

# OSF Saint Anthony's Free Back-To-School Summer Send-Off Is Saturday

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ALTON – OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton will have one last celebration before school starts on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event is open to the entire community. There will be a fire truck, MICU ambulance, UPS truck, K-9 unit, shark dissection, vaping danger education and many more fun activities. Hot dogs and snow cones will be available. School supplies including paper, pens, pencils and crayons will be available to the first 300 kids ages 4-12.

OSF Saint Anthony's is hosting this event to build up the community after a difficult couple of years. OSF Mission Partners (employees) hope to educate and provide services to kids in their community through fun games and family activities. Some competitions include a self-portrait contest and bean bag toss.

**The event is sponsored by Dwight and Cheryl Werts in partnership with:**

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