

THE KNIGHT TIMES

February 9th, 2024

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Lourdes Lambert

It's Alter LOVE Month!

Dear Families:

I hope the first month of 2024 has been good to you. With February upon us, we look forward to celebrating our Week of Giving that offers us the opportunity to celebrate and support our school specifically. We affectionately call this week Alter Love week, and February has become Alter Love month at our school.

Our Week of Giving is our opportunity to focus on The Alter Fund, the backbone of Alter's effort to promote philanthropy throughout the year. The Alter Fund builds revenue to supplement the school budget by funding school programs and campus projects. Last year just under \$400,000 was raised that went directly into our yearly operating budget, and, with our current enrollment of 500 students, The Alter Fund is needed more than ever. I hope that you will consider making a gift.

Alter Love Month is also known for celebrating the heart of our school – our teachers and staff members. I am so proud to work alongside such dedicated professionals who give so selflessly of themselves to our students every day. Congratulations to the faculty and staff members listed below who are celebrating a milestone in their career and Thank YOU all for being such incredible models of faith and encouragement for all of us!

5 Years of Service:

Katherine Hoffman – Science Teacher
Eva Lewis – Art Teacher
Jeff Smith – Building Superintendent
Julie Vestal – Main Office Administrative Assistant

10 Years of Service:

Anne Drayton – Intervention Specialist
Jeanne Kernan – School Nurse

15 Years of Service:

Shannon Brown – Guidance Counselor
Nancy Kaczala – Director of Finance

20 Years of Service:

Alex Schuster – Social Studies Teacher
Michael Thunte – Science Teacher

30 Years of Service:

Barbara Groene – Dean of Students
Christina Hart – Athletic Director

40+ Years of Service

Linda Dintaman, 40 years of Service – Theology Teacher
Randy Reeder, 43 years of Service – Science Teacher
Sister Dennis Tisler, 56 years of Service – Math Teacher

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

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert

Lourdes Lambert
Principal



Heather Dunn

God is Love

At first glance, it may seem odd to celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday on the same day, but this year, we will do just that! While many around us will be celebrating with chocolate, hearts, and flowers, on February 14th, we as Catholics mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Aka: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving! And while the red hearts of Valentine's Day and the purple of Lent may seem to clash, I think these two days together can teach us a lot about who God is.

Most of us grow up with the basic core knowledge and lesson that God is love. I think for a lot of us, we think that means that God is loving and kind. And of course, God is those things. However, if we take a deeper look at what love means and then who God is, we find out that it is not a simple Bible story that we've heard over and over again; rather, it is a relationship that we return to over and over again.

Love is often portrayed in movies and books as this exuberant feeling that makes us feel warm and fuzzy inside. While love can bring about those feelings, we also have a totally different type of love with many of our family members. While we do share some feelings of joy and delight, we also know what it's like to live with people whom we don't always FEEL like loving but chose to love. Often, we know members of our family better than anyone else, so we see them at their very best, and often at their very worst. Despite it all, we continue to choose love for our spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister most days. The reason we make that choice (what feels like many times) is I think because we too have been offered that unconditional love many times.

Fr. Mike Schmitz offers us the wise wisdom that "Love is not what God does, but WHO God is." Our merit and worth have nothing to do with how well we do today or how good of a Catholic Christian we are. God, who is love, offers us the opportunity to be in relationship every moment of every day. Despite what we did or failed to do, we are still invited to be with God who not only loves us, but IS love.

The three pillars of Lent (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) all have one common thread: Love! We choose to spend time in prayer and giving up things and giving of our time and money to love God. I pray that whatever ways in which you choose to work on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lenten season, that they bring you back closer to God and to Love.

In Christ,
Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

ADVANCEMENT



Left to Right: Conor Ryan, Heidi Van Antwerp, Renee Miller, Robin Blank

Passion: ardent affection, LOVE (Merriam-Webster)

Dear Knights,

The word **passion** is a characteristic of an Alter Knight, and reason for our success. Our experiences as an Alter athlete, Castle Player, band member, parent, fan, and others, connect us to Alter and those who shared our experiences. Decades later, we can still remember and feel the emotion of those experiences...the **passion** never fades.

Passion initiates action. We see this demonstrated daily by our faculty who ignite curiosity in the classroom, coaches who inspire players to compete as a team and not for personal glory, administrators who create trust and safety for all in their care and purview, and parents and alumni ambassadors who stand for all of us in victory and defeat.

The Week of Giving is an opportunity to demonstrate your **passion** for Alter through a gift to The Alter Fund. A fully funded Alter Fund allows us to thrive by providing financial support for priority needs.

ANNUAL ALTER PHONATHON, Wednesday, February 21, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Students will be calling to ask for your support. This is an opportunity to speak directly to those who your gift directly impacts. You can “make their night” by taking their call.

KNIGHT OUT SOCIAL EVENT, Friday, February 23, 6:30-11:00 PM, NCR Country Club

We are thrilled for the return of KNIGHT OUT, a casual social event for our Alter Community! The Super Bowl will be over, Alter Basketball will have the night off, and UD will not play until mid-week. So, make a date with your sweetheart, or grab your friends and join the party! This re-invented gathering offers an awesome venue, entertainment, dancing, food stations (yes, there will be fish) and the opportunity to socialize with new and old friends.

A silent auction of “Alter specials” will be available for online bidding, even if you cannot attend in person. Proceeds from the night support The Alter Fund.

Show your **passion** for Alter by participating in the Week of Giving and celebrating with us as a community at Knight Out.

God bless and go Knights,

The Advancement Team: Robin Blank, Renee Miller, Conor Ryan, and Heidi Van Antwerp



Making an Impact on the Lives of Alter Students

ALTER'S ANNUAL WEEK OF GIVING EVENTS

PHONATHON

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An opportunity to speak with students who your gift directly impacts.

“Make their Knight” by taking their call!

Knight Out Social Event: Friday, February 23

Details on the following page.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 24th.](#)

KNIGHT OUT!

SOCIAL EVENT

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

***ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARD
THE ALTER FUND***

***PURCHASE
TICKETS BY
FEBRUARY 16***

***CASINO ROOM
MUSIC & DANCING
SILENT AUCTION
BOURBON BAR & TASTINGS
LENTEN FOOD STATIONS***

Alter High School



ALTER HIGH SCHOOL'S

HALL of FAME

Congratulations!

THE ALTER COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE
INDUCTEE DINNER CELEBRATION ON APRIL 18, 2024.

**FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
WWW.ALTERHS.ORG/HALL-OF-FAME-DINNER**

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Madeline Rogero '70



Dr. Jim Borchers '89



Paul Beyerle '71



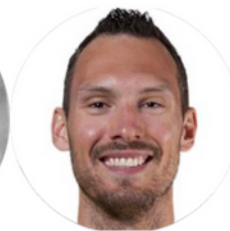
ATHLETIC ALUMNI



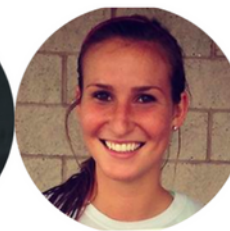
Keith Waleskowski '99



Adam Waleskowski '01



Courtney Chihill '08 Bruner



2008 GIRLS STATE CHAMPION
BASKETBALL TEAM

YOU CAN STILL EARN A TAX CREDIT FOR 2023 OHIO INCOME TAXES!

It is not too late for you to convert your taxes to tuition. A provision was added that allows donors to make a gift to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) for tax year 2023 until April 15, 2024!

Gifts to the Catholic Education Foundation -SGO can be directed to Alter High School. Your gift will be awarded to Alter families for financial aid. For details and to make a gift, go to www.catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/.

*We recommend speaking with your tax advisor about this special opportunity.



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

For more information contact Robin Blank, Director of Advancement
robin.blank@alterhs.org or 937-428-5330

ARCHBISHOP
ALTER
HIGH SCHOOL

940 E. David Road, Kettering, OH 45429

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

We Love our New Students!

It's February and it is time for prospective freshmen to make their decisions and commit to the high school of their choice. Students who have applied and were accepted to Alter received their enrollment packets on Wednesday, January 31 and have until February 14 (Valentine's Day) to officially join the class of 2028!

In the spirit of the month, I want to share four ways (L-O-V-E) for our newest Knights to embrace the beginning of their high school career and make the most of the next few months:

Look for opportunities to get involved.

Lots of high school activities and athletic teams will begin conditioning, hold interest meetings, and prepare for tryouts before the end of the current school year. If there is a sport or group that you would like to join (whether it is one you have participated in before, or one that you are just starting out with) watch for advertisements regarding preseason and off-season events beginning in March.

Own your journey.

Coming to high school means starting to explore the things that matter to you, the things that excite you, and the things that may become part of your college studies or your future job! Take the time to read through the course catalog and watch the video you will receive at the end of this month- look at the requirements for each year and look at the offerings. Try to match your interests with the classes you choose and work to find a balance where you can be academically successful while also being challenged in the classroom. Alter offers many options for meeting graduation requirements and offers many elective courses to round out your schedule. Our teachers and counselors are here to help you as you set your schedule.

Visit often!

Our first event for the Class of 2028 is the Knight of Celebration, which is planned for Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Join us to celebrate your acceptance to Alter with performances by our Alter students and refreshments in our cafe. This special evening is just the start of our freshman events. Watch your email for upcoming dates, and when you are invited to campus- please come! We want to share Alter with you and want you to feel part of our community.

Enjoy the end of your eighth-grade year.

While high school is an exciting prospect, and may now feel closer than ever, I encourage you to soak in every minute of your eighth-grade year. Spend time with your friends, talk with your teachers, go to dances, play sports with your junior high teams, and congratulate yourself for reaching this milestone. See you on campus soon. Go Knights!

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

You're Accepted!



**NEXT STEPS FOR THE
CLASS OF 2028**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Freshman Enrollment Deadline

This is your commitment to join the Class of 2028!

A \$200 non-refundable deposit per student is required as a step of the enrollment process and is applied to the cost of tuition.

Thursday, February 22, 2024

7-8:30 pm

Knight of Celebration: Introducing the Class of 2028

Join us at Alter High School to enjoy entertainment and refreshments and meet your classmates!

Questions? Please contact Jessica Pettit, Director of Admissions:
jessica.pettit@alterhs.org or (937) 428-5394.



Jennifer Schlangen

Things to Love about Academics

February, the month in which it is perfect to think about what components make up the heart of education. It is a time in which we can give heartfelt thanks to those who provide an invaluable contribution to our learning and growth as individuals. This is also a perfect time to reflect on your time at Alter and how it provides the perfect opportunity to explore your talents and hobbies and to find out what you love doing. As a student in high school, you are the one in control. You oversee your own success. It is up to each individual whether they treat high school as something forced upon them, something they simply must trudge through, or as a time to figure out what they are passionate about and want to do with their life. When you find something, you love to do, it does not feel like work, so finding out what you are enthusiastic about while you are young will put you ahead for the future.

Academic skills are the skills people need to succeed not only in an educational setting such as high school or college, but they also carry over to careers. To be successful academically, one must rely on a skill set that is developed in school, that then aids in the achievement of long-term goals. Academic skills are the abilities, strategies and habits that result in mastery of subjects such as mathematics, science, and literacy. Developing the skills of written and verbal communication, note-taking, attention to detail and analysis improve the ability to learn, take tests, and complete projects. Specific examples of putting these skills into practice include developing presentation skills in speech class, utilizing reading comprehension to aid in essay writing and note taking, as well as employing critical thinking to effectively analyze information and problem solve.

Learning how to love academics while at Alter prepares you to be effective communicators, better collaborators, and stronger leaders. As Dr. Seuss says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go" and personally I love to see all the places you go and what you accomplish beyond the walls of Alter High School.

Jennifer Schlangen
Dean of Academics

GUIDANCE



Kristen Hammaker



Shannon Brown



Cathy Waag

Interested in participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) for the 2024-2025 school year?

A mandatory meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in Alter's theatre (NEW LOCATION). The meeting must be attended by both a parent and the student. If you have any questions about CCP and would like to know if this may be an option for your family, this is the ideal time to learn more about it.

Seniors:

Don't give up on your scholarship search! There is still time to search and apply for funds to help defray the cost of a college education. Many scholarships available to Alter seniors are listed in Naviance under their student account. This list is often updated, so check it regularly for any new additions. Please be aware of deadlines for scholarships – also those that need to be turned into the Guidance Office – so there is ample time to submit any required paperwork. Also, don't forget to take advantage of the wonderful assistance Mrs. DeRosa can provide through Class 101 as well. We are all here to help in any way we can!

As always, our doors are open for students and parents. Call, email, or make an appointment to stop by and we will be happy to help in any way!

-Shannon Brown
Guidance Office



Barbara Groene

Love Yourself First

This time of the year, especially in February, centers around love. At Alter, we celebrate Valentine's Day and the week of giving to show our appreciation for each other. Our daily lives keep us busy, and we tend to focus on making others happy more than ourselves. Showing love to others is important, but what about love for ourselves? Love for yourself sets the foundation for the relationships we have with others. In addition to loving yourself, having confidence, self-respect and a healthy self-worth are all critical for your own physical and mental health.

Self-love is more than splurging on expensive "things": buying new clothes, going to the spa, or taking elaborate trips. Self-love is an appreciation for yourself in a way that supports your physical, psychological, and spiritual growth. Self-love is ever changing; it grows through our actions. As we mature, we begin to accept our weaknesses as well as our strengths, we feel less need to explain away those weaknesses, and have compassion for ourselves as human beings.

How can you practice self-love and try to incorporate it into your daily routine?

- Be mindful of who you are and not who others think you are.
- Gravitate toward what YOU need to stay strong, centered and moving forward.
- Take care of the basics, eating right, exercising, getting enough rest and a good balance of socializing with friends.
- Learn to say NO when it is not right for your emotional and physical health.
- Surround yourself with FRIENDS and don't waste your time on those who do not support your efforts.
- Give yourself some grace to make mistakes and learn from them. They are not failures if you grow.

February is a great month to try a few of these actions. By incorporating some of these you will see how much they can affect your physical and mental well-being in a positive way. Having self-love involves having an appreciation and respect for yourself. Although our lives are full, it's important to take time to nourish yourself and treat yourself with the love and kindness you deserve.

With love and appreciation,
Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

Hello from the Technology Team! It's hard to believe the months are flying by so fast and it's already February, the month of love. This brings to mind the need to express love not only to others, but also to our Technology! Let's look at some ways you can "Love Your Technology".

Loving your technology is all about making sure you are caring for it, like you would care for a pet. There is a need to make sure we keep our technology clean from foreign substances and debris. You can do this by using an approved wet wipe to clean your screen and then using the same wipe, clean off your keyboard and touch pad. It's important to make sure there is no excess moisture in your wipe before cleaning the keyboard. You can also clean your stylus and mouse. You can also regularly wipe the screen with a soft dry microfiber cloth to remove fingerprints and smudges. It's best to do both when the computer is off.

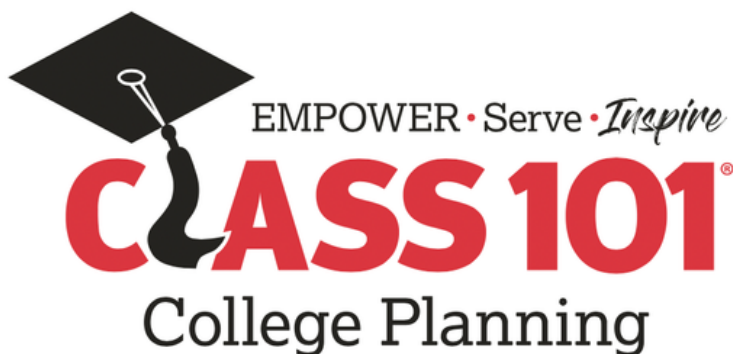
Loving your technology means giving it a rest on a regular basis, just like you need rest. Restart your computer on a weekly basis, not only to receive Tech updates, but to refresh apps and cool it down from extended use. If it's running constantly, it's bound to get tired, just as you would if you ran constantly.

Returning to your Best Practices from your freshman training is a great way to remind yourself of what causes your Technology to be at its best: 1) Operate your computer on a hard surface so it doesn't overheat. 2) Don't eat or drink around your computer so it doesn't get damaged from liquids and sticky substances. 3) Don't leave your computer on the floor or where someone or something will step on it and break it. 4) Don't leave your computer in your vehicle when it's very cold or very hot.

The Technology Team hopes "Luvuary" is a great month for you. Take time to love others and to Love Your Technology!

Sincerely,
Debbie Portman
Director of Technology

TAYLOR RESOURCE CENTER



College planning support from Class 101 every Wednesday

Alter students in grades 10-12 are invited to the Taylor Center for small group workshops to work on their high school/college application resume, college research and list building, and exploring majors.

Use this link to plan your time with Class 101 at the Taylor Center! Link:
<https://calendly.com/kderosaaclass101/class-101-alter-student-meetings>

RESUME WRITING: February 14, 21, 28

All seniors, juniors, and sophomores are invited to the Taylor Center to draft their resume with Class 101 during their study hall. High school is not too soon for a resume, and Alter students can benefit from an organized presentation of their activities for elite programs, summer jobs, pre-college programs, and a preview of their college applications.

COLLEGE LIST & EXPLORING MAJORS: February 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20

All juniors and sophomores are invited to work on their college list and explore majors with Class 101 during their study hall. This is the ideal time to consider college fit preferences, plan ahead for spring break and summer college visits, and understand the admissions requirements for various colleges.

UNDERSTANDING ENROLLMENT & COLLEGE OFFERS: March and April

Seniors are always welcome to visit the Taylor Center to review their acceptances and financial aid/scholarship offers from colleges with Class 101. March and April meetings will be the best time for this.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Joe Thuney '11 Making Fifth Super Bowl Appearance

Congratulations to Alter alumnus Joe Thuney '11 who will be making his fifth Super Bowl appearance since being drafted to the NFL by the New England Patriots in 2016. Currently playing with the Kansas City Chiefs, Joe has played for two top notch franchises with the resume to prove it. Joe has played in four Super Bowls and has ultimately won three. With this Sundays matchup versus the San Francisco 49ers being Joe's 5th Super Bowl appearance, the entire Alter Community is supporting him and could not be more proud of the accomplishments and success he has gained. We are hopeful for a positive outcome for Joe this Super Bowl Sunday!



Abby Nichols '16 Qualifies for World Championship Team

Alter alumnus Abby Nichols '16 placed sixth at the USATF Cross Country Championships, qualifying for her first World Championship team. Abby competes professionally for the HOKA NAZ Elite team, which she joined in 2022. On January 20th in Richmond, VA, Abby completed the 10K with a time of 34:09. This earned her a spot on team USA for the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships to be held March 30th in Belgrade, Serbia. Congratulations Abby! We wish you the best of luck!

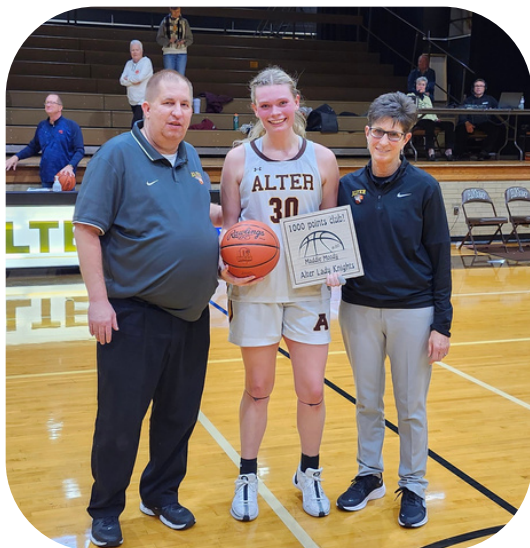


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DID YOU KNOW?

Academic Team Finishes Strong

The Alter Academic Team won their final regular season match against Moeller 56-48 to finish the regular season 8-1. They have had quite an impressive season of accomplishments. The team should be able to advance and compete in the regional tournament in April. We are proud of their excellence and continued hard work!



Maddie Moody Scores 1,000th Career Point

Junior Maddie Moody scored her 1,000th career point and also secured her 500th rebound in the girls' basketball game versus Carroll on January 31st. The outcome of the game was a win for the Knights with a score of 55-49. We would like to congratulate Maddie on this significant milestone as she now joins an elite group of Lady Knights.

STEM Talk: Dr. Christy Betiko

On January 30th, pharmacist Dr. Christy Betiko talked to students about pharmacy programs and careers in pharmacy. There are seven pharmacy schools in Ohio offering differing pathways to obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Typically, this degree requires at least 6 years to complete. Accelerated or direct entry programs are also available. Dr. Betiko stressed the importance of shadowing a pharmacist now and during college to gain experience and to determine if pharmacy is the desired career. Also, she made it clear that there are so many more opportunities than just the local drug store and hospitals. Thank you, Dr. Betiko, for giving your time to help the students with their career decisions!



Pictured: Alter Teacher Jen Butler (Left) with Friend and STEM Speaker Dr. Betiko (Right)

Lancerettes Final Performances



The Alter Lancerettes are preparing for their final performances of the season. This Friday, February 9th the senior Lancerettes have chosen a senior “Man”cerette to join them on the court for the much anticipated Mancie/Lancie dance. Be sure to join us at Alter for the basketball game against Carroll to see this lively performance. Tuesday, February 13th the team will perform their “Salsa” routine at Alter during halftime of the Northmont Game. The team is excited for their final performance of the season at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse when the Cleveland Cavs take on the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday, February 27th. Thank you to the school and community for your support this past season. The Lancerettes would also like to thank Fred J. Miller, Inc. for their new uniform skirts worn in their last performance. Lancerette tryouts next season for incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be May 6th – May 9th. Clinics will be held May 6th, 7th, and 8th after school and tryouts will be May 9th. Look for more details coming soon!

National Signing Day

We are very proud to have had four students sign their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic and academic careers at the collegiate level. This accomplishment takes a lot of hard work and as there are very few students who continue their athletic careers beyond high school. We would like to recognize the following students:

Michael Russ: Signed to play baseball at the University of Findlay.

Xander Miller: Signed to play baseball at Tiffin University.

Ella Leibold: Signed to play volleyball at Heidelberg University.

Annie Leibold: Signed to swim at Bellarmine University.

Congratulations to each of these students! We know they will make the Alter Community proud.



Left to Right: Michael Russ, Xander Miller, Ella Leibold, Annie Leibold



THE ARTS

The Band and Color Guard

Concerts at Alter:

Wednesday, April 24th, 6:30 p.m. with the Alter Jazz Ensemble.

Wednesday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m. with the Alter Concert Band & Percussion Ensemble

Both concerts are free and in the Conservatory of the Art's Suttman Theatre.

We are already gearing up for the summer and fall of 2024 - JOIN US!

Check out our Band and Color Guard Information Nights this spring to learn more:

Monday, February 26th, 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m., Alter Band Hall, Conservatory of the Arts

Monday, March 25th, 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m., Alter Band Hall, Conservatory of the Arts

Monday, April 22nd, 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m., Alter Band Hall, Conservatory of the Arts

Anyone can attend. Learn how YOU can become a member of the Alter Band and Color Guard in 2024/2025. #golittlebandgo



Color Guard Clinics:

Come try Color Guard with the Alter Color Guard Members!

Who: Any Alter student or area 7th and 8th graders

What: Dance, modern movement, performance

When:

Monday, Feb 12th, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Aux Gym

Monday, Feb 19th, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Aux Gym

Monday, Feb 26th, 7:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m. in the Aux Gym

Clinics are free to try. Bring a friend and check it out. Please wear athletic clothing for movement and dance.

YOU are also invited to join us for the 2024 Competition Show Reveal Party!

Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Alter Cafeteria

Castle Players Upcoming Events

The Castle Players are busy rehearsing for the spring musical, DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (March 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th) and they have several exciting events planned.

- We have been invited to perform at the Wright Memorial Library on Saturday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. as part of their "On the Terrace Series."
- On Saturday, March 2nd we will be joining with the Alter Lancerettes to host a dance workshop and character tea party for girls in grades K-4. "High Kicks and High Tea" will be similar to the extremely popular Kicks & Tricks event the Lancerettes hosted this past Halloween. See the poster for more details.
- And finally, we are adding two Meet & Greet events with Belle and friends prior to our Sunday matinee performances on March 10th & 17th. These events will be for children 12 & under and will require a separate \$10 ticket. More information can be found on our ticketing site: alterhs.booktix.com

For a sneak peek behind the scenes check out our first promo video-- [Click Here](#)

Tickets for the Meet & Greets and ALL Beauty and the Beast shows will go on sale Monday, February 19th at 8:00 a.m. Purchase your tickets early, as we expect to sell out these performances. If you are interested in group sale rates or reserving one of our suites (comes with food, drinks, and tickets for up to 8 people), please contact Megan Sears at megan.sears@alterhs.org



Wright Memorial Public Library

**The Alter Lancerettes and the
Alter Castle Players**
invite you to
BE OUR GUEST
for
High Kicks and High Tea
Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9:00-noon
Alter High School, 940 E. David Rd., Kettering, OH (gym entrance)
For girls in grades preschool-4th
Learn Disney dance routines taught by the Alter Lancerettes
Enjoy a royal tea party and take home gifts fit for a princess!
There will be character appearances and other surprises!

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$30 before 2/25 (\$40 after 2/25)
Registration deadline is 3/1 at noon
<https://forms.gle/TAVN78VZ5kGN5an49>

ALTER The Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts
**The Alter Castle Players
Proudly Present**
**Disney
BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
MUSIC BY **ALAN MENKEN**
LYRICS BY **HOWARD ASHMAN & TIM RICE**
BOOK BY **LINDA WOOLVERTON**
MARCH 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 @ 7:00 PM
MARCH 10, 17 @ 2:00 PM
DIRECTED/CHOREOGRAPHED BY **MEGAN WEAN SEARS**
MUSIC DIRECTED BY **DAVID BRUSH**
\$17 Adults | \$14 Seniors/Students/Military
Tickets go on sale February 19th
Alter Activity Passes Accepted
Buy tickets at alterhs.booktix.com
Box Office: 937-660-8976
For up to date Castle Players information, visit alterhs.org/theatre
DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

ATHLETICS

Swim

Congratulations to our seniors who celebrated Senior Night last week. We would like to thank them for their leadership and all that they bring to the swim program. The Alter community wishes them good luck as they take on the challenge of college next year.

Seniors: Captain Ben Kaufman, Captain Annie Leibold, Captain Ella Leibold, Sarah Morrison, Rachel Rubertus, Alaina Russell, and Abby Spears



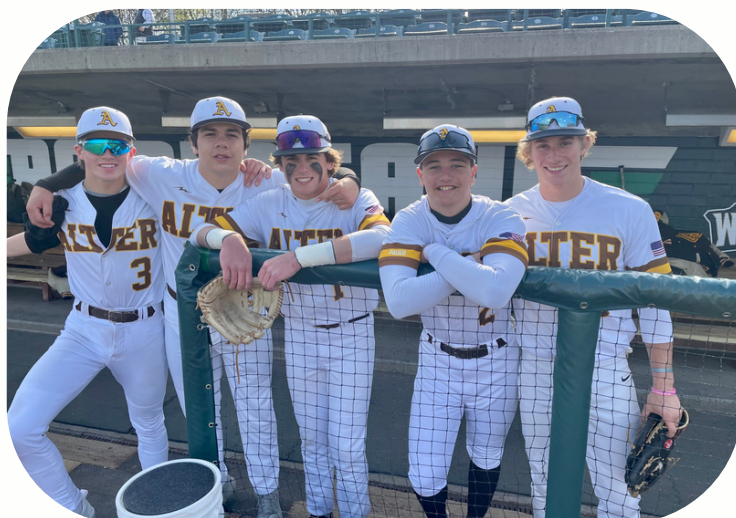
Hockey

Congratulations to the Hockey Knights, who finished the regular season strong this past weekend with another big league win over Troy. That win sealed their title as SWOHSHL regular season champions! Sophomore goalie, Thomas Drake, was on fire in the net, stopping 28 shots on goal. Defensemen, Adam Rider, Jake Henry and Tanner Edmonds held off the rest of the Trojan offense to secure the victory. Goals on the night came from sophomores Evan Schulz and Logan Adams (2), and senior Danny Mahoney (2). The SWOHSHL tournament is this weekend - all games at Kettering Rec. The Knights take on Elder Saturday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m., and if they win they will play in the Championship game on Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m. Come out and support the team as they fight to bring home the SWOHSHL Cup for only the second time in school history. GO KNIGHTS!



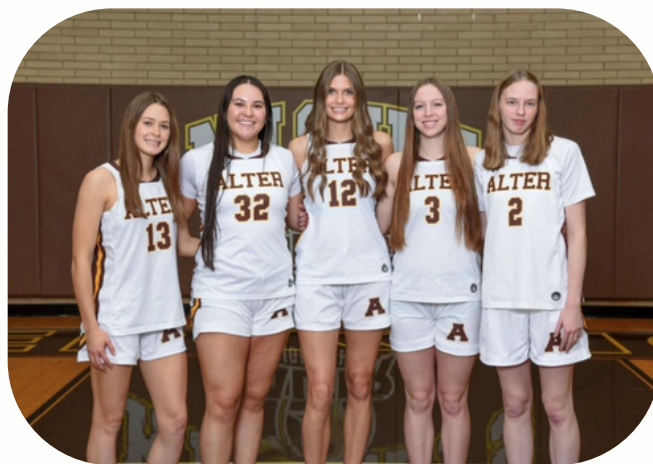
Baseball

Tryouts for Alter Knights Baseball start on February 19th. This year, the Alter Baseball Program is led by new head coach, Cory Allen. There will be a mandatory player/parent informational meeting on Sunday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Alter High School Theatre. At the meeting, Coach Allen will discuss tryouts, the upcoming season, schedule information and other important deadlines and team expectations. All interested players and at least one parent should plan to attend this meeting. We are excited to have Coach Allen as a part of the program and we are looking forward to a great 2024 season.



Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team is having a great season this year. The team currently sits with a record of 19-2 after coming off a nice win against Beavercreek earlier this week with a final score of 60-53. Please join us as we honor the senior members of our girls' basketball program: Hannah Mayse, Ushana Garst, Riley Smith, Adia Strauser and Elena Thompson prior to the start of warm-ups for the varsity game against Thurgood Marshall Saturday, February 10th (ceremony time is approximately 1:30 p.m. - game time is approximately 2:00 p.m.). Please help us send our seniors off in style on Saturday afternoon!



Boys' Basketball



The boys' basketball team is currently 13-5 (6-1 GCL) and ranked 7th in the latest AP poll in Division II with 4 games remaining on the schedule. This past weekend the Knights split their games, losing to Fenwick on Friday (55-42) but bounced back with a win at Urbana (48-47). On Tuesday, the Knights took on the Fairmont Firebirds in an intense game at Trent Arena. The Knights came out victorious with a 3-point victory (56-53). The JV Knights currently 13-3 (6-1 GCL) also went 2-1 over the last three games, with victories at Fenwick (59-50) and a comeback win against Urbana (52-48) in OT. The freshmen Knights 10-4 (6-1 GCL) also went 2-1 with victories against Urbana (58-37) and Fairmont (58-49). The Knights next three games are at home. Alter will play Carroll on Friday, February 9th, Northmont on Tuesday, February 13th, and Badin on Friday, February 16th (also Senior Night -- honoring our 6 seniors for their contributions to the program). Please come out to support the Knights as they finish out their regular season.

ALTER ATHLETICS THIS WEEK WEEK OF 2/12 - 2/18



12

MON

13

TUE

BOYS BBALL
V. NORTHMONT
@ HOME
(4:30/6/7:30)

14

WED

15

THU

16

FRI

BOYS BBALL
V. BADIN
@ HOME
SENIOR NIGHT
(4:30/6/7:30)

17

SAT

GIRLS BBALL
TOURNAMENT GAME
V. SHAWNEE
@ COVINGTON HS
(11 AM)

18

SUN

BOYS BBALL
V. CJ
@ CJ
(4:30/6/7:30)

WRESTLING
GCL MEET
@ CARROLL



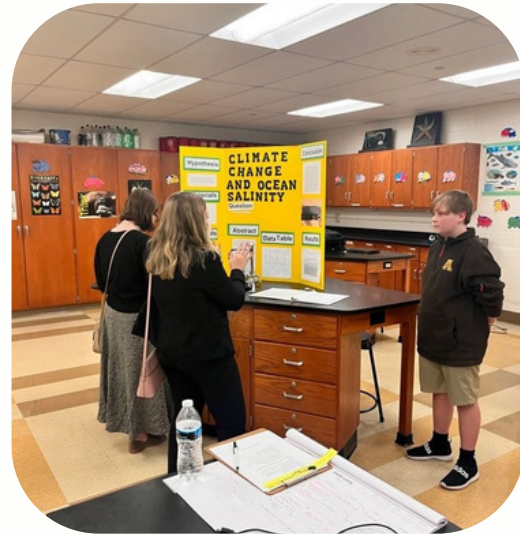
EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



EVENTS

Science Fair

The Alter Science Fair is this **Tuesday, February 13th**, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., held in the first-floor rooms at Alter. The public are welcomed to walk around to see the projects. Science fair judges are still needed!



Mother-Son Shin Dig

Please know that our Mother-Son Shin Dig is coming up fast! Mark your calendars and see the details below:

- Mother-Son Shin Dig
- Saturday, February 24th from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- \$20 per mother/son(s)

The Shin Dig will be held in the Joe Petrocelli Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you there!



Spain Trip - June 2025

Please join us for an informational meeting **Thursday, February 15th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in room 219** to learn more about this exciting opportunity. Contact Mrs. Susan Morris with any questions susan.morris@alterhs.org.



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:

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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
14: Ash Wednesday Mass
16: No School
19: No School - Presidents Day
20-24: Alter Week of Giving
21: Alter Fund Phonathon
22: Knight of Celebration - Class of 2028
23: Knight Out Event

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
9: Sophomore Retreat
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.**