

THE KNIGHT TIMES

March 3, 2023

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Lourdes Lambert

Dear Families:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of self-examination, reflection, repentance and preparation. In past Lenten seasons, Pope Francis has asked us to commit to three goals during this time:

1. To accept God's invitation to build a closer relationship with Him.
2. To remember the importance of prayer as a means of responding to God's love.
3. To commit to building a better world in Jesus' name.

Three beautiful requests, but how do we comply? How do we do this? And how does this look every day in our school and in our community? I challenge us all to try the following for Lent:

1. In order to build a closer relationship with God, let's give up gossip. Instead of indulging in negative talk, let's say something positive or not say anything at all.
2. As a means of responding to God's love, let's give up negativity, complaining, and criticism that only bring us down as well as those around us.
3. To commit to building a better world, let's be encouragers this Lenten season and seek out one person every day and encourage them in some way. This doesn't have to be complicated – it can be as simple as a smile or a hello. You can email, text, or snap someone to let them know you are thinking of them. Imagine this, if you encourage just one person a day, by the end of Lent, then you will have encouraged 40 people in some way (46 if you do this on Sundays, too).

Know that I am praying for you and your intentions during the Lenten season as well, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you would like for me to pray for you in a special way. As I always tell the students, all prayer requests are always confidential.

May God lead us and guide us through the Lenten season, and may we discover that we are closer to Him and to one another on Easter morning.

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 This
Coming Week.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADERS

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

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION:

March 30 & April 20

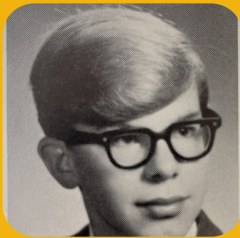


ALTER HIGH SCHOOL'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Hall of Fame Induction honorees will officially be inducted into the Alter Hall of Fame on April 21, 2023, at a ceremony and dinner at the Presidential Banquet Center.

We invite you to attend the ceremony. For details and to purchase tickets go online to www.alterhs.org/hall-of-fame-22.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Dr. Timothy Maloney '67



Dr. Deborah Nightingale '67



Dr. Raymond Madachy '77



ATHLETIC ALUMNI



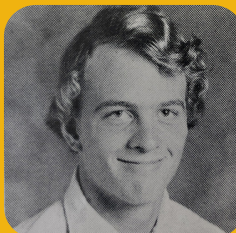
Melissa Tytko Andretta '95



Nina DiGuardi Vasiliu '00



Joseph Thuney '11



Bill Siewe (posthumously) '77



2008 Football Team



2009 Football Team



**Classes ending
in 3 or 8!**

HIGH SCHOOL

Reunion Time

**Classes of 1968, 1973, 1983,
1998 & 2013 are already
planning. Be on the lookout
for information soon!**

**CLASSES OF 1978, 1988, 1993, 2003 & 2008
WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT AND HELP WITH
YOUR PLANNING ACTIVITIES!**

**Contact Heidi Van Antwerp, director of engagement, at
heidi.vanantwerp@alterhs.org or (937) 428-5331.**



Heather Dunn

Opportunities for Growth!

March ushers in an important season for all members of our family - baseball! My three boys and Danny follow baseball, play baseball, coach baseball, and of course, always hold out hope that maybe the Reds will be better this year. While I did not grow up in a baseball-loving home, I now have a soft spot and admiration for what Danny reminds us frequently of, that baseball is "the game of failure."

Baseball is given that reference because even the best players fail more often than they succeed. Statistical failures occur in many aspects of the game, but especially hitting. Many major league players get a hit about one out of four times and fail to get a hit three times, giving them a .250 batting average. When my boys are bummed about striking out during a game, Danny quickly pulls out those fun math statistics.

It's fitting that baseball season begins during Lent because I hear from many people about how they "failed" Lent. Maybe you didn't get up early to pray each day, or accidentally ate a Cheeseburger on a Friday, or ate chocolate when you'd "given it up." Maybe you think you've failed because you haven't started Lent yet. After missing a day or perhaps eating a cookie, a lot of people throw their hands up and say "I already messed up, might as well just quit that Lenten goal - I failed!"

The beauty of our faith reminds us that, try as we might, we actually can't "fail" Lent. Lent is a season on our faith journey that is supposed to help us grow closer to Jesus. My relationship with God has never been linear. There are ups and downs, twists and turns, and sometimes things that feel like failures were some of the most profound ways that I came to know God.

Like the batter that steps into the box several times each game, we are called during Lent to keep coming back to Jesus despite setbacks or failures. God's mercies are new each day. There's no way to truly fail Lent if we keep coming back to God.

Alter provides a number of ways to start or help continue our students' journey through Lent. In March, Mass is offered twice in the Chapel before school (3/3 & 3/31) and at an All School Mass (3/15), and Lenten Reconciliation Services are held (3/29). Sophomores participate in a retreat (3/16) and juniors participate in our first Kairos retreat (3/21-24). Each of these faith opportunities offer us moments to pause and reflect in our busy Lenten season. Instead of looking at Lent as a time of failure, what if we saw Lent as a time of growth? How can the "failures" and mistakes along the way help us to grow?

DID YOU KNOW?

Swim Team takes 3rd at State

We are so proud to share that our swim team placed 3rd in the State Finals meet on Friday, February 24, for the first time in Alter history! Swimmers who competed were:

Nora Boillot
Emily Kyre
Annie Leibold
Ella Leibold
Sarah Morrison
Ava Tenhundfeld
Emma Tenhundfeld
Nathan Kyre



Great job to each of them on a great year as they have made our school and our community so proud achieving this incredible milestone!

Science Fair

Congratulations to our amazing Honors Science Students! Every year, the judges have such wonderful comments to say about our students: their efforts, intelligence, communication skills; and this year was no different. Each student was scored as listed below:

Superior:

Alex Korengi-Both
Colleen Russell
Isaiah Elliot
Keith Butler
Makensie Funk
Mason Miller
Megan Brandt
Mikey Rose
Moses Mabarek
Noah Smith
Thomas Drake
Trevor Meyer
Zane Murray
Beck Grider
Joel Ayode
Kathryn Mershad
Trent Chapman
Kellen Hart
Ava Clough
Charlie Hart
Liza Russ
Lauren Phillips
Morgan Montgomery
Thy Gibson

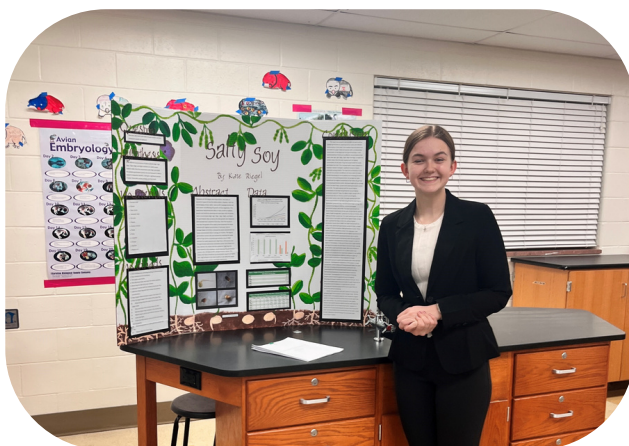
Perfect Superior Scores:

Kaylen Bernecker
Gretchen Darnieder
Kate Riegel
Mia Crinion
Peter Stout
Julia Orlando

Excellent:

Bridget Ennis
Corinne Simpson
Davin Baldwin
Gabe Duckro
Lucas Soin
Tim Marsh
Ellie Overton
Keefe Carter
Lake Lutz
Okemdi Eze

**Amazing work
and effort!
Great job!**



THANK YOU For Your Investment in Alter!

Thank YOU for investing in Alter and sharing your love with a gift to the Alter Fund! Our Week of Giving total came to \$156,462! We could not have done it without the support of our great Alter community!

Your investment in Alter, through gifts to the Alter Fund, are how we close the gap between tuition and the true cost to educate our students. The Catholic school financial model is unique and calls upon our community to participate with gifts that directly impact students. The Alter Fund does not pay the gas and electric bill, rather it funds priority needs like financial aid, faith-forming retreats, mental health programs including the efforts of Hope Squad, athletics, performing arts, and special programming like guest speakers. A strong Alter Fund allows us to continue great Alter traditions and respond to new and special initiatives and programs.

God bless and Go Knights,



Robin Blank
Director of Advancement



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Naturalization Ceremony

On Thursday, February 9, Alter High School got to witness a Naturalization Ceremony inside the Joe Petrocelli Gymnasium where around 50 people from about 26 different countries were sworn in as United States citizens. It was incredible for the faculty, staff and student body to take part in and witness this amazing accomplishment for these new U.S. citizens!

Nashville Knights

The bonds and connections built at Alter run long and deep. Although they walked the halls of Alter 35 years apart, 2022 graduate Chloe Parker recently met up with 1987 graduate Andre Gaccetta to learn about his career, journey and expertise in event marketing. Chloe is a freshman at Belmont University studying Music Business and exploring her options within the industry to solidify her area of focus. Alter Alumnus Ed Carter suggested she meet Andre and helped to connect the two in Nashville. Andre is Founder and CEO of G7 Entertainment Marketing. G7 specializes in experiential and event marketing, entertainment strategy, talent booking and production. The two bonded over their love of Dayton and Alter while talking about the wealth of music and opportunity in Nashville.



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THE ARTS

The Band

2023 Alter Marching Knights Show Reveal

Friday, March 10, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Alter Cafeteria

Bring some grub, bring some friends, bring new members and families and find out about our new show, music, costuming and more!

Upcoming Concerts.....

Wednesday, April 26, @ 6:30 p.m. - Alter Jazz Ensemble with special guests The University of Dayton Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, May 3, @ 6:30 p.m. - Alter Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble

New Member Information Sessions

Learn how the Alter Band and Color Guard can be your "Home" at Alter High School.

Be Known. Be Loved. Be a Champion.

Choose an evening that works for you:

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.

Fill out a Band and Color Guard Interest Form:

<https://forms.gle/LHH4wAevB5sYRRf16>



Congratulations to The Alter Winter Guard for another performance this week as they continue to develop their show and work toward MEPA Championships on April 1.



Castle Players Update

The spring production of SINGIN' IN THE RAIN is right around the corner! Tickets are on sale NOW. Come support the arts and see a LIVE rainstorm on stage-yes, rainstorm ONSTAGE! For a sneak peak of the rain **CLICK HERE!**

FOR TICKETS

ALTER STUDENT ACTIVITY PASSES WILL BE HONORED*

1. alterhs.booktix.com
2. Box office hours (located in The Conservatory) March 8, 15, 16 and 21 from 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
3. Box office number - 937 - 660 - 8976

- PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE HAVING A STUDENT EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW PERFORMANCE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16. TICKETS ARE \$10 FOR THIS PERFORMANCE DATE ONLY. (ACTIVITY PASSES WILL BE HONORED)

ONLINE PRESENCE

Facebook- Alter High School's Castle Players

Instagram- altercastleplayers

For up-to-date information about the Castle Players - please visit www.alterhs.org/theatre

YouTube- **CLICK HERE**

ALTER THE ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Screenplay By BETTY COMDEN and ADOLPH GREEN Songs By NACIO HERB BROWN and ARTHUR FREED

Based on the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film, by special arrangement with Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Inc. Music published by EMI, all rights administered by Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC (Original Movie Choreography by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen) Produced by Arrangement With Maurice Rosenfield, Lois F. Rosenfield and Cindy Pritzker, Inc.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 18 @ 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 19 @ 2:00 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 24 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 @ 2:00 PM

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

TICKETS
Tickets go on sale February 27
Alter Activity Passes Accepted
Tickets are sold through alterhs.booktix.com
Box Office: 937-660-8976

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

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

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

ATHLETICS



Boys' Basketball

The boys' team is still in tournament play after defeating Meadowdale last Friday, February 24, with a final score of 69-51. They will play this Sunday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. against Taft at the Cintas Center at Xavier University for the District Final. Tickets can be purchased at ohsaa.com/tickets. Good luck and Go Knights!

Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the Lady Knights on an amazing season! The girls' team competed in the Regional Semi-Final against Badin in a tight and very close game but unfortunately could not quite pull out a win with the final score being 49-47. The Lady Knights have a lot to be proud of as they finished their season as District Champions! Go Knights!



Wrestling

Sectional tournament:

Freshman, Rocco Mauro 106, placed 3rd to advance to the District Tournament. He lost a close match 3-2 and then pinned for 3rd place. He's currently rated 21st in the state.

Rod Owens 165, placed 2nd to advance to the District Tournament. He lost a very close match 6 to 5 to a junior rated 17th in the state. Rod is a freshman rated 30th in the state. It was an incredible match!

These two Knights will compete at Hobart Arena tonight, March 3. The top 4 will advance to the Ohio State Tournament held at the Schottenstein in Columbus.



Hockey

Alter Knights Varsity Hockey played in the Post-Ohio District (POD) tournament, and while they may not have defended their 1st place trophy from last season, the goalie(s) + 9-skater team played tough in their last 4 games together. Game highlights include goals scored by Alternate Captain Danny Mahoney (unassisted), Alternate Captain Adam Rider (unassisted), Evan Schulz (assists by Dixon Phillips & Senior Ty Ferguson) and Senior Luke Lance (assists by Seniors Sam Linden and Captain Liam Reilly). The final game saw additional goals by Danny Mahoney (assist from Evan Schulz) and Luke Lance (assists by Adam Rider and Liam Reilly). Senior Grant Russell tended the net in all 4 games with 118 total saves. Sophomore Thomas Drake made his tournament game debut in game two and had 10 total saves. The team will celebrate their season with a banquet this Sunday evening. Catch several of the players (including all seniors) on Saturday evening, in the SWOHS HL ALL-STAR game at the Kettering Recreational Center at 5:15 p.m. **Congratulations all Varsity Hockey Knights on a fantastic season! Go Knights!**



Gymnastics

Alter Gymnastics Ends the Season Strong!

Alter Gymnastics ended the year with 3 gymnasts finishing top 10 in the All-around competition and many top 10 finishes in individual events at the Southwest Invitational Meet. Emma Brown led the Knights with a 1st place finish in the All-Around competition. Kylie Jackson finished 8th and Senior Channing Simms finished 10th in the All-Around competition. Many Knights finished in the top 10 on individual events:

- Emma Brown – 2nd Vault, 4th Floor and 7th Bars, 1st All-Around
- Kylie Jackson – 7th Beam, 8th All Around
- Channing Simms – 5th Floor, 10th All-Around
- Izzy Rooney – 4th Vault
- Ava Howard – 10th Vault
- Ella Miller – 5th Beam

Special thanks to coaches Mallory Cruza and Austin Borton for a great season!



Knights Athletics Calendar

You can [Click Here](#) to view upcoming athletics events and [Click Here](#) for the OHSAA post season tournament schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS



INTERESTED IN PLAYING HOCKEY AT ALTER?
We're holding our annual spring meeting and informational session on March 13th. All current and prospective players and parents are encouraged to attend. Join us in the Alter school cafeteria to meet the coaching staff and learn more about plans for the 2023-34 season.
Email mahoney1021@yahoo.com with any questions

Alter Girls Soccer

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Place: Alter High School cafeteria

Tickets: \$10 per ticket
\$5 for Seniors
\$30 for a family of 5 plus 1 raffle ticket

Includes pancakes (regular, blueberry, chocolate chip and Gluten-free), sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

We will also offer a "To-Go" option for anyone who would like to enjoy breakfast at home.

Raffle: Three raffle packages --\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20 (can be purchased from a player)

Tickets can be purchased from any Alter Girls Soccer player or at the door

All proceeds go to the Alter Girls Soccer Team

COME TO THE "LUCKIEST" FISH FRY IN TOWN!



March 17, 2023

St. Charles School, 4600 Ackerman Blvd

Auctions, Wine Pull, Grub Grab, Gambling and TVs to Watch March Madness!
Family dining/drive-thru 4:30-6 PM
DOORS OPEN at 6 PM for Adults 21+

Text StCharlesSchoolfishnchips to 243725 for tickets and event information

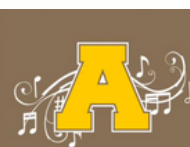


FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE @ THE DISCO

MARCH 4TH, 2023
8:00PM-11:00PM
HOSTED BY ALTER CHEERLEADING
Alter Patio Outside of the Cafeteria

Scavenger Hunt
Kona Ice
Photo Booth
Corn Hole/Jenga
Dancing
Raffle Baskets
Costume Contest & More!

Presale Tickets: \$45 for one daughter/dad
\$50 for two daughters/dad
At Door: \$55/\$60



The Alter Music Association

Annual Mulch Sale

Delivery Dates

April 21-23 & April 28-30

All Natural Supreme Dark Hardwood Mulch in 2cu. Foot bags

Prices:

1-39 Bags ---- \$6.00 / Bag
40+ Bags ---- \$5.50 / Bag

Order by April 3rd for free delivery within a 15 mile radius of Alter High School.
Delivery Charge of \$10.00 on all other orders.

Details and ordering at
www.alterma.org
Ordering Available March 6th

All that glitters is gold!

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
ALTER HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE

March 31, 2023

CARILLON PARK - EICHELBERGER ROOM

6pm ~ Cocktail Hour

Sponsored by Baird Wealth Management

7pm ~ Dinner Served

Followed by Formal Program,
Dancing, & Live Entertainment by The Sly Band
Cocktail/Tie-Optional

ALTER HIGH SCHOOL
DIAMOND JUBILEE

CLICK HERE TO:

JOIN OUR WAITING LIST FOR TICKETS - PREVIEW THE AUCTION - BUY A JEWELRY RAFFLE - MAKE A DONATION

ALTER LOCKED FOR LIFE JEWELRY RAFFLE



JAMES FREE
JEWELERS

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

Our Alter community is like no other - we are locked for life! 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.

Email us pictures of some of your favorite and most cherished Alter connections!

alterjubileepictures@yahoo.com



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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

