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Lourdes Lambert

Dear Families:

I hope the first month of 2023 has been good to you as we welcome February and look forward to celebrating our Week of Giving, February 13-21, that offers us the opportunity to celebrate and support our school specifically. We affectionately call this week Alter Love Week as it coincides with Valentine's Day. Our week of giving directly supports the Annual Fund which is the backbone of our advancement program as it builds revenues to supplement the school budget by funding school programs and campus projects. Last year just under \$400,000 was raised and used for financial aid and services for our 515 students. In addition, because we recognize that we are living in extraordinary times, we have purposefully minimized tuition increases and awarded approximately \$900,000 in financial aid and scholarships so we can continue to make Catholic Education attainable for families.

We do not underestimate the value of your investment in your children, and our school. We currently have a \$15,000 matching gift to challenge our community to contribute to the annual fund. As our week of giving approaches, our goal is to grow that matching gift to \$100,000 and surpass the \$200,000 we raised during last year's event. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to add to that matching gift or if you know of a corporation that would like to contribute.

Students, faculty, and staff will host our 3rd annual telethon on Wednesday, February 15th, and it will be, once again, televised on [AlterKnights.tv](https://www.alternights.tv) beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you or your child would like to volunteer to make calls, we would appreciate having you as a part of the event. If not, I hope you will tune in and join us!

I believe that God has great things in store for all of us this year, and for our school. Thank you for your love and support as we continue to plan, dream and accomplish great things for our students and our school. It would not be possible without all of you!

With hope,
Lourdes Lambert
Principal



Set up a matching gift contribution!

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**Volunteer at the telethon
February 15!**

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Donate to the Alter Fund!

**Week of Giving
February 13-21**





Heather Dunn

Being Left Speechless

Have you ever received a gift so overwhelmingly wonderful or generous that you are left speechless? If you know me, being speechless is truly a feat. However, I have been left speechless more than once in the last few months by the generosity of people in my life. Of course, the generosity of others in giving presents to me was wonderful, but my eyes have been opened to something new: gifts for my children.

Between birthdays and holidays or just a random “thought you would like this,” my children have been the recipients of so many people’s generosity and faithfulness. (Note: we haven’t had any major hardships or struggles - just plain and beautiful generosity.) They have received fuzzy socks, ice cream dates, candies, gift cards to their favorite places, a ride to and from practices or after school dates, and even homemade dinners while I am on Kairos retreats. I always found it lovely to receive things for myself, but it is downright humbling to have your children receive things from people you love. As a parent, witnessing people gifting something to your children is a much better feeling than anything you could receive for yourself.

As we soon enter this season of Lent, we are reminded of what the Church asks us to do: fast, pray, and give alms. Fasting and praying are easy to incorporate into our daily lives, but the almsgiving piece can sometimes give us pause. Almsgiving (meaning to give to others) can look very different each Lent. Most of us charitably give in some way or another throughout the year to various causes and organizations; so how do we make Lent look different regarding our almsgiving?

Perhaps you will add to your parish’s or even Alter’s Lenten project this year, which is wonderful. But what if we also viewed Almsgiving and this time of Lent as simply an opportunity to love God’s children? Find the area, the cause, the organization, the person, or people, that pulls and tugs at your heart and give that place or person your time, money, or talent. Our giving to others does not always have to be monetary! I imagine God is delighted when we, as children, choose to love other children in creation and society. What could be more pleasing to God than to witness us choosing to spoil and love others because of how much we love God? The more in which we grow in our love for God, the more ways in which we see the opportunities (big and small) to love and care for one another. As the parent seeing their own children be the recipient of such love, I can only hope that we, too, can delight God with the way we pour out such love into others this Lent! Have a blessed and holy Lent!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dear Families:

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Catholic Schools Week is a nationwide celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's national theme is:

Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Faith, excellence and service describe our Catholic schools very well. Those words exemplify our goals and our mission for our students. Each day, we strive to help our students grow in faith, excel, and serve others in all that they do here at Alter. Those same words also very aptly describe our faculty and staff. As we celebrate all aspects of our Catholic Schools this coming week, I am so proud to recognize the following staff members who are reaching milestones in their careers in Catholic education:

5 years of Service:

Eric Hall – Art Teacher

10 years of Service:

Katharine Balent – Taylor College Resource Center

Joy Hogsten – Intervention Services

Megan Sears – Theatre Director and Teacher

15 years of Service:

Robin Blank – Director of Advancement

Brian Rao – Social Studies Teacher

30 Years of Service:

Susan Morris – Spanish Teacher

35 Years of Service

Norm Rich – Theology and Social Studies Teacher

40+ Years of Service

Randy Reeder, 42 Years of Service – Science Teacher

Sister Dennis Tisler, 55 Years of Service – Math Teacher

Our teachers and staff members are truly the heart of our school, and I am so proud to work alongside such dedicated professionals who give so selflessly of themselves to our students every day. Congratulations and Thank YOU all for being such incredible models of faith and encouragement for all of us!

Finally, a special thank you to all of our families – I know and recognize that you have many quality high school choices in our community, both in Catholic schools and in public schools. I appreciate your choice of and commitment to Archbishop Alter High School. I know your investment in your child will reap many rewards.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert

Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Zoom Call with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Four Alter students had the opportunity to speak with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr on a zoom call today. The students asked the question of how can we as students go deeper in our faith and be disciples to everyone? The Archbishop answered with the sacraments, and saying in confirmation we are given gifts the Lord knows we will use in our walk of life. We are called to utilize those gifts by being true to ourselves and true with others, being our authentic selves.... Incredibly powerful and great job by these Alter Knights!



New Stadium Turf

The new turf is in its final stages and is looking great! We are excited for its completion over the next several days. Our spring athletes will get to be the first to break it in!



Mock Trial

The Mock Trial Teams competed in the Ohio District Tournament this past Friday. Both teams won one trial and lost one trial, so neither team will advance to Regionals. However, they performed exceptionally well and won several awards. Award winners include:

Madeline Maffet: Best Attorney Award

Ashley Lucuk: Best Attorney Award and Best Witness Award

Luca Malenich: Best Attorney Award

Andrew Fink: Best Witness Award



Class Reunions

Hey Alter Alumni! It's reunion time for classes that end in a **3** or an **8**! We want to hear from you if you're planning a reunion. The Advancement office can provide class lists, reunion planning information, and help in sending out "Save the Date" or formal invitations though email or regular mail.

The classes of 1968, 1973, 1983, and 2013 are already planning their activities! We'd love to connect with reunion planning committees from the classes of **1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008**. Contact Heidi Van Antwerp, Director of Engagement, at Heidi.VanAntwerp@alterhs.org or (937)428-5331.



Welcome Back Larry Connor

Students, faculty and staff, and friends of Alter, were in for a treat Thursday, February 2, when Alter alum Larry Connor '68, visited during a special assembly. Mr. Connor set aside much of the presentation for Q&A. Students asked great questions about his experiences in business, doing research at the International Space Station, diving in the Mariana Trench, and his time here at Alter.



THE ARTS

Castle Players Update

The first ever faculty/staff LIP SYNC BATTLE was a huge success! Alter's faculty and staff WOWED the audience with their talents. Congratulations to everyone that participated in our fundraiser. 2nd place was awarded to the Math Department and Mr. Schuster stole the hearts of the crowd and was awarded 1st place.

STUDENT EMCEES: Monica Jasek, Emily Mangold, Mikayla Mihok, Nicko Nauseef and Eric Pettit.

STUDENT TECH CREW: Olivia Lombard, Madi Ripley, and Sarah Theewis

FACULTY/STAFF ACTS IN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE:

1. Angelque Bailey - GRACE GOT YOU
2. Eva Lewis - PARTY IN THE USA
3. Michael Dixon, Jan Miller, Debbie Portman - TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS
4. Alex Schuster - LIVIN' ON A PRAYER
5. Conor Ryan, Lynn Roesch - BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE
6. Kristen Hammaker - PART OF YOUR WORLD
7. Brianna Hutchinson, Caroline Miller, Rachel Nichols, Kathy Riegel - BYE BYE



The Band

We have informational meeting opportunities. Choose one that works for you!

Monday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are in the Alter Band Hall, inside the Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts, at Archbishop Alter High School.



ATHLETICS

Hockey

It was an exciting and full weekend for Varsity Knights Hockey with 3 games and senior celebration night! After playing hard with a tough loss to Beavercreek Friday night, the Knights came back Saturday to beat Elder 11-0! Goals were scored by Ferguson (1) Lance (1) Phillips (2) Reilly (2) Rider (2) and a hat trick by Danny Mahoney! Assists were made by Ferguson, Linden, Mahoney, Reilly, Rider and Schulz. Grant Russell was in the net with 10 saves, as well as Sophia Quinones with her 1st regular season save at the end of the 3rd period for the shut-out! The win came on the heels of a wonderful ceremony and celebration of the team's senior players, Ferguson, Quinones, Lance, Linden, Reilly and Russell. Sunday, the Alter Knights beat the Dublin Irish 13-1 with goals scored by Lance (1) Linden (1) Phillips (1) Reilly (2) and Schulz (2) as well as the Mahoney brothers who made a good show with Junior Danny scoring a Texas Hat Trick (4 goals) and Freshman A. J. scoring his first and second goals as a Varsity Knight! Assists were made by Ferguson, Lance, Linden, the Mahoney brothers, Rider, Reilly, Schulz and Thomas Drake, who was in the net for the win with 13 saves! Mark your calendars for this weekend's last regular season games before tournament weekends commence in February! The Knights are away Saturday night at the Dublin Chiller against Coffman (8:10 p.m. game time) and then home Sunday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. against Mason! Go Knights!



Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball team has only a couple games left including two home games in a row this weekend starting tonight, February 3 vs. McNicholas High School and tomorrow, February 4 vs. Edgewood High School (also senior night). Please come out to support and root on our senior basketball boys: Braeden Bakos, Gavin Geisel, Danny Gross, AJ Leen, AJ Rocco, Anthony Ruffolo, Ethan Willits and Team Manager Jake Pothast. Congratulations to them and Go Knights!



Girls' Basketball

On Saturday, January 28, Alter traveled to Carroll to wrap-up GCL play for the season. The Knights got out to a 29-20 halftime lead over the Patriots. Carroll played Alter even in the third stanza however the Knights pulled away in the fourth for the 59-40 win. Riley Smith led the way with 23 points and 8 rebounds while Maddie Moody added 12 points and 8 rebounds. The regular season ends this week with Alter traveling to Beavercreek on Monday, January 30 and hosting Ponitz tomorrow, February 4. Tomorrow, we will be honoring our seniors before the game: Maiah Griffiths, Mekhia Shipp and Izzy Worley. Come out and support them and the team as they close the season!



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Gymnastics

The Alter Gymnastics team is off to a great start! The team started the season with a 5th place finish out of 21 teams at Cincinnati Country Day Cup. The team broke the Alter record for highest overall team score and highest floor score (which were set back in 2001). Top performers were: freshman Gabby Wiley (3rd on Vault) and in the All-Around Competition freshman Bella Markowski was 12th and senior Emma Lee Brown was 27th.

At the Martin Luther King Day Troy/Northmont Invitational, top performers in the All-Around competition were: Bella Markowski who placed 20th, senior Bella Bianchi who placed 23rd and senior Maddie Jecker who placed 28th.

At the Centerville Invitational the team finished 6th out of 16 teams. In the All-Around competition Gabby Wiley was 12th and Bella Markowski was 23rd out of 71 women.

In the Turpin Invitational those that placed in the top 20 were: Bella Markowski placed 15th on bars, 19th on floor 20th on beam and 13th in the All-Around competition, Gabby Wiley placed 11th on vault, and freshman Aubrielle Blackburn placed 20th on floor.

At the Miamisburg JV meet this week senior Channing Simms placed 7th on vault, and 7th in the All-Around competition. Junior Ava Howard was 5th on vault. Senior Ella Miller was 10th and sophomore Izzy Rooney was 8th on beam.

Come support the team at their upcoming meets:

Saturday, February 11 - Dayton City Championships @ Miamisburg High School

Saturday, February 18 - District Championships @ TBD Lakota East High School

Sunday, February 26 - Southwest Individuals Meet (JV) @ Quest Gymnastics

March 3 & 4 - State Championships



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Swim

The 2023 Co-Ed GCL Championships were held on Sunday, January 29 at St. Xavier High School. The women finished first and the men finished third. They are the overall combined Co-Ed GCL champions! Sophomore Emma Tenhundfeld broke the GCL record in the 100m backstroke. The relay team of sophomores Emma Tenhundfeld and Emily Kyre, junior Annie Leibold, and senior Ava Tenhundfeld broke the GCL record for the 400m freestyle relay.

First Team All GCL - Ava Tenhundfeld, Emma Tenhundfeld, Emily Kyre, Ella Leibold, and Nathan Kyre

Second Team All GCL- Annie Leibold, Sarah Morrison, and Bret Howell

We also celebrated senior night on Wednesday, February 1 to honor our 8 seniors in a special dual meet against West Carrollton High School. The Aquaknights were victorious!

Congratulations to our seniors : Ava Elliot, Courtney Getter, Bret Howell, Will Lunne, Andrew Schenck, Kristen Senkiw, Ava Tenhundfeld, and Alexandra Volk.

Go Knights!



Knights Athletics Calendar

The regular season for our winter athletics is winding down. Please **[Click Here](#)** to view our athletic calendar for what is upcoming. You can also **[Click Here](#)** for the OHSAA post season tournament schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mancerette Performance

Tonight, February 3, the Lancerettes will be dancing with a partner of their choice in the annual Mancerette performance! The performance will be taking place during halftime of tonight's basketball game at home vs. McNicholas High School. Come out and cheer on our Mancies!



Mother-Son Shin Dig

Please note that the Mother-Son Shin Dig is scheduled for Saturday, February, 25 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost of admission is \$20 per family (mother and son or sons). We hope you will join us for a fun-filled night!

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FEBRUARY 8, 2023. 7:00 p.m.

THE INTERSECTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH

Guest Presenter: Dr. Chris Tuell, Clinical Psychotherapist, and a Chemical and Behavioral Addictions Specialist

Building a set of beliefs and behaviors with your children that foster respectful interactions, prosocial conflict resolutions, and safe and secure use of technology can improve young people's mental health. This session outlines how to help young people understand the impact of social media on their emotional health and how to set healthy boundaries.

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March 31, 2023

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ALTER LOVE LOCKS



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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR ALTER LOVE THROUGH THE DECADES

Our Alter community has truly been "Founded in Faith, Preserved with Pride, and Sustained by Spirit" through all of our students, alumni, parents, and fans who have supported our school over the last 60 years.

CUSTOM DESIGNED JEWELRY

To celebrate our bond and community, we are excited to have partnered with James Free Jewelers to raffle off a one-of-a-kind, custom designed Alter Diamond Jubilee pendant. The necklace symbolizes the lasting bonds, friendships, and even marriages that have been forged over the last 60 years. We're excited for you to see it, and we are even more excited for one of you to win it! Raffle tickets can be purchased [BY CLICKING HERE!](#) You do not have to be present to win.

SUBMIT YOUR ALTER PICTURES

To showcase our special community at our event, we plan to show snapshots of each of you in our Alter community. Are you an alum that still gathers with fellow alums today? Are you a past parent who remains close with other parents you met through your Alter connection? Did you share the gift of an Alter education with your children? Do you have future Alter Knights and are future Alter parents? Well.... we want to see all of you Alter Knights together, connected, celebrated, and committed to our Alter community. Our community is like no other.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit pictures of some of your favorite and most cherished Alter connections!

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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

