

Jamal Issac promoted to captain in St. Louis Fire Dept



Jamal Issac was promoted to the rank of fire captain in the St. Louis Fire Department. He has been assigned to Engine Company 32, located in Tower Grove South. He is a 20-year veteran of the department. A graduate of Hazelwood East High School, he obtained a Bachelors of Education Degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and taught six years in Saint Louis Public schools before joining the fire service in 1999.

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Four Local Schools Awarded Grants for Arts Education Projects

The Arts and Education Council and Maritz have awarded 14 area schools with grants to support classroom-based art projects during the 2019-2020 academic year. The program, administered by the Arts and Education Council, is funded by a \$25,000 gift from Maritz with additional support provided by individual donors. With these grants, this unique partnership between the Arts and Education Council and Maritz has generated over a quarter of a million dollars for art education across the bi-state region since 2009.

Local schools receiving Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers grants during the 2019-20 academic year are:

- Griffith Elementary (Ferguson) will provide instruments, books and supplies to students who wish to participate in the school band program by creating a fund for district-owned instruments in need of repair.
- Halls Ferry Elementary (Florissant) fourth grade students will learn how to play an instrument at a free or reduced cost. Students will learn flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion or tuba.
- Hazelwood West High School (Hazelwood) will present Writers Week, a four-day program that allows students, teachers and professional writers to present original stories, essays, poems and songs to the student body.
- Students from McCluer High School and Steam Academy at McCluer South Berkeley (Florissant) will work together to perform the

musical "Sister Act."

The Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers offers schools and teachers unique funding opportunities to support creativity in the classroom. Applications were reviewed by a community review panel at the Arts and Education Council's Centene Center for the Arts, an arts incubator in the heart of the Grand Center Arts District.

"The Arts and Education Council is proud to support educators who recognize the power of the arts to make a profound impact in students' lives across our region," said Cynthia A. Prost, Arts and Education Council president and CEO. "We are grateful to have a partner like Maritz who also recognizes the importance of the arts to strengthen students' core curriculum studies and build 21st-century skills like creativity, collaboration and critical thinking,"

"At Maritz, we are dedicated to empowering people to reach their full potential, and our philanthropic efforts reflect that same commitment," said Debbie Schirmer, Maritz community affairs director. "This year as Maritz celebrates its 125th anniversary, we are happy to continue our partnership with the Arts and Education Council through the Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers and provide individual teachers and schools the critical funding for art education projects that would otherwise go unfunded." For more information about the Arts and Education Council's grant



Handgun discovered in Hazelwood West student's backpack

HAZELWOOD, Mo. — A handgun and a magazine with bullets was found in a student's backpack this morning at Hazelwood West High School, according to a representative from the school district. A phone call was placed to parents this morning about the incident. The district is not treating the situation as a threat.

Administrators were notified about the weapon from a family member. The person told them that there was a student on school property with a weapon.

A school resource officer located the student in a classroom. The officer was eventually able to locate the backpack.

This matter is being handed over to the police for investigation. There was no lockdown at the school and no threat to other students.

FOX 2 has a reporter working on gathering more details on this story. They will be posted here when further information comes into our newsroom.

<https://fox2now.com/2019/10/25/weapon-discovered-in-hazelwood-west-students-backpack/>

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Gun, magazine found in student's backpack at Hazelwood West High School



HAZELWOOD, Mo. (KMOV.com) -- A student at Hazelwood West High School was pulled out of school Friday morning after a gun was discovered in his backpack.

Administrators received a tip from another student about the weapon. The notified police and removed the student from class.

The gun was not loaded, but there was a magazine inside the backpack. The student was removed from the school campus by police and now faces a discipline hearing. The student faces suspension and/or expulsion.

https://www.kmov.com/news/gun-magazine-found-in-student-s-backpack-at-hazelwood-west/article_f98cbf02-f73e-11e9-9767-d3f2e3cfa8f6.html

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