



Munhall Bulletin

March 9, 2018

Important Dates



Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time
(Move clocks forward)

Monday, March 12

CUSD303 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 PM, St. Charles East High School

Tuesday, March 13

Beginning Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

PTO Meeting
7:00 PM, Munhall LRC

Wednesday, March 14

Report Cards on HAC

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Thursday, March 15

Band Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Friday, March 16

Gr. Choir Practice
7:25 AM, Fox Ridge School

March 26 – 30

Spring Break

Monday, April 2

School Resumes

From the Principal

Report Cards

Report Cards will be posted on Home Access Center on Wednesday, March 14th. Report cards serve as a communication tool to inform students and parents about progress as related to standards. If you have any questions about how to access report cards, please contact the main office.

PTO Meeting March 13th

Next Tuesday will be our monthly PTO meeting. I encourage families to attend and be an active member of our wonderful organization. Our PTO plays an integral part of our students' experiences at Munhall. We have a large number of 5th grade parents who are active members of our PTO, yet will be leaving us at the end of the school year. It is always great to see new faces at the PTO meetings! I hope you will join us at 7:00 on Tuesday.

Performance Series—Winter Results

Next week a communication will be sent to all 3rd-5th grade families with information on how to access winter Performance Series results. Performance Series tests are computer-based assessments that adjust to each child's mathematics and reading ability levels and are administered to students in grades 3-7 in District 303. All tests begin in relation to your child's current grade level; however, as your child answers each question, the test adapts according to his or her response. The questions become easier when answers are incorrectly provided and get more challenging as correct answers are given. This type of assessment individualizes every testing experience so that it more accurately measures your child's ability. The results provide parents with accurate information regarding your child's growth academically, and also give immediate results to teachers that allow them to adjust instruction in order to better meet the needs of individual students.

PARCC Testing

Our annual PARCC testing window will begin after Spring Break and will continue through April 20th. During the testing window, all 3rd-5th grade students will participate in three English/Language Arts assessments and four Mathematics assessments. A more detailed schedule will be provided to all parents by the end of next week. To minimize the amount of make-up testing, student attendance is important. Once the PARCC testing schedule is shared, please do your best to schedule appointments, etc. around the provided times.

Have a great weekend! Be sure to “spring” forward on Sunday.

Jarrold Buxton, Principal

From the Secretary

- ❖ If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018, then it is time to register for Kindergarten. Two proofs of residency and proof of child's age are required at the time of registration. Click [here](#) for a link to the required Kindergarten registration forms that need to be completed. You may print them out, and return them to the main office.
- ❖ Believe it or not, but we are already preparing for next year's registration. Please notify the office if you are moving or have moved. Two proofs of residency must be provided before we can update our records. It is imperative we have accurate addresses for our school mailings.

Ben's 1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon supporting Ben Smiles Memorial Foundation



Bring your family and enjoy a Sunday afternoon of bowling at *Ben's 1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon* at St Charles Bowl on March 11, from noon - 3pm.

There will be bowling, pizza bar, prizes, face painting for the kids (or adults!), raffles, bake sale and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Ben Smiles Memorial Foundation, a local fund dedicated to purchasing switch-adapted toys, communication switches and other small devices for children with fine/gross motor deficits. Ben Smiles was formed in memory of Benjamin Gerlach, who was a preschooler at Norton Creek Elementary. Triplet brother of Colin & Ava Gerlach (now Kindergarteners at Munhall), Ben had cerebral palsy and

epilepsy and used many of the devices/toys the Gerlachs are hoping to gift to kids like Ben. These items are expensive and many times not covered by insurance.

Bowl-A-Thon tickets are \$25 a person and include all the fun listed above, in addition to an official Bowl-A-Thon event t-shirt. Get your tickets here: <http://cffrv.gives/bowlathon>.

2018-2019 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

For the 2018-2019 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, half-day, morning or afternoon preschool program.

The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2018. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2018 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required.*Tuition and registration and materials fee pending board approval.

The school board is currently reviewing a proposal from District Administration to close and repurpose an elementary school to an Early Childhood Center. A decision from the School Board to move forward will impact elementary school attendance boundaries and the locations for D303 Community Preschool. With a yes vote for an EC Center, Norton Creek preschool students would attend preschool at the Fox Ridge/EC Center location.

We anticipate the Board will be voting on the proposal at their March 12, 2018 regular meeting. For detailed information regarding the proposal and School Board discussion, please visit the District 303 website at www.d303.org

From the PTO

Yearbook News

We Need Your Photos! Please submit photos as soon as possible for the 2017-2018 Yearbook. We need photos of classroom parties, special events, assemblies and more. For more information, email Barbara Lund of the Yearbook Committee at opiesgirl93@gmail.com

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser

Forget to turn in your Little Caesar's Pizza order today? It's not too late! Orders will be accepted on Monday, March 12 until 3:00 pm. Pickup for pizza kits ordered will be in the Munhall Activity Center on Wednesday, March 21st after school until 4:00. Contact Erika Englehart at djeeme@sbcglobal.net or [630-373-0763](tel:630-373-0763) with any questions. Thank you for your participation in this PTO fundraiser!

Upcoming Parent Universities

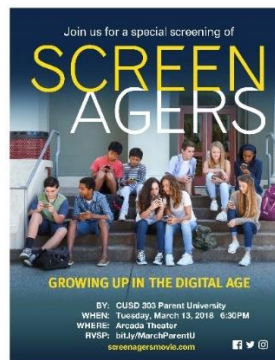
Click on the links below to register

March 13, 2018-Parent University

6:30 p.m. – Arcada Theater

[D303 showing of *Screenagers*](#)

In *Screenagers*, physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, *Screenagers* reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.



March 19, 2018-Parent University brought to you by Centennial Counseling

6:00-8:00 p.m. – St. Charles North High School Room 302

[Relational Communication with Adolescents: Fostering Connections while maintaining Healthy Boundaries](#)

Relational Communication with Adolescents: How to Foster and Deepen Connections while maintaining Healthy Boundaries, presented by Sara Schramer, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Centennial Counseling staff member. The session will address how to develop and deepen emotional connections with adolescents while maintaining healthy boundaries.

You can also learn about other upcoming Parent University and Centennial Counseling offerings by [clicking here.](#)



Community Unit School District 303

March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking state tests in English/Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics sometime between April 2 and April 20. Additionally, students in grades 5, 8, and in their first high school biology course will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) for one day within the month of April. Please consult with your school for a more specific test schedule. These assessments are designed to evaluate students' progress toward the more rigorous state standards.

Please encourage your child to give his or her best effort and, as always, preparing your child for a good day at school begins with a good night of sleep and a nutritional breakfast.

These state tests are one of several ways student achievement is measured in CUSD 303. Your child's daily school work, teacher comments, and report cards are also important when determining overall school achievement. If you have any questions regarding your child's performance, be sure to talk with your child's teacher or principal.

PARCC results will be reported in the fall on the State School Report Cards. You will also receive information about your child's individual performance.

Sincerely,

David Chiszar
Executive Director of Assessment and Accountability

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Community Unit School District 303

Marzo 2018

Estimado Padre o Guardián,

Los estudiantes que están en los grados 3 hasta 8 tomarán exámenes estatales de Inglés/Artes y Lenguaje (ELA por sus siglas en inglés) y matemáticas entre el 2 y el 20 de Abril. Además, cualquier estudiante que esté en los grados 5,8, y que esté tomando su primer curso de biología de high school tomará la Evaluación de Ciencias de Illinois (ISA por sus siglas en inglés) por un día en el mes de abril. Por favor consulte con su escuela para un horario de pruebas más específico. Estas evaluaciones están diseñadas para evaluar el progreso de los estudiantes hacia estándares estatales más rigurosos.

Por favor anime a su hijo/a a que haga su mejor trabajo y, como siempre, preparar a su hijo/a para un buen día en la escuela comienza con dormir bien y un desayuno nutritivo.

Estos exámenes estatales son una de las muchas maneras como se mide el éxito en CUSD303. El trabajo diario de la escuela de su hijo/a, los comentarios del maestro, y los reportes de calificaciones también son importantes cuando se determina el éxito general de la escuela. Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del rendimiento de su hijo/a, asegúrese de hablar con el maestro de su hijo o el director.

Los resultados de PARCC se reportarán en el otoño en los Reportes de Calificaciones de Escuela del Estado. Usted también recibirá información acerca del rendimiento individual de su hijo/a.

Atentamente,

David Chiszar
Director Ejecutivo de Evaluación y Responsabilidad

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