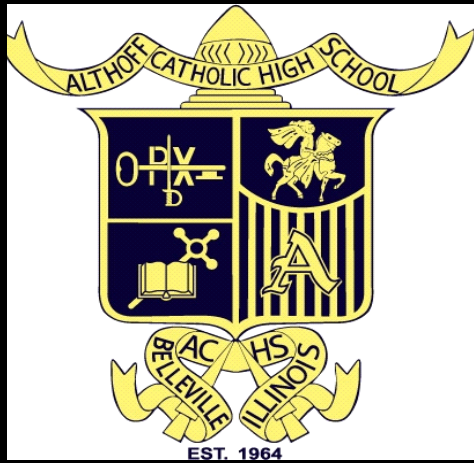


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# Althoff Update

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

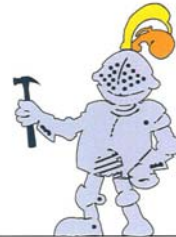


Our current facility has served us well. However, any facility that has served 9200 students these past 45 years requires renovation.



Girls Athletics raised \$10,000 to donate towards VISION 2009

It is fiscally responsible to update and renovate our current building to be more energy efficient.



It is academically responsible to offer the best technological curriculum possible to remain a viable choice for young families of future students.

- Mr. David L. Harris  
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- Ms. Janet Smith  
Vice Principal
- Mr. Greg Leib  
Vice Principal
- Ms. Jane Hendricks  
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Director of Admissions
- Mr. John Rensing  
Director of College Placement
- Mr. John Bouc  
Director of Campus Ministry

## Renovation improvements are underway .....

Our Crusader has his hammer in hand and is busy at work!!!

Goal: \$2.6 million

Current donor gifts and pledges = \$1.7 million

In order to complete the VISION 2009 Campaign, we encourage everyone to consider a pledge of \$300 over a three or five year period. We ask all alumni and benefactors to prayerfully consider pledging.....

**Join the many who believe in Catholic education, who believe in Althoff Catholic!!**



# Fueled by Family & Faith



**ALTHOFF ACTIVITIES**

- Seniors returned to class at the end of January after 3 weeks of senior service in various capacities . Students worked in local schools, alternative educational settings, nursing homes, hospitals, police departments, day care facilities, shelters, etc. while others traveled out of state and even abroad. Overall, every senior returned from their senior service project with a broader prospective of the world in which they live and a greater appreciation for the opportunity to serve others.
- The Althoff Catholic Grade School Academic Challenge took place on February 10th. With approximately 100 students from 9 local Catholic Grade Schools, Blessed Sacrament clenched 1st place, Queen of Peace finished in 2nd place and I.C.S. came in 3rd place. Individual awards were also provided based on performance. This was a perfect example of how a little, friendly academic challenge can be a great time! Congratulations Blessed Sacrament on your 1st place finish!
- The Althoff Catholic cast and crew performed “*Fiddler on the Roof*” based on the Sholem Aleichem stories for the Spring Musical. More than 650 area Catholic grade school students attended the matinee performances of “*Fiddler on the Roof*” on April 2nd. Evening performances were held on April 3rd, 4th and 5th, including the dinner theatre on Saturday evening.
- The Inaugural Glenn Schott Scholarship Golf Classic was held on April 18th at Clinton Hill Golf Course. Help Coach Schott raise funds for students to receive an Althoff Catholic High School education. The Glenn Schott Scholarship Golf Classic is scheduled to take place on May 1st, 2010. We hope to see you there.
- Grade School Band Festival was held at Althoff Catholic on April 29th & Science Olympiad on March 3rd & 10th.
- CAAD Club won 2nd Place in the Choice/RADD Grant and won \$800.
- Art Students participate in Art on the Square– Felicia Greiff won 2nd place at the exhibition & Annie Ferris received a merit award. Jenna Smith won Best of Show in the Next Generation Show at Soulard Art Market Gallery Exhibition.
- Catholic Grade School Picnic was hosted by Althoff Catholic High School on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. More than 1,200 students from Cathedral, SMSA, St. Teresa, Queen of Peace and Blessed Sacrament, in addition to parents, teachers, & administrators participated in the festivities. Althoff Catholic and the Picnic Committee Members envision this to be an annual event. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, ORGANIZATION & SUPPORT!**



- This summer, our very own Ann Beyersdorfer, Krystie Mueller, Kameron Richardson & Nick Turner will perform at the Muny; *Godspell* and *42nd Street*.
- FACULTY UPDATES:** Zaida Jones celebrated her 42nd year of teaching at Althoff Catholic. Ms. Barb Cadell was acknowledged by St. Louis University and the 1818 Program for 20 years of service. Sister R. Drone will be serving as a missionary in Liberia Africa at the conclusion of the school year.



**GOLFERS: GET OUT YOUR CALENDAR**

Enjoy a day full of golfing fun & camaraderie at the 22nd Annual Althoff Catholic Golf Classic— Wednesday, September 16th at Clinton Hill Golf Course. Thanks to the hole sponsors, players, volunteers & committee members for all of your support. All proceeds support Althoff Catholic High School education.





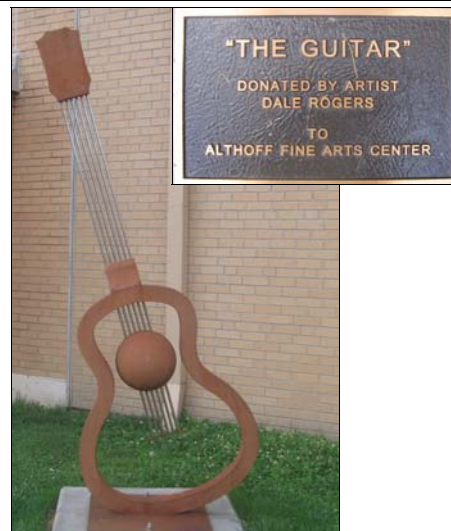
Special thanks to **Stephen Clement and Copper Bend Pharmacy**; Your generous support & sponsorship of the **Althoff Catholic 27th Annual Auction** is greatly appreciated!

### 27th ANNUAL AUCTION



Student Ambassadors earn service hours by working the Benefit Dinner

“The Fabulous 50’s” Althoff Catholic Annual Auction was held on March 21st. The event was lead by our passionate group of Chairwomen: **Patti Bond, Charmagne Higgins & Charleyne Coil-Walters**. Thank you for your continued generosity, goodwill and devotion to Althoff Catholic! Additional thanks to the auction committee leaders, committee volunteers and friends of the Althoff Catholic Mothers and Friends’ Club. Your role greatly contributed to the success of the 2009 benefit auction—our school’s largest fundraising event of the year.



### ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

The 44th Annual Benefit Dinner was held at Fischer’s Restaurant on November 12, 2008. Special thanks to **Pat Keefe** for serving as Master of Ceremonies. Additional thanks to **Cindy Horace** for creating the decorative centerpieces. Congratulations to the 2008 “Values & Vision” award recipients; **Mrs. Pat Halpin, Mr. John English & Rev. Msgr. Bernard Voss**. Save the date and attend our 45th Annual Benefit Dinner - Wednesday, November 18, 2009.



### 2009 SUMMER CAMPS

Althoff Catholic is offering 23 different camps this summer. Last year, more than 1,000 grade school and high school students participated in one or more camp. Both academic and athletic camps are offered. Improve your skills & make new friends:

Visit [www.althoff.net](http://www.althoff.net)



Rev. Msgr. Voss passed away on May 12th. We offer our most sincere condolences and prayers to his family and parish family. He will be deeply missed.

May he rest in God’s peace!



Honduras

SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS





The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



DO YOU HAVE FURNITURE THAT NEEDS A HOME?  
 CAMPUS MINISTRY could use some gently used furniture, specifically couches, loveseats, chairs and end tables. As you can imagine the furniture in Campus Ministry experiences daily wear and tear. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Mr. John Bouc, Director of Campus Ministry; [jbouc@althoff.net](mailto:jbouc@althoff.net) or 235-1100 #130.

**WHAT A YEAR FOR ALTHOFF CATHOLIC SPORTS**

**Girl's Volleyball:** IHSA Regional Tournament Champions. Carly Thomas made the USA Youth National Volleyball Team & will represent the USA in the World Championships this summer in Thailand.

**Girl's Golf:** 1st time City Champs, 1st Time Regional Champs, advanced to Sectional competition. Coach Tim Gehrs nominated Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

**Boy's Golf:** IHSA Regional Champs; Sam Lidisky (freshman) finished 31st at State. Coach Dan Polites nominated Boy's Golf Coach of the Year.

**Boy's Soccer:** IHSA Regional Champs.

**Cross Country:** Molly Thomas & Mary Claire McGlynn advanced to Sectionals.

**Girl's Tennis:** Won South Seven Conference; Won Belleville East Sectional; Qualified 2 doubles teams for State (Kelsey Porter & Jennifer Hipkiss and Alyssa Goetz & Nicole Kaltwasser) & tied for 35th in State IHSA Tournament. Coach Julie Howenstein nominated Girls Tennis Coach of the Year.

**Wrestling:** Two State Qualifiers- Ryne Harris & Jake Gregerson; Ryne Harris took 3rd at State.

**Boy's Basketball:** City, Regional & Sectional Champs; Elite 8; 1st Sectional Title in 15 years! Jeff Eaves inducted as a score keeper in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Coach Greg Leib recognized as All District Coach of the Year. Congratulations on a stellar season!

**Girl's Basketball:** South Seven Conference Champs.

**Bowling:** Varsity Boys team won the Cahokia Mounds Conference title, the South Seven tournament & placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Sectionals. Brandon Thompson (junior) bowled Althoff's first ever perfect 300 game.

**Hockey:** Team clinch their 2nd MVCHA 2A title in 3 years.

**Pom Pons:** Participated in IDTA's South Super-Sectional Competition at OTHS and returned with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishes—All 3 routines qualified for state; Placed 1st in Pom Dance at State Competition.

**Cheerleading:** Qualified for IHSA State Competition.

**Girl's Soccer:** South Seven Conference, Regional & Sectional Champs.

**Baseball:** Regional Champs; won their first Sectional game since the early 1990's.

**Softball:** Regional Champions.



Vacation Bible School hosted by Althoff



Freshman Orientation—Y Camp





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 2008-2009 Annual Fund Drive, which helps to offset the cost of educating Althoff students.

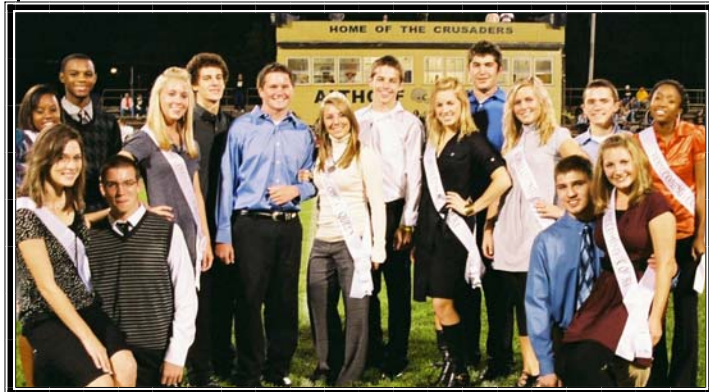


Holy Rosary Catholic Grade School Students

**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 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.



**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](mailto:laurad@norcom2000.com) or (618) 235-1124.





**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 at [agaither@althoff.net](mailto:agaither@althoff.net) or (618) 235-1124.

**Alumni News:**

**Kayce Lauf**, Class of 2004, was awarded the Thomas Woodall Graduate Student Award for “outstanding scholastic achievement in the area of Exercise Science... and is a person of outstanding character whose actions and conduct reflect with credit upon EIU and the Physical Education Graduate Program.”

**Margaret McGlynn** , Class of 2008, was acknowledged for her work in fighting malaria. USA Today also recognized her as a member of their All-USA Academic Team– 3rd Team!

**Laura (Reiniger) Kriska**, Class of 1999, was married in October 2003. They had their second child in December 2008.

**Jake & Katie (Hottenrott) Friederich**, Class of 1999, welcomed their first child, Sophia Lynne, on April 18th, 2008. The Friederich Family currently resides in Freeburg, Illinois.



**Emily (Scannell) Brune**, Class of 2000, got married in '06 to Bobby Brune of Cape Girardeau, Mo. Emily is a 2nd grade teacher in Jackson, MO & recently completed her Masters Degree in Elementary Education.

**Kelly (Fahey) Walker**, Class of 1989, married Todd Walker on November 15, 2004. Their son, Donovan, was born November 2, 2007.



Althoff Catholic Golf Classic

**ALUMNI..... WHERE ARE YOU?????**

Please let us know where you are, what you are doing and any other information regarding your marital status, family growth, education, employment, etc.....

We welcome submissions from alumni, proud parents & friends! Please send your news & photos by e-mail to [agaither@althoff.net](mailto:agaither@althoff.net) or mail your information to Althoff Catholic High School, c/o Development Office, 5401 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62226. Furthermore, any questions &/or concerns regarding the newsletter can be directed to Amber Gaither, Director of Admissions, at (618) 235-1124 or via e-mail.

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## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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**2009**

Althoff Catholic Summer Camps	June 8th thru August 15th
Book Sales	August 11th
Freshman Orientation	August 17th & 18th
First Day of Classes	August 19th
22nd Annual Althoff Catholic Golf Classic	September 16th
Althoff Catholic Open House	October 18th
45th Annual Althoff Catholic Benefit Dinner	November 18th
28th Annual Althoff Catholic Auction	April 10th