a part of all our lives. From phones to laptops to video games, we are more "connected" or "plugged in" than ever. How do we help our children (and ourselves) find balance when it comes to the use of technology? During this Parent University we will share tools and strategies to help create balance and set boundaries. The night will feature a panel as well as opportunities for interactive discussion. Come "hang up, and hang out"!

[Click here to register.](#)





# Community Backpack



## Upcoming School Board Meetings

**January 14**

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. -North H.S.

**January 22**

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

**January 23**

Community Relations Committee 5:30 p.m.

**January 31**

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

**February 11**

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.



**February 19**

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

**February 21**

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

## 2018-19

## Calendar Highlights

**January 17**

End of 2nd Quarter (*Middle & H.S. Students*)

**January 18**

Institute Day (*No School*)

**January 21**

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (*No School*)

**January 24**

Parent University: Angst Follow-Up Session #2

**January 30**

Parent University: Preventing & Addressing Bullying

**February 18**

Presidents' Day Holiday

**February 20**

Parent University: Managing Technology in our Lives



## 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.

