

LET'S HEAR FROM 123

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Do you know...

Fun facts...

The area that makes up St. Louis County was settled by French colonists in 1764. But in 1770, St. Louis was transferred to the Spanish, and then secretly passed back to France before the 1803 signing of the Louisiana Purchase in which made St. Louis apart of the United States.

(<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/visit-play/stlouis-history.cfm#:~:text=The%20town%20gained%20fame%20in,St.>)

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: www.afftonvolunteers.org



63123 in Motion

Picture courtesy of McKelvey & Fischer Homes



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Preserve on Mackenzie Road was attended by many community and business leaders including St. Louis County Executive, Dr. Sam Page, District 5 Councilwoman, Lisa Clancy, Missouri State Senator, Doug Beck, President of McKelvey Homes, Jim Brennan, along with many others who have been apart of the planning and building of this community. Santa Claus was even in attendance for this event!

Upcoming Events

- 1/28 Lutheran South Mini Cheer camp 1-4pm. Register at LSlancers.org/events
- 1/5 Bingo Seven Holy Founder's Parish Hall, 6pm
- Bingo every Tuesday St. Mark Church 6:30pm at Bandwagon Hall



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ACVO

(Affton Community Volunteers Organization)



Happy New Year from the ACVO team!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

Looking forward to 2023

We hope your life is filled with good health, happiness and plenty of fun.

Watch for events hosted by ACVO like Adult Water Fitness (Affton Pool) starting in early March and Breakfast with the Cougar Bunny, Saturday, April 1 and more.

Visit our website: www.AfftonVolunteers.org for more details and Volunteer opportunities.

"Volunteers are the Heart of our Community"

Ribbon cutting ceremony held at residential community

On Saturday, December 13 McKelvey Homes and Fischer Homes celebrated the much anticipated Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Preserve, a new residential community located on Mackenzie Road near Watson Road.

Jim Brennan, President of McKelvey Homes, stated; "Our plan is to make efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the site while creating the best residential community in St. Louis. We are thrilled with the progress of this innovative site, there is nothing like it in St. Louis County."

Designed with 189 homesites, The Preserve offers new homebuyers a chance to build in one of four distinct villages. McKelvey Homes is building in the Estates, the Glen, and the Villas. Fischer Homes is building in The Manors. Each village offers an array of products

appealing to a wide variety of purchasers. McKelvey Homes and Fischer Homes take pride in their ingenuity and creativity to bring the best there is to offer in new home construction.



For more information visit, McKelveyHomes.com and Fischerhomes.com websites.

ACFP Winter Pantry Requests

- Cereal
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Dry & Canned Beans
- Dry Pasta (no spaghetti please)
- Pasta Sauce - Tomato Paste - Manwich Sauce
- Meal Supplements (Hamburger Helper & Rice, Pasta, And Potato Sides)
- Baking Goods (Cake Mixes, Baking Ingredients, Spices)
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo



WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

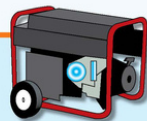
It can kill in minutes.

- Place portable generators **OUTSIDE** at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and vents.
- NEVER** use generators in the basement, shed or garage.
- Have **WORKING** carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

Fire Hazards

Give Space Heaters Space!

- Place space heaters **3 feet away** from flammable materials.
- Install smoke alarms on **EVERY** floor and in **EVERY** bedroom.
- Test** smoke alarms to make sure they are working. Replace batteries once a year.



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

This is a message from Affton Fire Chief Nick Fahs.

It is a very busy time for the fire department. Be safe and stay warm!

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

Under the Sea 30th Annual Awards & Dinner Auction Gala

February 4, 2023
6:00-10:00pm

Andre's Banquet Center
4254 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Come and help honor this year's award recipients at the Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Awards and Dinner Auction Gala.

Register at
afftonchamber.com/calendar.html



Presenting sponsor:
J & J Construction &
Remodeling St. Louis, LLC
jandjconstructionandremodelingllc.com

BINGO

St. Mark Catholic Church

2151 Lemay Ferry Road, 63125

Bingo

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the
Bandwagon Hall.

Seven Holy Founders Church

6737 Rock Hill Road, 63123

BINGO

First Thursday of each month with
doors opening at 4:30pm and
game at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Grant's Farm

7385 Grant Road - St. Louis, MO
314-843-1700 www.grantsfarm.com

See website for events.

9 Mile Garden

9375 Gravois Road - St. Louis,
MO 63123 - 314.390.2806 -
9milegarden.com

Although the food truck season is closed, there are still many fun things taking place at 9 Mile Garden.

- The Canteen is open Monday-Saturday 11am-Midnight and Sunday 10am-Midnight.
- Enjoy sporting events on the big screen TV, painting on rocks, cookie decorating and weekly trivia nights.
- Check the website to book a holiday party, reunion or event.
- Visit the website for more info.

Tower Tee

6727 Heege Road - St. Louis, MO
314.833.3322 - towertee.com

- It may be too cold for the Par 3 course, but there are still many things to do at Tower Tee.
- Fun for adults and kids: a driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, batting cages, bocce ball and more!

Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday-Sunday 10am-6pm

BREW

Building Relationships Empowering Women

January 18, 2023

5:30-7:30pm

Affton Community Center
9801 Mackenzie Road
St. Louis, MO 63123

Self Defense for Women

In-depth and hands on self-defense training with Officer Eric Austermann including how to escape a sexual assault. Officer Austermann is a current St. Louis County Police officer and former instructor at the police academy.

Must RSVP at afftonlemaychamber.com.

ACIA

(Affton Community Improvement Association)



We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that all your wishes came true.

Looking forward to 2023
We wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!

Everyone is welcome to join our meeting each month and help improve our community. We meet on the 4th Thursday at 11 am. Most meetings are held at the Affton Fire Station on Gravois Road (across from 9-Mile Garden).

This month's guest speaker is Grant's Farm president, Doug Stagman.

This month, a lite lunch will be provided, call Peggy Keilholz at 314-971-4768 to RSVP or if you need more information or to confirm location of meeting

SCHOOL UPDATES



AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT



On Tuesday, Dec. 6, Sheri Hogland-Brand, Gotsch Intermediate School fifth grade teacher, was recognized by the Affton Board of Education for receiving the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award from the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). In addition, St. Louis County declared it Sheri Hogland Day.

Gotsch Intermediate School won first place nationwide in the 2022 Unwrap the Waves candy wrapper drive following Halloween. The purpose of this initiative was not only to ensure students and community members have a means to recycle their otherwise non-recyclable candy wrappers, but also to raise awareness of the large amount of single-use waste produced from a single holiday.

Gotsch students collected 36,715 wrappers and competed against over 70 schools across the country. In total, all the schools collected over 700,000 wrappers! As their reward, Gotsch will name the next rescued sea turtle patient that is rescued at Loggerhead Marinelife Center.



On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, Affton High School invited six outstanding athletes back to their alma mater to recognize their achievements. Honorees include:

- Kevin Jackson, #6 Football, Class of 1987
- Julie (Hacker) Buehne, #34 Basketball, Class of 1985
- Markus Golden, #2 Football, Class of 2009
- Esmond Ford, Wrestling, Class of 2009
- Cheyenne Hoerr, Track & Field, Class of 2012
- Christopher Cox, #77 Football, Class of 1983 (not pictured)

"You have risen to levels of success starting with your time here at Affton High School, and take that knowledge, ambition, and commitment to success to the next level in life. We celebrate the history and traditions of the past in the ways we advise, coach, and encourage the students currently at AHS," said Dr. Deann Myers, Affton High School principal, during the ceremony. Learn more and find an album of photos at afftonschools.net.

Affton Home Sports Schedule January

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 1/5: Seckman 6:30pm
- 1/9: Windsor 6:30pm
- 1/20: Steam Academy 6:30pm

JV Basketball-Boys

- 1/5: Seckman 5:30pm
- 1/9: Windsor 5:15pm
- 1/20: Steam Academy 5:30pm

Freshmen Basketball-Boys

- 1/5: Seckman 4:15pm
- 1/9: Windsor 4pm
- 1/20: Steam Academy 4:15pm

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 1/25: Notre Dame 4:30pm
- 1/27: McCluer 6:30pm
- 1/30: Hancock 4pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 1/27: McCluer 5:30pm

Freshman Basketball-Girls

- 1/27: McCluer 4pm

Swim

- 1/9: Parkway Central 4:15pm
- 1/12: Webster Groves 4:15pm
- 1/19: Oakville 4:15pm
- 1/26: Washington 4:15pm

Wrestling-Boys

- 1/4: Parkway Central 5pm
- All the rest of their meets are away

Wrestling-Girls

- All their meets are away

SCHOOL UPDATES



Tiffany Maloney, an ELL Newcomer Specialist at Bayless, recently won the Office Essentials Makeover My Classroom Contest. She has a team of designers working to redesign her classroom and has a \$50,000 budget for HonCompany Furniture to go along with it. Look for the physical makeover in March.



Bayless found out this month its Scholar Bowl team was invited to the National Academic Quiz Tournament's Small School National Championship Tournament in April. The team was selected after several big performances at tournaments playing larger schools. The tournament is in Chicago at the end of April and includes 48 of the top small school teams in the nation. Freshman Elmedi Karamovic has been leading the way - placing third among individual scorers at the Sullivan Fall Tournament.



Second Grade teacher Kristen deJong recently became a National Board Certified Teacher. The certification is one of the most respected professional certifications in education.



New Years greetings

2022 was a momentous year for Bayless. With all of the improvements made, there's the chance for 2023 to be even better. The junior high addition will likely open within the first half of the year, signifying a big step forward in accommodating our growing student population. We hope you have a good start to your year and look forward to sharing what happens at Bayless!

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the Choir and Band at Bayless High School had their winter concerts - putting a cap on what has been a stellar fall semester for both programs.



Bayless Home Sports Schedule January

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 1/10: Valley Park 7pm
- 1/12: North County Christian 5:30pm
- 1/24: Brentwood 7pm
- 1/25: Principia 5:30pm
- 1/31: Maplewood 7pm

JV Basketball-Boys

- 1/10: Valley Park 4pm
- 1/24: Brentwood 4pm
- 1/31: Maplewood 4pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 1/23: Hazelwood East 4pm

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 1/4: Riverview Gardens 5:30pm
- 1/6: Confluence 5:30pm
- 1/10: Valley Park 5:30pm
- 1/23: Hazelwood East 5:30pm
- 1/24: Brentwood 5:30pm
- 1/31: Maplewood 5:30pm

SCHOOL UPDATES



Cor Jesu Academy had the pleasure of welcoming alumnae and their families to campus for the first Breakfast with Santa event since 2019. Visitors made Christmas crafts, played games, enjoyed a delicious pancake and egg breakfast, and of course met Santa Claus!



Thank you to Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski for celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Cor Jesu on December 8.

CJA's Annual Funderwear Game



The basketball game is **January 10th at 6pm at CJA vs St. Joe.** We are collecting socks, underwear, and sports bras for the St. Patrick Center beginning January 4th. We hope to pack the stands, and reclaim the pants and collect a record- breaking amount of donations for this wonderful cause!

COR JESU ACADEMY'S
44th ANNUAL AUCTION

Welcome Home!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

COR JESU ACADEMY STUDENT COMMONS GYM
10230 GRAVOIS ROAD • 63123

5^{PM} COCKTAIL RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION | 7^{PM} SIT DOWN DINNER | 8^{PM} LIVE AUCTION

\$150 PER PERSON ^{TILL} JANUARY 12, 2023. \$175 AFTER

Cor Jesu Academy's 44th Annual Auction is Saturday, February 4, 2023. To register to attend, volunteer or donate visit www.corjesu.org/auction.



Shoutout to CJA's Dean of Academics, Dr. Bohac, for spreading Christmas cheer on St. Nick's Day by passing out candy canes as students entered school!

Cor Jesu Home Sports Schedule January

Varsity Basketball

- 1/10: St. Joe 6pm
- 1/11: Oakville 6pm

Freshman Basketball

- 1/10: Visitation 4pm
- 1/11: Oakville 4:30pm

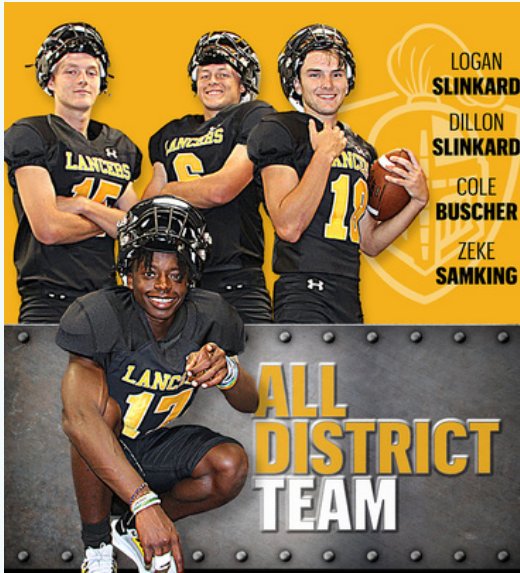
Swim

- 1/10: Affton/Ladue @ Ladue Horton 4pm
- 1/12: Lutheran South/MICDS @ MICDS 4:15pm
- 1/14: MICDS @ MICDS TBA
- 1/26: St. Joe @ Chaminade 4pm
- 1/29: Nerinx @ Ladue 1:30pm

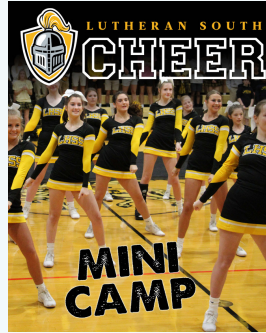
JV Basketball

- 1/10: St. Joe 4:30 pm
- 1/11: Oakville 4:30pm

SCHOOL UPDATES



Four Lancers were named to the Class 3 All-District Football Team. Quarterback Logan Slinkard, tight end Dillon Slinkard, and wide receivers Cole Buscher and Zeke Samking were all honored for their athletic skills.



Join us for Cheer Mini-Camp on Saturday, January 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Lutheran South Gym. Mini-Camp is open to students in grades K-8. Participants will learn cheers, a dance and stunts to be performed during halftime of the Lutheran South vs. Priory basketball game on Friday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt, bow, and snack at the clinic. Register at LSlancers.org/events.



After auditioning at the University of Missouri - Columbia, Lutheran South junior, Sam Caudell, has earned a spot in the 2023 Missouri All-State Band. He will perform at the Missouri Music Educators Conference at Tan-Tar-A.



Girls swimming is off to a great start. In addition to winning the first meet of the year, all three relays have already achieved state qualifying times. Junior Ella Arbeiter also qualified in the 50 free.



Several Lutheran South soccer players were recognized for their success on the pitch this season. Goalkeeper Jacob Offermann earned All-State, All-Region, All-District, and All-Conference recognition. Seniors Jose Gonzalez and Henry Brink were named All-District and All-Conference First Team and Hudson Butterfield earned All-District and All-Conference Second Team recognition. Junior Connor Terbrock received All-District Honorable Mention and All-Conference Second Team honors, and senior Joel Hoehner earned All-Conference Honorable Mention.



Three LuSo tennis players received Metro League All-Star nominations. Senior Emma Peper was named First Team All-Conference. Also, both Elise Hoehner and Lily Soetaert earned Second Team recognition.

Lutheran South Home Sports Schedule January

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 1/4: Parkway Central 7pm
- 1/14: Lutheran North 5pm
- 1/17: Affton 7pm

JV Basketball-Boys

- 1/4: Parkway Central 5:30pm
- 1/11: Whitfield 7pm
- 1/14: Lutheran North 2pm
- 1/17: Affton 5:30pm

Freshmen Basketball-Boys

- 1/11: Whitfield 5:30pm
- 1/14: Lutheran North 12:30pm
- 1/17: Affton 4pm

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 1/5: Lutheran South Tourney TBA
- 1/7: Lutheran South Tourney TBA
- 1/10: Rosati-Kain 5:30pm
- 1/14: Lutheran North 3:30pm
- 1/18: Parkway Central 7pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 1/10: Rosati-Kain 4pm
- 1/14: Lutheran North 2pm
- 1/18: Parkway Central 5:30pm

Freshmen Basketball-Girls

- 1/18: Nerinx 4pm

Swim-Girls (All AWAY)

- 1/5: Notre Dame 6pm
- 1/12: Cor Jesu 4:15pm
- 1/17: Affton 4:15pm
- 1/24: University City 4:30pm
- 1/27: Principia 4:15pm



SCHOOL UPDATES



SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5025 Lakewood Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63123
314-353-9242 - www.slcas.org

Salem Lutheran wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year's!



Happy New Year
2023



Holy Cross
ACADEMY

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



Thank you

**Our thanks to all who participated to make volume five of LET'S HEAR FROM 123.
Stay warm!
See you at the end of next month!**