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Students in Autos I learning their way around cars



Students getting to play for the first time in-person in band



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Boys (left) and  
Girls (right)  
Bowling



STCE Dance Team



STCE Cheer Team

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STCE Badminton Team



Girls Basketball



JV (left) and Varsity (right) Boys Swim and Dive Teams

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Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists

Shae Atkins



Henry Nunns



Aidan Szuch



Boys  
Basketball

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One of my favorite quotes is, "The only thing constant is change." We have endured a lot of change this year, and the change in weather has been complemented by changes in guidelines that have enabled us to expand opportunities academically (such as in music - see pictures on prior pages) as well as in activities/clubs and athletics. It is great to see our students engaging in the expanded opportunities we have been able to offer.

St. Charles East is proud to announce that we have three National Merit Finalists - Shae Atkins, Henry Nunns, and Aidan Szuch. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and earning this prestigious designation.

Our students put on an amazing performance of *The Jungle Book* that was available for view during the last weekend in February. The quality of the performances at St. Charles East rivals those of the ones put on professionally. Congratulations to the cast and crew on an amazing performance.

The Scholastic Bowl team competed in the DuKane Conference Scholastic Bowl tournament Monday, February 8. The team went into the tournament ranked #2 with a 6-1 record against conference opponents. After beating Lake Park in the first round St. Charles East faced Wheaton North. In a close match, St. Charles East came from behind to beat Wheaton North 290-250 and earned a spot in the championship match. In a close match right up to the end, St. Charles East beat Glenbard North 350-300 to take first place in the tournament. Players on the team include: senior captain Michelle Giovacchini, senior Henry Nunns, junior Quinn Sidor, sophomore Daniel Flores, and junior Ben Seltz.

Our National Honor Society found an opportunity to spread some love, joy, and smiles to many senior citizens. Our East NHS members worked with our Illinois State Senator for the 33rd District (and former mayor of St. Charles) Don DeWitte. His office planned a Valentines for Senior Citizens card drive. NHS wanted to be a part of this opportunity to help uplift the spirits of long-term care facility residents by sending happy greetings and well wishes throughout the 33rd Senate District. The cards included festive and decorated handwritten cards, encouraging and uplifting notes, poems, drawings, and sure we used actual Valentine's Day cards too. In the midst of unprecedented times, we were happy to reach out to local senior citizens so they know that they are thought of and cared about on this holiday. In total, our students created 1275 cards which at a minimum created 1275 smiles this past Valentine's Day!

Congratulations to the following automotive tech students on earning ASE and/or CCAR Certification: Paul Beeson, Bridger Brady, Michael Fulkerson, AJ Kocsis, Tyler Leveille, Jaiden McCall, Conrad Miller, Emma Ontiveros, and Aaron Rogalski. These certifications enable our students to exit high school with credentials that make them more valuable to employers and educational institutions. Way to go!

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As our winter athletic teams wrap up their seasons and we begin our spring season, some teams have commenced their competitive season and have some celebrations I would like to share. Our Boys Bowling team won the conference championship, and Lida Burgos from our Girls Bowling team bowled a perfect 300 game this season! The Boys Swim and Dive team (both varsity and JV) took second at the DuKane Conference Meet. Calvin Windle broke the school record in the 100 Butterfly and 100 Freestyle! Our Cheer team qualified for state, and our Dance team placed 9th in the state. Congratulations to all our winter sports teams and athletes on a great season!

We continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. One such celebration is our monthly Breakfast of Champions ceremony where we honor students who have excelled in and out of school. Videos of our ceremonies can be found [here](#). Congratulations to all of our recipients, we are proud of you!

The SEL needs of our students remains an important part of our work at STCE. Our Student Services Team has 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.

The SAT is coming up on April 13. Our [College and Career Readiness Website](#) has links to more information about the SAT test, college entrance considerations, and resources/tools for support. Perhaps the best resource for personalized practice is Khan Academy. Students who took the PSAT in the fall can [link their College Board Account to Khan Academy](#). Once linked, Khan Academy will prescribe specific, individualized practice to each student based on areas for recommended improvement from the PSAT. In a study of nearly 250,000 test-takers, students who utilized Khan Academy for 20 hours had an average score gain of 115 (Composite, English + Math) points between the PSAT and SAT. Information about that study can be found on this [site](#).

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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## **Additional Information from our Department of Instructional Programs**

### **Progress and Report Cards**

Progress reports and report cards are no longer printed and mailed home. Please use Home Access Center (HAC) to view and print progress reports and report cards. Third-quarter grades can be viewed on HAC by clicking the grades tab and selecting the 3/17/2021 drop-down for Interim Progress Report. Requests for paper copies can be made if you are unable to access HAC. If you have any questions about your account or log in, please contact Julie Olney at [julie.olney@d303.org](mailto:julie.olney@d303.org) or (331) 228-5675.

### **Seal of Biliteracy**

D303 is proud to offer qualifying students the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy testing information is posted on the East High School [Website](#). Please reference the website for registration and testing dates.

### **Final Exams**

Similar to the first semester, in lieu of a second semester comprehensive final exam, teachers will be implementing an engaging, authentic summative assessment to gather evidence of student learning. This can include activities such as labs, presentations, projects, essays, exams, etc.

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