



Principal's Newsletter March 2024

Jen Hubbard at Speech State Competition



Julian Aguirre 2nd Place at State

January Breakfast of Champions



February Breakfast of Champions



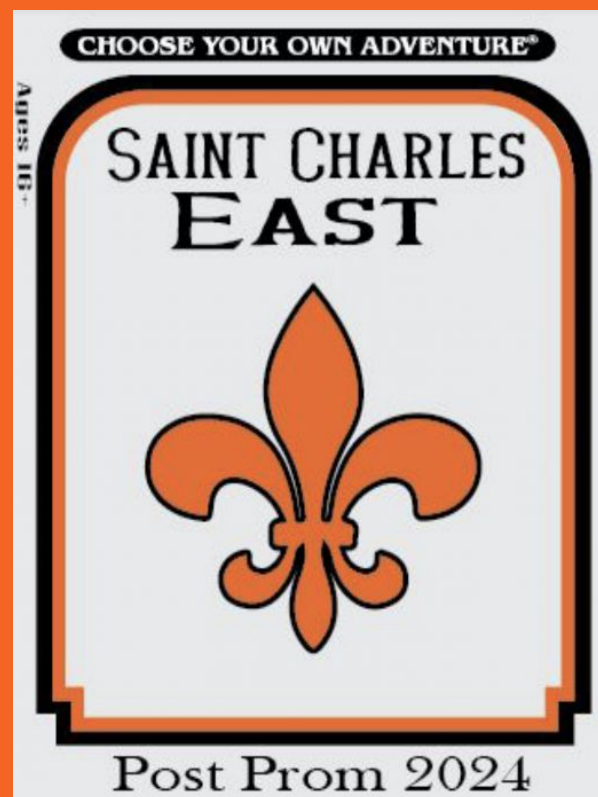
March Breakfast of Champions



VEX Robotics Competition



JR Aviles - March
Bookmark Contest
Winner



Mallory Moss - Post Prom
Logo Contest Winner



Saints eSports Super
Smash Crew



Kane County Clerk's Office presents
to 11th and 12th grade students



Project Lead the Way Principles
of Engineering Arcades



Advanced Healthcare Concepts Field Trip to
the Kane County Coroner's Office



Project Lead the Way Aerospace
Engineering Field Trip to the
DuPage Airport



DECCA Send Off



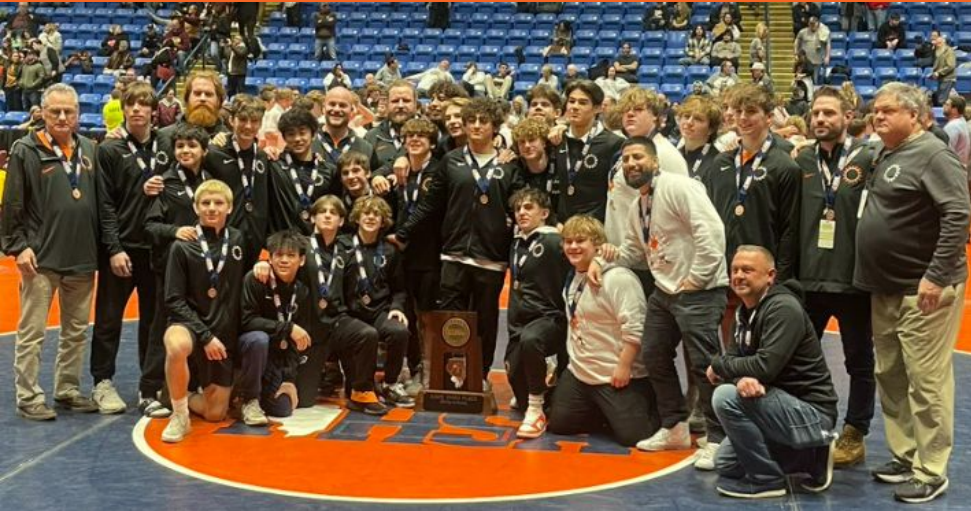
Chess Team Send Off



The Little Prince (above and right)



Auto Club entered the “Rustang” into the World of Wheels Show



Boys Wrestling - 3rd in State



Ben Davino & Jayden Colon
State Champions



Boys Swim & Dive Send Off



Dance Send Off



Gymnastics Send Off



Cheer Send Off

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As we close out Third Quarter this school year and march our way towards spring break (pun sort of intended), I would like to express my gratitude towards our school community for their involvement and investment in making a positive impact on the lives of our students and greater community. It is not lost on me that it is a privilege to work alongside such dedicated educators and staff who invest their time into our students, parents who want the best for their kids and support the school's mission to achieve that, and a community that has such pride in the tradition of excellence that we work hard to uphold. Thank you all for your tireless support as we work together to improve the experience for our students.

Student Recognition - On December 24, Mary Kate Schoessling won a competition to sing the National Anthem at the Chicago Bears game! A video of the televised performance can be found [here](#). We had several student clubs/activities that made it to the state competition as teams and/or individuals. Our Chess Team and DECA competed at their respective state competitions with Mock Trial heading to their competition this weekend and FCCLA in April. Jen Hubbard competed as an individual at the state Speech competition, and from our Math Team, we have the following students who have qualified for state thus far: Andrew Kauke who took 3rd in the Pre-Calculus Event, and the team of Cam Chiet, Anton Dimitrov, Teige Donehoo, Logan Havis, Zack Heilers, and Thomas Howe took 3rd place in the Geometry Event. Furthermore, here are our students who placed in the top 10 at Regionals: Logan Havis - 8th place in Geometry, Thomas Howe - 5th place in Geometry, Andrew Kauke - 3rd place in Oralist, Manan Patel - 10th place in Algebra 2, and the Fresh/Soph 8-person team took 3rd place. Finally, we had approximately 280 students sit for the Seal of Biliteracy Test in February. This represents over 10% of our school population who are eager to take the steps necessary to earn the Seal of Biliteracy!

Instructional Focus - On Wednesday, January 17th, the Social Studies Department welcomed representatives from the Kane County Clerk's Office to STCE to speak to our junior/senior level students in our core academic class offerings "in an effort to recruit student election judges and inform our future voters about voting here in Kane County." In total for all 8 periods of presentations that day, we were able to reach approximately 850 upperclass students who are current or soon-to-be voters, and help them understand what the voting process looks like and how it works, explain new voting equipment in Kane County, understand what an election judge is and how to apply to be a student judge, and, most importantly, stress to students the importance of voting and why it matters at all levels of our political system. We hope to be able to continue this new partnership in the future for all of our students to understand the importance of their participation in the democratic process.

Many of our capstone classes will be entering into the final phase of their learning journey that will include application of their learning to large scale projects, simulations, presentations, or experiences that parallel what professionals in that field do. These authentic learning opportunities for our students allow students to put the skills and concepts learned throughout the program into practice and immerse themselves into the professional field in that area. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, East Side Autos, INCubator Final Pitch Night, Little Saints Graduation, Business Law Mock Trial, Engineering Design & Development Showcase, Government for a Day, AP Research Project Presentation and Oral Defense, Teaching and Learning Practicum Mock Interviews, and others!

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Performing Arts - Our performing arts department continues to put on amazing band, orchestra, and vocal music performances in our Norris Cultural Arts Center. These performances often combine performance groups in order to put on shows that cross between these three areas of performance music! The STCE Art Department will have student work on display as part of their annual Art Show between April 16 and May 9 in the NCAC lobby that you can check out during one of our great performances!

Our Winter Play, *The Little Prince*, was performed during the first weekend in February and featured four performances with two castings. Shortly thereafter, our theater students began working on the Spring Musical, *The Addams Family*, which will premiere on Friday, April 19 in the NCAC, with performances on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon as well. Don't miss this opportunity to see our incredibly talented students in this well-known musical!

Athletics - STCE had another phenomenal winter sports season, and we are in full swing with our spring sports. It has been great to see our student athletes get back outside onto the fields practicing and getting ready for their first game of the season. This is also complemented by our sports that continue to use our indoor facilities for their practices and games!

Recapping our winter sports successes, we had our Dance, Cheer, Gymnastics, Boys Swim and Dive, and Wrestling Teams qualify for their state competitions. The Dance team took 4th place at State, and STCE dancer Kirsten Staker was selected to sing the National Anthem at the preliminary competition on Friday! Wrestling took 3rd place as a team, and we also had several wrestlers who took the podium as individuals. Ben Davino won his fourth state title, and Jayden Colon won his third state title. Dom Munaretto took 2nd place, Brody Murray and Gavin Connolly took 3rd place, and Anthony Gutierrez took 4th place. Ben Davino's high school record ended at 181 wins and 1 loss, securing him with having the best win-loss record in the history of IHSA Wrestling! At the Boys Swim and Dive Meet, the team 16th place. Individually, Kyle Algrim took 6th place in the 500 Freestyle and 9th in the 200 IM, and Jake Scalise took 4th place in Diving. At the ISO State Basketball Competition, Julian Aguirre took 2nd place in the skills competition. Congratulations to all our Saints teams and athletes on their accomplishments this winter season!

Attendance Matters - We need your help! The research is clear - when students attend school regularly, their outcomes are improved! STCE strives to instill a sense of belonging in our community members by accepting, validating, and appreciating them, and by treating every individual fairly. There are hundreds of adults at East who are eager to invest in our students to help them realize and strive to become the best version of themselves. However, our ability to accomplish all of this is significantly impacted when students are not present. There are reasons why students should be absent from school, but over time, consistently missing days of school results in a significant loss of learning opportunities. We have placed similar posters around our school to remind students that what might seemingly be an insignificant amount of time of school missed adds up over time. Please partner with us to reinforce good attendance patterns that will include opportunities for students to improve their learning outcomes and contribute to a well-rounded high school experience.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses
2 days of school a month...

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **16 HOURS OF MATH**
instruction over the school year.

They will miss at least **16 HOURS OF**
READING AND WRITING instruction
over the school year.

They will miss nearly
ONE SEMESTER OF HIGH
SCHOOL by graduation.

When a student misses
4 days of school a month...

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **32 HOURS OF MATH**
instruction over the school year.

They will miss at least **32 HOURS OF**
READING AND WRITING instruction
over the school year.

They will miss nearly **ONE YEAR OF**
HIGH SCHOOL by graduation.

High

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](#). In addition, D303 is offering many opportunities for parents to engage in learning through their [Parent Universities](#) as well as offer opportunities for community feedback for D303.

Final Exams - Final exams will be administered in classes at the end of second semester. Please see the final exam schedule when it become published for more information.

Building Safety and Security - As a safety and security measure, we are reminding students to present 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. 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 screenshot shows the HAC interface with the 'Classes' tab selected. A table displays student grades for a specific class. The table has columns for Category, Student's Points, Maximum Points, Percent, Category Weight, and Category Points. The 'Assessment' row shows 22.00 points out of 25.00, which is 88.00%. The 'Total Points' row shows 59.84000 out of 68.00. The 'Student's overall average is' is displayed at the bottom. Arrows indicate the steps: clicking 'Classes', clicking 'Full View', and clicking 'Show All Averages'.

Category	Student's Points	Maximum Points	Percent	Category Weight	Category Points
Assessment	22.00	25.00	88.00%	68.00	59.84000
Total Points:				68.00	59.84000

Student's overall average is

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.