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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 12- TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023 HOSTED BY ACVO, EDITORS: GRACE KNOX, PAM KNOX, DEE LORIS

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Did you know...

It's back to school time in Missouri, but not all public schools have to start on the same date. The law, effective August 2019, states each school district may set its opening date "no earlier than 14 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September". *(revisor.mo.gov)*

Across the country public schools open anywhere from late July to early September. Here are a few examples: (google.com)

- California: between July 31 August 30
- Florida: between August 10 August 17
- Georgia: between July 28 August 10
- Illinois: between August 16 August 21
- Minnesota: September 5
- New York: September 7
- Texas: between August 15 August 26

So, do YOU know what year the following schools open in the 63123 community? Affton, Bayless, Cor Jesu and Lutheran South *Answers on page 10*

Who we are

We are a TEAM of volunteers intending to bring as much information monthly to the 63123 community as is provided to us. Each issue will highlight activities from area schools, recognize the events and developments making positive changes to our community. To be effective, we need your input. So, LET'S HEAR FROM 123! visit: <u>www.afftonvolunteers.org</u>

Upcoming Events



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Improvements are being made throughout 63123. See page 6 for an update on the Bayless athletic field that was damaged by the May rains.



A new lower parking lot at Cor Jesu is ready for school in the fall.



The foundation for the new Center for the Arts at Lutheran South has begun. When finished it will house a 600+ seat theater, music and art rooms.



Filling up quickly is the subdivision across from Rogers Middle School on Mackenzie.

Sidewalks and road work are almost complete near AHS.



The new Affton Police precinct on Gravois is scheduled to be completed early 2024.

- ACPF TV Trivia Night August 19 at Seven Holy Founders, doors open at 6pm, trivia starts at 7pm, \$25 per person
- APC Panera Fundraiser August 20, 4 8pm, Grasso Plaza
- 9 Mile Garden Thursday night trivia, every Thursday, 7pm
- ACIA meeting August 24, Affton Fire Station, 11am
- Affton Days Parade September 16, 10am starting at Affton High School ending at Bayless High School

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)

This month at the July meeting the guest speaker was Missouri State Senator Doug Beck.

Senator Beck took us through some of the bills that were presented in the legislature. This year it was very quiet on the floor, as only a few bills were passed. He also spoke about things that would be pursued during the next session of congress.



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Missouri Senator Doug Beck

During the updates portion of the meeting we learned the crime rate was down in our area both in property crimes, down 15 percent and person to person crimes, down 13 percent. The home for the Affton Police Station is coming right along as it is scheduled to open in January 2024.

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 24 - 11 am. Affton Fire Station. Guest speakers will be Lisa Clancey and Ernie Trakas.

To receive a copy of the minutes from previous meetings contact Peggy Keilholz at ologyfam@att.net

Thank you to all Affton Firefighters



This month I would like to give a shout out to your Affton Firefighters.

On July 12, during a terrible thunderstorm in one 24-hour period, the Affton Firefighters/Paramedics in their two fire engines and two ambulances responded to 67 calls for help. Affton Fire Protection District Station 1 9282 Gravois Rd. 314.631.1803 afftonfire.com

That storm was brutal and with the help of our neighboring Fire Departments/Districts we responded to every call. Countless wires were down and trees were caught in wires, but when a house fire comes in, everything changes.

Thanks to our dispatchers at CCE Central Dispatch 911 when that happened, calls were reprioritized the closest six engines went and within just minutes, an Affton pumper was in front of that house and begin to take care of it.

Thanks to our Assistant Chief and Battalion Chief who left their families and homes when the storm hit to come help as well.

Stay cool, stay safe, Nick Fahs - Chief of Fire and EMS Services



Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Hello, from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct! We hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying the wonderful summer season.

The calendar just turned over to August, which means schools are about to go back into session. We want to discuss a few driving safety tips, including sharing the roadway with busses/pedestrians and driving in school zones. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping our children safe. According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children across our country who lose their lives in busrelated incidents are four to seven years old. They are walking and either get struck by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

If you are driving behind a bus, please allow a larger following distance than if you were driving behind a car. This will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing if a bus is making a stop. The most dangerous area for children is 10 feet around a school bus. Please stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. Remember, it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the STOP arm is extended—traffic must stop. Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection. Please be alert because children are often unpredictable.

As always, we strongly encourage any interested residents to partner with us and attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Please contact the Neighborhood Policing Office when your neighborhood or subdivision is hosting a meeting so an officer can attend and answer your question.

Just a reminder our Department now has an online "Community Crime Lead Portal" on our website at <u>www.stlouiscountypolice.com</u>. Once you go to our website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the portal. It will take you to a page where you can report any type of information or crime tip. It will automatically go to the Precinct you live in. You can stay anonymous or leave your contact information for officers to follow up with you. Here is the exact link to the portal: <u>http://stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-</u> <u>services/community-crime-lead-portal/</u>.



Stay safe and please contact us if you need anything!

-Lt. Shawn McGuire and the Affton Southwest Precinct personnel

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ACFP Top Ten Most Needed Items

- 1.Entrees (ie. canned chicken, Spam, canned ham, beef stew)
- 2. Dry pasta
- 3. Pasta sauce/tomato products (diced, Rotel, Sloppy Joe sauce)
- 4. Canned beans and dry beans
- 5. Detergent
- 6. Toilet paper
- 7. Personal hygiene (ie. shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene, toothpaste)
- 8. Canned fruit
- 9. Chili
- 10. Cereal









Greetings happy August to all!

We hope everyone is enjoying the many summer activities our Community has to offer.

Our students have approximately three weeks before the good ole school days begin again. Our Community is home to four high schools, five pre-K through eighth grade schools, along with several early childhood centers.



Our future is going to be driven by the many educated students attending these schools.

Let's continue to keep our community beautiful and filled with fun for all.

For current updates on activities and events visit the ACVO website at *www.afftonvolunteers.org* - click on Community Happenings.

Adult Water Fitness Classes are Back



Affton's Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 11 - 8:30 to 3 pm Affton High School

Applications for vendors to participate in the Affton Holiday Bazaar is posted on the ACVO website (www.afftonvolunteers.org).

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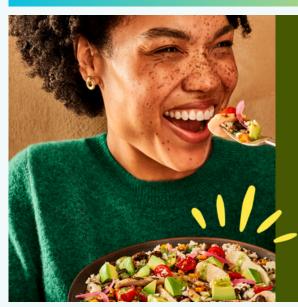
SUMMER NIGHTS **GRANT'S FARM**

Join us for Summer Nights, where the Bauernhof Courtyard will come alive with great food, cold drinks, and live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Plus, new this year is Grant's Farm in the Sky: A Drone Show Spectacular.

Tower Tee

Hours: Monday 10am-10pm, **Tuesday-** Saturday 8am-10pm Sunday-8am-8pm

- Fun for adults and kids: par 3 golf course, driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, batting cages and bocce ball.
- Check their website for music on the patio!
- Driving Range New Project is underway. -Short Irons ONLY while workers are present -Special offer for \$7 Irons ONLY Medium Bucket during project



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Free General Admission Everyday 9am-6pm

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	General Admission	Seasonal Events	Private Tours	Private Events
Ticket Includes	Tram Ride, Activities in the Tiergarten, Access to Rides and Concessions in the Bauernhof Courtyard	Special Activities and Experiences to Celebrate the Season	Special Property Access, Close-Up Animal Encounters, and Exclusive Photo Ops	Private and Corporate Events: Accommodations for 30 - 450 Guests
Pricing	Always Free (applies to all guests, all ages)	Event Ticket May Be Required (select events are part of General Admission) VIP Add-Ons Available for	Booking Required	Booking Required
		Some Seasonal Events	Pricing Varies	Pricing Varies
) Season	Late Spring, Summer and Early Fall (7-day schedule begins in May)	All Four Seasons	All Four Seasons	All Four Seasons
Parking	Standard Parking Rates	Standard Parking Rates (unless otherwise specified)	Standard Parking Rates (unless otherwise specified)	Parking May Be Included with Event Package

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The Preserve

The Estates display at The Preserve is now open!

Call Andy Babor, 636-891-3693 for more details.



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Rogers Middle School names new assistant principal

On Sat., July 22, 2023, the Affton School District Board of Education approved the hiring of Jane Baumgartner as Assistant Principal for Rogers Middle School for the 2023-24 school year.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Jane to the Rogers family. Her passion and commitment to ensuring the academic, social, and emotional success of our students at RMS is evident and inspiring," said Dr. Kevin Griffin, principal at Rogers Middle School. "I am confident that her experience as a teacher and leader, as well as her commitment to continuous improvement, will allow her to have a positive and lasting impact on our students and staff."

Baumgartner has served as a middle school business and computer science teacher for Parkway School District since 2015, where she also served as After School Activities and Athletic Programs Director and substitute administrator at Parkway Southwest Middle School.

"I couldn't be more honored and thrilled for this opportunity to be the next assistant principal of Rogers Middle School," said Baumgartner. "I am so excited to support the growth of our students and staff and am eager to begin building collaborative relationships with all who will be instrumental in making our community successful. I'm ready to meet and learn from all of my new friends in Affton and can't wait to get started!" Learn more on our website.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MONDAY, AUGUST 21



Affton Board earns Governance Award

The Affton School District Board of Education is among 17 Missouri school boards earning the Missouri School Boards' Association's 2023 Governance Team Award. This is the fourth year in a row Affton has received the Governance Team Award.



This prestigious award is based on the outstanding commitment of the school board and superintendent to ongoing professional development in effective governance practices. The award also recognizes their commitment to regional and statewide leadership and to active participation in legislative advocacy for public schools and the students they serve.

The school board in each awarded district achieved the following criteria:

The district is fully accredited.

All seven school board members completed the Essential new board member certification from MSBA.

All seven board members fulfilled the Refresher Training requirement for the current year through MSBA.

At least two board members attained the Advanced level of certification from MSBA.

At least one board member attained the Master level of certification. At least a quorum of the board and the superintendent attended the 2022 MSBA Annual Conference and a regional meeting during the past year.

A representative attended the 2023 MSBA Advocacy Day. A board member representative participated in MSBA's Delegate Assembly.

The award was received during MSBA's Summer Summit in June.

Affton Sports - August

Varsity Football

- 8/25: Lutheran South 7pm
- 9/1: St. Genevieve 7pm
- JV Football
- 8/28: Lutheran South (AWAY) 4:15pm
- Varsity Soccer
- 8/21: TBA 5:30pm
- 8/31:Collegiate Sch. of Med/Bio (AWAY) 4:30pm

JV Soccer

• 8/31: Pattonville (AWAY) 4:30pm

Varsity Softball

- 8/28: Pacific (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 8/30: Hancock (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 8/31: Jefferson R-7 4:30pm

JV Softball

No games in August

Swimming

• 8/31: Oakville (AWAY) 4:15pm

Varsity Volleyball

• No matches in August

JV Volleyball

• No matches in August

Freshmen Volleyball

• No matches in August

Tennis

• 8/28: Oakville (AWAY) 4pm

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#BronchosFirstDay Welcome back to Bayless! August 21

Everyone at Bayless is excited to welcome students back to school on Monday, August 21. Students in the Junior High School will have brand-new spaces to learn in. The nearly-complete and has plenty for students to enjoy.

Elementary and Early Childhood will go from 8:15 a.m. to 3:21 p.m., and Junior High and High School will go from 7:30 a.m. to 2:36 p.m. BHS Math Teacher Sarah Olson named a St. Louis Regional Teacher of the Year

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Best. Team. Ever

Bayless High School Math Teacher Sarah Olson is having a great summer. She was named BSD's teacher of the year in April, and in July she was named one of the St. Louis Regional Teachers of the Year. She is now applying for State Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Sarah!



It has been a summer full of construction projects at Bayless. Bayless Field is getting a new turf surface. During the floods that hit the area on Mother's Day, various spots on the Bayless campus were inundated with water. The main damage was done when the water pushed under the turf, pulling at the seams and damaging the rock base.

The new field is moving along quickly, paid for by Bayless's insurance providers.

Bayless Sports - August

Varsity Football

- 8/25: Principia (AWAY) 7pm
- 9/1: Grandview 7pm
- JV Football
- No games in August

Varsity Softball

- 8/25: DuBourg 4pm
- 8/30: Jefferson (AWAY) R-7 4:30pm
- 9/1: Soldan 4pm

JV Softball

• 9/1: Soldan 5:30pm

Varsity Soccer

- 8/26: Vianney (AWAY) 12pm
- JV Soccer
 - No games in August

Varsity Volleyball

- No games in August JV Volleyball
 - No games in August

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Back in early July, Chargers had a ton of fun at the Class of 2027 Summer Social.



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10/18MONDAY,
10/30FRIDAY,
11/10FRIDAY,
FRIDAY,
11/10

Registration for Cor Jesu's 8th Grade Shadow Days **opens Tuesday, August 1st at 9am.** Visit this link: <u>https://www.corjesu.org/admissions/visit/</u><u>8th-grade-shadow-experience</u>







First day of

school

August 16

Some changes are happening in CJA's Administration

Colleen Smyth Dean (left) is moving to serve as the Director of Campus Ministry.

Olivia Hanford (right) will become CJA's new Director of Admissions.

Cannot wait to see what all these two CJA grads accomplish.



CJA's summer RISE program has been a huge success filled with learning, leadership, and laughter.



Varsity Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville HS 5:45pm
- 8/28: St. Francis 6pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 5:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joe's 5:45pm

JV Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville HS 4:15pm
- 8/26: Lafayette (AWAY) 8am
- 8/28: St. Francis 4:30pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 4:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joe's 4:15pm

Freshman Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville HS 4:15pm
- 8/26: Lafayette (AWAY) 8am
- 8/28: St. Francis 4:30pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 4:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joe's 4:15pm

Cor Jesu Sports - August

Varsity Field Hockey

- 8/28: Clayton HS 4pm
- 8/29: Nerinx (AWAY) 4pm

JV Field Hockey

- 8/28: Clayton HS 5:15pm
- 8/29: Nerinx (AWAY) 5:15pm

Varsity Tennis

- 8/25: Villa Duchesne (AWAY) 4pm
- 8/29: Ladue HS 4pm
- 8/31: St. Joe's (AWAY) 4pm

JV Tennis

• 8/29: Ladue (AWAY) 4pm

Varsity Softball

- 8/18: St. Joe's 4pm
- 8/18: Ursuline 5pm
- 8/18: Nerinx 6pm
- 8/28: Parkway West (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 8/28: Hazelwood West (AWAY) 7:45pm

Varsity Golf

- 8/30: MICDS 3:45pm
- 8/31: Visitation 3:45pm

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First day of school August 17 - freshmen August 18 - all students

We are thrilled to announce that Rev. Chris Sommer,

years. He also is the Police Chaplain for the St. Louis

County Police Department, a community that he will

Pastor Sommer will care for the spiritual needs of

our staff, students, and their families. He has an exuberant passion for "being all things to all people"

LS '91, has accepted the Call to serve as LuSo's

Campus Chaplain. Pastor Sommer has served at Faith Lutheran Church in Oakville for the past seven

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Save the Date!

The Lancers are back on the links on Monday, October 9 to cap off our Homecoming weekend. Make plans to join us on at noon at Missouri Bluffs. Details can be found at *LSlancers.org/golf*







FOUR YEARS IN A ROW ... AND COUNTING.

Jake Offermann, LS '23, was selected to play in the Missouri Athletic Club High School All-Star Games, made up of the top senior soccer players in the St. Louis area. Offerman was a goalkeeper on the South squad, which defeated the North squad 4-2. He will continue his soccer career at Quincy University this fall.

for the sake of the Gospel (I Corinthians 9:19-23). He and his wife, Mary, have two students at South, Toby, LS '24, and Abby, LS '25. Welcome, Pastor Sommer! Lutheran South was named a Top Workplace for the fourth year in a row by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The newspaper surveys employees throughout the region, and LuSo was the only private high school to make the list! The dedication of our teachers and staff is

continue to serve.

list! The dedication of our teachers and staff is what sets us apart from other schools. We are grateful for the difference they are making in our students' lives.



The 2023 Lancer football schedule is here! Be sure to join us for a game this fall.

Lutheran South Sports - August

Varsity Volleyball

- 8/21: Parkway Central 5:30pm
- 8/29: Francis Howell Central 5:30pm
- 8/30: St. Pius (AWAY) 6:30pm

JV Volleyball

- 8/26: Lafayette Tourney (AWAY) 8am
- 8/29: Francis Howell 4:30pm
- 8/30: St. Pius (AWAY) 5:30pm

Freshmen Volleyball

• 8/26: Lafayette Tourney (AWAY) 8am

Varsity Field Hockey

• 8/30: Parkway Central (AWAY) 6pm

JV Field Hockey

• 8/30: Parkway South (AWAY) 4:30pm

Varsity Golf

- 8/28: Metro League Match 4pm
- 8/30: Duchesne 3:30pm

Varsity Soccer

- 8/26: Metro League Tourney
- 8/29: Metro League Tourney
- 9/1: Metro League Tourney
- JV Soccer
- 8/30: Clayton 4:15pm

Freshman Soccer

• No games posted yet

Tennis

- 8/28: Rockwood 4pm
- 8/29 & 8/30: Metro League Tourney @ Westminster

• 8/31: Windsor (AWAY) 4pm

JV Tennis

• 8/29: Rockwood (AWAY) TBA

JV Golf

• 8/28: Metro League Match 4pm

Varsity Football

- 8/25: Affton (AWAY) 7pm
- 9/1: St. James (AWAY) 7pm

JV Football

• 8/28: Affton 4:15pm

Varsity Softball

- 8/25 & 26: Union Tourney (AWAY)
- 8/28: Webster Groves 4:30pm
- 8/30: Nerinx (AWAY) 4pm
- 8/31: Mehlville (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 9/1: St Charles High 4:15pm

JV Softball

• 9/1: St. Charles High 5:45pm

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> First day of school August 16



SUPPLY DROP OFF & BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

AUGUST 12, 2 - 5 P.M.

Meet our new principal Visit your child's classroom Drop off school supplies Purchase 2nd-6th-grade planners Purchase Spiritwear and PE clothes Learn about Girl Scouts Enjoy an early dinner at 4 p.m. Back to School Blessing 5 p.m. at Church



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Duties of the position include planning a monthly menu, dealing effectively with food and supply endors, food preparation, student counts, and meeting the kitchen budget. The manager must follow the standards of the Health Department and Food Safety Requirements. This is a 30 hour position.

Marketing and Enrollment Manager

Seeks to market Salem Lutheran School by promoting the school through marketing and social media, directs the admissions process from the point of inquiry through enrollment, and works to secure retention of current families. Strong written and personal communication skills are a must, and knowledge of social media platforms and technology in general is a plus. 15-18 hours per week.

Email resume to MatthewFoster@slcas.org

Preschool Assistants

Preschool Assistants are responsible for helping our Lead Teachers with their lessons, assigned tasks, and classroom management. Assistants will help offer a developmentally appropriate curriculum based on the Christian faith. We emphasize play and exploration as the best way for young children to learn and provide a nutruing environment where children can grow. Hours are 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Before and Aftercare Staff

pervise students during snack, homework, and playtime before and/or after schoo Perfect for college students! Hours are 6:15 - 8:15 a.m. and/or 3 - 6 p.m.

Email resume to MarieWilson@slcas.org

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Holy Cross Academy 8874 Pardee - St. Louis, MO 63123 Intermediate Campus 7748 Mackenzie Road St. Louis, MO 65123 Early Education Center

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Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated to make volume 12 of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation, as we get ready for fall! See you next month!

Here are answers to the Did You Know question on page one: Affton-1855, Bayless-1868, Cor Jesu-1965, Lutheran South-1957.