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May 4, 2018

TMS Belle Armonia Ensemble Awarded

1st at State Music Contest

The Belle Armonia Ensemble is an auditioned performance ensemble at Thompson Middle School that provides continuing growth in music through the study and performance of advanced orchestral literature. Private study is highly recommended as students must meet rigorous audition criteria to be considered for this group.

Belle Armonia performs several times each year at festivals and competitions. During this school year, the group earned a first place rating at both the District and State Music Contests. The State Music Contest took place last weekend, on April 28, in Joliet.



Their next stop is the Music in the Parks Competition held on May 18, in Gurnee, where their performance will be followed by a day at Great America!

St. Charles East Student Places First at IHSA Journalism State Finals



St. Charles East junior Carmella Furio, who serves as managing editor of the school's newspaper X-Ray, was awarded first place for Editorial Writing on April 27 during the IHSA's Journalism State Finals at Eastern Illinois University.

Carmella has been a member of St. Charles East's X-Ray newspaper for three years. She began as a staff writer, and then moved into the role of assistant editor before being named as managing editor for the 2018-2019 school year.

This is the second year Carmella participated in the IHSA Journalism State Series Competition. Carmella's first place finish at sectionals in the category of Editorial Writing qualified her for the state finals. The Editorial Writing prompt for sectionals was based on the topic of a school's fundraising efforts. Students who place in the top three spots at sectionals qualify for the state competition.

The prompt at the state level was related to protecting schools against gun violence. Her winning entry will be posted on the [IHSA website](http://www.ihsa.org) in the coming days.

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Spring Events

The District 303 Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee is made up of parents of English learners, community members, and District 303 staff members who work together to foster relationships and provide educational programming. Over the last few weeks, BPAC has hosted two events aimed at supporting students and their families.

Fermilab is committed to partnering with the community and, on April 19, members of the Fermilab Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (fSHPE) visited with BPAC students and families. As part of the presentation, staff members Jose De La "O", Raul Campos, Felix Sotres, Ruben Noceda, and Jeny Teheran discussed ways in which Fermilab can work with District 303 to give bilingual teachers and students the opportunity to build relationships with bilingual scientists and engineers.

During the meeting, Davis second grade students from Mrs. Heynck's and Mrs. Proa's classes shared videos they made showing what they had learned during their recent Project Lead the Way unit, The Changing Earth. Members of the fSHPE were not only impressed with the STEM initiatives in D303, but also that the students were able to communicate complex scientific concepts in both English and Spanish at such young ages.

The first Día del niño, or Children's Day, celebration was held on Sunday, April 29 at the Thompson 7th/8th Center. Children's Day is an annual event that has been celebrated in Mexico since the early 1920's. As the name implies, the day focuses on the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children.

Through the efforts of BPAC officers, Edna Rubio and Yesenia Martinez, along with support from D303 staff and student volunteers from the Spanish National Honor Societies of East and North High Schools, over 200 people came together to celebrate. Children, along with their siblings, parents, and even grandparents enjoyed an afternoon of reading stories, learning about reptiles, playing games and listening to mariachis. Students spent time writing books that they were able to take home along with the two books they received from the book fair.

The final BPAC event this spring is the Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents on May 12 at the Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center. Attendees will be able to choose from a variety of sessions designed for parents from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds.



Employer Appreciation Breakfast

Cooperative Education classes provide students with hands-on work experiences combined with a study of practical work-related topics and consumer skills. Students at both high schools also have the opportunity to work at local businesses as part of an internship program. The purpose is to expose students to real world working experiences in industries that interest them. Often students find a career path based on where they have worked. Or, just as important, they may find out that the industry or job is not for them.

Each year, students, teachers and employers come together to celebrate the accomplishments of the students, and to show appreciation to the community businesses who generously give their time and efforts to help students learn about various careers. Over 50 students and their employers came together this morning to celebrate at the annual Employer Appreciation Banquet at St. Charles East High School. Six students received student of the year recognition from their teachers and employers.

Congratulations to:

St. Charles East Cooperative Students of the Year

Ryan Donohue, Play it Again Sports
Trinity Furmanski, European Wax Center
Abigail Mortensen, Goldfish Swim Center
Mikaela Utley, Target

St. Charles East Intern of the Year

Emily Erickson, Advocate Sherman Hospital

St. Charles North Intern of the Year

Tommy Jackson, Rule 29

Ryan Donohue



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Emily Erickson



Abigail Mortensen

Trinity Furmanski



Mikaela Utley

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***We Appreciate And
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Help us MAKE AN IMPACT. You can help thousands of children in D303 schools by choosing to help fund our mission during the registration process. Find the option on your fee sheet and choose to support our mission of providing opportunities for educational excellence by awarding teacher grants and college scholarships to D303 schools.

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Thompson Middle School Construction

Interested in seeing monthly progression photos of construction at Thompson Middle School?
Visit the [Construction Renovation Guide](#) page of our website.



2018 Summer School, Camps

District 303 schools offer a variety of summer school, athletic and music camp opportunities. Please [click here](#) to visit the Summer School and Camps webpage. The brochures listed on the webpage provide detailed information on the various offerings and grade levels served for each offering at each school. Registrations can be completed by visiting [PushCoin](#).



2018-2019 Preschool Program Information

The 2018-2019 Community Preschool Program Lottery closed on March 8. To add your child's name to the notification of vacancies list, [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 331-228-4834. You can also visit the [Early Childhood page](#) of our website for more information regarding the D303 Community Preschool Program.



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We're Hiring Substitutes!

Did you know?

- We are **ALWAYS** hiring substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides
- You **DO NOT** need a college degree to substitute in D303
- We are currently hiring substitute Nurses with a RN certification

Join Our Team!

If you are interested in substituting, please visit <http://district.d303.org/employment> for more information or contact our District Substitute Coordinator at Julie.Wenger@d303.org for more details.



Internship Host Sites Needed

We are currently looking for internship placements for multiple D303 students for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Internship Host Sites Needed

D303 is looking for internship host sites for the 2018-2019 school year in the following areas:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Dermatology
- Electrical Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Veterinary Medicine

Contact Dr. Melissa Byrne,
Associate Director of Curriculum at 331-228-6733
or Melissa.Byrne@d303.org if you are interested in becoming
an internship host site.





*St. Charles East and North High Schools
Final Assessment Schedule
2017-2018*



Second Semester

Friday, June 1, 2018

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.

Monday, June 4, 2018

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.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

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.



[Click here](#) to view
St. Charles East
Commencement Ceremony
Information



[Click here](#) to view
St. Charles North
Commencement Ceremony
Information

Fertilizer/Weed Control Application Notice



Community Unit School District 303

Facilities Management • (331) 228-5219 • Fax (331) 228-2070

Fertilizer/Weed Control Application Notice

The following facility/school will receive a fertilizer and weed control application on the following dates:

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Anderson Elementary	Bell Graham Elementary
Corron Elementary	Davis Primary
Ferson Creek Elementary	Fox Ridge Elementary
Lincoln Elementary	Mades-Johnstone Center
Norton Creek Elementary	Richmond Elementary
Wild Rose Elementary	Thompson 6 th Grade Center
Wredling Middle School	Administration Building
D303 Operations Facility	

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Munhall Elementary (Including Baseball Fields)
Wasco Elementary (Including Baseball Fields)
Thompson 7th & 8th Grade Center (Including Baseball Fields)
St Charles East High School Campus
St Charles North High School Campus

* Hours of application will be Dawn till Dusk

For questions or concerns- please call Facilities Mgmt. (331) 228-5239

"Empowering and Inspiring ALL"

2017-18 Calendar Highlights

May 9

Elementary schools are open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for parents new to a school building to meet staff and tour the building.

May 28

Non-attendance Day (Offices Closed)

June 3

D303 High School Graduation Day



June 5

Last Day for Students (Emergency Day used on 2/9)

[2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

[2018-2019 School Calendar](#)

Upcoming School Board Meetings



May 9

Community Relations Committee- 6:00 p.m.

May 14

Regular School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Thompson Middle School 6th Grade Center LRC

May 21

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

May 24

Business Services Committee- 5:00 p.m.

June 11

School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.
Thompson Middle School 6th Grade Center LRC

June 18

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

Our Final Parent University Offering of the School Year

May 21-Parent University brought to you by Centennial Counseling

6:00 p.m. @ St. Charles Public Library

[Addressing Questions and Challenging Issues while Emphasizing and Demonstrating Self-Care Strategies for Parents](#)



Updated Interactive Boundary Map-Includes all Grade Levels

There is a new Interactive Boundary Map available on the District website. The map accurately reflects the elementary, middle and high school assigned to an address for the 2018-2019 school year, aside from 2018-19 incoming Middle School 8th Graders. (This includes the updated elementary boundaries) [Click here](#) to enter an address and check it out!

