

# THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## FRIDAY FORECAST



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### **Thompson 8<sup>th</sup> Grade LRC Author Visit:**

Yes!! We have the opportunity to share another author with our 8th graders. Anderson Bookshop / Book Fair Company has asked us to host debut author Gavriel Savit on Monday, February 1. Mr. Savit will talk to our 8th graders about his new novel, *Anna and the Swallow Man*. An historical fiction book based in Krakow, Poland during WWII, this is a wonderful connection to our 8th grade social studies curriculum. Students can purchase a copy of this book for \$17.99 in the TMS LRC and have it personally autographed at the conclusion of Mr. Savit's presentation.



### **Saints ISO Basketball Team VS the Men's Varsity Basketball Team**



The BIG GAME is at the East High School Main Gym of Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 pm!



### **St. Charles Public Library Hosts Author Liesl Shurtliff:**

Author Liesl Shurtliff will be visiting the St. Charles Public Library on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm, with a book signing from 5:30 – 6:00 pm. Author Liesl Shurtliff's interactive presentation about myths and fairy tales will also include a reader's theatre of Rumpelstiltskin. Books will be available to purchase. Call: 630-584-9390 to reserve your spot!



### **FIDDLE FEST 2016**



St. Charles District 303 is proud to announce Fiddle Fest, 2016! The Fest will be held Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at North High School, located at: 255 Redgate Rd, St. Charles, 60175. Performance is at 7:00 pm. Participants include advanced orchestra students in Elementary, Middle, and High School. We also invite parents, older siblings and community members who play guitar, banjo, mandolin, or a string instrument to join us! Please see attached flyers for more information.



### **Date or Danger? Understanding Teen Dating Violence:**

A unique approach to understanding Teen Dating Violence session for parents and students, grades 7-12, will be held at St. John Neumann Church from 8:30am to 1:00pm on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer for more information.

### **Hoops For Heart:**

The TMS Physical Education/Health department will be hosting a Hoops For Heart event on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 to 5:00 in the gym. The cost is \$5, which enters each student into three shooting contests. All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association. For more information, please contact your student's P.E. or Health teacher.



### **Barnes and Noble "My Favorite Teacher"**

It's time for your school's students to nominate their favorite teacher to be the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year!

**The deadline is Monday, March 1, 2016!**

Only middle and high school students and active teachers employed in elementary, middle or high schools in the United States are eligible to win. The contest rules can be found at:

[www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher](http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher) <<http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher>> <<<http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher>>>.



## TMS on Twitter and Facebook:



TMS posts often to Twitter and Facebook. Follow us on Twitter @ThompsonD303 or on Facebook - search for Thompson Middle School St. Charles.



### Second Step Update:

*Second Step* is back in 2016! Students have continued work with our social-emotional program this month. 6th grade is learning about the action steps involved in effective problem-solving. 7th grade is discussing the empathy and communication needed when working in groups. 8th grade is working on avoiding substance use through positive self-commitment.

For more information on these lessons, or to access follow-up activities for home, please visit: [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org). Thompson's activation key is: SSP7 476Q WQAA. Additionally, a flowchart describing the *Second Step* action steps used for problem-solving is attached. This is a great resource for helping our middle school students work through challenging situations!



### 8th Annual Middle School Culinary Competition for 7th and 8th Graders:

The 8th annual Top Chef cooking contest is happening soon! If you are a 7th or 8th grade student who loves to cook and compete, don't miss out on this year's contest being held on Sat. March 5. Students from Thompson, Haines and Wredling will come together to showcase their culinary talents and find out who the Top Chef for 2016 will be. The Registration deadline is February 12th. Applications can be found outside the main office, attached to this newsletter, or with Mrs. Watts in room 101.



### Future Freshman Athletic and Activity Information Night:

All incoming freshman and their parents are invited to the Future Freshman Athletic and Activity Information Night on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the North High School Auditorium. Please enter through Door # 12. You will have the opportunity to meet the Athletic Director, Assistant Principal for Student Life, SCN Athletic Coaches and the Activity Advisors. For more details, and a schedule, please see the attached information.



**DO YOU NEED SPORTS SCHEDULES? GO TO:** <http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics. **Please check the sports schedules as schedules may have been revised.**



### Friday Forecast Attachments:

- Saints ISO Team VS Men's Varsity Team info
- Fiddle Fest Information – Permission Slip
- Second Step-Action Steps
- Culinary Competition Forms
- Future Freshman Athletic/Activity Night agenda and schedule
- Date or Danger Session information

### Looking Ahead:

April 9 13th Annual Jazz Cafe - 6:30-9:00 pm - TMS Gym  
**April 26 Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night (corrected date)**  
 April 27 Bell-Graham 5th Graders visit TMS 9:00 am - 10:15 am  
 April 28 Richmond 5th Graders visit TMS 9:00 am - 10:15 am  
 April 29 Wasco 5th Graders visit TMS 9:00 am - 10:15 am  
 May 9 Chalk, Walk, Talk (Rain dates: May 10th and May 11th)  
 May 27 Last day of school - if no Emergency Days are used



### Calendar for January – March 2016

Feb. 5	Hoops For Heart 3:30-5:00 – TMS Gym
Feb. 10	Future Freshman Athletic/Activity Night @ NHS – 7:00 pm
Feb. 11	Vocal Ease @ North HS Jazz Concert – 7:00 pm
Feb. 15	President's Day Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED
Feb. 17	PTO Meeting 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Conference RM B
Feb. 19	String Faculty Recital @ East HS – 7:00 pm
Mar. 3	D303 Solo and Ensemble Contest @ North HS
Mar. 4	Teacher Institute Day – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Mar. 4	Annual Fiddle Fest –EHS @ 7:00 pm
Mar. 12	IGSMA Choir Contest – Bella Voce
<b>Mar. 13</b>	<b>Move your clock AHEAD 1 hour at 2:00 am</b>
Mar. 16	Bella Voce @ NHS Choir – 7:00 pm
Mar. 18	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 19	IGSMA Orchestra Contest- Pro Arte, Electric Ensemble
Mar. 25	School Improvement Day – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Mar. 28-April 1	Spring Break

