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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>

Did you know...

Valentine's Day is celebrated in different countries around the world, and became a day for romance during the Middle Ages in Europe. How much do you know about this day of love? (history.com/topics/valentines-day)

- 1. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 which coincides with which ancient Roman festival?
- 2. What movie is based on a book by Nicholas Sparks and features Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams as the leads?
- 3. What is one of the most popular Valentine songs, and who is one of the most popular singers of the song?

See page 10 for the answers

Upcoming Events

- Cor Jesu Auction, February 3
- Lutheran Salem Sausage Supper, February 4, 11am-5pm
- Sweetheart Breakfast February 10,Rogers Middle School, 8:30-11:30am



63123 in Motion

January was filled with special fun events for all students. Rogers middle schoolers went ice skating, Cor Jesu and St. Joseph's Academy held their annual Funderwear Challenge and the Lutheran South minicheerleaders performed at a basketball game .





- ACIA meeting February 22, Affton Fire Station, 11am
- Rock 'n Roll Bingo February 23 at the American Legion Hall #162, S. Broadway, doors open 6pm, Bingo 7 pm

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American

Heart Month

FEBRUARY 2024

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Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Hello, from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and the beginning of 2024. We have a lot to be thankful for, including the new almost-complete Affton Southwest Precinct! You know what the outside looks like, but here are some inside photos of the building.

We will hopefully be all moved in by the beginning of February 2024. Stay safe and please contact us if you need anything!

-Lt. Shawn McGuire and the Affton Southwest Precinct



Affton Fire Protection District Station 1 9282 Gravois Rd. 314.631.1803 afftonfire.com

Healthy Heart month

We want everyone to stay healthy this February. One step towards being in the best shape is for all people to focus on their cardiovascular health.

So, ask your physician what steps you need to take.

Stay warm and healthy, Donald Woolem Battalion Chief Medical Officer



Delivered direct to your inbox

NATIONAL WEAR

RED DAY

February 2, 2024

today for women's heart health.

Rock your Red



So-Long, January... January is a time filled with goals and new beginnings for the year ahead, and that's no different for Lifting Up STL! With goals in mind, fundraising plans in the works, and marketing objectives in place, we're excited to see what this year brings.

As always, we're filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity of our donors and volunteers. Fogether, we are truly making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Check out what's going on around Lifting Up STL, and here's to being one month into 2024!



February is American Heart Month

Celebrate by _____ Giving Blood with

Wednesday, February 28th 3-7 PM Parish Hall at Seven Holy Founders 6737 S Rock Hill Rd Affton, MO 63123 Appointments required. Schedule an appointment at bloodcenter.org/group

and enter group #11342



2024 Important Dates FEBRUARY 28: BLOOD DRIVE MARCH: MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE APRIL 12: BAGS TOURNAMENT MAY TBD: "EAT OUT FOR CHANGE" AT CAFÉ TELEGRAPH MAY TBD: FLORIDA TRIP RAFFLE JUNE 14: ADAM YOUNG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 13: 9 MILE GARDEN NIGHT NOVEMBER 8: ANNUAL FUNDRAISER





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Affton Community Volunteers Organization

Greetings to All!

We hope your month of January has passed by with much excitement of sports and other activities.

Looking forward to February, also known as Heart month, we hope everyone thinks about how to keep their heart healthy. Eating right, exercising and relaxing often are some of the ways.

We also celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day among other holidays this month. Each are important.

Looking forward ACVO will help host Breakfast with the Cougar Bunny with the Affton cheerleaders in March, and in May a Craft and Flea Market. Be sure to visit our website <u>www.afftonvolunteers.org</u> for updates on new activities.

Enjoy a safe and sweet February.

ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)



Greetings to All!

Happy New Year, we hope January has started off well for you.

The weather has been very mild, and yet we have had a nice mixture of cold, mid temperatures and snow with ice. So this has been a normal January and I'm glad we are almost through it.

Our guest speakers for the January meeting were from STLMSD. Executive Director Brian Hoelscher and Director of Engineering Rich Unverferth spoke on several projects: MSD-Project Clear, PROPOSITION W and PROPOSITION S which all are important to 63123. Please check MSDProjectClear.org/ballot @MSDProjectClear for more information and updates.

The February meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at the Affton Fire Station at 11 am.

We hope you have a good month, and Happy Heart Month!



Christian Food Pantry: February requests

The Affton Christian Food Pantry would like to thank our generous friends in the community who share food with us throughout the year. The more than 1,300 individuals helped by the panty each month are more grateful than you can imagine.

- 1.Entrees, like canned chicken, spam, ham, beef stew, etc
- 2. Meal supplements like Rice a Roni, Knorr side dishes, Hamburger Helper
- 3. Canned and dry beans
- 4. Chili
- 5. Pasta Sauce or canned tomatoes
- 6.Canned Fruit
- 7. Mac 'n Cheese
- 8.Hearty Soups
- 9. Cereal
- 10.Personal Care items especially, deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products



Steve Brady, Manager Affton Christian Food Pantry

Tower Tee

6727 Heege Road 314.833.3322 *towertee.com*

Hours: Monday-Sunday 11am-7pm Closed Monday January 22-Sunday February 4 for annual maintenance.

• Fun for adults and kids: par 3 golf course, driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf and bocce ball.



Stay Safe!

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Winter at Grant's Farm

Every season at Grant's Farm brings something new and different.

In February, the private Behind-the-scenes tour and the Clydesdale Close-up tour are available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays by purchasing advance tickets on Grant's Farm website grantsfarm.com



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Affton **Parents** Club





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FEBRUARY 23, 2024

BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MO 63125 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00, BINGO STARTS AT 7:00

\$25 PER PERSON/8 PER TABLE RAFFLES GAMES PRIZES PRIZE FOR BEST THEMED/DECORATED TABLE **RSVP TO MELISSA ECKHARD** 314-599-4342

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CLASSES OF 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS/WATER

CASH BAR AVAILABLE



THURSDAY

OF FOOD TRUCK

9375 GRAVOIS RD. AFFTON, MO 63123

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25+ LOCAL VENDORS

OOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC

Quarterly Meeting

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Mesnier students celebrate their heritage

Recently, Mesnier Primary School students Reffat, Merjema, and Hasanat were inspired by the book "Gittel's Journey," and proudly showcased clothing from their home countries.

Kindergarten registration

Online registration for the Affton School District's 2024-25 Kindergarten program is now open. Registration information and necessary documentation are available on our website.

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All Affton Kindergarten classes are full-day and offered at no cost. Children of Affton School District residents may be enrolled if the child will have reached the age of five (5) years on or before July 31, 2024.

Middle schoolers take the ice

Field trips are fun -- especially when trying new things. Rogers Middle School students are getting the chance to take the ice as part of the physical education curriculum. What's better than fun, physical activity, and learning all in one?



Affton Sports - February

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 2/1: Northwest 7pm
- 2/5: STEAM (AWAY) 7pm
- 2/13: Mehlville 7pm
- 2/14: DuBourg (AWAY) 6:30pm
- 2/16: Normandy (AWAY) 7:15pm
- 2/19: Clayton 5:30pm
- JV Boys Basketball
- 2/1: Northwest 5:30pm
- 2/5: STEAM (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/6: John Burroughs 4pm
- 2/12: Clayton 4pm
- 2/13: Mehlville 5:30pm
- 2/14: DuBourg (AWAY) 5pm •
- 2/16: Normandy (AWAY) 5:30pm •
- 2/19: Clayton 4pm

TWO CANDIDATES **FILE FOR** AFFTON **BOARD OF** EDUCATIO

Two Affton citizens have filed their candidacy for the three year term on the Affton Board of Education. They are: Jeff Franta and incumbent Kenny Edgar.

Under the provisions of Missouri Statute Section 115.124, if the number of candidates who file is the same as the number of positions to be filled by the election (two), there will be no election. Since this is the case, at the April organizational meeting of the Board of Education, the district will swear in these candidates.



Special Olympics Unified Bowling Tournament

Earlier this month, Special Olympics athletes and partners had a wonderful time at the Unified Bowling Tournament. Over 109 athletes and volunteers from Mehlville School District and Affton High School joined together for an afternoon of bowling and sportsmanship.



Varsity Girls Basketball

- 2/5: Riverview Gardens 4:30pm
- 2/7: McCluer North 6pm
- 2/9: Ritenour (AWAY) 5pm
- 2/12: Normandy 7pm
- 2/14: Maplewood (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 2/15: STEAM (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/20: Parkway Central (AWAY) 6pm
- 2/21: Hazelwood East 6pm
- 2/22: McCkuer (AWAY) 5pm

JV Girls Basketball

- 2/7: McCluer North 4:30pm
- 2/13: Normandy 4:30pm
- 2/15: STEAM (AWAY) 4pm
- 2/20: Parkway Central (AWAY) 4:30pm •
- 2/21: Hazelwood East 4:30pm
- 2/22: McCluer (AWAY) 4pm

Freshmen Girls Basketball

• 2/12: TBA 4pm

Freshmen Boys Basketball • 2/1: Northwest 4:30pm

- 2/5: STEAM (AWAY) 4pm
- 2/6: Lutheran South 5:30pm •
- 2/13: Mehlville 4pm
- 2/16: Normandy (AWAY) 4:15pm

Swimming

- 2/1: Clayton (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 2/2: Clayton (AWAY) 4:15pm

Boys Wrestling

- 2/8: Hazelwood West (AWAY) 5pm
- **Girls Wrestling**
- 2/2: Clayton (AWAY) 4:15pm

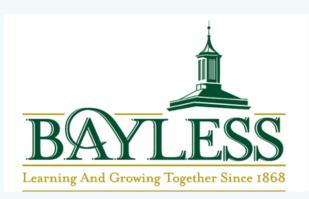
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BHS students participate in technology forum

On January 19, a team of 10 high school students attended the Ninth Annual STEM Student Forum Kickoff hosted by World Wide Technology.

The forum is a gathering of some of the brightest young high school students. This was Bayless's first time attending.



Bayless Sports - February

JV Boys Basketball

• 2/2: Metro 5:30pm

• 2/13: Valley Park 4pm

2/15: Jefferson 5:30pm

• 2/7: Grandview (AWAY) 5;30pm

• 2/21: North County (AWAY) 6pm

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 2/15: Christian HS 6:30pm
- 2/2: Metro 7pn
- 2/7: Grandview (AWAY) 7pm
- 2/9: Brentwood 7pm
- 2/13: Valley Park 7pm
- 2/15: Jefferson 7pm
- 2/21: North County (AWAY) 7:30pm
- 2/22: Festus (AWAY) 7:30pm



Missouri State Senator Doug Beck

Bayless hosts legislative breakfast

On January 2, before students returned, Bayless hosted a legislative breakfast with congresspersons, school administrators and board members from various parts of south county.

Legislators included state senator Doug Beck, representative Bridget Walsh Moore and representative Jim Murphy School districts represented included Bayless, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Hancock Place and Affton.



Bayless High School Band performs at MMEA Conference

The Bayless High School Band performed at the Missouri Music Educators Association annual conference at the Lake of the Ozarks on Jan. 25.

The band was selected as the representative of the St. Louis region, which is an honor only given to some of the top bands in the metro area. Directors Stephen Elford and Jeff Martini, as well as the seniors from the graduating class of 2023, worked very hard to earn this placement.

"I am incredibly proud of our students who dedicate countless hours to honing their musical ability while participating in various other student programs on campus," BHS principal Eric Lawrence said in a letter to the Association. "The students you will see performing for your membership are genuinely some of the best in our building.

Varsity Girls Basketball

- 2/5: Christian HS (AWAY) 7pm
- 2/9: Brentwood 5:30pm
 - 2/12: DuBourg 7pm
 - 2/13: Valley Park 5:30pm
 - 2/15: Brentwood (AWAY) 5pm
 - 2/20: Maplewood 5:30pm
 - 2/22: Herculaneum (AWAY) 7pm

JV Girls Basketball

- 2/5: Christian HS (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/12:DuBourg 5:30pm
- 2/22: Herculaneum (AWAY) 5:30pm

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Cor Jesu



Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award

Congratulations to Tiffany Ly '24 who was Cor Jesu's 2024 recipient of the Archdioceses of St. Louis Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Award!

Alumnae Internship Networking Connections (INC) Success

In January, CJA welcomed college-aged alumnae back to campus for an afternoon of career preparation and networking with employers.

Upcoming Events

Cor Jesu Auction Saturday, February 3

Sports Highlight

Cor Jesu's Dance Team is on a roll! The team placed first in lyrical and second in poms at the Fort Zumwalt North High School Invitational.



Funderwear 20th Anniversary Recap

Together with St. Joseph's Academy, Cor Jesu celebrated two decades of the annual Funderwear Challenge. Both schools worked to collect as many socks, underwear and sports bras possible for the clients of the St. Patrick Center who were experiencing homelessness. It was the most successful year yet! Together the schools raised 64,393 items!





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Congratulations to Valeria Rodriguez '26 who received third place recognition in the annual Serra Club High School Vocation Essay Contest!

Congratulations to Grace Oliver '25! Grace's original play, "Two Men in a Bakery," was chosen for the Missouri State Thespian Conference's Page-to-Stage program!



Cor Jesu Sports - February

Varsity Basketball

- 1/30-2/3: Webster Winter Challenge TBD
- 2/6: MICDS 6pm
- 2/7: Incarnate Word 6pm
- 2/13: Whitfield (AWAY) 6pm
- 2/16: Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) (AWAY) 6:30pm
- 2/17: Jackson (AWAY) 12pm
- 2/19: St. Francis Borgia 7pm
- 2/20: Nerinx Hall (AWAY) 6pm

JV Basketball

- 2/6: MICDS 4:30pm
 - 2/7: Incarnate Word 4:30pm
- 2/16: Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) (AWAY) 5pm
- 2/17: Jackson (AWAY) 10:30am
- 2/19: St. Francis Borgia 5:45pm
- 2/20: Nerinx Hall (AWAY) 4:30pm

Freshman Basketball

- 2/6: Nerinx Hall 4pm
- 2/8: St. Joseph's Academy 4:30pm

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LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Mara Queen received a call back for the All-State Jazz Band, placing her among the top six bassists in the state.

She was selected as the sole bassist for the Metro 8 All-District Jazz Band, which qualified her for State, where she competed against 22 other musicians. And she's a freshman!



Coach Brian Lind logged his 300th career win as Lutheran South's head basketball coach. Coach Lind reached the milestone with a win against Valley Park earlier this season. A 1990 graduate and former player, Lind has coached the Lancers for 24 years with nine District Championships.



Savi Butterfield was named a high school Athlete of the Week by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Butterfield returned from a month-long injury by scoring 25 points to go along with four rebounds and four steals at a holiday tournament in Phoenix, Arizona. She then had a career-high 31 points and 10 steals in the next game and closed the tournament with 26 points, six steals, four rebounds and four assists.



The Lancerettes competed at the Fort Zumwalt North Invitational last weekend and stood out in a division of respected large schools! The girls placed 2nd in their Mix routine, and 3rd in Pom. The team will continue to prepare for their State competition in Kansas City next month.



The girls swim team is breaking records again! The 200 medley relay consisting of Reese Schelp, Ella Arbeiter, Grace Bollmeier and Aubrey Yancey broke a 17-year-old record with a time of 2:03.86.

Yancey, who is a freshman, also broke a record in the 100 backstroke by swimming it in 1:02.24 and went under a minute in the 100 butterfly tying the school record of 59.88.

Lutheran South Sports - February

Varsity Girls Basketball

- 2/7: St. Francis Borgia 7pm
- 2/9: MICDS (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/16: Principia 5:30pm
- 2/20: Francis Howell (AWAY) 5:30pm

JV Girls Basketball

- 2/2: Marquette 4:15pm
- 2/7: St. Francis Borgia 5:30pm
- 2/9: MICDS (AWAY) 4pm
- 2/20: Francis Howell (AWAY) 4pm

Freshmen Girls Basketball

• 2/1: Clayton (AWAY) 4:15pm

Girls Swimming

Districts TBA

Freshmen Boys Basketball

- 2/6: Affton (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/9: MICDS (AWAY) 4:15pm

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 2/1: Metro 6:30pm
- 2/6: Rockwood Summit 7pm
- 2/9: MICDS (AWAY) 7pm
 - 2/13: Christian HS (AWAY) 7pm
 - 2/16: Principia 7pm
- 2/20: St. Charles 6:30pm
- 2/23: Priory (AWAY) 6pm

JV Boys Basketball

- 2/1: Metro 5pm
- 2/2: Principia 5:30pm
- 2/6: Rockwood Summit 5:30pm
- 2/9: MICDS (AWAY) 5:30pm
 - 2/13: Christian HS (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 2/20: St. Charles 5pm

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Christ-centered education for students ages 2 years - 8th grade 12:1 student/teacher ratio

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Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated in making the February issue of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. We wish you all a happy and healthy heart month! See you in March!

Answers to Did You Know:

 Lupercalia, a fertility festival. The ancient festival honoring Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture and Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome.
The Notebook

2) The Notebook (from Kelly Kuehn- Readers Digest) 3) "My Funny Valentine"; Frank Sinatra (Yahoo News)