

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY FORECAST

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TMS Benefit Night at Just Kabobs!



Join us at Just Kabobs, 1825 W. Main St. in St. Charles, for a Titan benefit Night! Present the attached coupon and Thompson will receive a percentage of the profits.

Dates: Tuesday, February 23 (Last names A-L)* or Wednesday, February 24 (Last names M-Z)*

*Though you can come either night that your schedule permits

Time: All Day! (Just remember to give them the attached coupon!)

Buy lunch for the office, bring your family for dinner... and take the night off!



LearnStorm 2016:

As educators, one of the most important lessons we can teach our students is that they can learn anything. To help our students realize they can learn anything, Thompson is participating in LearnStorm. Powered by Khan Academy, LearnStorm is a nine-week challenge where students can earn recognition for themselves and their school by mastering math skills and building a growth mindset.

LearnStorm meets students where they are by celebrating both achievement and hustle. Not only do students earn mastery points for mastering math skills, but they can also earn hustle points for hard work and perseverance. LearnStorm is helping us create school spirit, collaboration and celebration around learning. Our hope is that students will not only get excited about math but also cultivate meta-cognitive skills that empower and inspire them to become lifelong learners.

As a parent, all you need to do is encourage them to participate at home. Get them online and learning at Khan Academy!

CUSD Orchestra Teachers in Concert: 11th Annual St. Charles String Faculty Recital

Friday, February 19th at 7 PM at the Norris Cultural Arts Center at East High School.

This concert serves to demonstrate to area students and the St. Charles community their passion for lifelong music making and the benefits and results of long-term musical study. D303's orchestra teachers are not only music educators; they are also performers, dedicated to their instruments and an on-going refinement of musical artistry. It is their hope to model this to their students within a live musical setting.



The concert is open to the public and admission is free! There will be a free-will donation however, to support scholarships to the district summer music program to further students' education and musical experience. There is also a raffle for some fabulous musical prizes!

A wide variety of musical selections will be featured on this program, spanning almost 200 years of musical creativity including music from Borodin, Brahms, Beatles, and Walk the Moon. It is sure to demonstrate the versatility of the string instruments as well as excite and inspire many listeners, both young and old.



St. Charles District 303 is proud to announce Fiddle Fest, 2016! The Fest will be held Friday, March 4th, at North High School, located at: 255 Red Gate 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.



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:

- TMS Benefit Night Coupon for Just Kabobs
- Fiddle Fest Information – Permission Slip



Calendar for February – April 2016

Feb. 19	String Faculty Recital @ the Norris Cultural Arts Center – 7 pm
Feb. 23	JUST KABOBS Fund Raiser for TMS –all day! A-L
Feb. 24	JUST KABOBS Fund Raiser for TMS- all day! M-Z
Feb. 24	PTO Meeting 9:00 AM NEW DATE
Feb. 26	Student Council Open Gym Night! 3:30pm to 5:30pm
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
Mar. 13	Move your clock AHEAD 1 hour at 2:00 am
Mar. 16	Bella Voce @ NHS Choir – 7:00 pm
Mar. 17	Fox Valley Summer Fun Fair – Wredling MS 6-8 pm
Mar. 18	End of 3 rd Quarter
Mar. 19	IGSMA Orchestra Contest- Pro Arte, Electric Ensemble
Mar. 25	School Improvement Day – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Mar. 28-April 1	Spring Break
April 4	School resumes for students
April 9	13 th Annual TMS Jazz Café 6:30-9:00 pm TMS Gym
April 15	2016-17 Registration packets emailed out
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

Looking Ahead



May 9	Chalk, Walk, Talk (Rain dates: May 10 th and May 11 th)
May 12	Choir Spring Concert: 6-7-8 Choirs, Bella Voce, Vocal Ease At 7:00 pm Norris Cultural Arts Center
May 19	Band Spring Concert: 6-7-8 Bands, 7:00 pm North High School Theater
May 20	2016-17 Registration Fees Due
May 21	Music in the Parks Festival/Great America: Bella Voce, Pro Arte, and Vocal Ease (all day)
May 25	Orchestra Spring Concert: 6-7-8 Orchestras and Pro Arte At 7:00 pm Norris Cultural Center
May 27	Last day of school - <u>if no Emergency Days are used</u>

Think Spring!





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St. Charles District 303 is proud to
announce...

FIDDLE FEST 2016

Friday, March 4th
North High School

255 Redgate Rd, St. Charles, 60175



Performance is at 7:00 pm.

Come see an exciting show!

Participants include advanced orchestra students in elementary through high school. We invite parents, older siblings, & community members who play guitar, banjo, mandolin or a string instrument to join us.

Dress Rehearsal for performers: 5:00 p.m.

**Pizza Dinner for all participants and volunteers at 6 pm.*

A participation form is attached. For further details, questions, or if you would like music to play, please email Rita.Borkowski@d303.org.

FIDDLE FEST 2016

It's Fiddle Fest time! All advanced elementary, middle school and high school orchestra students in D303, and their friends, can participate! We will be playing a variety of alternative styles of music. Parents, older siblings and friends who play guitar, banjo, mandolin or a string instrument are invited to join us. Here are the details.



Date: Friday, March 4th, 2016

Place: NORTH HS Varsity Gym (255 Redgate Rd. St Charles)

Dress Rehearsal 5:00 – 6:00 pm Arrival time: 4:30 pm to tune!

Pizza Dinner: 6:00 pm. (For all participants and volunteers)

Festival Performance: 7:00 pm

Questions? Ask your orchestra director, or contact Mrs. Rita Borkowski, at Rita.Borkowski@d303.org

FIDDLE FEST 2016 PARTICIPATION FORM

In order to plan adequately for this event and to have a sufficient amount of food, we **MUST** have an accurate count of all participants. Please return this form NO LATER THAN Friday, February 19th!

To all West side families: We would really appreciate donations of water, pop and cookies for the pizza dinner. East side families will be asked to donate again next year.

If you attend: Wasco or Bell Graham: please bring a container of cookies.

Corron or Ferson Creek, please bring a case of water.

Wild Rose, Richmond, Haines or Thompson, please bring a 12 pack of pop.



Advanced Orchestra Students participating in this year's Fiddle Fest

Student Name _____ **Instrument** _____

Parent signature _____ **School** _____

Parents, older siblings or community members that will be participating.....

Name _____ **Instrument** _____

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Relationship to Student: _____

_____ Please send home additional music for my instrument.

_____ **Important! Please indicate the number of participants / volunteers that will be eating pizza. Money for pizza will be collected the night of Fiddle Fest.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please check here _____ if you would like to volunteer to help at Fiddle Fest. We will contact you with specific details soon. Please write clearly!

Volunteer Name _____

Email _____