

# THE KNIGHT TIMES

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**Lourdes Lambert**

# Falling into Place

Dear Families:

As we welcome fall, it is a great reminder to all of us that things should be falling into place for your child at school by now. Schedules should be familiar, and classes should be off to a good start. Your family should be in a comfortable place at this point in the school year with your child knowing what is expected of them, and being able to successfully meet or exceed that expectation.

As the quarter comes to a close on October 6th, please be aware that this marks the halfway point in the semester and 40% of the semester grade. It is a great time to offer me feedback on what is going well, and an even better time to reflect upon what can be improved upon as the second half of the semester begins. Continuous improvement is always our goal at our school. For that reason, our annual parent conference day is coming up on Thursday, October 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The sign up genius to sign up for conferences is now open, and can be found at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944A8A728ABFC1-43589264-2023>

Please sign up to meet with your child's teachers at a time that is convenient for you.

As we look forward to the second quarter, I also ask you to encourage your child to get involved. If they haven't been to an extracurricular activity or club meeting yet this school year, it is time to step out and be part of the larger community that is Alter High School. Please speak to your child about how important it is to join a club and become involved in our school – it will only enhance their experience here and round them out as individuals.

Finally, remember that you are always invited to join us to celebrate Mass. We celebrate Mass monthly on the first Friday morning of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel, and our all school Masses occur at least once per month at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Our next all school Mass is on Tuesday, October 17th at 10:10 a.m. There is no better way to get to know our school family than to attend these Masses with us – they are uplifting, encouraging and a beautiful example of the faithfulness of our school.

We are fully aware that you have many choices for your child's education, and we are so blessed that you made the choice of Archbishop Alter High School. We will continue to work hard to ensure that your investment pays off in many fruitful returns.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert  
Principal



**Heather Dunn**

## Why Should We Participate in Mass?

Have you ever been to a concert, sporting event, or show where everyone is just SO into it?! The event where no one can imagine sitting down because the moment is so intense that it requires standing? Or maybe instead of staring at your phone, you can't help but talk to the people around you and laugh and share in the moment even though they are strangers. While I personally didn't attend an event like that THIS summer, I have a feeling a lot of people did happen to catch a certain singer's concert where bracelets, hugs, and a lot of joy was shared. People left there feeling intense feelings of connectedness and happiness.

What makes these events seem so magical and wonderful? I have been to other events where when I went home, I certainly didn't feel like I was a part of something, or I may have not spoken to a single stranger. I've been to sporting events where despite the overall energy of the stadium, my section was subdued and therefore I did not leave with the same elated feelings. While it doesn't make one event more special than another or "better", it does leave us with a different feeling.

The same phenomenon I mentioned above about a concert or sporting event, I have also witnessed at religious events and retreats. I even noticed it at Kairos! During our Kairos retreat (and other like events), there seems to be energy and excitement; often students will come home and want to re-create those feelings of joy and closeness to the Lord, and they can't understand why it doesn't feel the same. Does that mean God is only present in those big moments or those large Masses we find on retreats? Of course, not! We associate the feelings we have with that event, but really, I think that we have more of those feelings because of those around us. We find ourselves more engaged in that Mass or event because we are with a group of people who have chosen to be truly present in the moment.

God is not only revealed in large religious events, concerts, and retreats. But I tend to think we are more aware of him in those moments because of two things: our mindset and the people around us. The same is true of other large events and moments; our mindset and those around us truly can change our feelings of the moment. It doesn't change what happens, but it changes how we experience them.

The same is true of Mass. When we go to our All School Mass, our mindset and participation changes the experience for ourselves AND one another. We are a community. How we act and participate (or do not) will affect those around us! The gift of the Mass is that whether you choose to be engaged, Jesus is still present in the Eucharist. However, we all want to participate in Mass with others around us who are also participating; no one wants to be the only one singing or saying a response to a prayer.

So, I encourage you, whether it be an All School Mass or a Sunday Mass, pick up your hymnal and use your voice to participate! Join your voice with others around you in community to worship in word and song. We are called in our faith not simply to just attend Mass, but to participate. Just like your participation at a concert or a sporting event is a testimony to your care for the cause or person, participation at Mass is a testimony of our belief in God's holiness and our hope of salvation. Your mindset and participation not only testify to your own faith, but it helps others in their faith journey, too!

In Christ,  
Heather Dunn  
Director of Campus Ministry

# ADMISSIONS



**Jessica Pettit**

## Admissions Update For The Month of October

### **Hello Alter Students, Families, and Friends!**

Admissions activities for the Class of 2028 are in full swing, and it was a pleasure to welcome prospective students to campus throughout the month of September! October will bring additional opportunities for eighth-grade students to explore Alter through events and shadow days and will begin preparation for the High School Placement Test, which will be administered on Saturday, November 18th, 2023.

The High School Placement Test (often referred to as simply the HSPT) is an important element of the admissions process at Archbishop Alter High School, and all high schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. At Alter, the results of the HSPT are used to inform admissions decisions, aid in academic placement, and provide a “level playing field” for our student applicants (who, in the Class of 2027, came from more than 25 different middle schools!)

The High School Placement Test contains five subtests made up entirely of multiple-choice questions. The Verbal Skills subtest measures skills such as understanding of synonyms, antonyms, verbal analogies, verbal classifications; and logical reasoning. The Quantitative Skills subtest includes number series, number manipulations, and geometric and non-geometric quantitative comparison items. The Reading subtest looks at comprehension skills such as the ability to remember important ideas and details, make logical inferences, and understand vocabulary in context. The Mathematics subtest evaluates computation and problem-solving skills, including a student’s knowledge of geometry, algebra and statistics. The Language subtest evaluates skills in standard English convention: punctuation, capitalization, spelling, grammar, and composition.

To prepare for the HSPT, Alter High School offers an hour-long course which reviews testing strategies and the format and content of the test. Registration for this course, as well as the HSPT itself, is open and available at the following link: [alterhs.org/class-of-2028/#hspt](https://alterhs.org/class-of-2028/#hspt).

In general, and as with most standardized tests, students are encouraged to listen to and read directions carefully, use their time wisely (trying not to spend too much time on any one test item), read questions thoroughly, answer every question (especially as there is no penalty for guessing!), and check their work if time permits. As a parent, the most important thing you can do to help your child be successful is make sure that they get a good night’s sleep and have a healthy breakfast before heading to Alter to test. Encourage them to do their best but assure them that the HSPT is only one aspect of their application to Alter.

The HSPT provides the admissions and educational staff at Alter with valuable information that aids us in making the best recommendations for our students. The information that is gathered from this standardized measure is always used alongside report cards, teacher recommendations, and other holistic measures of student potential and achievement in decision-making. It is our intention to fully consider all students who have an interest in becoming an Alter Knight.

If you have any specific questions about the HSPT, or about the admissions process, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Warmly,  
Jessica Pettit  
Director of Admissions





## Learning for Success

**Jennifer Schlangen**

Here at Alter we are blessed to have a variety of different learning styles. These include students who are visual, kinesthetic, read-write learners and auditory. Different learning styles require different study practices.

Visual learners learn by reading or seeing pictures. They understand and remember things by sight and can picture what they are learning in their head. These students learn best by using methods that are primarily visual so highlighting material and using flashcards are great for these students.

Kinesthetic learners retain information by doing, rather than only by seeing or listening. These students learn more through experiencing the concepts taught in class. Real-world examples and experiments create stronger memory connections for these learners.

Read-write learners learn primarily by reading and writing. This type of learner prefers to learn information by reading notes, handouts, and textbooks. These learners make use of dictionaries and other reference materials. They also benefit by rewriting notes and rereading notes silently.

Auditory learners learn best by listening. These students benefit from lectures, listening to recordings and talking to themselves. Finding a study buddy, sitting near the front of the room and repeating facts and assignments aloud are all beneficial.

Speaking with your child and determining what type of learner they are will help with what type of study skills work best for them. No matter what type of learner your child is, remind them to stay organized, write down every assignment, turn in assignments, communicate with teachers, and establish a study zone. When studying, remind them to be active in the process of engaging with material, comprehending, and integrating new knowledge. Remind them not to procrastinate, to take care of themselves and get plenty of rest, which are all keys to success.

Warmest Regards,  
Jennifer Schlangen  
Dean of Academics

# GUIDANCE



**Kristen Hammaker**



**Shannon Brown**

## **Seniors:**

An unbelievable 74% of the senior class has turned in their yellow folders to date. Way to get a jump start on college applications, seniors! Although the first deadline for seniors to turn in materials has passed, please be aware of the two upcoming yellow folder deadlines:

**Requests with a December 1st deadline must be received in the guidance office by Wednesday, November 1st.**

**Requests to be submitted before Christmas break must be received in the guidance office by Wednesday, November 15th.**

At any time, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this often-stressful process, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the counselors. Mrs. DeRosa from Class 101 is also exceptionally helpful in all things college applications and scholarships!

As for scholarships, please know that all opportunities of which Guidance is aware are readily available to view on Naviance. A list of those scholarships can be found under the "Scholarships & Money" section under the "Colleges" tab in Naviance. New scholarships will be added often, particularly as we approach the New Year.

## **In-School College Visits (Juniors & Seniors):**

Juniors and Seniors are allowed up to 5 excused, in-school college visits and must sign up at least one school day prior. Seniors will use their Naviance account to sign up while Juniors will need to sign up in Guidance. Students are expected to make up any missed work.

## **Upcoming Visits**

**October 9th (12:35 p.m.) – Capital University**

**October 12th (12:35 p.m.) – John Carroll University**

**October 13th (12:35 p.m.) – Loyola University Chicago**

**October 17th (1:20 p.m.) – Allegheny College**

**October 17th (2:10 p.m.) – University of Kentucky**

## **Upcoming College & Career Fairs**

### Southwest Ohio Regional College Fair

Wednesday, October 18th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill

601 North B St., Hamilton, OH 45013

### Greater Dayton College & Career Fair

Tuesday, October 24th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Butler High School Student Athletic Center

600 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia, OH 45377

**Registration for both events:** <https://app.strivescan.com/registration>





**Barbara Groene**

## Quarter 1 Coming to a Close

It is hard to believe that the end of the first quarter is here. Students are settling into their routines at school and juggling extracurriculars. Like any other year, the end of the quarter also brings another level of stress. The newness of high school for the freshmen fades into the understanding that high school is going to be hard work. Deadlines need to be met, sleep sometimes must be put on the back burner after a long night of practice and studying. Sophomores and Juniors are taking their first AP classes and adjusting to the increased expectations of such rigorous courses. Seniors are busy applying to college and worrying if they will be accepted into their top choice, and the realization that the relationships they have built over the last 4 years with classmates, friends and teachers are coming to a close.

At Alter, we have many support services available to help students manage these stresses and the strain on their mental health and well-being. A few times a week our Student Assistance Team meets to discuss students who need academic, behavioral, emotional, mental, and medical assistance. We work with the students and teachers to set up individual tutoring or through peer study tables with the help of the National Honor Society. Study Tables are offered before and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No appointment is needed. We also have the Hope Squad students who have been trained specifically to be good listeners and to offer encouragement to students in need, and to refer to an adult moderator if the stress has turned into a crisis. Twice a year we have Mental Health Days. These days offer time away from their usual responsibilities with the intention of recharging and rejuvenating their mental health. The intent is to alleviate distress while improving attitude, morale, and overall well-being.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors, or any staff member if you need assistance. We are here to help!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Groene  
Dean of Students

# TECHNOLOGY



**Debbie Portman**



**Michael Dixon**

Welcome to October. As the first quarter is coming to a close, the Tech Dept. would like to send out informational reminders regarding student computers. The student computers are covered under warranty. The warranty does not cover the battery of the computer, the stylus, charger, or sleeve. If something happens to any of the items that are not covered, then the family is responsible for replacement. At the end of this article, please find the links for reordering a stylus and charger. Make sure to click the proper link for your student's device. If your student has an issue with their computer, please have them take it to Mr. Dixon in room 310 to assess the issue. If it needs to be repaired, he will take care of it as soon as possible.

On October 11th, the juniors will take the PSAT. The PSAT will be taken using the students' computers. Last week the Tech Dept. visited every Junior Theology class and helped the students set up Bluebook. To be successful on test day, it is important for the students to remember to charge their computer completely the evening before the test. On test day, the juniors must bring their device and charger with them to school. Part of the pretest procedures will be to restart computers on campus and shut down any apps that automatically run, such as Spotify, so they do not interfere with the test.

Here are the reorder links for stylus and charger by grade level:

Senior and Junior charger:

<https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/p/accessories-and-software/chargers-and-batteries/chargers/4x20m26268>

Senior and Junior stylus:

[https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/p/accessories-and-software/stylus-pens-and-supplies/stylus-pens-&-supplies\\_pens/4x81l12874](https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/p/accessories-and-software/stylus-pens-and-supplies/stylus-pens-&-supplies_pens/4x81l12874)

Sophomore and Freshman charger:

<https://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/dell-usb-c-65-w-ac-adapter-with-1-meter-power-cord-united-states/apd/492-bcnw/pc-accessories>

Sophomore computer stylus pens:

<https://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/dell-premium-active-pen-pn579x/apd/750-abeb/handhelds-tablet-pcs>

Freshman computer stylus pens:

<https://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/dell-active-pen-pn5122w/apd/750-adqk/handhelds-tablet-pcs>



## Testing Updates for ACT and SAT



**Kati Balent**

\*October brings both the PSAT and Pre-ACT for our students. Juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11th. New this year, sophomores will take the Pre-ACT in preparation for the full ACT they will take during their junior year. Parents and students should be checking email for details regarding both of these exams.

\*The Ohio state-sponsored ACT will be given to all Juniors on February 27, 2024. This exam is given free of charge to students, and registration will be handled by Alter.

\*All National ACT exams must be registered for by visiting [ACT.org](https://act.org). SAT registration is found at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org).

\*The High School Placement test will be given to incoming freshmen on Saturday, November 18th. We look forward to welcoming all of the current 8th graders on test day. Please visit Alter's website to register if you have not yet done so.

Any and all testing questions can be directed to our testing coordinator, Kati Balent, at [Katharine.balent@alterhs.org](mailto:Katharine.balent@alterhs.org).

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Military Spotlight: Kyle Roshong '17

A graduate of Alter High School Class of 2017, Kyle Roshong continued his career onto USAFA where he has since graduated and is currently working as an Acquisitions Program Manager as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. When reflecting upon his time at the Academy, Kyle said "The biggest impacts to me at USAFA were the people around me and the experiences we shared together. The Academy brings many challenges and opportunities to further develop your leadership skills, knowledge, and physical fitness. If it were not for my fellow cadets around me, it would've been much more challenging to excel at USAFA. Teamwork was paramount in finding success at USAFA whether it was in the classroom, during military training, or on the rugby pitch. I owe it all to my friends, classmates, and teammates who helped me work to graduate from the United States Air Force Academy." We wish Kyle the best as he continues his career in the United States Air Force!



**Left to Right:** 2nd Lieutenant Austin Helm '19 and 1st Lieutenant Kyle Roshong '17

## 3 Generations of Alter Volleyball

Alter student and volleyball player Kailey Nonnenman is not the only member of her family who has attended Alter and played volleyball. In fact, she is a 3rd generation legacy student as pictured with her mother Jessica Pricci '00 and grandmother Terry Luedeke '73. Kailey said growing up, she was encouraged to play the sport by both her mother and grandmother. We love when we get a chance to shine a spotlight on our legacy families and in this case, **three** Alter volleyball players as well! Go Knights!





# Leanne Robinett '13

A great plan well executed will deliver great results as evidenced by the Class of 2013's 10th reunion party hosted during AlterFest weekend. Classmates can thank Leanne Robinett for much of the success and opportunity to see so many of their friends. Leanne, a Yelp Software Sales Rep, and transplanted Buckeye now living her dream in the East Village NYC, offered to take on the role of reunion planner with help from Ellie Bonanno and Braden Heyd. It was Leanne's personal mission to contact each 2013 classmate and personally invite them to attend the reunion....and she succeeded. It required some internet sleuthing, but she located and connected with everyone. Thank you, Leanne, for your dedication to Alter. We cannot wait to see what you do for the 15th reunion!



**Class of 1983**



**Class of 1978**



**Class of 1998**



**Class of 2003**



**Class of 2013**



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Annual Yearbook Theme Workshop

The yearbook class attended their annual theme workshop. St. Mary's church generously allows the class to use their basement space for the workshop. Donny Boyd, the representative from Jostens, and Mrs. Riegel help the students brain storm ideas for the 2024 yearbook. This year was very successful. The students decided on a theme, designed the cover, organized the book, started to design some pages and voted on the senior superlative categories. We are excited to see the final product at the end of the year!



## STEM Talk: Lieutenant Colonel Jason Fields, USAF

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Fields, a 17X Cyberspace Warfare Operations Officer, USAF, shared with students his past ROTC academic and career experiences focused on Computer Science and Information Technology. Throughout his career Lt. Col. Fields has been challenged in areas that required significant study, analysis, and strategy to execute his assignments. He has worked overseas and at the Pentagon and is currently at AFIT specializing in cyberspace warfare operations education. He stressed with students the importance of business and economic classes even for careers in technical fields like his own. His Air Force career has allowed him unique and challenging experiences, all impacting the person he is today and the value he brings to his work. Thank you, Lt. Col. Jason Fields and all your comrades, for the paramount services performed to keep Americans safe.





# ALTER Fest!

This is our first opportunity to congratulate all those that helped make AlterFest a phenomenal success and to give you a snippet of what it takes to make it all happen.

We could not execute AlterFest weekend without hundreds of volunteers but, there are also key division chairs (and several spouses) who truly make AlterFest run smoothly.

We would like to recognize and give a gigantic **THANK YOU** to the following division chairs:

The **Electricians**, who we wouldn't have a festival without; providing power from lights to music and everything in between: **Keith Krynzell** and **Bill Jones**.

The **Operations Chair** runs the physical setup before, during, and after the festival alongside the Event Chair: **Jon Albrecht '98**.

The **Adult Beverages Chair** manages all aspects of providing beer and wine to the entire festival: **Lara Harshbarger** and husband, **Chris**.

The **Warehouse Chair** plays a vital role ensuring every single item, from cabbage rolls to soft pretzels, refrigerators to zip ties, is ready to go for the festival and manages those supply needs throughout the weekend: **Mike Pothast** and wife, **Jen**.

The **Co-warehouse Chair** provides our radio communications for the weekend and helps supply food and materials during the festival: **Katie Ward '98**.

**Kids Area Co-chairs** are responsible for all things "kids" including ticket sales, prizes, and managing student volunteers throughout the entire festival: **Shannon Drake** and **Lisa Talbert**.

The **Kitchen Chair** is the maker of the famous cabbage rolls in addition to preparing many other food items to provide to the food booths: **Desmond Isom**.

The **Food Service Chair** coordinates the families that run the daily shifts of the main food booth. They grill and cook all those tasty burgers, sausages, and fries: **Milissa Manfre** and husband, **Paul**.

**Treasury Co-chairs** diligently ensure that all things money related are kept secure: **Yvette Yuhasz** and **Andrew Yuhasz '20**.

**Customer Service Co-chairs** are there to answer questions, assist where needed and ensure volunteers get to the right place at the right time: **Geoff Robinson** and **Annette King**.

**Games of Chance Chairs** ensure attendees have a fun night at the adult games: **Megann Eversole**, **Tim Ippisch**, **Todd Mobley**, and **Nikki Funk**.

The **Entertainment Co-chairs** bring you all the great bands during the weekend: **Vicki** and **Sam Wright**.

## BY THE NUMBERS...

*look what you've done*

- ✓ 1400 Cabbage Rolls Purchased
- ✓ 212 Alumni met in the Alumni Lounge Friday
- ✓ 7057 Kids' Prizes Won
- ✓ 1480 Volunteer Shifts
- ✓ 614 Adult Volunteers
- ✓ 68 Faculty & Staff Volunteers
- ✓ 498 Student Volunteers
- ✓ **\$120,000+** Raised for Alter HS



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## SUPPORT ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!\*

Turn your Ohio taxes into tuition for Alter. Ohio Taxpayers who donate to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return. **Up to \$750 per donor** (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly.)

See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code

In 2022, gifts made to the CEF-SGO designated to Alter provided 47 families with a need-based scholarship!

**THANK YOU!**

Your donation to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) can be designated to specifically benefit Alter High School. Gifts designated to Alter will be awarded to families with the greatest need.

According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer will need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgement letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

Your tax credit will not be greater than \$750 (\$1,500 married filing jointly) or your Ohio income tax liability, whichever is less.

## HOW DO I DONATE?



To make your gift online

[CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO](https://CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO)

OR



To donate by mail

Catholic Education Foundation – SGO  
100 E. Eighth St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Donation Form available at  
[CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO](https://CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO)



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## Scholarship Breakfast

We were blessed to welcome over 265 benefactors, students, and parents to the annual Scholarship breakfast Friday, September 29th, at the Presidential banquet center. This tradition highlights those students who have received a scholarship for the current school year. With over 60 benefactors in attendance, students were able to meet and learn about one another before and during breakfast.

Advancement Director Robin Blank kicked off the program and all were treated to keynote speaker Gary Trick '69 who included a poignant metaphor as he spoke about items students should "carry in their backpack" during their years at Alter. Principal Lourdes Lambert introduced three scholarship recipients - Isabela Figueroa '24, Keefe Carter '25, and James Brooks '26 - who gave their remarks. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients and thank you to our benefactors for their generosity in helping make an Alter education available to so many students.





# THE ARTS

## The Castle Players

The Alter Castle Players musical, **THE SPITFIRE GRILL** is here! Show dates are October 6th and 7th @ 7:00 p.m. and October 8th @ 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now! Get yours today at [alterhs.booktix.com](https://alterhs.booktix.com). 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. Tickets \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Senior (60+)/Student/Military tickets. Student activity passes are accepted! Get 1 free ticket when you enter your personal activity pass code at checkout (see email from Mrs. Sears with your code).

Promo Videos:

[Rehearsal Promo](#)

[Production Promo](#)

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OCTOBER 5TH-8TH

**The SPITFIRE Grill**

MUSIC & BOOK BY JAMES VALCO  
LYRICS & BOOK BY FRED ALLEY  
BASED ON THE FILM BY LEE DAVID ZLOTOFF

THE SPITFIRE GRILL is presented by arrangement with  
Goodman Theatre, www.goodmantheatre.com

December 7th-10th

**THE AUDITION**

Written by Don Zolidis

Incidental Music and Lyrics by  
Rachel Dean and David Brush

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JANUARY 27, 2024

March 8TH-10TH & 14TH-17TH 2024

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THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice  
Book by Linda Woolverton

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is presented through special  
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**The SPITFIRE Grill**

MEET THE CAST

 LACY REED as PERCY DALBOTT	 NATALIE MORLOCK as SHELLEY THORPE	 SOPHIA SOTTER as HANNAH FERGUSON
 NATE CARTER as JOE SUTTER	 KALEB PICKETT as CALVIN THORPE	 MIA COMMON as EDDY WAGNER
 CHLOE CARTER as THE GRILL	 JACK COMMON as THE GRILL	 HANNAH FERGUSON as THE GRILL
 NATALIE MORLOCK as THE GRILL	 CHLOE CARTER as THE GRILL	 KALEB PICKETT as THE GRILL
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**The SPITFIRE Grill**

MEET THE CREW

 OLIVIA LOMBARD STAGE MANAGER	 BELLA CONTRERAS STAGE MANAGER
 CAROLINE COLUMBUS	 TYLER CRIDER
 SOPHIA KING	 ANNA LECKEY
 LIBBY KLATTE	 JACK LAMPMAN
 RAYA MILLIS	 LIV ONEY
 SOPHIA SOTTER	

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## The Marching Knights



The Alter Marching Knights held their elementary band night last week. It was a lot of fun getting these future Knights involved and showing them what being a Marching Knight is all about!

This is a big competition week for the Alter Marching Knights. They perform Saturday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Mason High School MSBA Invitational. Be sure to follow the Marching Knights on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

Instagram: @alterhsbands

Facebook: Alter High School Bands



# ATHLETICS

## Football

Last week, the football team came out with another GCL win against the McNicholas Rockets 28-7. Next up, the team faces Badin who is currently sitting at 6-0. We are looking forward to this big time GCL battle! The game is tonight, October 6th at Fairfield High School at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone there to help cheer these Knights to victory!



## Girls' Golf

The girls' team competed in the Southwest district tournament yesterday where sophomore Lauren Miller shot a 2 under 69 and is heading to the state tournament! We are so proud of her and this tremendous accomplishment! To read the Dayton Daily News article please [click here](#).



## Boys' Golf

The boys' team has won their 4th district tournament in a row and will head to the state tournament next week. The Knights shot a combined score of 6-over-par 290 on the par-71 course at Heatherwoode Golf Club to get their lowest district score in program history. We are proud and know they will represent Alter well! To read the Dayton Daily News article please [click here](#).



## Cross Country

The Alter Knights cross country team had a great race at Saturday Night Lights at Centerville High School on September 30th. The team also had a two mile race on Monday, October 5th at Carroll High School. The boys' team got second place with Jack Schoen getting sixth place overall. The girls' team got fourth place. Our next race is October 14th at Cedarville for GCL's. GO KNIGHTS!





## Girl' Tennis



With Maggie Shope winning against her opponent in the third set against CJ, this made the final match score 3-2 and allowed Alter to win their 4th consecutive GCL Title. Now, with the regular season finished, a majority of the varsity girls made it through sectionals and qualified to play in the district tournament on October 12th. Senior Maggie Shope claimed the fourth seed for first singles, the first doubles pair of Senior Annie Gayonski / Junior Annie Schaefer claimed the second seed, and the second doubles pair of Senior Alana Baker/ Senior Chelsea Hoskins claimed the fourth seed. Go Knights!

## Girls' Soccer

The Lady Knights have a busy week ahead with 5 games in the next 7 days to finish out the regular season. Wednesday night, the girls played at Carroll with JV winning 4-2 and Varsity ending with a tie 1-1. Goal by Hannah Mayse with the assist from Marcy Woolley.

The Lady Knights travel once again to CHCA for a Varsity game Thursday night, and will be home on Saturday, October 7th at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. against Kings. Monday the girls play at local rival Fairmont. The program looks forward to celebrating their Seniors on Wednesday, October 11th at the last game of the season against Fenwick. Senior Night Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m., so plan on coming early to show your support for our 7 Seniors! Cheer loud and proud to help the girls end the season with a Victory!



## Boys' Soccer



The boys' soccer team was on the road this week. On September 30th, they traveled to Indian Hills but were unable to come up with the win as they fell short to Indian Hills 1-0. They then headed to Chaminade Julienne to take on the Eagles on October 3rd. Oliver Tucker was able to get the ball in the net off of a penalty kick but the Knights came up short to the Eagles in this game with a score of 3-1. However, the Knights bounced back last night with a 1-0 score over Bellbrook with Akol Malow scoring the winning goal

## Final Forms

With the winter and spring sports' seasons just around the corner, please be reminded that Alter's Athletic Department is partnered with FinalForms, an on-line program which will enable you and your student to complete and file MOST athletic forms electronically. The ONLY form that you still need to print, have a physician complete and sign, and file with the Athletic Trainers, is the actual OHSAA Physical Form. Once a parent is registered on FinalForms, they will be able to access and print that form for their student's physician to fill out. The physical form must be completed by the doctor and by law Alter is required to have a signed copy on file. Once your student's completed physical is received by the Athletic Trainers, they will input the expiration date into FinalForms and then you will receive automatic notifications when your student's forms need to be updated (annually). The following link will take you to the Final Forms landing page on the Alter website, where you may register your student (if you've not yet done so), or update any necessary information as we enter the winter and spring sports' seasons: <https://alter-oh.finalforms.com> .

# EVENTS

## Join Us for MASS

## ALTER

Tuesday, October 17 @ 10:10 AM  
Special Guests: Parents of Alumni

Wednesday, November 1 @ 10:10 AM  
Special Guests: Current Parents

Monday, November 20 @ 10:10 AM  
Special Guests: Grandparents Day

Friday, December 8 @ 10:10 AM  
Special Guests: Retired Faculty & Staff

Coffee & Donuts  
served in the  
Arts Wing  
immediately  
following Mass.

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



IT'S  
**DONUT DAY!**

**OCTOBER 10, 2023**  
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE BACK  
PARKING LOT

**STUDENTS AND  
PARENTS:  
COME GRAB AN  
ALTER YARD SIGN  
AND A BILL'S DONUT!**



YOUNG'S DAIRY FARM

## FALL TURNABOUT

**SATURDAY, OCT 14, 8-10 PM**

MINI GOLF DRIVING RANGE  
BATTING CAGES ICE CREAM

Tickets \$22  
For sale at lunches  
Monday-Thursday

Soph. & Jr.  
Western

Seniors  
Dynamic Duos



ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS

*October/November*

**OCTOBER 12 AT 6:00 PM**  
ALTER: ALL ACCESS  
ARTS AND ATHLETICS

**OCTOBER 12 AND 26  
NOVEMBER 2 AND 9**  
SHADOW DAYS  
BE A KNIGHT FOR A DAY!

**NOVEMBER 9 AT 6:00 PM**  
ALTER: ALL ACCESS  
ACADEMICS AND ADMISSIONS

Questions?  
Ready to register?

CONTACT JESSICA PETTIT, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, OR VISIT [ALTERHS.ORG](http://ALTERHS.ORG)

## Girls Lacrosse!

### Player Meeting!

(Season: Feb to May)

**Date:** Tuesday Oct 18

**Time:** 7pm - 8pm

**Place:** Alter Cafeteria

(One parent should attend!)




ST. CHARLES PTO PRESENTS

## Charger Craft Crawl

HOLIDAY MARKET & CRAFT SHOW

**Sunday November 19, 2023**  
11am - 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

RAFFLE BASKETS KIDS FACE PAINTING

Shop a wide variety of vendors & crafters  
HOME & SEASONAL DECOR, CANDLES, BATH & BODY,  
CLOTHING, JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES, SPECIALTY GIFTS,  
HANDMADE CRAFTS, BAKED GOODS AND MUCH MORE

TAKE YOUR OWN  
**Photos with Santa**  
(FREE 12 - 3PM)

ENJOY COFFEE & BEVERAGES FROM  
BEAN AROUND TOWN

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL PAC  
4600 ACKERMAN BLVD  
KETTERING



# REMINDERS

**School Office Hours:**  
7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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## **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](#)

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## **Senior Corner**

**Seniors:** Graduate Services will not be here on October 9th to collect your senior orders. For those of you who are not ordering online, please turn your senior orders into the main office no later than October 9th. If you need a senior order packet, please pick one up in the main office.



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## **National Honor Society**

This year's NHS members are asking for donations to give to the homeless in the Dayton area. They are looking for travel sized items such as: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, razors, soap, etc. Extra items you may have lying around from dentist offices or hotels would be perfect for these donations! Once collected, these items will be packaged by members. Our school resource officer, Eric Rustad and the NHS officers will then deliver the items. You can bring these items to Ms. Sanders room 402 in Seton Hall, by October 30th. Please consider donating!

Thank you on behalf of the National Honors Society!

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## **Pinkout Football Game vs. CJ**

Once again, Alter will be celebrating the breast cancer awareness in our Pinkout game week 10 against CJ. Please show up and wear your pink to support this cause. Use the link to below to purchase your pink shirt for the game this year. All proceeds will benefit the Pink Ribbon Girls, an organization that helps women battling cancer. Shirts must be ordered no later than Monday, October 9th.

[Click Here](#)

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## **Café Menu**

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

[Click Here](#)

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## **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)  
19: 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.**