

THE KNIGHT TIMES

March 8th, 2024

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Lourdes Lambert

May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart . . .

In a month filled with Irish blessings, I am feeling especially blessed as I think about our school and its future. As many of you know, we began the school year with an endeavor to fund facilities improvements at our school that were deemed as necessary during our strategic planning process. Specifically, to complete Phase 1 of a three phase improvement plan that would position our school to remain a viable choice for many students in the years to come.

Phase 1 is comprised of three subphases that include:

A – a new parking lot in the front of the school to accommodate additional student parking.

B- construction of a new fieldhouse to replace the current auxiliary gym. This new fieldhouse would be the home to three additional indoor courts, locker rooms, a weight room, and other amenities for our students to enjoy.

C- moving of the current weight room to the fieldhouse to accommodate a security enhanced vestibule to greet guests at the door and ensure that our students remain safe as visitors enter our building.

D- moving our administrative offices downstairs in the current weight room area so our offices are located right by the main entrance.

In mid-January, we received approval from the Archdiocese to move forward with the plan. Of course, every phase must be fully funded before construction can begin. I am excited to report that Phase 1A has been fully funded and construction on the new parking lot will begin in mid-May, and we will have additional parking available when students return in the fall.

Now, we turn our attention to the fieldhouse and why having those expanded indoor facilities will enhance the experience of Alter students and families. The plan is entitled “Unite the Knights” because these facilities improvements are designed to do just that. By providing additional practice spaces, our goal is to unite families around the dinner table again instead of burdening families with late practice times that result in late dinner hours and even later homework and study time. Our primary donor for the project wanted their gift to be used towards this portion of the plan so that the largest number of students and families are impacted.

[Please click here for more details on the Unite the Knights plans.](#)

Thank you to all of you who are already spreading the good news of our school throughout the community. Please let others know of our plan, and connect me with individuals who are interested in learning more about our school, its future, and this plan specifically. Phase 1 is estimated at about \$8 million dollars in its entirety, and we are about 60% of the way there!

Please be assured of my perpetual prayers for you all that love and laughter light your days and warm your hearts!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert

Lourdes Lambert
Principal



Heather Dunn

The Sacrament of Conversion

On Tuesday March 5th, students came down during their theology class for a Lenten Reconciliation Service. We were blessed to have seven different priests join us to offer the opportunity for individual Reconciliation all day! As we approach the midpoint of Lent this week, students were asked to think about their Lenten journey.

One of the first questions I asked the students when they came in was: what Sacrament are we celebrating today? Most theology classes answered the standards: Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession. Some groups thought of the Sacrament of Forgiveness, but most people had not heard of the fifth name that the Catholic Church offers to describe this Sacrament: The Sacrament of Conversion.

I shared with our students that the word conversion, according to the dictionary, has seven different definitions. Though the word conversion is a noun, in each of the seven definitions, conversion was defined as some sort of action. The “act” of changing, the “experience” of change, the operation, the attempt, etc. Each of the definition’s points to the fact that conversion requires action.

I think that the word conversion and understanding the Sacrament as an opportunity for conversion offers us a lot of points for reflection. I think most tend to think of stories of conversions as large mountain-top experiences where a person is completely changed. I do think some of us had those religious conversion moments where we experience God and our lives are forever changed. However, if we understand one of the goals of reconciliation is to have conversion, I hope it’s not just a one-time event!

When I often ask young people what it is that keeps them from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, many of them say things along the lines of “I’m just not sure what to say to the priest.” I encouraged them to instead of thinking of “what to say,” to ask themselves this question. “God, what is it in my life that needs to change?” Asking God what in our life needs conversion or change will likely lead us to those things which we probably need to confess or want to talk to the priest about.

Perhaps for the rest of this Lent, God is calling us to several mini conversions. Whether it be a large or small event, any opportunity we take for action and conversion will help our relationship with God this Lenten season.

In Christ,
Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

Not lucky, Blessed

If you ever told my grandmother that you were “lucky,” she would quickly correct you by telling you: “not lucky, blessed.” When I think about Alter High School and how “lucky” we are to be part of such an incredible school, my thoughts immediately go to: “not lucky, blessed.”

To our newest students, who are just beginning their journey as Knights, here are some of the blessings that abound at our school.

We are blessed to have an amazing student body, filled with people who are always striving to be their best and always encouraging others to do the same. Students who are learning a lot, having fun, and sharing their stories and their spirit.

We are blessed to have a faculty and staff who value each other, value their students, and value the work that they do each day. The teachers, administrators, and support staff at Alter are in the building because they want to be, because the work they do matters, and because they genuinely love this school.

We are blessed to have a school community that includes our current parents, our alumni and their families, and countless others who have been touched by Alter High School. When you become an Alter Knight, you join a group that spans the country and the globe, a group who always uplifts one another, and who serves their neighbor.

We are blessed to have clergy and a local parish who provide us with a guide in worship and a place to center our faith. We are blessed to have a theology staff and student leaders who help our faith to blossom, and we are blessed to see examples of living like Jesus all around us every day.

We are blessed to have the space and the support at Alter to gain knowledge, gain skills, gain confidence, gain friendships, and, ultimately, gain heaven.

More than anything we are blessed to be Alter Knights. Not lucky...blessed.

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions



Jennifer Schlangen

The Luck of Guessing on Testing

Luck is fully defined by Merriam-Webster as “to prosper or succeed through chance or good fortune.” When it comes to choosing the correct answer on a test, the better chance of success involves an educated guess over just winging it. Educated guessing involves using prior experience to help maximize chances of choosing the right answer when you are not one hundred percent sure you know it. Typically, you know more than you think you do. Since educated guessing is based on previous knowledge, you have a better chance of identifying the correct answer than randomly guessing. When you use random guessing, your chance of getting a question right is only a matter of sheer luck.

When figuring out how to make an educated guess, or even master educated guessing, you should always think logically and avoid over generalizations. Here are a few specific things to consider when making an educated guess based on types of test questions.

All Test Questions:

- Read the directions more than one time.
- Do not leave a question blank.
- Look for answers in other questions.
- Initial guesses are often the best choice.

Matching Questions:

- Ask yourself if an answer may be used more than once.

True False Questions:

- False is typically the best choice when answers include words such as all, never, always.
- True is generally the answer when terms such as most, some, usually are used.
- Complex answers are normally false.

Multiple Choice Questions:

- “All of the above” is usually a satisfactory guess.
- “None of the above” are commonly wrong answers.
- Longest answers are acceptable guesses.

Of course, the best strategy for test taking success is to be prepared. During the test make sure to read over the test before you take it, paying close attention to the directions, pace yourself by being aware of the time you have for the test and look over your answers before you hand in the test. Whether you are relying on knowledge of the information or making an educated guess, both give you an advantage over luck, so be sure to march into the tests confidently.

May good fortune be upon you,

Jennifer Schlangen

Dean of Academics

FINANCE



Nancy Kaczala

Finalizing Payment Plans for the 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Families:

With the start of the fourth quarter next week, the current school year is winding down, but the Finance Office is working hard preparing for the 2024-25 school year.

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin finalizing payment plans for the 2024-25 school year. With the expanded EdChoice Scholarship program heading into its second year, I wanted to share our process for this.

As we finalize the payment plans, our goal is to present the expected balance owed for each family as soon as possible. We will post all known deposits, scholarships, and financial aid awards to the payment agreement. We will also post expected 2024-25 EdChoice scholarship amounts for all scholarships that have been applied for or renewed that are in an eligible status. Since the state will not officially award scholarship values until the summer, the EdChoice description will be noted as Provisional.

Please note that for the 2024-25 Expansion Scholarships, the state has provided the schools with an individualized award schedule, where the award for each poverty level percentage between 451 and 783 is a different amount. The minimum award for 2024-25 is now \$840.80 and the maximum award remains at \$8,408. Since parents are not required to complete Income Verification to renew Expansion Scholarships, the family's 2023-24 percentage will be used to identify the 2024-25 scholarship amount unless the parent chooses to complete Income Verification and then the new rate will be used. For families wishing to qualify as having low-income status, the Income Verification must be completed each year.

Please know that we cannot renew 2024-25 scholarships until the 2023-24 scholarships have been awarded and accepted. If your student's 2023-24 scholarship is still Under Review, please check your Income Verification and correct the issue(s) identified in the Comments Section. If you need additional help after checking this, please let me know. Families of current 8th grade students needing assistance will need to check with their school.

For 2024-2025 EdChoice Renewal/Application Forms: [Click Here](#)

I hope that this process overview is helpful and that your students have a strong fourth quarter.

Nancy Kaczala
Director of Finance

GUIDANCE



Kristen Hammaker



Shannon Brown



Cathy Waag

Juniors:

Once again, Alter will be hosting the highly informative Junior Parent College Night for all juniors and their parents. This year, we will be teaming up with Mrs. Karen DeRosa of Class 101 to present vital information regarding the college application process from both the high school perspective, as well as a university's. This important meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Alter's Theatre. This has always been a very valuable and informative night for our soon-to-be seniors and their parents. Attendance is highly recommended because of the immediacy of application timelines at the beginning of senior year.

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. Don't forget to check out the senior scholarships on Alter's website, too! 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 required paperwork.



Journey Along the Road to Resilience

Barbara Groene

Where has the school year gone? How can it be March already when we celebrate the patron Saint of Ireland. There are rich Catholic traditions that families in Ireland celebrate during this month. One of these is a pilgrimage to a mountain called Croagh Patrick. This mountain is considered holy because it had significance in the life of Saint Patrick. According to some, Saint Patrick went to fast for 40 days at this peak. During lent many take the walk up the mountain for their own spiritual journey. The climb is treacherous in some places and many fall during their ascent. The trek is not easy; rocky, rough, and painful at times, but the end goal is never forgotten.

This story about Saint Patrick and the pilgrimage reminds me of the struggles that teens face today, and the resiliency needed to overcome them. Social media and ads make it look so easy to be a teen. Everyone has such a perfect life; however, that is not real. Many teens have tough times ranging from bullying, death, and family struggles. Why are some teens able to bounce back, travel the rocky road, fall, get back up, and others not so much? Resiliency!

How can teens learn to be more resilient?

- Stay **connected** with friends, parents, religious groups, sports clubs etc. that exert positive energy and outcomes.

- Give yourself **grace** and lend it to others. We are all human and make mistakes.

- Be **grateful** for all you have and for where you are at this moment. Giving thanks in all things builds and sustains us. Create a gratitude journal listing at least 3 things you're grateful for daily.

- **Self-care** is a must. Do the things you enjoy by listening to your body, asking for help, journaling, exercising, and getting proper rest, eat well and practice self-compassion.

- Be your **authentic** self! God didn't make any mistakes when he created you. We are all different. Be the best version of you.

- Remember **comparison** is the thief of many dreams. Turn off social media. Visualize your own hopes and dreams.

- Life is always **happening** -- good, bad and everything in between -- know that you are not alone.

- **Never give up!** No matter what, keep going, you are stronger than you realize.

Remember that resiliency is a journey, and it is unique to everyone. Some teens have long strides and others need baby steps. The skills mentioned above are useful even when you are experiencing good times. Just like those who took the rocky climb to the top of the mountain, it is possible to make it to your goal.

Good luck with your journey,
Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

To the Class of 2024

Dear Seniors,

It is hard to believe that you are embarking on the final quarter of your high school career! The next nine weeks will fly by so quickly with all the activities and events still to come. We are excited to watch you experience all of it. Before you can leave, there are a few things you will want to do regarding your computer and your accounts. Make sure you have contacted important people and given them a new email address as your school email address will be shut down on August 1st, 2024. This is especially important for your standardized testing information like your ACT account and AP testing account.

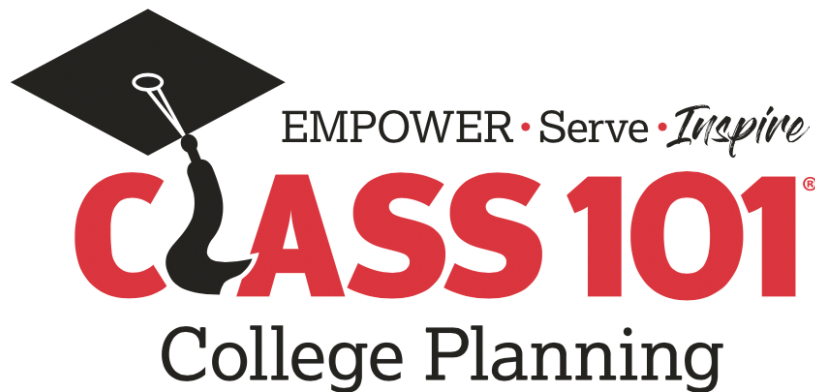
Start to look at all the files you have saved these four years and make decisions on what to keep and what to delete. For the ones you want to keep, save them somewhere you will be able to access them once your Alter account is deleted. Some suggestions would be to create a Google drive, get an external hard drive, or flash drive.

Finally, are there any issues with your computer you need to have checked, like a cracked screen? If so, please see Mr. Dixon before you head out for Senior Trip. The computer may have to be sent to Lenovo for repair, which could take some time. If you wait to give it to us after spring break, we cannot guarantee Lenovo will complete the work for you.

We have enjoyed working with you these four years and can't wait to see the path God has chosen for you! Best of luck during the fourth quarter and in the future.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Portman and Mr. Dixon
The Technology Team

TAYLOR RESOURCE CENTER



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College planning support from Class 101 every Wednesday

Altered 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>

COLLEGE LIST & EXPLORING MAJORS: March 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.

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ADVANCEMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO



The Week of Giving is our “call to action” for community members to support Alter High School with a gift to The Alter Fund providing continuous support throughout the school year for priority needs. A healthy Alter Fund secures our ability to deliver our promise of an Alter educational experience founded on faith, preserved with pride, and sustained by spirit.

Thank you to our amazing student callers who volunteered their time during the Annual Alter Phonathon. I hope you had the pleasure of speaking with them and experiencing firsthand their genuine love and enthusiasm for this school. **Thank you** for taking their call!

Our goal this year for The Alter Fund is **\$400,000** and thanks to gifts received during the Week of Giving we are getting closer to meeting this goal. With your help, and in Alter fashion, we will **EXCEED** that \$400,000 goal...we are almost halfway there!

Thank you for your passion and commitment to our mission.

Make an online gift now: [The Alter Fund](#)

Or: Venmo @Alterhs



What a GREAT KNIGHT OUT!





Congratulations Joe Petrocelli!

Congratulations to Alter's former Boys' Basketball coach, Joe Petrocelli, who is a recipient of the John Wooden Legacy Award for 2024.

Coach Petrocelli was the first basketball coach at Alter and coached for 49 years. He led the Knights to state championships in 1978, 1999, and 2001.

Petrocelli is one of two coaches in Ohio to win over 800 games in his career – 831 to be exact! He also led teams to nine regional and 25 district championships. He coached many who received Division I college scholarships, two NBA players, brothers Jim and John Paxson, as well as several who continued their basketball careers in Europe.

Coach Petrocelli was inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mr. Petrocelli will be presented with the John Wooden Legacy Award during half time of the 2:00 p.m. boys state semi-final game on Saturday, March 23, at the University of Dayton Arena.

Thank you, Coach, for the impact you had on the game as it lives on in our players, coaches, and all whose lives you touched.

Alter is hosting a Stag Knight for all former boys' basketball players, assistant coaches, and managers on March 23, to celebrate Coach Petrocelli.

Basketball

• STAG KNIGHT •



**FORMER BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS,
COACHES & MANAGERS ARE INVITED**

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

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Saturday March at 5 PM

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Alter High School Joe Petrocelli Gymnasium



2024 HALL of FAME INDUCTEES



Madeline Rogero '70 (Distinguished)

After graduating from Alter, Madeline has had a storied career. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from Furman University and a M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from The University of Tennessee. She was elected the 68th Mayor of Knoxville and took office in December 2011. As Mayor, she was dedicated to promoting an equitable and vibrant local economy, strong neighborhoods, a high quality of life, a thriving downtown, and a greener Knoxville.



Paul Beyerle '71 (Distinguished)

As a student at Alter, Paul played baseball and football and was part of the Kingsman service club. He went on to attend Bowling Green State University and University of Dayton. He had a 41-year career in education as both a teacher and principal. He led diverse types of schools with different socio-economic environments and developed those schools with a positive culture that stressed inclusiveness and character.



Dr. Jim Borchers '89 (Distinguished)

While at Alter, Jim was active in sports, theater, and speech and debate. He continued playing football at The Ohio State University (OSU) for his undergraduate degree. He went on to get his MD at Northeast Ohio Universities and then returned to OSU where he has spent most of his career. He was the Head Team Physician/Medical Director for the OSU Department of Athletics and most recently, named the first Chief Medical Officer of the Big Ten Conference.



Keith Waleskowski '99 (Athletic)

Keith was a 4-year letterman on the Alter basketball team whose game winning shot in OT gave Alter the State Championship in 1999. Keith played with his brother, Adam, for two years at Alter. He played at University of Dayton and professionally for nine years in Spain, Italy, and Germany.



Adam Waleskowski '01 (Athletic)

Adam played basketball on the 1999 and 2001 State Championship teams and went on to play at Florida State University. Adam began his 15-year professional European basketball career in 2005 and spent the majority of his time in Germany, but also had stops in France, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Cyprus, and Kosovo.



Courtney Chihil '08 Bruner (Athletic)

Courtney was very involved as a student and athlete and was an integral part of Alter's 2008 State Championship team. She attended Florida Gulf Coast University and was a four-year starter. She was named Atlantic Sun Conference (A-Sun) co-female student athlete of the year and served as the A-Sun's NCAA Woman of the Year. While at FGCU, the team made it to the post season all four years including the NCAA tournament.

2008 Girls Basketball State Championship Team

**To Purchase Tickets: Click [HERE](#) or
www.alterhs.org/hall-of-fame-dinner**

***Please join us at an all school Mass
as we recognize the following groups for
their steadfast faith and committment to
Alter High School.***

MARCH 12 *Scholarship Benefactors*

APRIL 17 *Hall of Fame Inductees
Distinguished & Athletic*

MAY 7 *Parents of the Class of 2024*

All Masses begin at approximately 10:10 AM

***St. Charles Borromeo
4500 Ackerman Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45429***

ALTER

DID YOU KNOW?

Alumni Spotlight: Shawn Monteiro '22 Recognized in Toledo Blade Newspaper

Congratulations to Alter alumnus Shawn Monteiro for being awarded with an engineering scholarship at the University of Toledo and receiving recognition in the Toledo Blade newspaper. Shawn has worked very hard as a pre-med bioengineering student and has the accolades to show for it. Shawn is a member of the Honors College and has consistently earned a spot on the Dean's List every semester during his time at the University of Toledo. Furthermore, he is serving in roles such as Vice President of Programming for his fraternity and president of the Biomedical Engineering Society, in which he introduced the BMES Mentorship Program. Sean has made the Alter community so proud and we know he will continue to be highly successful as he moves forward in his career.



Dayton Business Journal Holds Panel on K-12 Education

The Dayton Business Journal held a panel discussing K-12 education. This panel covered a range of areas centered around today's current educational focuses and student successes. Our Principal and CEO Lourdes Lambert was part of this conversation along with other educational leaders within the Dayton area. We are proud that Alter was represented in this panel and we thank Lourdes for sharing her knowledge and thoughts! Click the link to read the panel: [Click Here](#)

K-12 Education



Optimist Speech Contest Winners

Early this February, students Mia Crinion and James Brooks competed in the Optimist Speech Contest. This was very last minute, and these two participants had less than four days to receive the prompt and rules, write out a speech and then practice. Both of them managed to have a speech ready to present by the time of the contest. James Brooks won first place and Mia Crinion won third place. It is truly impressive that both of these students were able to accomplish such a hard task in a short amount of time and place in the top three. We are very proud of James and Mia for their motivation to strive for excellence and we congratulate them both for their accomplishment.



James Brooks (far left) and Mia Crinion (far right)

Alter Students Volunteer in Civil Air Patrol

“Volunteers serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.”

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is dedicated to providing emergency services and humanitarian relief, performing air and ground search and rescue, developing K-12 aerospace education curricula and STEM programs, and mentoring youth ages 12-18 in leadership and character development, physical fitness, and career exploration.

Here at Archbishop Alter High School, we have 3 cadets affiliated with the Wright Brothers Composite Squadron #284, located at the Wright Brothers Airport, in Miamisburg, Ohio. The following cadets are to be recognized for their outstanding time and commitment to CAP. Sophomores: Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Bennett Rau and Cadet Airman Fernando Montoya. Freshman: Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Whiteley.

If interested, please talk to a cadet or contact a Senior Member. Personnel Officer: Justina Whiteley, Justina.whiteley@ohwg.cap.gov or Squadron Commander Major Thomas Hartung, Thomas.Hartung@ohwg.cap.gov www.gocivilairpatrol.com



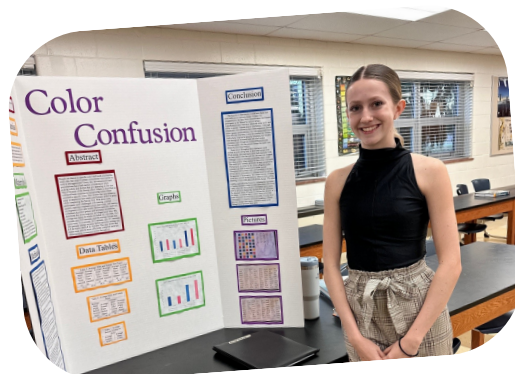
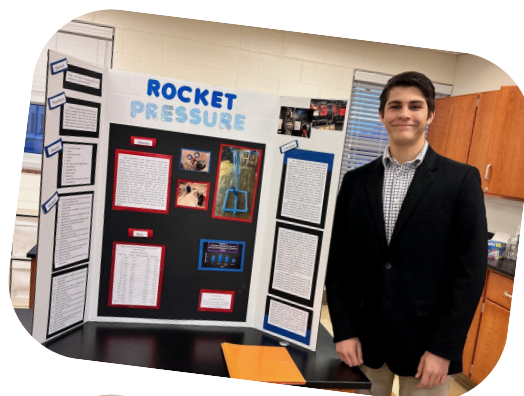
Science Fair Results

We had nine freshmen and 42 sophomores present their science fair projects on February 13th. Depending on the student's grade level and type of project, each student has worked since September 2022 or September 2023 on his/her project. We would like to congratulate our students for their hard work and dedication and would also like to thank our wonderful judges!

Two sophomores took home the prize with a perfect score: Alex Korenyi-Both and Evan Schultz. There were 27 Superiors, 5 High Excellent scores and 11 Excellent scores.

SUPERIOR

1. Zane Murray
2. Gabe Duckro
3. Fern Montoya
4. Jessica Dusabe
5. Libby Klatte
6. Lucas Soin
7. Riley Rubertus
8. Bennett Rau
9. Noah Smith
10. Graham Godlove
11. Luca Malenich
12. Ella Hawk
13. Allison Roesch
14. Paxton Jecker
15. Alina Overman
16. Corrine Simpson
17. Carley Carter
18. Izzy Brady
19. Alexis Drake
20. Andrew Fink
21. Mikey Rose
22. Annabelle Boone
23. Luke Phillips
24. Megan Brandt
25. Chris Franco-Toro
26. Trevor Meyer
27. Mason Miller

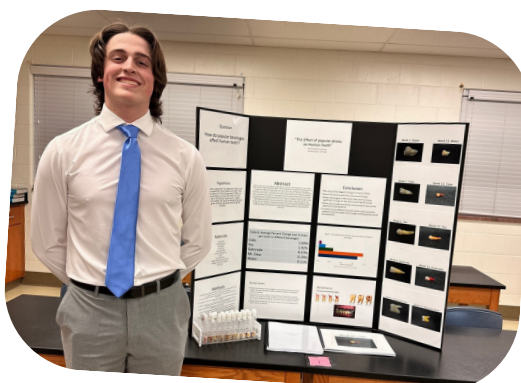


HIGH EXCELLENT

1. Iris Van Hoose
2. Keith Butler
3. Elle Roth
4. Brady Burr
5. Noah Johnson

EXCELLENT

1. Colleen Russell
2. Thomas Drake
3. Bridget Ennis
4. Lauren Miller
5. Evan Sharbaugh
6. Miguel Delgado
7. Izzy Rambo
8. Addison Clough
9. Moses Mabarak
10. Nick Johnston
11. Lydia Collura



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.



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

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THE ARTS

Castle Players Spring Musical

The spring musical, DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST has officially begun! We held our first show this Thursday, March 8th. Upcoming show dates are on March 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th. [You can click here to see our cast and crew.](#)

Check out our promo video here: [Click Here](#)

Tickets for the Meet & Greet and ALL Beauty and the Beast shows are on sale NOW! Do YOU have your tickets yet? We expect to sell out these performances so grab your tickets today: [Click Here](#)



Band and Color Guard

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

Learn how YOU can become a member of the Alter Band and Color Guard

Who: Current, incoming and prospective Alter students and families.

When: 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

Come try Color Guard with the Alter Color Guard members:

What: Dance, modern movement, performance

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

When:

Monday, March 11th, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Aux Gym

Monday, March 18th, 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 invited to join us for the 2024 Competition Show Reveal Party!

Find out what our newest competition show will be, our competition schedule, hear the music, and see the designs. Come celebrate with us. This event is for current members, new members, and anyone interested in being a part of the Alter Marching Knights. Friends and families are welcome! Be Known, Be Loved, Be a Champion. The party will be held Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Alter Cafeteria.



ATHLETICS

Athletic Review - Winter 2024

Women's Sports

Basketball

- GCL Champions, District Champions

*Still in post-season play

Bowling

- District Qualifier: Alana Baker

Gymnastics

- Placed 10th out of 31 local schools in the District Tournament.

Swimming

- GCL Champions, District Champions, 7 State Qualifiers: Nora Boillot, Emily Kyre, Annie, Leibold, Ella Leibold, Sara Morrison, Emme Tenhundfeld, Iris Van Hoose.
- 3rd place team finish overall at the OHSAA State Meet.
- State Coach of the Year: Eric Wentzel

Wrestling

- GCL Champion and State Qualifier: Alora Strauser



Men's Sports

Basketball

- GCL Champions

*Still in post-season play

Bowling

- District Qualifier: Jackson Wright

Hockey

- SWOHSHL Regular Season Champions

Swimming

- State Qualifiers: Michael Bigby, Ben Kaufman, Henry Kaufman, Nathan, Kyre, and Hank McCall.

Wrestling

- GCL Individual Champions: Hyden Weiss, Bronson Begley, Rocco Mauro, Luke Snyder, Rod Owens.
- State Qualifiers: Hayden Weiss, Bronson Begley, Luke Snyder, Rod Owens, and Kason Dill - Alternate



It has been a great winter season of accomplishments for our athletes! Go Knights!

Post-Season Athletics

Come out and support your Knights this weekend! Our boys' and girls' basketball teams are continuing to roll through playoffs as our boys' team will play in the district final and our girls' team will play in the regional final this weekend. We would also like to wish our wrestlers Hayden Weiss, Bronson Begley, Luke Snyder, Rod Owens, Kason Dill, and Alora Strauser good luck as they will be wrestling in the state tournament this weekend as well! Information for all these post-season events are listed below:

Saturday, March 9th: Alter Boys' Basketball vs. McNicholas @ UD Arena- 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 9th: Alter Girls' Basketball vs. Africentric @ Springfield High School- 1:00 p.m.

March 8-10: Wrestling State Tournament @ the Schottenstein Center, Columbus OH.
[Click here for the full event schedule.](#)

The tournament will also be livestreamed: [Click Here](#)



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

DEC 15, 18, 19, 20

2ND SEMESTER

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
8: No School
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.**

ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

August

8-9: New Teacher Orientation
12-13: Teacher Work Days
14: Freshman First Day
15: First Day All Students
17: Freshman Social - Backyard Party
21: Meet the Teacher Night
21: Underclass Pictures
22: Pep Rally
22: Fairmont Game
30- Sep. 1: AlterFest

September

2: Labor Day – No School
15-16: Junior Retreat
17-20: Kairos
25-29: Fall Musical
27: Scholarship Breakfast

October

4: End of First Quarter
8: Under the Armor: Arts, Athletics, and Spirit
9: PSAT - No School Freshmen, Sophomores & Seniors
11: Homecoming Game
12: Homecoming Dance
17: Parent Conferences
18: No School
23: Knight of Giving
26: Turnabout Dance
26: Freshmen Bowling

November

1: All School Mass
3-4: Junior Retreat
7: Under the Armor: Academics, Admissions, and Faith
12-15: Kairos
15: Deadline for Applications, Scholarships & Financial Aid
16: Band Nationals
26: Grandparents Day Mass
27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December

5-8: Winter Play
9: All School Mass
10: Band Christmas Concert
13: Exams 1 and 2 – noon dismissal
16: Exams 3 and 4 – noon dismissal
17: Exams 5 and 6 – noon dismissal
18: Exams 7 and 8 – noon dismissal
19: Exam Make Up Day and Teacher Work Day
20- Jan. 6: Christmas Break – No School

January

6: Teacher Work Day
7: First Day for Students
12-13: Junior Retreat
20: MLK Holiday - No School
21-24: Kairos
25: Freshman Social - Dodgeball
26-31: Catholic Schools Week
26-27: Junior Retreat
28: All School Mass
31: Pep Rally

February

4-5: Iowa Testing
11: Sophomore Retreat
14: No School
17: Presidents Day - No School
20: Knight of Celebration - Class of 2029
23: Week of Giving Begins
28: Knight Out Gala

March

5: Ash Wednesday All School Mass
6: End of Third Quarter
7: No School
7-9: Spring Musical
10: No School
13-15: Spring Musical
18-21: Kairos
29-Apr. 2: Senior Trip

April

8: All School Mass
10: Hall of Fame Dinner
11: Hall of Fame Assembly
13-21: Easter Break - No School
24: Freshmen Retreat
30: Band Concert

May

1: Pep Rally
3: Prom
3: Freshmen Semi-Formal
7: Band Concert
16: Senior Awards
16: Baccalaureate
17: Graduation - Class of 2025
19: Exams 8 and 7 – Noon Dismissal
20: Exams 6 and 5 – Noon Dismissal
21: Exams 4 and 3 – Noon Dismissal
22: Exams 2 and 1 – Noon Dismissal

End of Semester

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PENDING ARCHDIOCESAN APPROVAL