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## FREE Documentary Film: **RIGHT TO READ**



Dr. Josh Englehart, Superintendent of Painesville City Schools, has arranged for a free viewing of the film **Right to Read!**

When: **Tuesday, Sept. 19th 2023 at 6pm**  
Where: **Harvey High School auditorium**

There will be incentives for attending to include books and writing supplies for all ages.

This is a compelling 80-minute documentary that exposes the nation's literacy crisis through the lives of NAACP activist Kareem Weaver, rookie first-grade teacher Sabrina Causey, Oakland children and children across the country.

This is a **MUST SEE** for Parents!!

## Red Cross Launches **SICKLE CELL BLOOD DRIVE!**



### Your blood saves lives!

The Red Cross has launched a blood drive specifically to increase the supply of blood needed for persons with sickle cell anemia.

This is a devastating disease that affects more than 100,000 people of color across the United States. Sickle Cell Anemia is a chronic life-long disease that can cause extreme pain, frequent infections, vision impairment, organ damage and death.

Sick Cell requires ongoing blood transfusions to replace the rapidly dying red blood cells caused by the disease. The donated blood must be a very close match to the patients' blood.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Matching blood types for Sickle Cell patients is **27 times** more likely when the donor is a person of color!

**Please consider donating, it truly is giving the gift of life!!**

### **DONATION Dates & Locations:**

Monday, September 11th: First Church Congregational  
12 PM – 5 PM (22 Liberty St.)

Monday, September 25th: Lake County YMCA  
1 PM - 6 PM (933 Mentor Ave.)

Tuesday, October 3rd: St. Mary Church  
9 AM – 2 PM (242 N. State St.)

For additional dates & locations go to: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

## Why Should I Vote! November 7, 2023: A Critical Day in Ohio Law Making History



We just get done making a special effort to get out and vote for the August 8th special election and now we're told we need to do it again! REALLY? .... **YES, REALLY!** Here's why:

- 1) August 8th clearly demonstrated that our voices **ARE** heard when we work **together!**
- 2) It truly is a privilege to have the opportunity to influence how you are governed. A lot of people have fought and even died trying to get the right to vote - we shouldn't overlook this.
- 3) There are 2 issues on the November Ballot. Each of them can generate strong responses:
  - Reproductive Rights: should reproductive rights be in the hands of the individual?
  - Marijuana: Should recreational marijuana be legal in Ohio?

Regardless of your position on either of these issues, **if you don't vote, you just gave a vote to the opposing position!**

**Remember! VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER:  
Tuesday, OCTOBER 10th**

For more information go to: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/>

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### Lake County NAACP Launches W.I.N. Group



August 29, 2023 a dynamic and committed group of women quietly got together to make a commitment to themselves, each other and our community. Their commit is to support each other and work together to make our community stronger and better. The priorities they identified are:

- Increase NAACP membership so more can be achieved in our community.
- Increase voter registration and provide education regarding the issues on the November, 2023 ballot to help ensure that everyone understands that their individual vote is truly important.
- Focus on helping to improve the quality of education for all grades, including pre-school — and particularly for reading and math.
- To provide support, encouragement, guidance and mentoring to parents and families. Helping them address their most immediate and pressing needs so they better enabled to help with the education of their children.

Women welcome to join! Regular meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. 6:30PM — 8:30PM LOWER LEVEL of 8 N. State St. Painesville, Ohio 477

### Membership Meeting Highlights From August 19, 2023

- NAACP to focus on highlighting positive changes in Lake County Criminal Justice system
- NAACP & Painesville to sponsor Community Engagement Climate Action Planning
- New Branch Health Chair developing framework
- Branch Re-launches Youth Group initiative

**Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 21st, 5:30PM — 7:30PM  
Rider's Inn 792 Mentor Ave. Painesville, Oh**

### Please join us and invite a friend!

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**Please share this newsletter with a friend and encourage them to join the NAACP!  
Working together for the betterment of our community.**

Join online at: <https://naacp.org/>