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Lourdes Lambert

Essential Questions to Start the Year

Dear Families:

Happy New Year! I hope your school year is off to a great start. We had a wonderful beginning on August 16th with the Class of 2027, and have had a productive two weeks since then. How has your child's experience been thus far this school year?

I have started this new year striving to be better every day both personally and professionally. This year, I am starting every day trying to stay focused on my own continuous improvement by asking myself the following essential questions every morning:

1. Am I Joyful?- This is number one for me because I believe this is my core – this is who I really am. I am joyful, and I want to share that with others.
2. Am I Authentic? I strive to be someone whose actions align with their beliefs. I want to be true to myself, and be the real me in all interactions.
3. Am I Committed to the Success of Others? – WOW. This is a biggie because this is what I am all about – it can't be just about me, but what am I really doing on a daily basis to help others be the best they can be?
4. Am I Mission Driven? - Am I being true to the mission of Archbishop Alter High School? Are my actions aligned to that mission?
5. Am I Allowing Myself to be Led by the Holy Spirit? – Am I truly allowing God to order my steps in all that I do? This one is hard as I do like a bit of control . . .

Those are my essential questions on my journey towards becoming a better me this school year. What are your essential questions? How are you striving to be better every day?

You will notice in this edition of our Knight Times that we, as a school, are working diligently to communicate more effectively with you each month and better inform you of the great things happening at Archbishop Alter High School. I hope you enjoy the change and additional information, and, if there is anything you would like to learn more about, please let me know so we can provide articles that are both informative and useful. My prayer as the school year begins is that we continuously strive to be better and bolder disciples of Christ on this Earth, and I remain committed to the success of each and every one of our students every day. There is great optimism and energy in our building, and it is contagious! Please don't hesitate to stop in if you are in the neighborhood – we would love to share it with you!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert
Principal



Heather Dunn

Why Do We Go To Mass?

Two of my three children have received their First Communion, and this year my youngest has started 2nd grade and his Sacramental Preparation for May. There is nothing like leading your child (even if it's your third time) through the process of First Communion Preparation. Your calendar gets filled with Jesus Retreats, meetings, Reconciliation Preparation, and even paperwork for what outfit to buy. Despite all the meetings and requirements, one essential question gets revisited often: how are we preparing our children at home to receive Jesus? It's a loaded question to answer even in my house for a campus-minister-mom and a religion-teacher-dad!

I think what makes the year of preparation so meaningful is that time seems to slow down for a brief moment; and as we attempt to teach our youngest son why going to Mass is so important, it naturally helps solidify our own faith. As we guide our children in their faith lives, they are looking directly at US for what that faith life means. Yes, our son receives religious formation in his Catholic school and at his extra preparation days, but he is watching us every single Sunday to see how it is that we worship Jesus at Mass. It certainly has jump started the conversations between my husband and I in our Sunday reflections as we ask the question how are we preparing him for something so integral to our own lives?

In a similar way, I'm asking myself the same question to our students here at Alter. Each month, we are blessed to gather as a community and pray together and worship at our All School Mass. The question becomes: Why? Why do we go to Mass each month as a school? I think there are many ways we could answer that question, but mostly we go to our monthly Mass because the more we come close to God, the more we become like Him. Mass is where we meet God's holy presence differently than anywhere else.

As we strive to grow as a community of believers, the more we meet God's holy presence, I hope the more holy we can become. We have a tight schedule here at Alter; yet we make time each month to stop every subject and teaching moment to do one thing: to become closer to God.

It is complex and yet so beautifully simple. I am bringing my own children to Mass to help them know and love God and the same is true of our Alter community. Of course, having the right mindset when we come to Mass helps us actually become closer to God. Next month, I'll answer the question: "Why should I participate in Mass?"

As our family challenges ourselves this year to slow down each Sunday and become more cognizant and aware of our time during weekly Mass, I challenge our school community this year in the same way. If we view going to our monthly Mass as an opportunity to grow closer to God, then I believe that we as a community can only get better and be better. Ultimately, we know that Eucharist means "thanksgiving." Simply coming to Mass with a heart turned to gratitude is a great step into the right direction of becoming closer to God as we enter Mass each month.

In Christ,

Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

Admissions Season for the Class of 2028!

The beginning of September brings with it not only beautiful weather, the promise of fall, and pumpkin spice lattes, but also the beginning of the admissions season for the Class of 2028! I am anxiously awaiting the opportunity to meet our prospective students and appreciate the commitment of student ambassadors (157 strong!), parents, faculty, and staff - who present the very best of being an Alter Knight to everyone who walks into our building.

Last year, Alter moved away from the traditional “open house” model, and we are now hosting three different admissions events throughout the fall. These admissions events are intended to allow prospective students to take part in activities alongside our current students and provide a more organic look at daily life on our campus. These events allow us to highlight the most important aspects of an Alter education while connecting students to what is most important to them. We want every student to be able to picture themselves in brown and gold and to know how Alter can help them achieve their goals.

In that vein, we invite any current middle school student and their family to our first admissions event- ALTER: ALL ACCESS Faith and Spirit- which will take place on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. This evening will begin with an activity led by our Theology staff and will end with tickets to the girls soccer game on our turf field. Registration is now open on our website: www.alterhs.org/admissions/#visit

We will also host two shadow days in September, on the 21st and the 28th. These are special days where current eighth-grade students attend classes with an Alter student, eat lunch in our café, and fully experience our FAITH, PRIDE, and SPIRIT. You can register for any of the “Knight for a Day” shadow days at the link above.

I wish you a happy September and look forward to the next few months as we greet new faces and begin to assemble our next freshman class.

Please [**CLICK HERE**](#) for the Admissions Checklist.

Warmly,

Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

ACADEMICS



Jennifer Schlangen

Things to Know for the 2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to the start of the 2023-2024 school year. As we quickly move through the first quarter, here are some reminders to help you and your child navigate the start of the school year successfully:

- Check your child's grades in FACTS.
- If an "I" is entered into the gradebook, it signifies an incomplete and is calculated as a zero until the work is made up.
- If an "E" is entered the student is excused from the assignment.
- If your child is failing a subject, watch for a weekly Progress Report from their teacher.

Remember, if your child is struggling in a class, please encourage them to reach out to their teacher for help. Approaching their teacher provides them with the best resource for what is going on in that classroom. Teachers are here to help students before school beginning at 7:30 a.m. and after school until 3:30 p.m. National Honor Society also provides tutoring starting the third week of September.

Our first quarter ends on October 6th. To become a successful Knight, remember that it requires desire, dedication, hard work and the ability to ask for help when it is needed.

Warmest Regards,

Jennifer Schlangen
Dean of Academics

GUIDANCE



Kristen Hammaker



Shannon Brown

Seniors:

Another busy college application season is underway, and the Class of 2024 is already moving at a fast pace! They have been doing a fantastic job of staying on top of all the steps in the process. Please be reminded of the following deadlines for submission of transcript requests:

- Applications with a November 1st deadline must be received in the Guidance office by Monday, October 2nd
- Applications with a December 1st deadline must be received in the Guidance office by Wednesday, November 1st
- Applications needing to be mailed prior to Christmas break must be received in the Guidance office by Wednesday, November 15th

High school transcripts required for college admission are only being requested via Naviance. Utilizing this software is tremendously useful for students, counselors, and admissions offices. Naviance aids greatly with communication and timely submission of materials. If students need help accessing their Naviance account, please have them contact their individual counselor. The yellow folder must be returned to Guidance once seniors are ready to have transcripts sent. At any time, if you have questions or concerns regarding this often-stressful process, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the counselors.

Attention Senior Parents: Please join us for our Senior Parent Night which will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Alter's Theatre. We will discuss how your students will be completing college applications and how you can best support them. We will also discuss Alter's protocol for sending transcripts and other paperwork. Please make a plan to attend this very informative meeting!

Juniors:

An important email was sent to students and parents in the junior class to provide all the details about visits from college admissions staff. These individuals represent schools from around the country and will be stopping by Alter this fall. For details on school visiting, all the times and dates, and to sign up, please see Mrs. Brown or Ms. Hammaker in the Guidance office.

All Students:

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

Upcoming In-School College Visits

September 12 (1:20 p.m.) – Miami University (Oxford)
September 13 (12:35 p.m.) – Xavier University
September 15 (1:20 p.m.) – University of Dayton
September 18 (12:35 p.m.) – The Ohio State University
September 19 (12:35 p.m.) – Grand Canyon University
September 21 (1:20 p.m.) – Valparaiso University



Barbara Groene

Extracurriculars at Alter

Welcome to another school year. Students are settling into a routine, keeping up with academics, and juggling extracurriculars. As you may know there are many extracurriculars at Alter High School. For a school our size we have opportunities for all students to get involved. There are academic opportunities such as Academic Team, Alter Scholars, National Honor Society, and Science Olympiad. We pride ourselves on the number of students who are committed to serving others through the National Honor Society and Key Club, which is one of the largest service organizations in the state of Ohio. We have clubs that encompass the wide variety of our student's interests such as Art, Ecology, Languages, and Investment.

With the increase in teen suicide and mental health crisis, we have a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program called Hope Squad. These individuals were chosen by their classmates as someone they could easily talk to about problems or concerns in their lives. They receive specialized training to learn how to assist students in need.

In addition, we have several groups that allow students to grow in their faith journey. Peer ministers serve their fellow students by sharing their faith, skills, talents, and friendship. Peer ministers help to carry out the Catholic mission of the school through liturgies, retreats, prayer, service, and other activities. Upper Room is focused on making known the reality that the Kingdom of God is present and can be lived out here and now! It includes captivating testimonies by students and/or outside speakers about what God has done in their lives, small group discussions, meditations, praise and worship, prayer workshops, and more.

Please explore these and other opportunities on our website alterhs.org. If you have questions or would like to sign up, feel free to contact the moderators listed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

Mrs. Debbie Portman, Director of Technology:

I am excited and thankful for the new position as Director of Technology and the opportunity for professional growth. It is my responsibility to oversee all the technology for the school community. This is done with the assistance of Mr. Michael Dixon.

Many good things have been happening with the technology department over the summer and as the school year begins. In my first summer in this new position, we successfully imaged 130 freshman computers, reimaged 400 computers for returning students, and 50 computers for teachers, providing new Dell computers for all staff. We upgraded our Internet Service Provider to Alta Fiber running at 1gig and installed a backup fiber running at 500 mg through Crown Castle. The firewall, printing system, badging system, and several administrative computers were also updated during the summer. Six sessions were held this summer to get the incoming freshman class set up on their devices and start to teach them about the school technology. We also spent time cleaning up some of our systems, purging users no longer associated with Alter.

As the school year starts, we have successfully implemented Moodle and DyKnow for teacher and student use. On any given day, Mr. Dixon and I serve students and staff by spending time troubleshooting technology issues. We work on a continual basis to educate ourselves on the latest technology and how it would benefit our school community.

Mr. Dixon and I are available daily to help students with technological needs related to their computers. If they are having connection issues, software problems including forgetting passwords, damaged something on their computer such as a cracked screen or lost keys, they need to stop in to see Mr. Dixon in room 310 or me in the office next to the printers on the second floor. They do not need to make an appointment, just stop by. Our goal is to help them be able to be back in class as quickly as possible with fully functional equipment. We look forward to serving the students and staff this school year.

Sincerely,

Debbie Portman
Director of Technology

Taylor Center Exciting Partnership With Class 101



Kati Balent

Thanks to a generous gift from the Yeager Family, the Taylor Center now houses Class 101 Dayton. Class 101 Dayton is an amazing resource for college and career planning that will be available to our students. They seek to empower students to navigate their complex, multi-year process from as early as their freshman year. Class 101 is passionate about helping young people find their future, and we are excited to have them come along side our students!

Class 101

A college planner can be found in the Taylor Center each Wednesday for one-on-one services with our seniors. As the year progresses, they will also be available to underclassmen.

Sign up for sessions here: <https://calendly.com/kderosaaclass101>

In addition to Wednesday sessions, special planning days have been created to further aid our students. Class 101 has met with the senior class to go over group lessons on creating a college list and filling out the common application. On September 11th, an essay writing workshop for seniors will be held. Future class meetings will be held with underclassmen, as well.

Class 101 is also supporting our parents and families by providing workshops for them! The senior parents enjoyed a college application meeting earlier in the year. On September 13th, a college planning timeline meeting will be hosted at 7:00 p.m. for all underclassmen parents.

In semester two, Class 101 will host additional college planning meetings for underclassmen families, one directed at grades 9 and 10, and one specifically for grade 11 in preparation for their upcoming college application season.

The partnership between Class 101 and Alter High School is the first of its kind in the nation and we are very proud to be paving the way to even greater long-term success for our graduates.

Alter High School Fall Testing Update:

PSAT: The PSAT will be given to all juniors on October 11th. This test is mandatory, and is the qualifying test for the National Merit program.

Pre-ACT: Alter is excited to host our first sitting of the Pre-ACT on October 18th. This test is mandatory for all sophomores. Once results are in, students will be able to use predictive data to determine future scores and subjects in which they need further study.

High School Placement Test: Incoming 8th grade students are required to take the High School Placement Test as part of the admissions process. Further information and registration can be found at the following link:
<https://alterhs.org/class-of-2028/#hspt>

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMEcoming ALUMNI TAILGATE

September 15 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



AlterHS.org/Event/Homecoming-Alumni-Tailgate/



Join Us for MASS

ALTER

Coffee & Donuts served in the Arts Wing
immediately following

Thursday, September 14 @ 10AM

Special Guests: Alumni

Tuesday, October 17 @ 10AM

Special Guests: Parents of Alumni

Wednesday, November 1 @ 10AM

Special Guests: Current Parents

Monday, November 20 @ 10AM

Special Guests: Grandparents Day

Friday, December 8 @ 10AM

Special Guests: Retired Faculty & Staff

St. Charles Borromeo, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, Ohio 45429

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Happy Grandparents Day Sunday, September 10th!



Save the Date: Grandparents
Mass and Breakfast **Monday,**
November 20th.

ALTER'S FALL GOLF OUTING

Alumni, Current Parents, Parents of Alumni, Friends of Alter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

*The Golf Club at Yankee Trace beginning at 12 PM
Dinner immediately following*



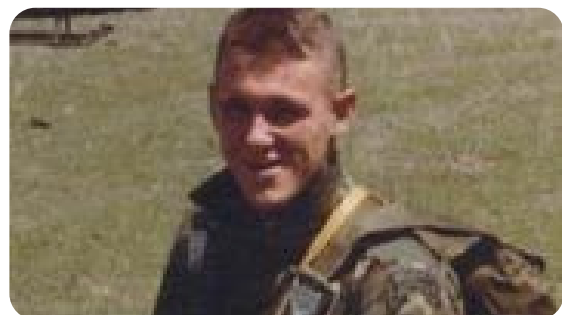
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Military Spotlight: 2nd Lieutenant Austin Helm '19

As a recent graduate of USAFA, I have since reflected on my time both as a cadet and an Alter Knight. I have noticed similarities in both experiences that have paved the way for where I am in my life now; especially in my time at Alter. Alter not only challenged me in the class room but also developed critical time management skills with extracurricular activities. I felt more prepared than most cadets at USAFA and found myself leading and tutoring inside and outside of the classroom. This gave me an edge going into USAFA and allowed me to excel throughout my cadet career. Furthermore, being involved in both football and lacrosse at Alter, I developed a competitiveness and sense of grit necessary for training at USAFA. As any Alter football player would mention, competition is a major part of the program and is necessary to be successful. Playing with so many great players at Alter and growing my skills allowed me to be recruited to Air Force as well as to compete for a spot on the football team. Ultimately, the development of my faith at Alter had the largest impact on my life so far and prepared me for the challenges I faced at USAFA. My theology teachers at Alter connected me very closely to my faith and did a great job of making class relatable and enjoyable. I used my faith to protect me during the long days and shield me from stress and hardships. I could not be more grateful and appreciative of Alter and everyone that helped develop me during my time there. It established a strong foundation that carried me throughout USAFA. Although USAFA was challenging, I would not trade my time there for anything. It allowed me to continue developing my leadership skills, and meet many of my close friends from all over the country. I am grateful and excited for all I have experienced and learned. I am ready to serve my country in the United States Space Force as an Acquisition Officer at Los Angeles Air Force Base.



Sgt. Kevin Lannon '80 Receives Final Honor

Sgt. Kevin Lannon '80 was memorialized by Kettering Officials, Ohio State Representative Andrea White, Principal Lourdes Lambert, and Alter students at a service dedicating a portion of State Route 48 in his name. Kevin's classmate Greg Hoertt '80 began several years ago to establish a permanent memorial to recognize Sgt. Lannons heroic sacrafice in the line of duty. May we always remember our veterans and the sacrifice they make for us and our freedom.

Alter Football Gridiron Greats 2023

Congratulations to: Paul Beyerle '71; John Hill (deceased) '86; Brian Thibo '88; Joe Cripps '97; Ben Koller '00; Joe Negrelli '03; John Sweeney '03; Steve O'Donnell '07; Nick Coleman '15; Dusty Hayes '15; Mark Turpin, Coach '23; and Chris Harshbarger '05. This organization honors the outstanding athletes who've been a part of the Alter football program for decades. We are proud of each of these men and their impact on our program!



DID YOU KNOW?

Welcome New Faculty and Staff!

We would like to introduce our new staff and faculty members as they enter into the new school year!

From left to right:

Meredith Conner: Business Teacher

Cynthia Jecker: Dance Teacher

Jessica Pettit: Director of Admissions

Tricia Egan: Math Teacher

Erin Bockrath: Main Office Secretary

Alex Merkel: Physical Education Teacher

We are excited for each of them and the work, excellence, and dedication they will instill in our students and our school in its entirety!



Freshman Legacy Students



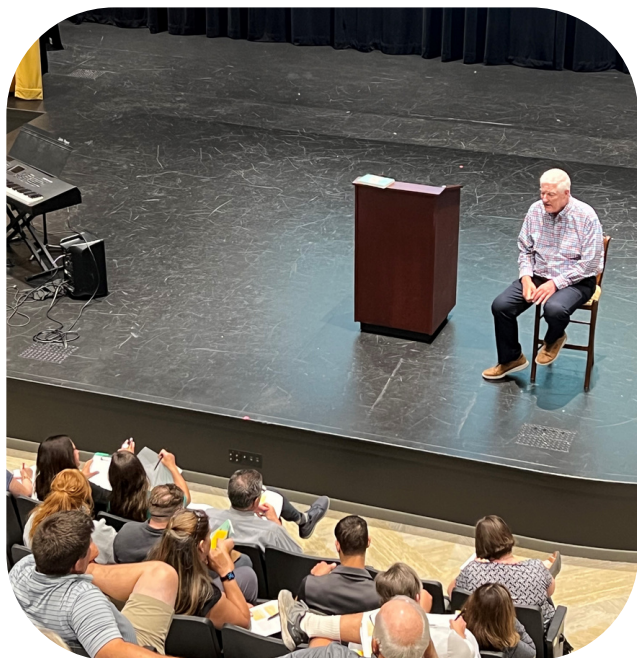
We would like to recognize our freshman legacy students! These students are either 2nd or 3rd generation Alter students whose parents and/or grandparents also attended Alter. Legacy Students Pictured: **Elaina Botti, Jacob Botti, Marin Carpenter, Andrew (Drew) Cripps, Elizabeth Doorley, Noah Duke, Taylor Frye, Owen Fuderer, Morgan Gerlach, Willow Hall, Jacob Hess, Wyatt Hilgefard, Paxton Jecker, Matthew Kreusch, Reagan Link, Joseph Mappes, Henry McCall, Molly Miller, Grant Mouse, Emma Richardson, Payton Schindler, Emma Southworth, Madelyn Zimmer.** Go Knights!

Meet DASH

Alter welcomes our newest “staff” member, albeit 4-footed, Dashuri (Dash for short). Dashuri means love in Nigerian, a fitting name for this special canine. Coach Chris Hart is his handler and together they are a certified Animal Assisted Therapy Team. Dash, a rescue dog himself, offers love and comfort to those he meets. Coach Hart and Dash completed a 10-week Animal Assisted Therapy course teaching both the necessary skills and behavior for certification. As you can see from Dash’s Alter badge, he is ready for work here and at area hospitals.



Character Education with Jim Place



Mr. Jim Place, distinguished educator and hall of fame coach met with the faculty and staff of Archbishop Alter High School on August 15, 2023, to kick off the school year with professional development on Character education. The session was entitled “Are you a Character Educator?” and challenged teachers to reflect upon their journey as an educator and how they impact the attitudes of their students. He called upon our teachers to create a plan of effective practices to develop a positive attitude in each of their students. Mr. Place’s professional wisdom inspired 26 faculty to enroll in his graduate level course. We look forward to our continued partnership with Mr. Place, and utilization of his recommended methods to enhance the education experience for our students.

Suicide Prevention Week

This week, the Hope Squad celebrated Hope Week in honor of Suicide Prevention Month this September. On Tuesday, students were greeted with mints and positive affirmations as they came into the school. On Wednesday, students enjoyed a variety of special treats at lunch including donuts and bagels and were given a chance to talk and ask questions to various Hope Squad members. Candies with positive affirmations were also given out on Thursday during 8th period classes.

Hope Squad will cap the week hosting a Light the Knight Vigil service in front of the Knight at 7:30 p.m. tonight, September 8th. Please join us to experience a sense of community and lift up prayers for anyone who is struggling with their mental health. For anyone who is involved in Alter Scholars, this can count as one of your spiritual events!

A special thank you to Bill's Donuts, Ashley's Cookies, Dorothy Lane Market, Big Sky, and My Favorite Muffin and Bagel for generously supplying us with the yummy treats provided during the Wednesday lunches!

Please join us for the vigil tonight, and always remember that you are never, ever alone.



Alter Senior Diya Percy Received Gold Award for Girl Scouts in June 2023

"The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, acknowledges each recipient's power and dedication to not only bettering herself, but to making the world a better place for others. These young women are courageous leaders and visionary change makers."

Diya's project addressed period poverty and period stigma in the Dayton community (supporting Hannah's Treasure Chest) through 80+ hours of service, presentations to junior troops with a local pediatrician and collection of over 13,000 period products from campaigns at Our Lady of Light parishes (Incarnation and St. Francis of Assisi) and Alter High School.

Diya would like to express her heartfelt thanks to the Alter Community for their support and donations to her service project.



THE ARTS

Castle Players Fall Performance

The Castle Players are busy rehearsing for their first fall musical, *THE SPITFIRE GRILL* AND season tickets just went on sale! Grab your tickets today at alterhs.booktix.com.

**** WHAT IS SPITFIRE ABOUT?** Based on the hit 1996 film, *THE SPITFIRE GRILL* is a heartwarming and inspirational musical tale of redemption, perseverance, and family. Set in a small Wisconsin town, the show features a gorgeous, soulful score.

A feisty parolee follows her dreams, based on a page from an old travel book to a small town in Wisconsin and finds a place for herself working at Hannah's Spitfire Grill. The Grill is for sale, but there are no takers for the only eatery in the depressed town, so newcomer Percy convinces Hannah to raffle it off. Entry fees are one hundred dollars and the best essay on why you want the Grill wins. Soon, mail arrives by the wheelbarrow and things really start cookin' at the Spitfire Grill.

The musical itself is entirely about forgiveness, the long lasting effect of trauma and loss on several characters, and how healing is possible and even inevitable. Percy finds a new life in a small Wisconsin town where she finds - for the first time - friends and family who lift her up and provide her with a future she never had or dreamed possible.

The musical also deals with Veteran PTSD as a major character suffers from PTSD after a short stint serving and then deserting in Vietnam. Percy - who herself understands life after trauma - reaches out to someone else in similar situations. Helping others in trauma is how we heal our own trauma.

WHY THIS SHOW? We feel the show speaks so directly to what we are called to do - to forgive and heal - and find a new way forward after difficult and life-changing circumstances - and even one's own mistakes. There is always salvation available for those who seek it. No one is a lost cause. Community is vital to how we discover who we are.

WINTER PLAY AUDITIONS are right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Monday, September 18th and stay tuned for more audition information!

ALTER

THE ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS
PROUDLY PRESENT

The
SPITFIRE
Grill

Music & Book by James Valcq
Lyrics & Book by Fred Alley
Based on the Film by Lee David Zlotoff

Thursday, October 5 @ 7:00 pm
Friday, October 6 @ 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 8 @ 2:00 pm

Directed & Choreographed
by Megan Wean Sears

Music Directed
by David Brush

\$15 Adults | \$12 Seniors/Students/Military

Tickets go on sale September 18 *Winter Activity Passes Accepted*
Buy tickets at alterhs.booktix.com
Box Office: 937-680-8976

Season Tickets available September 1-30
Adult Package (1 ticket) - \$50 (10% off)
Senior (60+), Student/Military Package (1 ticket) - \$29 (15% off)

THE SPITFIRE GRILL is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com



The Marching Knights

Last Friday, The Marching Knights were hard at work at Roush Stadium performing their first stadium rehearsal with props and set pieces. They are poised for another great year of success!

ATHLETICS

Boys' Golf

Varsity Gold:

The Knights hosted Chaminade Julianne at Moraine Country Club for a 9 hole dual match. Alter managed to get the win as the course played tough 157-168. Davis Gochenouer shot an even par 36 to lead the way for the Knights.

Varsity Brown:

Alter traveled to WGC Golf Course in Xenia to compete against GCL rivals Carroll, CJ, and Fenwick. The Knights were paced by an even par 36 from Gavin Leen and managed to get the win by 3 over CJ and further out ahead of Fenwick and Carroll. Alter hosted the same three teams at Miami Valley Golf Club and managed yet another victory, this time by only 1 stroke over CJ, while Fenwick and Carroll rounded out the scoring. Gavin Leen was again the low scorer with a 39.



Football

Last night, the football team took on Trotwood-Madison High School in a Thursday Night Lights match up. It was a hard fought game as both offenses were putting points on the board. The game ended with a final score of 35-27 as the Trotwood-Madison Rams were able to pull away with a win. Join us next Friday, September 15th for the Homecoming football game vs. Bellbrook at Roush Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. Go Knights!



Girls' Tennis

Varsity Girls' Tennis remains undefeated in the GCL, and 6-1 overall after a tough loss to Centerville.

Alter vs. Badin: Varsity won 3-2, JV won 4-1

1. Maggie Shope: 0-6, 2-6
2. Annie Gayonski: 6-7, (5-7), 2-6
3. Annie Schaefer: 6-0, 6-1
1st doubles. Alana Baker/Lauren Phillips: 6-0, 6-1
2nd doubles: Molly Trombley/Alayna Kreill: 7-5, 6-2

Alter vs. Eaton: Varsity won 5-0

1. Maggie Shope: 6-0, 6-2
2. Annie Gayonski: 6-1, 6-0
3. Annie Schaefer: 6-0, 6-0
1st doubles. Alana Baker/Lauren Phillips: 6-1, 6-1
2nd doubles: Alayna Kreill / Ellie Overton: 6-0, 6-0

Alter vs. Centerville: Varsity lost 0-5, JV lost 1-4

1. Maggie Shope: 0-6, 1-6
2. Annie Gayonski: 1-6, 1-6
3. Annie Schaefer: 3-6, 1-6
1st doubles. Alana Baker/Lauren Phillips: 2-6, 5-7
2nd doubles: Molly Trombley/Chelsea Hoskins: 1-6, 2-6

Upcoming:
September 11th @ Carroll, 4:00 p.m.
September 14th @ Fenwick, 4:00 p.m.



Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to our girls' volleyball team for kicking off the season with hard fought victories over Carroll, Waynesville, CJ, and Bellbrook. Led by senior captains, Elaina Thompson (4 kills per set) and Ella Leibold (7 blocks), the team is off to a great start. Go Lady Knights!



Girls' Soccer

The Lady Knights soccer team opened their GCL schedule Wednesday night, September 6th with a convincing 2-0 win over Badin. Leading the Knights with goals were sophomores, Alina Overman and Katie Kyre and another shutout performance by senior keeper, Joci Post. The Knights continue their season next Wednesday, September 13th as they host rival Chaminade Julienne. We hope to see you there next week! GO KNIGHTS!

Boys' Soccer

Game #5 Alter went up earlier in the game against Lebanon 1-0. Vail Farst placed a laser pass to Sam Wierzbowski, just outside the box, for a goal. Alter held the lead until the last few minutes of the first half when Lebanon tied it up.

FINAL: Alter falls to Lebanon 3-1.

Game #6 Alter gave a winning performance to beat Wyoming. Goals by Mason Miller and Aiden Sweeney. Mason had an offensive slide tackle to maintain possession and score. Aiden had an awesome throw in that bounced off a Wyoming player and into the goal.

FINAL: Alter defeats Wyoming 2-1

Next up for Alter Soccer:

Tuesday, September 12th: Alter vs. Badin High School @ 7:00 p.m. (Home)

Thursday, September 14th: Alter vs. Troy Christian @ 7:30 p.m. (Away)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Calling all Lady Knights Soccer Alumni!

Join us on Saturday, October 7th at 2 pm
as the Knights take on Kings High School

**PARTY ON THE PATIO PRIOR TO VARSITY
GAME AT 1PM
ALTER HIGH SCHOOL**

RSVP by scanning the QR Code
or go to
<https://alterhs.org/event/lady-knights-soccer-alumni>



Alter Girls Soccer Car Wash

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Time: 1 pm -4 pm (rain or shine!)

Place: Alter Parking Lot

Car Wash: \$15, \$10 for seniors
free for any local, on-shift, first responder

Burger, Drink, Chips: \$15

Raffle: \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

Hat Trick (Car Wash+Burger+raffle): \$30

Proceeds go to the Alter Girls Soccer Team & our local First Responders
Purchase tickets from any girls soccer player



ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

LIGHT THE KNIGHT

HOPE SQUAD VIGIL

SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7:30PM, IN FRONT OF KNIGHT

ALL ARE WELCOME



ST. CHARLES SCHOOL



OKTOBERFEST

SEPT. 30, 2023
6:30-11:00 PM

DRINKS • FOOD • MUSIC

Featuring: All in Cincinnati Band - Laika
-and-
The Food Dude Street Eats

REMINDERS

School Office Hours:

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

2024-2025 FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment

Applications Now Open:

Please click the link below to see information about our FACTS Payment Plans and Grant & Aid Financial Needs Assessment. Assessments are due Friday, December 1, 2023, for priority award determination.

[Click Here](#)

Graduate Services

SENIORS: Graduate Services will be here for a senior meeting on Tuesday, September 12th. Please note the following dates.

Monday, October 9th: Senior Orders for announcements and senior items (during lunches).

Monday, February 26th: Delivery of Senior Orders (during lunches).

Café Menu

Please click the link below to view the menu for next week:

[Click Here](#)

Spirit Store Hours:

Wednesdays:

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

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

Alter stadium seats are still available for purchase! They are first come first serve!

SCHOOL YEAR

FRESHMEN 1ST DAY

AUG
16

ALL 1ST DAY

AUG
17

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MAY
23

SCHOOL BREAKS

OCT
19

OCT
20

PARENT CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL

DEC
21

WINTER BREAK
BACK TO SCHOOL JAN 9

JAN
8

JAN
15

MLK DAY
NO SCHOOL

FEB
16

FEB
19

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND
NO SCHOOL

MAR
8

APR
26

NO SCHOOL

MAR
29

APR
1

APR
2

APR
3

APR
4

APR
5

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT
6

DEC
20

MAR
7

MAY
23

END OF EACH QUARTER

MAY
17

SENIOR AWARDS
BACCALAUREATE

MAY
18

GRADUATION

EXAM SCHEDULES

1ST SEMESTER
2ND SEMESTER

DEC 15, 18, 19, 20
MAY 20, 21, 22, 23

ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 CALENDAR

August

- 10/11: New Teacher Orientation
- 14: Teacher Workday
- 15: Teacher Workday
- 16: Freshman First Day
- 17: First Day All students
- 17: All School Mass
- 17: Fairmont Game
- 19: Freshman Social Backyard Party
- 23: Underclass Pictures followed by Senior Panoramic
- 23: Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-8:30pm

September

- 1: First Friday Mass
- 1-3: AlterFest
- 4: Labor Day - No School
- 13: ALTER: All Access Admissions Event - Faith and Spirit
- 14: All School Mass
- 15: Homecoming Game
- 16: Homecoming Dance
- 19-22: Kairos 117
- 24-25: Junior Retreat
- 29: Scholarship Breakfast

October

- 5-8: Fall Musical (The Conservatory)
- 6: First Friday Mass
- 6: End of the First Quarter
- 11: PSAT (No School Freshmen, Sophomores & Seniors)
- 12: ALTER: All Access Admissions Event - Arts and Athletics
- 14: Turnabout and Freshman Social Bowling
- 17: All School Mass
- 18: Pre-ACT (No School Freshmen, Juniors & Seniors)
- 18: Knight of Gratitude
- 19: No School, Parent Conferences (11-7)
- 20: No School

November

- 1: All School Mass
- 2: All Souls Prayer Service
- 3: First Friday Mass
- 4: Band State Competition
- 9: ALTER: All Access Admissions Event - Academics and Admissions
- 10/11: Band Grand Nationals - Indianapolis
- 12/13: Junior Retreat
- 14-17: Kairos - 118
- 18: High School Placement Test
- 20: Grandparents Day and All School Mass
- 22-24: Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 27: Giving Tree Assembly

December

- 1: Deadline for Class of 2028 Application, Financial Aid, Scholarships
- 1: First Friday Mass
- 7-10: Winter Play (The Conservatory)
- 8: All School Mass
- 12: Advent Reconciliation
- 13: Band Christmas Concert
- 15: Exams 1 and 2 - noon dismissal
- 18: Exams 3 and 4 - noon dismissal
- 19: Exams 5 and 6 - noon dismissal
- 20: Exams 7 and 8 - noon dismissal
- 21: Exam Make Up Day, teacher work day
- 21- Jan 8: Christmas Break - No School

January

- 8: Teacher Work Day
- 9: First Day for Students (Tuesday)
- 9: All School Mass
- 15: Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 20: Freshman Social Dodgeball
- 23-26: Kairos 119
- 27: Lip Sync Battle (The Conservatory)
- 28-29: Junior Retreat
- 29: Catholic Schools Week begins
- 30: All School Mass
- 31: Area Catholic Schools Week Mass

February

- 1-2: Catholic Schools Week continues
- 2: 1st Friday Mass
- 6/7: IOWA - Freshmen
- 9: Winter Pep Rally
- 12-15: Alter Week of Giving
- 13: Alter Love Telethon
- 14: Ash Wednesday Mass
- 16: No School
- 19: No School - Presidents Day
- 22: Knight of Celebration - Class of 2028
- 23: Knight Out Event
- 28: Sophomore Retreat

March

- 1: First Friday Mass
- 5: Lent Reconciliation Services
- 6: Class of 2028 Scheduling 4-7pm
- 7: End of 3rd Quarter
- 8: No School
- 8-10: Spring Musical - The Conservatory
- 12: All School Mass
- 14-17: Spring Musical - The Conservatory
- 19-22: Kairos 120
- 23-27: Senior Trip
- 28: Holy Thursday Prayer Service
- 29: Good Friday - No School

April

- 1-5: Easter Break
- 17: All School Mass
- 24: Band Jazz Concert
- 25: Freshman Retreat
- 26: No School

May

- 3: Sophomore Surprise
- 3: First Friday Mass
- 4: Prom & Freshmen Formal
- 7: All School Mass
- 6-10: AP Testing
- 10: Tentative PM Assembly Pep Rally
- 13-17: AP Testing
- 16: Graduation Practice for Seniors after exam
- 17: Senior Awards Assembly - 8:30am Gym
- 17: Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner 6:00pm
- 18: Graduation - Trent Arena - 9:30am
- 20: Exams 8 and 7 - Noon Dismissal
- 21: Exams 6 and 5 - Noon Dismissal
- 22: Exams 4 and 3 - Noon Dismissal
- 23: Exams 2 and 1 - Noon Dismissal

End of Semester

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE.**