

# March 28, 2024 - STEM School Info 03/28

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Happy Thursday!

Below are some items of note for you.

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## **Special Thanks**

A special shout out to our amazing Parent Leadership Team:

The Hospitality Committee provided a wonderful Bookworm Brunch today for the month of April.

An extra special shout out to Amy Blankenship and the Auction Committee for organizing a successful STEM Auction. We raised approximately \$5000.00 this year.

## **From the House Committee: April House Comp- Food Drive**

Our April House comp is a food drive for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. This will run between April 2nd-April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Their most requested items are: Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned proteins, Canned soups, Canned corn, Canned beans, Pasta, Rice, and Cereal.

There will be labeled boxes set up for donations at the front of the school.

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### **Graduation Reminders for Seniors**

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### **Math Lab and ELA Writing Labs**

The lab days and times are as follows. All students are welcome to participate. **No prior appointment is necessary.**

- ELA Writing Labs --Each Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8:15am to 9:15am in an English classroom (Kubisak and Britt).

- Math Labs --Each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8:15am to 9:15am in a math classroom (Williamson and Gibbons).

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Thank you,

Jim David

Principal

## **March 22, 2024 - STEM School Info 03/22**

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Happy STEM Showcase Friday!

We look forward to seeing you tonight! Here are some items of note for you below.

### **Silent Auction – Last Day!**

The STEM Parent Leadership Team Silent Auction closes tonight at 8pm! The auction is viewable online at <https://app.memberhub.gives/stemauction/Campaign/Details>. The

auction items will also be set up for viewing at the STEM Showcase in the Commons near the front of the school. Don't forget to get in a bid!

### **STEM Showcase – Mar 22 (Tonight!)**

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### **FAFSA Night - March 27**

Parents of senior students who need help completing their FAFSA are encouraged to attend our FAFSA completion night on March 27 in the Commons, please bring a computer and know all social security numbers involved. This meeting is the rescheduled date due to the inclement weather cancelation of the January meeting.

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## March 8, 2024 - STEM School Info 03/08

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Mar 11-15 HCS Spring Break No STEM School Classes (Chatt State Classes in Session)

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## **March 1, 2024 - STEM School Info 03/01**

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Happy Friday! As we close out the third quarter, here are some items of note for you.

### **PLT Luncheon- Leap Year Celebration**

Thank you so much to all parents who supported our staff luncheon on Thursday. It was a wonderful lunch for the entire staff.

**ER Week (Extended Remediation) Quarter 3 – Mar 4 thru Mar 8**

During ER Week, three items take place: student independent work time, workshops run by teachers where students choose to attend to get assistance or re-assess, and focus groups where students are assigned and required to work with a teacher. New work and assignments are not posted during this week. This week is set up as an opportunity for students to improve any learning target grade for the quarter.

For students in grades 9-10 (underclassmen) who have no missing and/or below basic learning targets, these students may continue to work in ER to improve their grades to advanced (100). Students will also have an enrichment opportunity through Thursday called Fabrication Days. These students will be working in the Global Center for Digital Innovation (GCDI) on design challenges. These design challenges provide students with opportunities to complete STEM III type projects in an abbreviated format and build upon their STEM digital fabrication and micro-credentialing portfolio.

For students in grades 11-12 (upperclassmen), ER Week also has an additional difference. When an upperclassman no longer has any ER work left to remediate, the upperclassman is not required to attend school for the remainder of ER. An email will be sent to each grade 11 and 12 student (and parent copied) that is assigned mandatory ER. Please note that even if the student is not assigned mandatory ER, the student is still welcome to come in and participate to improve their learning target grade to advanced (100).

### **Rising Junior Meeting - March 7**

On Thursday, March 7 at 6:30pm we will be hosting our Rising Grade 11 night for all 10th grade parents and students. The night will take place in the Health Science Center building (HSC) room 1085. All grade 10 parents are expected to attend as we will cover the significant changes that take place as students enter grades 11 and 12. The Chattanooga State Early College Director will be introducing dual enrollment items, including important financial pieces. Our school counselor, Ms. Millard, will also explain dual enrollment and scheduling items. Our grade 11 and 12 teachers will introduce the team to you, and we will

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