

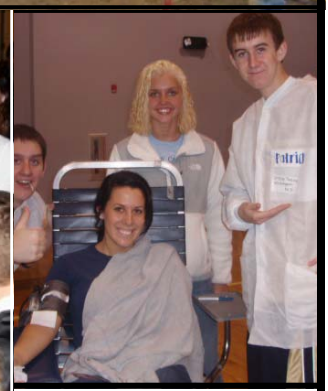
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Althoff Update

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Althoff Catholic's strength & future lie in its' Catholic heritage, excellent faculty, diverse backgrounds of students & high academic standards.



Dear Alumni, Parents, Friends and Donors,

- Mr. David L. Harris
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Director of Admissions
- Mr. John Rensing
Director of College Placement
- Mr. John Bouc
Director of Campus Ministry

Serving as principal of Althoff Catholic high school provides another opportunity for me to thank you for your support this past year. Your belief in Catholic education strengthens our impact within the Belleville diocese and surrounding communities.

Our Catholic identity remains visible and strong. The success of Althoff Catholic is evident in the good deeds of our students, the evolution of our academic programs, the community service performed and the accomplishments of our athletes. However, as a Catholic high school it is our obligation to continue teaching the Catholic faith. Our young people are growing up in a world very different than our own; a world filled with secular messages and complexities. Along with academic excellence, however, we are blessed with the greater privilege of teaching our students about God. This is what makes us different. This is what sets us apart. And this is a responsibility we take seriously.

Althoff Catholic is our Catholic high school and this is our community. It is an honor to be surrounded by so many people that want to be a part of the wonderful future that lies ahead. We are a school where students feel safe, can grow strong in their faith formation and are prepared to face the challenges of their adult lives. The potential of what can be accomplished when people with this common purpose come together and work together is amazing. My gratitude extends to those parents, grandparents, family members and volunteers who have sacrificed to make Catholic education a priority in this community.

Your generosity provides an opportunity for academic excellence in a faith filled environment. We thank you for your continued support.

God Bless,

David L. Harris, M.S.
Principal



Fueled by Family & Faith



RED QUILL AWARD

Althoff Catholic was one of four high schools in the State of Illinois to receive the ACT 2009 Red Quill Award.



ACT scores
The average ACT score for the class of 2010 was 23.3, higher than most high schools in the metro east. In comparison, the Illinois State average was 20.8 & the National Composite was 21.1.



CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Enjoy a day full of golfing fun & camaraderie

**23rd Annual Althoff Catholic Golf Classic
Wednesday, September 15th**

Clinton Hill Golf Course

Thank you to all sponsors, players, volunteers & committee members for your support & dedication.

Proceeds support Althoff Catholic High School education.



Special thanks to **Stephen Clement and Copper Bend Pharmacy**; Your generous support & sponsorship of the **Althoff Catholic 27th Annual Auction** is greatly appreciated!



SAVE THE DATE: 28th ANNUAL AUCTION

“A Breath of Fresh Air”

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Patti Bond, Lisa Bowman and Carol Sauerwein, the 2010 Auction Chairwomen, are asking for your help to make this year’s auction another “breathtaking” success! For more information, or if you would like to make a donation, please contact the Development Office at (618) 235-1124.



ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

The 45th Annual Benefit Dinner was held at Fischer’s Restaurant on November 18, 2009. Special thanks to **Glenn Schott** for serving as Master of Ceremonies. Additional thanks to **Cindy Horace** for creating the decorative centerpieces. Congratulations to the 2009 “Values & Vision” award recipients; **Mr. Andy Blassie, Mrs. Patty Guignon, & Rev. Raymond Orlet**.





ALTHOFF CATHOLIC FALL SPORTS

Football: 6 –4 season record

1st Team All-Conference—Paul Cefaratti (running back), Carson Sonnenberg (tight end), Ed Fink (offensive line & linebacker), Vinton Harris (defensive line), Sam Wahlig (defensive back); 2nd Team All-Conference—Brady Nowak (quarterback & punter), Sam Wahlig (wide receiver), Ryan Maitland (offensive line & linebacker), Sam Hanger (defensive back); Honorable Mention—Pat McGlynn (wide receiver) & Carson Sonnenberg (linebacker).

Girl's Volleyball: 28-9 season record

City Champs, 2nd Place at Belleville East Metro Classic, 2nd Place at Crossroad Classic, 5th at Muzzno Cup in Chicago, 5th at Tournament of Champions in St. Louis.

1st Team All-State—Carly Thomas; Most Valuable Player (conference)— Carly Thomas; 1st Team All-Conference— Carly Thomas, Madeline Nesbit and Maureen Nesbit; 2nd Team All-Conference—Hillary Keltner, Me' Ashah Nicholson & Megan Pawloski; Honorable Mention—Missy Muckensturm & Hannah Michaels.

Girl's Golf: 24-1 record

Won Mascoutah Tournament, won Belleville East Tournament & qualified for Sectionals as a Team

Kelsi Wuller qualified for State; 1st Team All-Area—Ashley VonAlst, Abbey Woods & Nicole Johnson; 2nd Team All-Area—Kelsi Wuller & Riley Keltner.

Boy's Golf: 20-3 record

Won St. Clair County Tournament, won O'Fallon Panther Classic & won Mascoutah Invitational; Placed 2nd in Regional play & 4th in Sectional play as a Team

James Leopold qualified for State; 1st Team All-Area—James Leopold & Sam Lidisky; 2nd Team All-Area—Austin VonAlst, Mason Wetzel & Pat Orlet.

Boy's Soccer: 11-9 record

Beat O'Fallon who was ranked #1 in the area.

1st Team All-Sectional— James Lewallen; Honorable Mention All-Sectional—Bobby Rowan; 1st Team All-Conference—James Lewallen, Vijay Brahmhatt, Zach Sommers & Bobby Rowan; 2nd Team All Conference— Ben Sauerwein, Luke Zabawa & Sean Hazelet; Hon. Mention All-Conference—Michael Turner & Dan Hernandez.

Cross Country set a school record by winning 31 individual plaques/medals; Jennie Gardner & Cullen Brant advanced to Sectionals; New Athens Invitational— Jennie Gardner placed 3rd & Erik Westlund placed 6th.

Girl's Tennis: 13-1 record

City Champs & Sectional Champs; 2 Doubles Teams qualified for State— Kelsey Porter & Jennifer Hipkiss and Allison Burnworth & Taylor Monken; All-Area 1st Team Doubles—Kelsey Porter & Jennifer Hipkiss.



Please support Althoff Catholic Fathers & Friends' Bingo every Monday evening at the Catholic Knights and Ladies of Illinois at 2800 North Illinois in Belleville, beginning at 7 p.m.

All proceeds benefit Althoff Catholic High School students.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

WITH YOUR COMPANY'S MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

You can multiply your personal gift by utilizing your company's corporate matching gift program. If your employer offers a matching gift program, take advantage of the opportunity to benefit the students of Althoff Catholic.

Don't forget to make your tax-deductible donation to the Althoff Catholic Annual Fund Drive, which helps to offset the cost of educating Althoff students.



THANK YOU MOTOMART

The "Fountain of Youth" campaign donated \$16,615.26 to Althoff Catholic High School



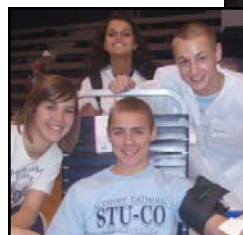
SERVICE TO OTHERS

Althoff Catholic students volunteer their time and talent at various school activities, including but not limited to, Freshman Orientation, Parent Night, Campus Ministry, Catholic Grade School visits, Open House, the Annual Golf Tournament, the Annual Benefit Dinner, the Althoff Catholic Placement Test, tutoring programs for peers and the Annual Auction. Althoff Catholic students also volunteer within the community for the Lions Club, St. Clair Medical Auxiliary Hands Free Program and St. Vincent de Paul Soup Bus to name a few.

Althoff Catholic students demonstrate their faith by helping others.



The Girls' Volleyball Team raised \$3,721 for the Side-Out Foundation on Dig Pink Night.



A Tradition of Excellence— Leave Your Legacy!

Leave your Althoff Catholic Legacy and ensure your gifts support the values and causes that are most important to you. Philanthropic planning is unique to each individual. To implement a successful plan, look into the various options available. Estate planning options include: Wills & Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Gifts of Life Insurance and Gifts of Stock. For more information, please contact Laura Durso, Director of Advancement, Althoff Catholic High School at laurad@norcom2000.com





CLASS REUNIONS

Are you planning a class reunion?

Let us know so we can post your reunion information on the Althoff Catholic website.

Send your reunion information to Amber Gaither, Director of Admissions, Althoff Catholic
 agaither@althoff.net



Alumni News:

- Dr. Chris Renner ('01) graduated Magna-cum Laude from Logan College of Chiropractic in December 2007. Dr. Renner & Amy (Benker '01) Renner were married in October 2008 and reside in Belleville.
- Neophansya "Niecey" ('95) & Stephen Robinson welcomed their 1st child, Morgan Sarai, on May 20, 2009
- Brad & Katie (Kloess) Kramkowski ('99) became proud parents for a 2nd time with the birth of Addison Grace on June 2, 2009. Tommy, born March 23, 2007, is excited to have a baby sister.
- Tom ('91) & Jessica Ysursa welcomed twins, Sophie & Ben, on June 2, 2009; they have two older brothers Drew-6 and Dylan-4.
- Jared ('97) & Adrienne (Gonzales '97) Neville are proud parents of twin boys, Rhett & Mackin, born on Father's Day, June 21, 2009. Jared is an account manager for Braun Medical. Adrienne teaches in the Edwardsville School District.
- John ('97) & Lauren Schifferdecker became proud parents of baby boy Barrett on June 25, 2009. John is a marketing analyst with Worlds Finest Chocolate. They reside in Northbrook, IL.
- Meghan (Sullivan '03) & Brett Duncan were married on June 27, 2009. Meghan is a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital (Omaha) and Brett is in his 4th year of medical school at The University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Mallory (Sullivan '05) & Andy Studebaker were married on July 11, 2009. Mallory is a substitute teacher and Andy is a linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs.
- Patrick ('01) & Jennifer Neville are proud parents of Kinleigh Marie, born July 12, 2009. Dr. Patrick Neville is a vascular surgery resident at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. Dr. Jennifer Neville is an internal medicine resident at the University of Cincinnati Hospital.
- Chris & Nicole (Honerkamp '98) Long became the proud parents of Ethan Christopher on July 29, 2009. They reside in Olathe, Kansas.
- Karen Jansen ('94) recently published a children's picture book titled "Mardi Gras in New Orleans - An Alphabet Book".
- Shawn ('96) & Kelly (Craig) Schaefer were married on September 6, 2009 in Jasper, IN. Shawn is a senior financial analyst for Masterbrand Cabinets and Kelly teaches 5th grade at Precious Blood School. They reside in Jasper, IN.
- Kari (Karban '99) & Josh Lane welcomed Kaeden Michael on January 15, 2010. They reside in Shiloh, IL. Kari is a speech pathologist for St. Louis Special School District. Josh teaches at Belleville East High School.
- Mike Guignon, Jr. ('04) is engaged to Kristin Ansteatt. They are planning a July 2010 wedding.
- Matt Lauber ('03) and Laura Cox are planning an August 2010 wedding.
- Danielle Durso ('02) is engaged to Paul Larsen. They are planning a June 2011 wedding.

SAVE THE DATE
2nd Annual Glenn Schott
Scholarship Golf Classic
 Saturday, May 1, 2010 • Clinton Hill Golf Course

- 4 - person scramble at \$100 per golfer (includes golf, golf cart, drinks & dinner)
- Shot Gun Start at 1:00pm
- Sponsorship Opportunities available
- **EARLY REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED!**
- Please help spread the word & recruit a new golfer or 4 - person team
- All proceeds go toward scholarships for Althoff Catholic students. Your participation in 2009 provided 3 - \$1,000 scholarships for incoming freshman! This year we would like to offer 4 - \$1,000 scholarships. Thank you for your support. We look forward to another day of golf, fun & camaraderie!

Contact Melanie Schifferdecker at mschiffer@norcom2000.com or 618-235-0154 for further event details.



PARTY IN THE CAFÉ
ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION
 Wednesday, November 24th, 2010

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

NOT a fundraiser!

We want Althoff Catholic Alumni to come back to celebrate our past & be a part of our future. Cathedral, Notre Dame, St. Teresa & Assumption Alumni Welcome.

Please Help Us Spread the News!



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Winter Althoff Update

SUMMER CAMPS

Starting—June 7th

Althoff Catholic will offer more than 20 different camps again this summer. More than 1,000 grade school and high school students participate in our summer camp program every year. Both academic and athletic camps are offered.

Improve your skills & make new friends!

Visit www.althoff.net

Career Day	March 30
Holy Thursday - no school	April 1
Good Friday - no school	April 2
Easter Monday - no school	April 5
Auction Set Up - no school	April 9
Auction	April 10
ACT Test	April 10
Model UN	April 13, 14, 15
Spring Musical	April 16, 17, 18
Senior Prom	April 30
Graduation	May 16