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Dear Families:

Happy New Year! I pray your Christmas holiday was both peaceful and joyous. As we welcome 2023, we have so much to look forward to at Archbishop Alter High School. In our immediate future is a week of celebration at the end of January for Catholic Schools' Week as well as our Week of Giving in February that will offer us an opportunity to spread the Alter love in conjunction with Valentine's Day.

As we settle into our new schedules, set new goals, and resolve to do better and be better this year, we are also aspiring to do great things at Alter. Our Board of Trustees continues to work diligently on our strategic plan which specifically calls for facilities improvements at our school. If you have visited campus in the last month or so, I hope you have noticed our turf field being replaced. Our Spring sports will be the first to experience and enjoy the new turf. In addition, we have been garnering support for the possibility of our next big project that we hope will include security improvements, a gym renovation, new locker rooms, and an expanded stadium and auxiliary gym. Our Board members may be reaching out to you to get your thoughts on what our school needs, and if you think our plan will meet those needs. Ultimately, we strive to provide facilities that match the talents of our students so we may continue to serve our community for many years to come. The kick off event for these facilities improvements is our Diamond Jubilee 60th Anniversary Celebration on March 31st, and I certainly hope you will join us in celebrating the last 60 years as we dream and plan for the next 60 years. This night will truly be an event focused on the faith, pride and spirit that personifies what it means to be an Alter Knight.

So, cheers to good health and good times in the coming year. I pray that it is the best year yet for Archbishop Alter High School, our students, our families, our faculty and staff, our alumni, and the wonderful community who loves and supports us daily!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert
Principal

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](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADERS

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

KNIGHT OF CELEBRATION: February 23

CLASS OF 2027 SCHEDULING NIGHT: March 2

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: March 30 & April 20

ADMISSIONS LETTERS MAILED TO THE CLASS OF 2027: January 11

ATTENTION: We will be holding a Shadow Day on **Thursday, January 19.**
Please email admissions@alterhs.org or call **937-428-5394** to register!



Real Resolve

Heather Dunn

Even before having children, Danny and I both worked many nights and weekends in ministry. Often times we seemed to be saying to each other, “you did NOT tell me about that meeting.” So, a resolution we made early in our marriage (after maybe an argument or two... or fifty-seven), was to put our commitments in a SHARED Google calendar.

As we begin a new year, I think many of us find ourselves looking at those “sore spots” in our lives and try to figure out how to “make them better.” Maybe it’s changing an exercise program, meal planning, proactively studying, implementing better time management practices, or any number of things that, when that calendar flips to January, we want to change to do things the “right” way or do them better than before. I have even fallen into that trap some years!

I think one of the beauties of our faith is that we are always called to deepen our faith life and our relationship with Jesus. We are always a work in progress, and we are always on a journey with God. Luckily God is not bound to a calendar year or fresh Januarys. God is always calling us to transformation. There are times in the Church liturgical year that just naturally lend themselves to that transformation such as Advent and Lent. However, no matter the time or the season or what resolves you make or don’t make, God is seeking a relationship with each of us during each new year.

In early December, Alter students had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our All-School Reconciliation Services held during Theology classes. Six wonderful priests - Fr. Dan Meyer, Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem, Fr. Tom Nevels, Fr. Tim Fahey, Fr. Brian Phelps, and Fr. Ignatius Madanu - gave their time to come and hear confessions. One of the things I emphasized to the students, which I think resonates each new year, is that Reconciliation is an opportunity to improve our relationship with Jesus. Often, I notice students begin to feel anxious or apprehensive about going to Reconciliation, but the Sacrament is truly to help us grow closer to God by helping us identify those things that stand in the way of our relationship with God. Perhaps instead of a running list of “things to do better” or “ways to improve,” we can keep it simpler this year. We can resolve to improve our relationship with God each day. Maybe as we work on growing our relationship with the Lord, it will lead us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Maybe it will lead us to reconciliation with a family member or friend. Instead of identifying just the “sore spots” (like my family calendar), we can ask ourselves daily - how can I know, love, and serve the Lord better today?

DID YOU KNOW?

We Asked and You Answered

Through The Giving Tree tradition at Alter, we were able to collect about 450 gifts and share our love and joy with approximately 100 families in December. Gifts were distributed to several local charity organizations. A number of additional donations will be delivered this month to help restock for families in need of assistance. We appreciate all who participated and thank Sister Dennis for her continued organization of this special event each year. Thank you and God Bless!



New Stadium Turf

Progress is continuing on the new turf field! The project began Monday, November 21 and is inching closer to being finished. The hope is that the brand new field will be done as soon January 13. We are excited to see the final product!



2022 Hall of Fame Inductees

We are excited to share that the 2022 Alter High School Hall of Fame inductees have been announced. We will be inducting the newest members of Alter's Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, April 21, 2023. Each of these individuals has achieved great success in their professional careers, personal life, or throughout their athletic endeavors.

Congratulations to the following alumni:



<i>Distinguished Inductees</i>	<i>Athletic Inductees</i>
Timothy Maloney '67	Joseph Thuney '11
Raymond Madachy, Ph.D. '77	William Siewe '77 (posthumously)
Deborah Nightingale, Ph.D. '67	*Melissa Andretta (Tytko) '95
	*Nina Vasiliu (DeGuardi) '00
	2008 & 2009 State Champion Football Teams

*Induction announced in prior year but deferred until 2023.

Information about how to register and attend the ceremony will be available on or around March 1.

Sunday
Celebrating
Your
Parish

Monday
Celebrating
Your
Community

Tuesday
Celebrating
Your
Students

Wednesday
Celebrating
the
Nation

Thursday
Celebrating
Vocations

Friday
Celebrating
Faculty, Staff
& Volunteers

Saturday
Celebrating
Families

Catholic Schools
Week

January 29 to February 4

We look forward to
celebrating with
special programs for
our students.

THE ARTS

Castle Players Update

Want to be on a tech or backstage crew for the upcoming Castle Players Musical? Attend the mandatory meeting with a parent in the theatre on Sunday, January 8th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. email Mrs. Sears with any questions or concerns at megan.sears@alterhs.org



got TALENT

DAYTON AREA STUDENT TALENT SHOW
CALLING ALL 6th-12th GRADE PERFORMERS
(not JUST students from Alter)

TOP FIVE ACTS RECEIVE PRIZE MONEY

Audition for Alter's Got Talent, the area's annual talent show for student acts of all kinds.

AUDITIONS HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 FROM 1-2PM

SELECTED ACTS WILL COMPETE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2023 @ 7:00pm

- Auditions are Saturday, January 14th from 1:00-2:00pm in The Conservatory Building at Alter High School. Auditions are CLOSED, therefore, only acts auditioning are allowed in the theatre. If you can't audition in person, submit a video to megan.sears@alterhs.org before January 14th.
- Prepare a two minute audition piece (singing, dancing, playing instruments, magic, comedy, anything goes.)
- We accept solos, duos, trios, or groups
- Bring recorded music if needed. There will not be an accompanist at auditions, but, a piano will be available. If you are singing, you CANNOT sing acapella unless you are an acapella group.
- Selected acts will compete on Saturday, January 28th. The top 5 act will prize money!

Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Sears:
megan.sears@alterhs.org

SIGN UP TO AUDITION!



ATHLETICS

Hockey

Just before winter break, Alter took second place in the annual Mayor's Cup tournament against Beaver Creek & Springboro. Goals were scored by Mahoney (2) Schulz (2) & Reilly, with assists by Linden, Reilly, Rider and 3 by Lance. After Christmas, the team welcomed back Alumni and families for the annual Alumni game. This weekend, Alter plays tonight January 6, at South Metro vs. Mason at 7:00 p.m. and early Sunday evening, January 8, in Troy at 5:45 p.m. Mark your calendars for the Senior Night game Saturday, January 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kettering Rec Center, with a ceremony honoring this year's senior players followed by the game against Elder. Go Knights!



Boys' Basketball

The Alter Boys' Basketball program travelled to San Diego, California for their Christmas tournament. They played in a very competitive bracket against some tough teams from California and Arizona and they were able to walk away with a 2-2 record. The players enjoyed spending time together while exploring the sites. They toured the USS Midway Museum at the Navy Pier and visited the seaside village of La Jolla. They hiked in Torrey Pines State Reserve and even practiced mindfulness in the beach town of Encinitas. They also enjoyed an authentic Mexican team meal in Old Town, San Diego's oldest settlement. The players would like to thank everyone who helped support this trip and also the Alter Alumni who now reside in San Diego who came to watch their games. Big shout out to Jim Trageser '79 and Tim Gallagher '76. Thanks for all of your support!



Wrestling

The Alter Wrestling team is off to a good start! They are competing on a very tough schedule and holding their own. Three of the boys are currently rated in the top 25 in the State as freshman. Luke Snyder is 22nd, Rod Owens is 24th and Rocco Mauro is 25th. Their goal is to keep moving up the ranks throughout the season!

Alora Strauser wrestles in both the boys' schedule as well as girls' tournaments. She won the Hamilton Township Girls' Classic Tournament.

The team is in a building year but these young wrestlers are a great base to build a program. The team will compete at the BULUGARIS Classic in Beavercreek on January 7 and the CIT Invitational in Cleveland January 14 & 15. Go Knights!



2022 Football Awards

Most Outstanding Position Awards:

Defensive Back: Michael Russ
Offensive Lineman: Jackson Wright
Linebacker: Henry Reifschneider
Defensive Lineman: JayShawn Maxwell
Receiver: Carter Sheets
Offensive Back: Jacob Schaefer
Special Teams: Tony Arcuri

Most Improved Junior: Andy Duplain
Bill Rankin Award: Leon Penson
John D. O'Brien Award: Ethan Willits
Most Outstanding Player: Jacob Schaefer

2023 Elected Captains:

As we look ahead to our 2023 season, the team also announced next year's captains, as selected by their teammates and coaches. Congratulations to Carter Sheets, John Thieman, Michael Russ, Jake Noga, Collin Wehner, Henry Reifschneider, and Andy Duplain. They, along with the entire incoming senior class, will provide leadership and stewardship for next year's Knights, and we can't wait to see what this talented team will accomplish!

All- G.C.L. Awards:

First Team, Offense: Jacob Schaefer and Michael Russ

First Team, Defense: Ethan Willits and Henry Reifschneider (most tackles in GCL)

Second Team, Offense: Jackson Wright, Jake Noga, Carter Sheets, and Gavin Connor

Congratulations to all! We look forward to a great season in 2023!



Knights Athletics Calendar

Interested in coming to one of our Athletic Events? Please [Click Here](#) to view our Winter Sports Athletic Calendar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Skate with the Hockey Team

The hockey team is hosting their annual "Skate with the Team" event this Saturday, January 7 from 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. at the Kettering Rec Center. Free admission and skates for all. Join us for a fun night on the ice. Welcome to all past, present and future Knights and families. Hope to see you there!



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KETTERING, OH 45429

FISH FRY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023



SUPPORT OUR
STAGS



A GREAT NIGHT FEATURING

Delicious Food

Cold Beverages



Fun Games

Amazing Silent Auction

CARRYOUT AVAILABLE

\$15 Per Dinner

\$5 extra sandwich

7PM-11PM

Age 21 & up

Pre-Sale=\$20

At door=\$25



St. Albert Fish Fry

Come support the Fish Fry at St. Albert the Great! It will be an evening filled with good food and great fun. View the flyer for details and hope to see you there!

ALTER HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE

March 31, 2023

Carillon Park - Eichelberger Room

Alter High School's 60th Diamond Jubilee will raise funds to renovate the locker rooms and improve the gym facilities.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
MID-JANUARY**

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE NOW**

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**DONATIONS
APPRECIATED**

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Dear Alter Community,

This past September marked Alter High School's Diamond Jubilee!

Sixty years ago, Alter High School welcomed our very first class of students. Those students laid the foundations of what has become a uniquely special community, and a tradition of excellence that continues to thrive today. The torch to excel academically, connect spiritually, evolve artistically, and dominate athletically has been passed on for six decades. That is certainly something to celebrate!

We hope you will join us on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Carillon Park's Eichelberger Pavilion for a special evening filled with celebrations of our past, as well as a focus on investing in the future success of Alter High School for another 60 years, and more. The fundraising efforts of this event will be used specifically for improvements to athletic facilities, with an immediate priority of renovating the multiple locker rooms. After 60 years of blood, sweat, and tears, you can imagine the improvement needed!

A lot has changed since we opened those doors 60 years ago, but one thing that has remained the same is the amazing generosity of our Alter community. We hope you will consider becoming one of Alter's Diamond Jubilee Sponsors. Please scan the QR Code to see a list of various sponsorship opportunities. Through your gift, you will not only share in helping us to improve the athletic facilities for our Alter Knights, but you will also be a part of this momentous celebration.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us directly.
Go Knights!

With sincere gratitude,

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All that glitters is gold!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING EVENING!

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 Panoramc
- 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

