

Good evening!

Please read through upcoming dates and many exciting opportunities available to students and families of Wasco School.

Wasco Book Fair will be open tomorrow morning, **Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9-11** as our PTO hosts Pastries with Parents. Grab a parent, grandparent or other adult and come on over to the Wasco book fair to enjoy breakfast snacks while browsing for new books. Remember, all proceeds benefit the Wasco School PTO to make book purchases to benefit the Wasco School library.

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Wasco Baseball is hosting a **FREE Youth Baseball Clinic! February 25 10-11:30am Elite Sports 220 N. Randall Road, St. Charles, Illinois 60174** For **FIRST** time families to Wasco Youth Baseball with players ages 5-8 as of 4/30/17 Shake off the winter cold and head to Elite Sports in St. Charles for a free, fun- filled clinic for the kids and learn about what Wasco Baseball has to offer! Parents, you will have the opportunity to meet with league officials and the Pee Wee (5-6) and Instructional (7-8) League commissioners to familiarize you with the league, rules for each level and player development strategies. Players will participate in a developmentally appropriate, multi -station clinic and get a jump start on the fast approaching season.

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Project Dance Elite is here!

What: Project Dance Elite hosted by Team Polaris Members and Their Families from St. Charles North High School

When: February 25th from 1-5 pm. Doors open @ 12:45 pm.

Where: St. Charles North High School, Main Gym/Athletic Entrance, 255 Red Gate Road St. Charles, IL 60175.

Who: Anyone and Everyone is invited, the event is open to the Public. It costs \$5/person and \$15 for families of 3+.

Why: Dance party to raise both awareness and funds for community resources that support individuals with special needs. *This year we will also be having*

Theme Hours, Hula Hooping, games and much more... You don't want to miss this event! Sensory and Changing rooms are also available for individuals with those specific needs.

*Limited Edition **Elite** T-Shirts will be sold at the event for \$10.* As hosts, we offer an environment where everyone feels welcome and surrounded by positivity.

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The Wasco PTO-sponsored **Wasco Talent Show** is this **Sunday, February 26 from 2-4 p.m. at North High School Auditorium.** This free family event is open to all members of the Wasco School community and their guests. Come see how talented our students are as they perform in this annual show.

Next week, **Tuesday, February 28**, Wasco School is excited to welcome author Sherri Duskey Rinker who is the author of *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*, *Good Night, Good Night Construction Site* and *Steam Train, Dream Train*.

Ms. Rinker will present to our K-2nd gr. students. Copies of these books can be purchased at the book fair and be signed by the author. Students will also be able to take pictures with the author.

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Jump Rope for Heart is also on **February 28th**. All children will be participating in special Jump Rope exercises during their P.E. class time.

Informational sheets were sent home detailing the program and the option to raise money for the American Heart Association. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for the event by checking the box on the participation form. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Williams at jean.williams@d303.org

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The St. Charles Mothers Club is sponsoring a drive throughout the month of March to collect Breakfast Bars and Juice Bags/Boxes to benefit students across D303. You can help out! **Please consider donating boxes of Breakfast Bars and/or Juice Boxes to Wasco School.** Please ensure breakfast bars are whole grain and contain no NUTS or nut products, juice bags/boxes must contain 100% juice. Donations can be dropped off in the main office now through **Friday, March 17th**.

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NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY, **MARCH 3RD**-TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY-OFFICES OPEN

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The Wasco School Wellness Committee is excited to present, The 2017 Wasco Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. The event will feature dozens of informational and interactive booths each presenting information about a wide variety of health, wellness, nutritional, physical and mental health topics. This is a free family event!

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St. Baldrick's Event at Haines Middle School-Everyone Welcome

STC D303 schools are excited to announce their participation in the annual St. Baldrick's event to raise money to fight childhood cancer. This year's event will be held on **Friday, March 10** at Haines Middle School, starting at 5:00 p.m. The event encourages everyone to get involved:

- The event consists of participants who decide to shave their head to support those who are battling cancer
- Those who are not shaving their heads, can purchase a hair extension for \$10

- Participants, along with students who are being honored through this campaign (those either currently battling or who have survived cancer), will be invited to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade the next day.

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Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls to attend the fun-filled, empowering Chick Chat by HGNA workshop/retreat on March 18th at Wredling Middle School!

This program has expanded to St. Charles because it has been very well received for five years in Geneva. Girls who attended the 2016 Chick Chat by HGNA workshop in Geneva said that they learned:

- "To be confident in yourself."
- "How to calm down if I'm stressed."
- "To be yourself and love who you are and that is awesome!"
- "I learned how to deal with friends, family, stress, and much more!"

Chick Chat by HGNA is brought to you by TriCity Family Services and the Geneva Coalition for Youth with the support of CUSD 303 and other local school districts. For more information or to register, click on the following link:

<http://www.tricityfamilyservices.org/chick-chat-by-helping-girls-navigate-adolescence/>

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Middle School Transition Plan

On November 14, the District 303 Board of Education approved a plan to upgrade Wredling Middle School, renovate Thompson Middle School and, by Fall 2019, close Haines Middle School. The reduction from three middle schools to two middle schools necessitated changes to middle school attendance boundaries beginning with the 2017-18 school year. As your 5th grade child transitions to middle school, we wanted to make you aware of the boundaries and procedural changes.

The new middle school attendance areas will be phased in, with the incoming 2017-18 6th grade students attending middle school ***based on the elementary school attendance area where you live***. Elementary schools will funnel their students to middle school as follows:

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Elementary schools that now feed into Thompson):

- Bell-Graham
- Ferson Creek
- Lincoln
- Richmond/Davis
- Wasco

WREDLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Elementary schools that now feed into Wredling):

- Anderson
- Corron
- Fox Ridge
- Norton Creek
- Munhall
- Wild Rose

If your child is attending an elementary school different from your attendance area elementary school due to a request for transfer, cap and send, ELL services, etc., ***your child will go to the middle school coinciding with your attendance area elementary school*** *not* the elementary school they are attending. Current 6th and 7th grade students (2017-18 7th and 8th grade students) will attend either the Downtown Campus (Thompson/Haines) or Wredling based on where they are currently attending middle school.

Middle School Intra-District Transfer:

Among the actions approved by the School Board in November are the consideration of exceptions to the new middle school boundaries under the following circumstances:

- Siblings of current middle school students who are assigned to a different middle school other than the incoming 6th grader is assigned to
- Former Ferson Creek students who stayed at Ferson Creek after their planning areas were reassigned to Corron
- Elementary school open enrollment (transfer) students
- Lincoln students residing in planning area 83 (Surrey Hill and Long Meadow) who can walk to Wredling

If your family falls into one of the above circumstances, you may apply for an intra-district transfer for your child. Transfer requests are due to the district office by the last business day of April. The full guidelines and procedure are on the back of this page and the request form can be accessed from the Forms page of the District website (d303.org For Parents menu). If granted the transfer, parents are responsible for providing transportation for their children.

If you have any questions regarding the middle school changes or the middle school intra-district transfer request process, please contact the district office at [331.228.2000](tel:331.228.2000).

Flag Football opportunity for girls and boys!

*A message from Robert Pomazak, Head Football Coach at St. Charles North High School: I want to share with you an exciting opportunity, a co-ed youth flag football league that I run in St. Charles over the summer. **Under the Lights** flag football league is a development flag league for boys and girls ages 1st - 8th grade. My goal is to offer both boys and girls of the St. Charles Community a safe, fun and developmental environment to learn a game I care deeply about. Please see the attached posters for more information or follow the link here to the national website. Thank you! [Co-ed Flag Football-Under the Lights](#)*

Hey! Guitar Players! (For students age 10 and older) “The Road” Song Contest is a competition of creative talent for local youth in the Tri-Cities. Local students aged 10-19 are eligible to enter the contest by creating their own unique musical interpretation of “The Road” by Casely and The Jank in the form of a musical cover, musical remix or dance performance. **The contest winner will receive a grand prize \$10,000 scholarship, and a \$2,000 donation will be made to both the winner’s school’s music program and their city.** Contestants must complete the entry form with a parent or guardian and upload their video performance **between Jan. 17, 2017 and Aug. 25, 2017.** The winner of the contest will be announced on Dec. 15, 2017.

Why are children so bored in school?

I've linked an article (below) that was shared with parents by one of our middle school Principals. Since then, it has been shared with me by other parents and staff. We thought the article was interesting and provoked good conversation. As teachers and parents, we are the important adults in your children's lives. They look to us for guidance in learning how to be successful, not just in school, but in life. As a parent myself, the points made in the article hit home for me and I thought you might like to read it too!

[Why are children so bored in school?](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Barb Stokke

Attachments:

 [Boundary Change Letter to Families \(1\).docx](#) (17.8 KB)

 [Wasco Baseball Free Clinic Flyer 2017 - PW.INST \(1\).pdf](#) (254.6 KB)