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Lourdes Lambert

Archbishop Alter High School – Where You will Be Known and You will be Loved

Dear Families:

After every all school Mass, I have the opportunity to address our school as a whole. I often speak to our students about my sources of inspiration, prayer and reflection. As they know, I subscribe to many different messages of hope and faith that I reflect upon first thing in the morning. I am especially thankful for Ms. Dintaman's daily encouraging word to get me started on the right path for the day. On a recent morning, I received almost the exact same message from two different sources, and I knew that meant that I had to take that message to heart for myself as well as share that message with others.

The messages reminded me that we all need someone to believe in us and lift us up. We need someone to know us and love us anyway. Sometimes, we need someone to believe in us more than we believe in ourselves, for we are often our own harshest critics. We need to keep in mind as we go through our day that there are enough people in this world ready to tell us what we can't do, what we can't become and that we don't have what it takes to succeed, but how many people do we have in our lives that believe in us – really believe in us – and lift us up because they know us and love us?

I believe that lifting others up is part of my personal calling and vocation. It is my honor to observe the greatness in our faculty, staff and students every day, and to call out that greatness so they know that someone has noticed, valued and appreciated them. These messages, however, made me realize that it is everyone's responsibility to look out for one another and lift one another up, and I want to challenge us all to look around and remember that we are all here together at this specific place and time for a reason, and that reason may just be to verbalize the amazing qualities that we see in one another every day.

Whether we realize it or not, our words are incredibly impactful, and we may never know the difference we make in someone's life by noticing their gifts and telling them how gifted we think they are. Where are you known and loved? I hope one of those places is Alter High School. Let's make it our goal to know and love one another daily!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert
Principal



Heather Dunn

Holy Moments with God

My drive to work each morning is rather short as I live close to Alter High School. I am barely in the car long enough to hear the entirety of a song depending on the light at Marshall so often, I forego the radio just to enjoy those few moments of silence on my way to work. My husband Danny takes the kids to school more frequently than I, but when I do take them, we all take a turn praying on the way to school. On the days my children are not present in the car, I still try to pray aloud.

My prayers in the car change day to day; some days I will pray a memorized prayer and others I pray with whatever comes into my head. However, most days I try to offer my day to the Lord. As a person who thrives on routine and schedules, I've already looked at my day on my paper AND google calendar and I know the plans I have for the day. I've thought about what I need to accomplish and the tasks that need to be completed that day. However, that doesn't leave a lot of wiggle room for whatever God would have in store for my day.

For instance: Maybe someone will walk into the Chapel and want to pray with me today. Maybe a student will need to come talk about their Kairos talk in my office. Maybe we'll have an unplanned meeting to pray for a family in need or discuss how to better serve a student. Maybe a coworker will need my help on a project or just want to talk about their own faith journey. I always pray for my list of things I hope to accomplish but how often do I pray for the moments God has in store for me that I haven't even thought up yet? Moments in my day that God will use to increase faith and holiness.

I try to end my prayer with something along the lines, "Lord, this day is yours. Use me for your glory."

There are many moments over the past year that I have seen God turn my day upside down from how I planned it to go or how I thought it was going to go. I've noticed that though at times chaotic, God has created an abundance of "holy moments" in my days. What is a holy moment?

Alter High School is kicking off a fantastic new project entitled "Holy Moments." Based on the book Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly and thanks to a generous donor, our Alter community will embark on a journey to recognize holy moments in our lives in the coming months. Matthew Kelly defines a holy moment as "...a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do."

Starting with a book given to each student and family this past week, we will spend the next few months reading the books on our own. Then, starting in January, a prompt will be presented each Monday in Theology class; on Friday of that same week, we will meet in God Squads to discuss the prompt again and begin to discover those "holy moments" that we had during the week.

There is no previous theology class or faith moment that you need to simply be open to the holy moments God seeks to invite into your life. To me, this is the best part of this project! Seeking holy moments in our days can start now! Perhaps, it is as simple as driving to school or work each morning that you ask God to show you the holy moments in your life. For me, it will continue to be asking and allowing God to "re-arrange" my days for the holy moments He has in store for me! May we grow as a community with our eyes open to those moments of being open to God!

In Christ,
Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

Hello Alter Knights!

We are officially in the home stretch of our fall admissions season with the application deadline for the Class of 2028 in just a few weeks! I have enjoyed meeting so many of our prospective students and families, and am excited about the future of our school and the Knights who will make up our newest freshman class.

I remind our prospective students that there are several important dates coming up:

- o Our final ALTER: ALL ACCESS event, highlighting our academic programs and the admissions process, will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. Join us to learn more about our exemplary academics from our teachers and have your admissions questions answered by our admissions team.
- o Our final shadow day of 2023 will take place on Thursday, November 16th. A few spaces are still available, and we encourage you to spend a day on campus to experience Alter firsthand.
- o High School Placement Test preparation classes are underway, with several dates still available for registration.
- o The High School Placement Test will be administered at Alter on Saturday, November 18th from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon. The HSPT is required for admission to Archbishop Alter High School.
- o All applications for admission, scholarship applications, and financial aid applications are due Friday, December 1st, 2023.

*Registration for, and further information about, all of these events can be found on the Alter website. *

More importantly, I remind our prospective students that Alter is a school filled with “alreadys” and “not yets.” Your “alreadys” are the things that you come to Alter interested in, skilled at, or excited about. Our freshman classes are always filled with students who are athletes, artists, and academics- who found something they love while in elementary or middle school and that they plan to continue while a student at Alter.

The most thrilling part of being an Alter student, though, can often be found in the “not yets.” You may come to Alter as a football player but might also find a passion for the stage. You may arrive with an interest in student government, but graduate as a peer minister. You may be a painter, but also find a love for lacrosse. These “not yets” are an integral part of being an Alter Knight, and we encourage students to expand their interests and find new paths. I cannot wait to learn more about the “alreadys” that our newest students will bring to Alter and am so honored that I will walk alongside them as they discover their “not yets.”

As always, do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to help with the admissions process, or if there are questions I can answer.

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

ACADEMICS



Our Teachers Deserve Appreciation Every Day

Jennifer Schlangen

November is a month full of reminders to be thankful. It opens by commemorating those saints who lived virtuous lives and who are worthy of imitation. The month then moves to Veteran's Day, honoring the veterans and victims of our country's wars. Then we give thanks to our families, friends, and God as we celebrate Thanksgiving. November is also the perfect month to give thanks to the teachers at Alter.

Our teaching staff consists of 45 teachers who have a combined average of over 17 years of teaching experience. We are committed to challenging students to reach their full potential by enriching student experiences by providing academic excellence that combines classroom, community, and faith in a Christ-centered environment. Our educators challenge students to dream big and reach for the stars. In a very literal way, Alter teachers hold the power to guide students' futures, because the mark that an amazing teacher leaves on a student is indelible. It may be decades since each of us left school, but we'll never forget the teacher who understood us, cared for us, and helped us.

A master's degree is held by 54% of our faculty, and the student to faculty ratio is 11:1. This ratio allows our classroom teachers and intervention specialists to work closely with our students and to develop caring relationships with them. Long after the bell has rung, the dedication of our faculty may be seen around campus as we are actively involved with clubs, coaching, attending student events and providing mentoring to students.

So, as we move through the month of November, take a minute to thank our teachers for their unwavering support, guidance, patience, and knowledge as their passion for teaching shines through and they continue to make a profound impact on shaping futures. Many of us would be a completely different person if teachers were absent in our lives. We should be forever grateful for their encouragement, hard work, and perseverance.

With Gratitude,
Jennifer Schlangen
Dean of Academics

GUIDANCE



Kristen Hammaker



Shannon Brown



Cathy Waag

Welcome, Cathy Waag!

Please join us in a warm welcome to our new Guidance Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Cathy Waag! Having both a 2003 and 2006 alum, we are so excited to welcome Mrs. Waag back home to Alter. She has been a wonderful addition to the team.

Seniors:

Scholarships, both merit scholarships offered through the school and outside scholarship opportunities, can play a big role in making the best financial decisions regarding college cost. After Christmas break and into the New Year, more scholarship opportunities open up. Any college scholarships, of which we are aware, are listed in Naviance under "Scholarships & Money" in the Colleges tab. Mrs. DeRosa, our Class 101 representative, is also a wonderful resource for scholarship searching, so tap into her wealth of knowledge! Please note that a particular college's website may have specific financial aid/scholarship/grant information on their Financial Aid pages.

An integral part of college financing is the completion and filing of the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA). Please be aware that filing the FAFSA is free, and you should never pay a fee to apply. Going to <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa> will enable you to complete and submit the FAFSA online. Colleges have various deadlines for submission, so be aware of those dates pertaining to your student's school(s). If you are having difficulty in completing a part of the FAFSA or have any questions, your student's potential college is the best resource as they are experts in all things financial aid.

Please join us for our annual College Financial Aid Night on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Alter's theatre. This informational session provides much-needed advice and direction on the financial aid process for both public and private universities. The event will once again be presented by Dr. Katherine Gonzalez, who always does an outstanding job of addressing the many concerns which surround college funding.

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.



Barbara Groene

Reminders for Students

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Some extracurriculars are wrapping up, but that does not mean that our students have extra time on their hands. We are entering the time of year when their outside interests and events take on a life of their own. Often, I receive questions regarding the guidelines for students missing school for club sports, family events, and college visits. As a reminder, a written request must be submitted to the attendance secretary at least three school days prior to the absence. Mrs. Bockrath will prepare a form for the student to take around to their teachers to afford them the opportunity to talk about what they may be missing. The form is then returned to the main office after all teachers have been notified. Following this procedure gives teachers and students an opportunity to discuss work that can be given in advance, so students do not fall behind, especially for a prolonged absence. Remember that students have as many days as they were out to make up their work.

Three college visits are permitted per year for juniors and seniors. Students should obtain a college visitation form from the main office. This form should be completed by the admission office at the college while on their visit. The completed form should be returned to the main office the day after the visit for the absence to be excused. If an additional day is needed for travel, please send a note to the office on the day the student signs up for the visit. Any questions regarding this procedure can be directed to the main office.

Please make sure to review the student handbook pages 22-23 for additional information or let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

Welcome to November. This month we would like to share some typical problems we see with student computers and how to fix the issues. Your computers are like your brains. Sometimes when our brains get exhausted, we need to stop, rest and recharge them. Computers need the same things. They can get exhausted running 24/7 and bogged down if there are too many documents open or too many tabs open in a web browser; especially if one or more of the tabs are streaming something. Get into the habit of closing tabs and documents. Shut down your computer as often as you can so it can rest from running 24/7. If you need to be able to go back to your tabs in the future, consider bookmarking them for ease of use. It is also important to get into the habit of restarting your computer at least once a week on campus. This allows critical updates to be performed. If you need help with any of this, see someone in the Tech Dept.

If you are unable to print, before you start to panic, check to make sure you are on the WIFI. Alter Guest WIFI is not able to access the printers. To access the WIFI, click on the symbol on the bottom right side of the task bar and select ALTER WIFI. If you are still having issues connecting, stop into the Tech Dept. and have us check it out for you.

Have you cleaned your screen lately? To do so, use a dry microfiber cloth when your computer is turned off to gently wipe the surface. Are you missing your stylus or is your charger not working? Here are the re-order 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

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>



Kati Balent

An Interview with Class 101's Karen DeRosa

We have been so blessed to have started our collaboration with Class 101 this school year. Karen DeRosa has helped our seniors to be extremely prepared and far less stressed about the college season. Here are some commonly asked questions about our partnership with Class 101:

What does a day at Alter typically look like for you?

Working with amazing students, I am not sure there is ever a "typical" day! The heart of the Class 101 partnership with Alter is to provide resources that support each individual student on his/her journey to success after high school. That means every student should access Class 101 differently to meet their unique needs. We are housed in the Taylor Center, and we host open office hours from the first bell until the end of the day. It is a workshop atmosphere for students to come in and work on college planning with Class 101 on hand to offer advice and resources. On occasion, we can meet with students at 7:15 a.m. or after school.

What's your favorite part so far about working with Alter students?

We genuinely love them all. I think you often hear that Alter students are polite, respectful, and kind. I wholeheartedly agree. But my favorite thing about them as a group is their sense of optimism and the constant encouragement they share with each other. High school is a place to dream big, and those dreams are authentically supported at Alter.

How many Alter seniors have worked with you so far?

We've held more than 270 unique student interactions with 70 percent of Alter's seniors. We also met with all seniors during an assembly in August to introduce Class 101, open the Common App, discuss the college list, and even start writing essays.

Once the senior college applications slow down, how will Class 101 shift to working with underclassmen?

From August through October, we have focused our attention on seniors. In November, we will open our services to the Class of 2025 (Juniors). Class 101 will collaborate with the Alter counselors to go into classes as the juniors learn how to access their college planning tools. Class 101 will also walk all juniors through a guided career interest exercise and also provide the rationale for why it is important to draft a college list and visit colleges this year!

In January, we will host a Scholarship Workshop for seniors and a Resume Workshop for juniors. We will continue to look for ways to have the biggest impact. As we propose a long term plan, please know that we are ready to adapt in ways that help your students and families.

Is this the same service as college planning with Class 101?

No, it is different. We are bringing four of our ten services to Alter, and these services are being provided in a group setting instead of in a one to one, personalized college planning setting. It's a less personal approach, but I can already see that it supports Alter students and counselors to have another resource to help students dream big and set future goals.

Testing Updates:

High School Placement Test

We are gearing up for our High School Placement Test on November 18th! If you have an incoming 8th grader and need to register, please visit <https://alterhs.org/class-of-2028/#hspt>.

ACT

Our juniors will take the state sponsored ACT on February 27th. The state of Ohio pays for this test, and we register the students on our end. We find our kids appreciate this opportunity as it gives them the chance to take the test in a familiar environment. More information will be given to juniors in the near future.

IOWA

Freshmen students will take the IOWA tests in February. This test is required by the state of Ohio to measure graduation readiness. Information will be sent to freshmen and parents in January.



Nancy Kaczala

Facts Grant & Aid Assessment

As we approach the busy holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, another important date is quickly approaching. **December 1st** is the due date for the FACTS Grant and Aid assessment, Alter's named scholarships and admissions applications for the class of 2028.

At Alter, we work hard to make Catholic education affordable for every student. With the recent expansion of the state of Ohio's EdChoice scholarship program, all students can receive funding to defray the cost of tuition. The following tips will guide you through this application season:

- New students (incoming freshmen and others currently attending other high schools) must apply for admission to Alter High School to be considered for financial aid and scholarships.
- All students must apply for or renew their EdChoice scholarships to receive financial aid and need-based named scholarships. For 2024-25, the EdChoice application/renewal process will begin in February 2024, so we will use 2023-24 EdChoice award data when making award decisions.
- 2022 tax documentation will be required to support the FACTS Grant and Aid assessment and a \$35 FACTS fee will be charged upon submission.
- Award decisions will be communicated at the end of January 2024, prior to the enrollment due date.
- Visit alterhs.org to apply.

Nearly 40% of our current students are now paying less than half of our published tuition rate and 80% of the recent EdChoice expansion applications have yet to be awarded, so we know this percentage will grow. We encourage all families seeking financial assistance for the 2024-25 school year to use all available resources to reduce the cost of an Alter education. We look forward to assisting our families through this year's award season.

Nancy Kaczala
Director of Finance

Alter Named Scholarships: An Opportunity to Learn & Earn

Thanks to dedicated and generous Alter benefactors, we have 39 named scholarships that will provide over 120 tuition grants to incoming and current students, totaling well over \$200,000 annually. The window to apply for one or more of our available scholarships is now and the application and reference process are seamless and completely online. For ease of navigation, the website categorizes our scholarships based on student status:

- Incoming freshman
- Current Alter students
- Both incoming and current Alter students

Within each of these categories, scholarships are either need- based or merit- based. Need-based scholarships require submission of an EdChoice Scholarship application along with a completed FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The online application essay is a means for students to express their personal achievements, talents, leadership, perseverance, kindness, faith, or other characteristics. This is a learning opportunity for students to capture in their own words, reasons for consideration of a scholarship. Their written essays are early practice for the collegiate application and scholarship process.

Named scholarships can also fill the tuition gap between EdChoice scholarships and other financial aid that a family can receive. Our goal is to provide as much assistance as possible to make an Alter education possible for those who aspire to be a Knight.

To view all available scholarships: [Alter Named Scholarships](#)

Named Scholarship Deadline: **December 1st, 2023, for the 2024-2025 school year.**



FACTS GRANT & AID ASSESSMENT

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 needs assessment award determination. [Click here for more info.](#)



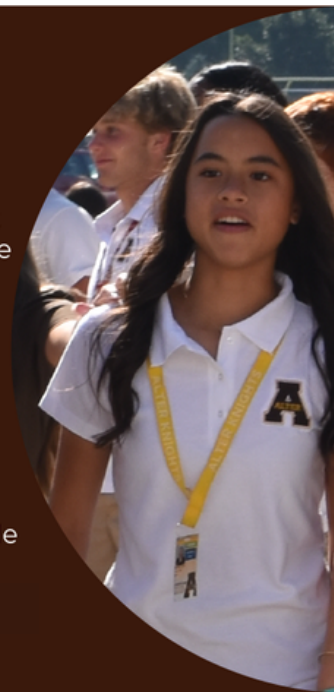
NAMED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Please consider applying for one of over 40 Named Scholarships available from Alter for the school year 2024-2025. The application process is all online. Application deadline: **December 1, 2023.**

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

30 days to register and apply.

THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Aileen Kernan '12 Schwab

Aileen Schwab is an Alter graduate of 2012 and earned a BA in Elementary Education with minors in Biology and Mathematics from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She dedicated seven years to Catholic education in Indiana and Texas and earned her STEM certification through Rice University in 2021. This past summer she and her husband, Ryan moved back to the Cincinnati area where she is working with Dynamic Catholic. Aileen published a journal through Amazon called *Journal with Inspiration From the Saints*, where it was ranked the #1 new release in Self Help for Catholics. The Journal is designed to strengthen your faith journey with wisdom from the Catholic saints while leaving you space to write and ponder your thoughts. It is an incredible way to grow in your faith. Great job Aileen. You make the Alter community proud!



John Staub '00 Helps Set Up Marching Knights in Orlando

It is always wonderful when our alumni help and support our school! While our Marching Knights headed down to Orlando, Florida for the BOA Regional Championship, Alter Alumnus John Staub from the Class of 2000 and his company GF Hotels set the Marching Knights up in a Marriott Courtyard for their trip at a discounted rate. John was a basketball player at Alter and played on the 1999 State Championship team. Pictured is band parent and alumnus Ed Carter '86 (left) with John. We are thankful for John's support of Alter and for his help in making this happen!



DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Leavell, Rolling Stones Keyboardist, Special Guest Speaker at Alter

On October 25th, we were honored to have Chuck Leavell, former Allman Brothers Band member and current keyboardist for the Rolling Stones, share his story and talent with Alter students. Chuck was joined on stage with Filmmaker and Director Allen Farst. Both discussed their friendship, professional journey's and offered personal advice to choose a path of passion in their life. They discussed their joint project, a movie/documentary "Triangle Park" about the first ever NFL game. Triangle Park in Dayton was the site of this first NFL game. Allen directed the film while Chuck was the person behind the music of the film. It was a very special opportunity for Alter students to participate in. To see a clip from Chucks performance:

[Click Here](#)



Coach Ed Domsitz Gets 300th Win at Alter

In October, Coach Ed Domsitz secured his 300th win as the Alter Head Football Coach. Domsitz has been head coach of Alter for a total of 32 seasons from 1981-1987 and since his return in 1999. Coach Domsitz has made a total of five State Championship appearances winning back-to-back state titles in '08 and '09. He has coached 149 collegiate and 4 NFL players. We are both proud and fortunate to have him lead the Knights Football Program. Congratulations on your 300th Alter win, Coach Domsitz!



Mental Health Day

We recently hosted our first of two annual Mental Health Days. Hope Squad moderators and student members plan and organize Mental Health Day's to offer students 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. Our October Mental Health Day was a great success as our students came together, enjoyed each others company and most importantly, they had fun. It is great to see our students thrive in a positive environment!



Transforming The Approach to Youth Mental Health

On October 26th, Alter junior Reese Hornick was asked to be a guest speaker at the Hope Squad event "The Butterfly Bash" in Cincinnati, OH. The event was to celebrate and honor standout students and the impact Hope Squad Schools have in decreasing the chances of suicide amongst the youth, destigmatizing mental illness, and providing mental health help and support to those who need it. Reese did a great job and was accompanied by two of her fellow students Mia Crinion and Keefe Carter. We are proud of Reese and all our Hope Squad students for their efforts in mental health awareness!

STEM Talk

On October 24th, Ms. Marie Ely educated our students at a STEM Talk about two very important aspects of our culture: money and military. Being the Deputy Chief of Finance for the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate (AFSAC), Ms. Ely spoke of what it took to run one of Ohio's largest employers: 30,000 employees at WPAFB with a salary of \$9 million/day! Ms. Ely began her career by graduating with a Business Administration degree and this has taken her to various programs within the Air Force for the last 25 years. Currently, she belongs to one of the tenants housed at WPAFB, the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) who is composed of many career fields: including program management, engineering, IT support and financial management (which is where Ms. Ely works). She has ridden in helicopters, bought with funding she managed; she experienced the Climatic Lab (maintained with monies she oversaw) where planes are tested in extreme weather conditions. Her field consists of cost, budget, financial and earned value analysis and is full of problem-solving experiences. Thank you, Ms. Ely, for sharing your career details with our students!

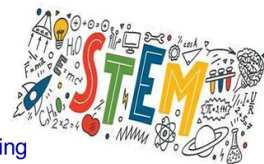


Financial Management & Comptroller Functions



STEM aspects of my job include :

- data analytics
- data visualization
- trend analysis
- decision support
- transactional processing
- skill in reconciliation



Math / Patterns / Logic / Technology

Knight of Gratitude

The Advancement Office recently hosted our Annual Knight of Gratitude to thank our friends and community for their generosity in giving to Alter over the last year. The evening began with a “State of the School” by Principal Lourdes Lambert followed by Jason Sheets from Moda4 Design. Guests were then entertained by special speaker, Dave Lapham, radio commentator and former NFL player for the Cincinnati Bengals, courtesy of Altafiber. Thank you to Encore Technologies for the lovely reception prior to the program. The Knight of Gratitude always serves as a wonderful reminder of the power of gratitude and the strength of the Alter community.

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THE ARTS

The Marching Knights

This week the Marching Knights prepared for and will compete for the Mid States Band Association Championship. This is our "State Championship", which happens to involve three states - Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. This competition has meant so much to us over the years as it has been a proving ground for us to both excel and show other bands our size what is possible.

A brief history of our MSBA Championship experience...

2007 - finalist 5th place
2008 - finalist 7th place
2009 - 12th place
2010 - finalist 5th place
2011 - finalist 2nd place
2012 - finalist, Champion
2013 - finalist, Champion
2014 - finalist, Champion
2015 - finalist, Champion
2016 - finalist, Champion
2017 - finalist, Champion
2018 - finalist 6th place (competed 2A)
2019 - finalist, Champion (competed 2A)
2020 - cancelled
2021 - finalist, Champion
2022 - finalist, Champion
2023 - ... loading...



For their season finale, The Marching Knights will return to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis to defend their National Championship on Friday and Saturday November 10th/11th.

#golittlebandgo

Castle Players Update

The Castle Players had a FANTASTIC run of their fall musical, THE SPITFIRE GRILL which ran October 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th. Thank you to everyone who came out to support these incredible students. We are now rehearsing for the winter play, THE AUDITION. Tickets go on sale November 19th at alterhs.booktix.com. In the meantime, mark your calendars- December 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th.

WHAT IS THE PLAY "THE AUDITION" ABOUT? A new theater teacher is bringing a production of A CHORUS LINE to the high school. Though the hopefuls range from shy to outrageous, and from diva-like to determined, everyone has a chance to step into the spotlight. A hilarious and heartbreaking look at the madness of auditioning and the actors who brave the process for that perfect part.

WHY THIS SHOW? This production is a one act comedy/drama with a minimal/abstract set. Rachel Dean and David Brush (creators of the musical, THE ANXIETY PROJECT, which The Castle Players produced last December) are involved as well. They created original works for transitions and specific pieces for The Castle Players production.

PLAN AHEAD! Auditions for the spring musical, DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 3:30 p.m. with callbacks on Friday, December 1st. More audition information coming soon.

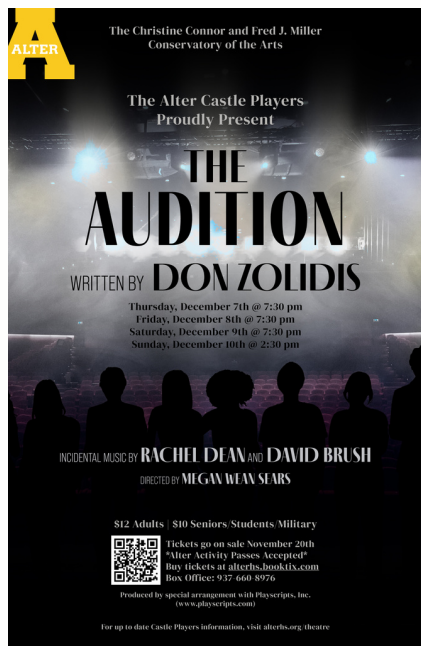
STAY CONNECTED

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- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZCeWP2v7pAkxpAdRdSWTGA>



ATHLETICS

Golf Wins State AGAIN!

A BIG congratulations to our boys' golf team who won their 2nd consecutive state championship with senior Davis Gochenouer finishing in 3rd place as an individual. They did an amazing job winning by a huge total of 51 strokes over runner-up Cincinnati Wyoming. Davis Gochenouer received 1st Team All State honors and was joined on the All State Team by juniors TJ Kreusch and Grady Tabar, as well as sophomore Andrew Gochenouer, who all earned 2nd Team All State honors. This is the 6th state championship for our Alter Knights.

We also want to recognize a member of our girls' golf team - Lauren Miller who competed in the girls' state tournament as an individual. Lauren received an 8th place finish and also received 2nd Team All State in the tournament. This is an amazing job by both Lauren and the boys' team that makes us so proud! We are excited to tally another state championship win in the Alter record books!



Football

Alter defeated Roger Bacon with a final of 42-0 in the first round of the playoffs. The football team will play in the second round of the playoffs tonight, November 3rd against Indian Hill. The game will be played at Roush Stadium starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on [OHSAA.org/tickets](https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets). We want everyone there to help cheer the Knights on to another victory!



Girl' Tennis

The "ANNIES" had an amazing run through sectionals and districts going all the way to the State Tennis Championship Doubles Tournament. It was a great accomplishment finishing in the top 16 teams out of the 374 doubles teams in the tournament. They ended up losing to the state runner-up. Let's give them and the entire girls' tennis team another round of applause for bringing home the fourth consecutive GCL Title. Go Knights!



Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to our girls' volleyball team for making it to the District Championship game. The Lady Knights close out their 2023 season as district runner-ups! We are proud of the hard work they put in to have a successful season. Great job girls!



We invite you to

Grandparents Thanksgiving Mass

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Monday, November 20

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Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Family Photos available from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Jazz class performances (in theater) at 9:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Mass begins at 10:15 a.m.

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Please RSVP by November 15
(937) 434-2059

Advancement@alterhs.org

Please plan to arrive at Alter's back gym doors.

You will be directed to meet your grandchild as you arrive.

Parking is available in the lot directly behind the school.

EVENTS

Join us for our final
fall admissions event!

ALTER: ALL ACCESS

Academics and Admissions

Thursday, November 9
6:00 pm

Register at alterhs.org





2023-24 Alter Men's Varsity Basketball "Meet The Knights"

Who: All Alter Fans
Students, families, alumni, & future Knights!

What: The Tip-Off to the 2023-24 Basketball Season

When: Sun, Nov 26th, 2023 4:00-5:30pm

Where: Alter's Joe Petrocelli Gym

Cost: Free Admission

"Tip Off" is at
4pm sharp!

Highlights

- Words on the 23/24 Season from Coach Coulter
 - The Alter Knights Men's Varsity Basketball Team Introduction
 - The Alter Basketball Cheerleader Introduction
 - Performance by the Alter Lancerettes.
 - SDK Shooting Contest (Per Grade)
- *Winner gets to invite an SDK Friend and sit on the Bench at Home Game!

Come join the Coaches, the Players, the Cheerleaders, the Lancerettes, and SDK Players to help the Knights kick off another historic season!



Come watch:

- The "Brown & Gold" game
- The 3-Point Contest & Drills
- The Alter Cheerleaders
- The Lancerettes Performance
- SDK Shooting Competition
- ...and so much more!

4 WEEKS!

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Class of 2028

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

VISIT ALTERHS.ORG

Annual Alter Baseball Poinsettia Fundraiser

Premium plants from Stockslagers Garden Center.
Orders are due by November 12th, 2023.
They will be delivered the weekend of December 2nd.

Available in your choice of Red, Pink or White:
4" pot \$10
6" pot \$15
10" pot \$32

To place your order: Contact your favorite Alter baseball player before November 12th, or you can email Angie Mahoney at mahoney1021@yahoo.com. Payment is due when you order. Cash/Check (payable to Alter Baseball) or Venmo to @Angie-Mahoney-14. Thank you for your support of the Alter Baseball Program!



KNIGHTS BASEBALL POINSETTIA SALE

red | white | pink



*All-Souls Day
We Remember...*

Those who have passed before us...

Please click here to
view our memoriam of
past Alter alumni.



TURKEY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 8

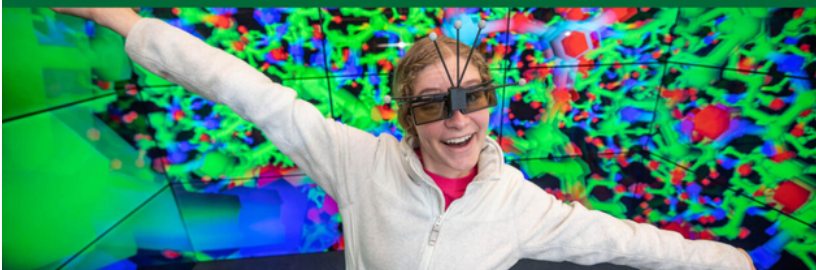
ALTER KEY CLUB'S TURKEY DRIVE
SERVES THE DAYTON COMMUNITY

ARCHBISHOP
ALTER
HIGH SCHOOL

GIVE TODAY

<https://alterhs.org/event/turkey-drive/>

The STEMM Experience



NOVEMBER 18—REGISTER RIGHT NOW!
WRIGHT.EDU/STEMMEXPERIENCE



JOSEPHINUM
FALL COME AND SEE WEEKEND



Please encourage young men
(HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND
SENIORS AND COLLEGE-AGED)
in your parish to consider
attending the
**COME AND SEE WEEKEND
AT THE JOSEPHINUM,
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2023**

REMINDERS

School Office Hours:

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

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.

Shop the online Spirit Store: **[Click Here](#)**

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.**