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PRINCIPAL LOURDES LAMBERT



Dear Families,

As we celebrated All Saints' Day this week, I am reminded that there are saints that walk among us every day. Ordinary people sent by God to us to remind us to be grateful, faith filled and to always strive for better in all we say and do. These models of faith and encouragement are essential to us for they help us in the difficult times and remind us to enjoy the journey in spite of the bumps in the road.

Unbelievably, we have already completed the first quarter, and the second quarter is in full swing. Please be reminded that we are your partners, and we are here to help. As we continue on the road towards semester exams, it is important that both you and your child feel comfortable with where he or she is, and that you both feel prepared for the exams in December. Please remember that the semester grade seen on transcripts is calculated by the following formula:

1st quarter (40%) + 2nd quarter (40%)
+ semester exam (20%) = semester
grade

We are always happy to meet with you to come up with a plan for success in preparation for the end of the second quarter, and the semester exams.

As we turn our attention to the month of November, my goal is to dedicate myself to intentionally live the next month in gratitude for all we have and all we are. We have so many examples around us of God's grace and beauty surrounding us every day, but I know I don't always appreciate them even when they are right in front of me. Part of my intentionality for this next month includes praying the prayer found below every day, and including special intentions along with it.

Know that you are loved and appreciated daily. Count on my prayers for all of you and know that I am so thankful to walk with you on this journey.

With a grateful heart,
Lourdes Lambert
Principal

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

GOD OF LIFE, GOD OF LOVE, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE ME EACH DAY. YOU HAVE BLESSED US INTO BEING, AND GRACED OUR LIVES WITH FAMILY, LOVE ONES AND FRIENDS.

YOU SHARE WITH US DAILY THE WONDERS OF CREATION –THE EARTH, SEA AND BEAUTIFUL SKY, PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF EVERY COLOR AND KIND.

HELP US, WE PRAY, TO APPRECIATE EVERY PERSON AND EVERY THING AS A GIFT FROM YOU. STRENGTHEN IN US A DESIRE TO HOLD ALL OF LIFE IN AWE AND RESPECT. SHOW US HOW TO RECEIVE GRATEFULLY AND SHARE GENEROUSLY, ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE IN NEED.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR GRACE, WE PRAY FOR DEEPER GRATITUDE IN YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

REMINDERS

School Office Hours:

7:30 a.m.- 3:45 p.m.

Spirit Shop Hours

Wednesdays:

10:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

3:05 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Café Menu

Please click here to
view the menu for
next week.

HSPT

The HSPT Test will be held on November 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please click the link below to sign up for one of our HSPT Prep

Class dates:

[CLICK HERE](#)

FACTS Grant & Aid

Please click the link below to see information about our FACTS Payment Plans and Grant & Aid Financial Needs Assessment. Assessments are due Thursday, December 1, 2022, for priority award determination.

[CLICK HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADERS

For questions, please contact: admissions@alterhs.org 937-434-4434

Register today! alterhs.org/admissions

HSPT PREP CLASSES

November 12: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HSPT TEST DAY

November 19 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

APPLICATION, SCHOLARSHIP & FACTS GRANT & AID DEADLINE: December 1, 2022

KNIGHT OF CELEBRATION: February 23, 2022

CLASS OF 2027 SCHEDULING NIGHT: March 2, 2023

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: March 30, 2023 & April 20, 2023

Our Shadow Days are currently full, but we are accepting students to be added to our waiting list.
Please email admissions@alterhs.org or call 937-428-5394 to be added!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Meet Heather Dunn

Hello, Alter Knights community! My name is Heather Dunn and I am the Director of Campus Ministry. I hail from Georgia where I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. Upon graduation, I volunteered in Colorado, then took a leap of faith to pursue my master's degree in Pastoral Ministry at the University of Dayton. I have spent the last 15 years as the youth minister at St. Charles Borromeo. I am blessed to be married to Danny Dunn and we have three boys: Caleb (12), Micah (9), and Jacob (6).

As I began my job at Alter in July, I worked to continue much of the holy work that has been done before me. Since the school year began, I have had several "firsts": Freshman First Day, Kairos, and we sent the first group of juniors on their retreat. I have observed and witnessed the faith of the young people, faculty, and staff, and I am inspired every day. I have been warmly welcomed, and I thank you for that.

Each day, I pray for this community and for all your needs. At school, we have a prayer box and a book of intentions and anyone is welcome to submit a prayer request through the website.

Submit Prayer Request

Please reach out if there is anything I can do to help foster faith in your family. I am eager and humbled to be a part of your faith journey. Thank you for all your love and support!

Faithfully,
Heather Dunn

All Saint's Day & All Soul's Day Services

This week, the Alter Knights participated in both the Solemnity of All Saint's Day at Mass and an All Soul's Day Prayer Service in our Chapel.

Our **All Saint's Day Mass** provided the opportunity to gather and pray for the intercession of the Saints. Although many of the known Saints have their own feast day during the year, the Catholic Church remembers all through the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1. The day offers an opportunity to commemorate all Saints' accomplishments and to pray to them, asking for their intercession. The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope as all lived on earth and were faithful to Christ's teaching.

On November 2, students held Prayer Service during Theology class for the feast of **All Soul's Day** which marks a time to remember those who have died and are in the pursuit of heaven. It is a day of almsgiving and prayer in recognition of those in purgatory. We pray for the journey of all people, especially our loved ones and relatives who have recently passed away. Students were able to submit names of those they have lost in their lifetime and family members during the last year. We read and placed the names of those lost in the last year at the altar in our Chapel to pray for them for the entire month of November. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

GUIDANCE



Nicole Sutter



Kristen Hammaker



Shannon Brown

What's Happening in our Guidance Office?

Our seniors are keeping the Guidance office extra busy, as an astounding 90% of the senior class have turned in their "yellow folders" to date. Please be aware that we have one final deadline prior to Christmas break. Students need to ensure that all the application information, for which they are responsible, is submitted before individual school deadlines. Way to get a jump start on college applications, seniors!

***Reminder* Any application that needs to be mailed before Christmas break must be received in the Guidance office by Tuesday, November 15. The Guidance office and school will be closed from December 21 to January 4.**

All known scholarship opportunities are readily available to view on Naviance. A list of those scholarships can be found in the "Scholarships & Money" section under "Colleges." As we approach the New Year, scholarships will continue to be added to Naviance.

If you have questions regarding this often-stressful process, please speak to one of the counselors, Ms. Sutter, or Mrs. Balent in the Taylor Center.

If any student is experiencing academic challenges in the classroom, contacting the teacher directly for help is the best way to find a resolution. Parents and students are always welcome to speak with the counselors about any concerns by calling or emailing the Guidance office.

TAYLOR RESOURCE CENTER

Taylor College Resource Center Update:



Mrs. Kati Balent took over the role as the Director of the Taylor College Resource Center this year. After 11 years of school counseling experience, she is ready to help students and parents tackle the question of “what to do after high school.” She is also the test coordinator for Alter. The Taylor Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, however Mrs. Balent is available via email on days that it is not open.

Seniors are encouraged to stop by with any college application questions or concerns. You can research schools, application requirements, common application questions, and more. **Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors** will get more information about the Taylor Center through classroom visits as the year progresses, but are welcome to stop in any time.

There are four more National ACT testing dates for the 2022-2023 school year.

Seniors should have at least one test completed from spring of their Junior Year. If a student is applying to a university that allows ACT scores from this year to be submitted, consider taking the December test at the latest. Juniors will take the ACT (at no cost) at Alter during the school day in the spring. Juniors can also take the test on a national test day if they choose. Make sure to check admissions requirements of universities, as many no longer require ACT tests to be submitted as part of an application.

Test Date: December 10, 2022	Registration Deadline: November 4, 2022
Test Date: February 11, 2023	Registration Deadline: January 6, 2023
Test Date: April 15, 2023	Registration Deadline: March 10, 2023
Test Date: June 10, 2023	Registration Deadline: May 5, 2023

We also have a program that provides information for parents helping their kids through the college application process called “My Family’s First.” To sign up for “My Family’s First” emails or for questions regarding standardized testing contact Mrs. Kati Balent at Katharine.balent@alterhs.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Scholarship Recognition Breakfast

Over 220 people attended Alter's annual Scholarship Recognition Breakfast to honor our scholarship benefactors who awarded 107 total scholarships to 81 students for the 2022-2023 school year. We were excited to see 55 of our generous benefactors, students, and parents gathering and getting to know each other. We heard from Principal Lambert and one of the benefactors of the Kurt Murnen Memorial Scholarship, Jay Murnen. He spoke to all students in his closing remarks saying, "by being here today and receiving your various scholarships, you are already great examples of what it is to be a Knight. But this and being a Knight won't end when you walk out those doors. At some point in your lives, you might be in a position when it is your time to give back to the Alter community. Remember your scholarship donors for what you have received, so future Knights can continue to receive the same opportunities that you have."

Three amazing students – sophomore Connor Watkins, junior Diya Percy and senior Kailey Smith – also spoke about their Alter experience and appreciation of being scholarship recipients. Kailey Smith summed it up with her opening statement, "When I think of Alter, there is only one word that comes to mind, and that is 'home.' When I am walking down the halls, I feel like I am right where I am supposed to be."



Marc Mero Presents at Alter

Alter welcomed speaker Marc Mero to present to students, faculty and staff on November 2. Mr. Mero's school presentations focus on the power of the choices each person makes and how those choices not only impact their life but the lives of those around them. He particularly enjoys working with schools who have a Hope Squad as that is an organization near and dear to his heart. Mr. Mero was brought to us by the generosity of Baird Cares, through the chair of our Board of Trustees, John Bradley.



THE ARTS

The Marching Knights

Congratulations to the Alter Marching Knights for their 1st place finish at the Centerville Invitational Saturday. They also received awards for: Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, Outstanding General Effect and were voted the Fan Favorite.

The Marching Knights will go to their 9th Mid States Band Championship on Saturday, November 5, in Independence, KY. The following weekend, they will be in Indianapolis as they continue their quest to be National champions.



Castle Players

Please review the flyer for THE ANXIETY PROJECT. [CLICK HERE](#) for the cast list and don't forget to mark your calendars for November 21 when tickets go on sale to the public.

THE ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS
PROUDLY PRESENT

THE ANXIETY PROJECT

Book and Lyrics by David Brush
Music by Rachel Dean

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 2:00 PM

Directed and Choreographed by Megan Wean Sears
Music Directed by David Brush

TICKETS
Tickets go on sale November 21
Alter Activity Passes Accepted
Tickets are sold through alterhs.booktix.com
Box Office: 937-660-8976

\$15 Adults
\$12 Senior/Students/Military

Original Orchestrations by Benedict Braxton-Smith
THE ANXIETY PROJECT was previously developed in part through OCOTC (Lindsey A. Mercer), New York Film Academy, The Phoenix Theatre Company, Arizona State University Music Theatre & Opera (Brian DeMaris, Robert Harper) and Gotta2 Productions of Tokyo. Additional support provided by the Herberger Institute for Design in the Arts and Michael P. Brush.
THE ANXIETY PROJECT is presented through special arrangement with Dean & Brush Music.
www.deanandbrush.com

For up to date Castle Players information visit alterhs.org/theatre

ATHLETICS

Boys' and Girls' Golf

Both boys' and girls' golf teams had amazing seasons this year, highlighted by a boys' Division II State Championship. Special Congratulations to junior Davis Gochenouer awarded as the individual State Champion and sophomore TJ Kreusch who finished 2nd in the State Championship.

The girls' team competed at State finishing in 10th place overall. We are so proud of all our outstanding Knights!



Girls' Soccer

Congratulations to girls' soccer after beating Madeira 3-0 on Tuesday night in the Regional Semis. They will face Cincinnati Country Day at Monroe High School in the Regional Finals on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can only be purchased online. **[Click Here to Purchase Tickets.](#)** Good luck and Go Knights!



Football

WHO: Taft Senators

WHEN: Friday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Willard Stargel Stadium, 501 Ezzard Charles Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45214

PARKING/ADMISSIONS INFO: Parking is \$5 (cash only) and will be available at the Hays Porter Elementary parking lot. This lot is accessible from Clark St. or West Court St. Every spectator will enter the stadium through the same gate at the corner of Ezzard Charles Dr. and John St. Once tickets are scanned, everyone will be wanded, and bags will be checked at the security station. All pocket knives, tobacco, and other similar, unapproved items will be confiscated prior to entry into the stadium.

TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased online only.

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)



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Boys' Soccer

The boys' soccer team had a great season and finished their season at 11-4-3. They were G.C.L. Champions and made it all the way to District Semifinals where they fell to Oakwood 2-3 in overtime. It was an incredible year and a season to be incredibly proud of!



**CONGRATULATIONS
KNIGHTS!**



**2022 BOYS SOCCER
GCL CHAMPS**

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Cross Country

It was an exciting finish for the 2022 Alter Cross Country season. On Saturday, October 29, Tyler Simpson and Ellen Khong ran a tough course with strong competition at the D2 Region 8 meet at Troy Memorial Stadium. Tyler ran a 17.59 to finish 40th out of 109. Ellen ran 21.00 to finish 38th out of 99. Congratulations to Tyler and Ellen!



Girls' Tennis

Congratulations to the Girls' Tennis team!

Awards being presented at the Alter banquet included:

TEAM AWARDS:

Maggie Shope-MVP award
Alana Baker-Coaches award
Annie Gayonski-Knight Award
Annie Schaefer-Rudy award
Chelsea Hoskins-Most Improved award

SELECTED FOR ALL GCL TEAM:

Maggie Shope-1st Team singles
Annie Gayonski-1st Team singles
Annie Schaefer-2nd Team singles
Alana Baker and Chelsea Hoskins-1st Team doubles

MVTCA ALL AREA TEAM:

Maggie Shope-1st Team singles
Alana Baker and Chelsea Hoskins-1st Team Doubles

Annie Gayonski-3rd Team singles
Annie Schaefer-3rd Team singles
Lauren Phillips and Molly Trombley-3rd Team Doubles

Charlie Painter-DII Coach of the year
Karen Painter-DII Assistant Coach of the year

Congratulations to the team on a great season!



Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to Girls' Volleyball team as they finished their season 13-12 and had a nice playoff run after falling to Summit Country Day in the District Finals. Great job Lady Knights!



Hockey

The Knights hockey team is ready for the 2022-23 season. Practice began October 17. Games start mid-November. If you're interested in playing, or would like more information, please email Angie Mahoney at mahoney1021@yahoo.com.



Swim

The Alter Swim Team is excited for the start of the 2022-23 season. Practices began November 1 at the West Carrollton YMCA. Practices are Monday - Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. If you are interested in swimming for Alter, please email alterswimteam@gmail.com to get all of the details.

Current swimmers can order spirit wear at alterswim22.alleycatstore.com. The deadline to place your order is midnight November 13. Looking forward to a great season. Go Aquaknights!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Boys' Basketball Knights TV Livestream Schedule:

December 2 @ Home vs. Badin
 December 6 @ Fenwick
 December 13 @ Fairmont
 January 10 @ Beavercreek
 January 12 @ Home vs. Finland
 January 24 @ Home vs. Fenwick
 January 27 @ Home vs. CJ (Centerville)
 February 3 @ Home vs. McNicholas
 February 4 @ Home vs. Edgewood
 February 9 @ Home vs. Carroll



2022-23

Alter Men's Varsity Basketball "Mid-Knight Madness"

Who: All Alter Fans
 Students, families, alumni, & future Knights!
What: The Tip-Off to the 2022-23 Basketball Season
When: Sun, Nov 20, 2022 4:00-5:30pm
Where: Alter's Joe Petrocelli Gym
Cost: Free Admission

**"Tip Off" is at
4pm sharp!**

Highlights

- Alter Principal Lourdes Lambert
- Featuring legendary Hall of Fame Coach Joe Petrocelli
- Head Coach Eric Coulter & His Staff
- The Alter Knights Men's Varsity Basketball Team
- The Alter Basketball Cheerleaders
- Performance by the Alter Lancerettes.

Come join the Coaches, the Players, the Cheerleaders, the Band,
& the Lancerettes to help the Knights kick off another historic season!



SAVE the DATE

Grandparents' Thanksgiving Mass

November 22

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Meet & have photos taken in the gym.

10:00 a.m.
Mass at St. Charles



**Please don't forget to
RSVP by Tuesday,
November 15, to
advancement@alterhs.org
or (937) 428-5331.**

Come watch:

- The "Brown & Gold" game
- The 3-Point Contest, Knockout, & real basketball skill drills.
- The Alter Cheerleaders
- The Lancerettes Performance
- ...and so much more!



All that glitters is gold!

60th

ALTER HIGH SCHOOL
DIAMOND JUBILEE

SAVE THE DATE
March 31, 2023

Carillon Park – Eichelberger Room

SPONSORSHIP & TABLE RESERVATIONS
WILL OPEN SOON!

Alter High School's 60th Diamond Jubilee will raise funds to improve our athletic facilities, mental health offerings, and school safety enhancements.

By generating support and funding for these initiatives, we will be able to match Alter's quality athletic performances with equally outstanding facilities.

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE OUR
DIAMOND JUBILEE & 60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
AT ALTER

Alter School Calendar

2022-2023

AUGUST

11/12: New Teacher Orientation
15: Teacher Workday
16: Teacher Workday
17: Freshman First Day
(½ retreat & ½ school info)
18: First Day All Students
18: Fairmont Football Game
24: Meet the Teacher Night

SEPTEMBER

2-4: AlterFest
5: Labor Day – No School
12: AlterFest – Day Off
14: All School Mass
16: Homecoming Game
17: Homecoming Dance
20-23: Kairos
24: Open House
24: Band BOA Toledo
25-26: Junior Retreat
28: Underclass Pictures &
Senior Panoramic
30: 60th Anniversary of Alter's
Opening Dedication

OCTOBER

1: Turnabout
6-9: Fall Play
7: End of the First Quarter
11: All School Mass
12: PSAT/ACRE
14-16: Band to Tennessee
18: Open House
20: No School, Parent Conferences –
11am-7pm
21: No School
28: Scholarship Breakfast

NOVEMBER

1: All School Mass
2: Prayer Service
3: Open House
10: Knights of Gratitude
10-12: Band @ BOA Nationals
15-18: Kairos
19: High School Placement Test
22: Grandparents Day /
All School Mass
23-25: Thanksgiving Break – No School
28: Giving Tree Assembly

DECEMBER

1: Application, Financial Aid,
Scholarship Deadline
8: All School Mass
8-11: Winter Musical
13: Band Concert
15: Exams 1 and 2 – Noon Dismissal
16: Exams 3 and 4 – Noon Dismissal
19: Exams 5 and 6 – Noon Dismissal
20: Exams 7 and 8 – Noon Dismissal
21: Teacher Work Day /
Exam Make-Up Day
22– Jan 4: Christmas Break – No School

JANUARY

4: Teacher Work Day
5: First Day of Second Semester
(Thursday)
6: All School Mass
8-9: Junior Retreat
16: Martin Luther King Day –
No School
24-27: Kairos
29-30: Junior Retreat
Jan 30-Feb 3: Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

Jan 30-Feb 3: Catholic School Week
3: Winter Pep Rally
4: Alter's Got Talent
7-8: IOWA Testing
13-16: Week of Giving
17-20: Presidents Day Weekend –
No School
22: Ash Wednesday Mass
25: Mother-Son Shindig
28: Sophomore Retreat

MARCH

4: Father-Daughter Dance
9: End of 3rd Quarter
10-13: No School
15: All School Mass
16-19: Spring Musical
21-24: Kairos
23-26: Spring Musical
28: ACT Juniors Only in Attendance
31: 60th Diamond Jubilee

APRIL

1-5: Senior Trip
6: Holy Thursday – Prayer Service
7: Good Friday – No School –
Easter Break
10-14: Easter Break – No School
19: All School Mass
21: Hall of Fame Assembly
& Induction
25: Freshman Retreat
26: Band Concert

MAY

3: Band Concert
4: Pep Rally / Student Council Elections
5: Sophomore Surprise
6: Prom / Freshman Formal
9: All School Mass
11-12: 2-Hour Delay / Academic Awards
19: Senior Awards Assembly – Gym
19: Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner
20: Graduation, Trent Arena – 9:30am
22: Exams 8 and 7 – Noon Dismissal
23: Exams 6 and 5 – Noon Dismissal
24: Exams 4 and 3 – Noon Dismissal
25: Exams 2 and 1 – Noon Dismissal
25: End of Semester
26: Teacher Work Day

