

# THE KNIGHT TIMES

September 20th, 2024

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Lourdes Lambert

# A Message from Principal Lourdes Lambert

Dear Families:

I hope your children have had a smooth transition to the daily routine at Archbishop Alter High School. It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and we are so blessed to have your children as Alter Knights!

As we begin another academic year, we also begin another school accreditation cycle. Alter is accredited by the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Agency (OCSAA), and we are continuing our school improvement journey this school year by conducting a self study. The self study process is one that enables us to review our mission, our vision, and then survey our stakeholders (our students, our teachers and our parents) for feedback on our school. As part of this process, you will be asked to complete a survey to offer your experiences and insight, what we do well, and how we can continue to improve the experience for our students and our community members. The survey link will be sent to you in October, and the survey will remain open for a period of one week. You will receive several reminders about the completion of the survey, and I do hope that you are able to set some time aside to help us as we develop our goals for the new accreditation cycle. School improvement is something we take very seriously as we strive to provide the best educational environment possible for your children.

As you read this edition of the Knight Times, we have two full weeks left in the first quarter. Please reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions about their progress or performance in a specific content area. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a conference with your child's teachers following the close of the first quarter. We will host parent teacher conferences on Thursday, October 17th with the goal of collaboratively reviewing your child's strengths and opportunities for improvement. We are committed to providing academic excellence in a Christ centered environment on a daily basis for every student in our care. Thank you for partnering with us in this endeavor.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert  
Principal





Heather Dunn

## What is a Church?

I don't know about you, but if I were to ask who or what a church was, most of us would describe a church we've been to in our lifetime. Possibly we would even describe a church we've seen in the movies or a book. The church you would describe would likely have stained glass windows, perhaps an altar, maybe candles, and if it's a Catholic Church, probably a few statues. Rightly so, our understanding mostly of a church is just that- a building where people go to pray and worship.

Last week Alter was blessed to welcome singer and songwriter, Jesse Manibusan. Jesse joined us to sing and share stories from his own life to encourage and bless us. There are a lot of takeaways from the rich wisdom he shared, but there was one thing in particular that really seemed to resonate with me.

He asked us to do a "call back" and he would ask us "Who is the Church?" and the students would shout, "We are!" Simply changing the word to **what** is a church to **who** is the church is a shift to most of us having grown up going to a physical church each week.

So it begs the question, what is a church and are WE the Church? What does it mean to be the Church? While we don't get to be a physical structure, we are truly the church when we walk out of Mass each time. One of my favorite blessings at the end of Mass is, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." It's always a reminder to me that our lives are meant to be lived outside of the walls of the physical Church.

When we leave the physical building of a Church, fueled by the Eucharist, WE become the place where people encounter Jesus. It is our lives that show who Christ is to others. While a lot of the world might not come into a physical Church, they can encounter who Jesus is when they meet us. As the church, it is our job to BE the Church.

In Christ,  
Heather Dunn  
Director of Campus Ministry



# ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

## A Few Things About Financial Aid

Each month during the fall, I send a newsletter to prospective students and their families highlighting an aspect of the admissions process. In September, the focus of my newsletter is financial aid. Since all students at Alter are now able to apply for scholarships for the 2025-26 school year, and as many of our current families are points of contact for incoming Knights, I thought it might be helpful to include that information here, as well.

Archbishop Alter High School is committed to helping families find needed financial support. We want students to be able to attend our school and benefit from the rich educational, co-curricular, and faith-based experiences afforded to all Knights.

### NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Once an application for admission is submitted to Alter High School, parents or guardians will be asked to complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment.

·This information is gathered by an outside entity (FACTS management) and is reviewed by this independent company to determine the level of financial aid Alter may award. All financial information submitted is kept strictly confidential.

·**The deadline for submitting the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is November 15th** (which is the same date that applications for admission must be submitted).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Many scholarships have been established by members of the Alter community, and these awards are available for both incoming freshmen and current students. Scholarships may be need-based (the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is required) or merit-based (recognizing students for accomplishment in service, leadership, or academics). A complete list of scholarships can be found on our website under the "Scholarship" tab.

- **Between September 5th and November 15th** (the scholarship application window), complete and submit the Scholarship Acknowledgement Form.
- **Again, first-year students must have a completed Alter High School Application on file with the school by November 15th** to be considered for a scholarship, and if applying for a need-based scholarship, **a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment must also be submitted by November 15th**. Families can apply for multiple scholarships.
- Most scholarships require both an application and an essay, and some require a reference (which must be a non-family member). **References are also due by November 15th** and can be submitted through an online link on the scholarship page.
- Families whose child qualifies for an award will be notified by email and the award will post directly to the student's tuition account in FACTS. **These notifications will be sent on Friday, January 17th, 2025**, with admissions decisions.

If you have any questions about financial aid at Alter, please feel free to reach out to the Admissions office. I am always happy to talk through your individual situation and help with the process.

Warmly,  
Jessica Pettit  
Director of Admissions



# Learn a "Latte"

Join us in the Alter library for a special morning meeting...featuring coffee!

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am

CLASS 101

Meet Karen DeRosa, owner of Class 101 of Dayton, and learn more about their partnership with Alter and how they are helping our students prepare for - and master- the college admissions process.

Please RSVP at the following link:  
[CLASS 101](#)



JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE ALTER'S  
**ARTS, ATHLETICS,  
AND SPIRIT**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024  
6:00 PM

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## ATTENTION ALTER KNIGHTS! APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024



**APPLY FOR 2025-26**  
**-ADMISSION**  
**-FINANCIAL AID**  
**-SCHOLARSHIPS**

**VISIT [ALTERHS.ORG](#)**

### Named Scholarship Application Portal is Open!

Current and prospective students who desire to apply for one or more Named Scholarships available from Alter for the school year 2025-2026 can access the online application portal until November 15, to apply for both merit and need based scholarships. We encourage EVERYONE to consider this option to reduce their tuition obligation for next year.

Alter has available 40 named scholarships for next year:

- Annual awards range from \$500 to 50% of our published tuition rate.
- Named scholarship awards are classified into need-based (demonstrated financial need) and merit-based (academic, faith, and/or service)
- Some scholarships are renewable for one or more years
- The scholarship application process, including outside references, is completely online.
- **DEADLINE** for applying is November 15, 2024.
- Questions? Contact the Advancement Office – [advancement@alterhs.org](mailto:advancement@alterhs.org) or 937-434-2059
- [CLICK HERE TO APPLY.](#)





# GUIDANCE



**Nichole Lovins**



**Shannon Brown**



**Cathy Waag**

## **Seniors:**

Another busy college application season is underway, and the Class of 2025 is already moving at a fast pace! They have been doing a fantastic job of staying on top of all the steps in the process. Please be reminded of the following deadlines for submission of transcript requests:

·Applications with a November 1st deadline must be received in the Guidance office by Tuesday, October 1st.

·Applications with a December 1st deadline must be received in the Guidance office by Friday, November 1st.

·Applications needing to be mailed prior to Christmas break must be received in the Guidance office by Friday, November 15th.

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

Attention Senior Parents: Please join us for our **College Financial Aid Night** which will be held on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6:45 p.m. in Alter's Theatre**. This informational session will provide much needed advise and direction on the financial aid process for both public and private universities.

## **Juniors:**

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

## **All Students:**

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



# Upcoming In-School College Visits:

September 23rd (9:00 a.m.) – Ave Maria University

September 24th (12:45 p.m.) – University of Cincinnati

September 25th (9:00 a.m.) – St. Louis University

September 25th (1:35 p.m.) – University of Dayton  
(Kessler Scholars Program for UD Sinclair Academy)

September 25th (2:25 p.m.) – DePaul University

September 26th (8:10 a.m.) – West Virginia University

September 26th (9:00 p.m.) – Capital University

September 30th (9:00 a.m.) – Walsh University

October 1st (1:35 p.m.) – Northwood University

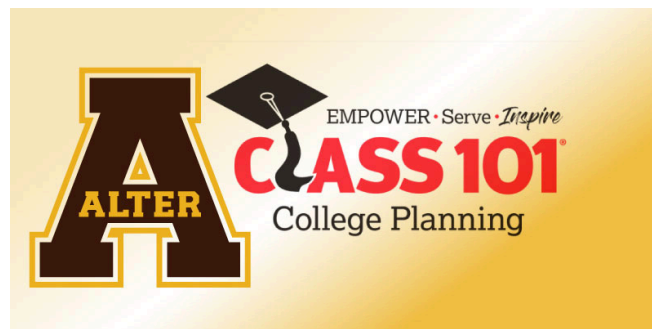
October 2nd (8:10 a.m.) – Purdue University

October 3rd (9:50 a.m.) – Holy Cross College

October 4th (12:45 p.m.) – Chatham University

October 4th (1:35 p.m.) – The Ohio State University

# TAYLOR RESOURCE CENTER



## Class 101 @ the Taylor Center

The school year for Class 101 is off to a strong start! We look forward to meeting so many more students throughout the year. The college planning process is best tackled in seasons, but we can meet with any student at any time at Alter to answer questions about planning for life after high school (college or career).

### College Planning FALL Checklist at the Taylor Center

#### SENIORS

From September to November, we hope that all Alter seniors will visit the Taylor Center with their college application questions. We have resources to help brainstorm essays, draft activity descriptions, choose majors, advise on test score reporting, and more.

#### JUNIORS

This is the right time to build your college list. Remember to attend the college admissions visits at Alter! Juniors can sign up in the guidance office or by emailing [cathy.waag@alterhs.org](mailto:cathy.waag@alterhs.org)

#### SOPHOMORES

This is the right time to draft your resume and start thinking about colleges. We are here in the Taylor Center to help with both!

### BUILDING THE COLLEGE LIST

For the Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027, connecting with colleges can start now. It is not too late for seniors or too early for sophomores! Fall is a good time to brainstorm a big college list and start demonstrating interest through subscribing to admissions emails (and reading them!), scheduling visits, attending college events (including visits to your high school), and following college admissions' social media accounts.

A number of factors help Class 101 students define their college lists: location and geography, the student's college fit preferences, family expectations, and academic program information. For a few students, their area of study has to be a primary consideration. If they would like to major in something few schools offer, then the college list is first shaped by the student's area of interest. Extracurricular interests like sports or music might also narrow the list. At times, family legacy is a primary influence on the list.

Start with a broad list of schools that includes a smaller school (less than 5,000 students), a mid-sized school (5,000 to 12,000 students), a large school (12,000 to 25,000 students), and an extra-large school (more than 25,000 students). Consider urban, suburban, college town, and rural options. It is just as important to visit the community as it is to visit the college.

Students can explore colleges by comparing the majors and programs of study and reading the course descriptions of classes they are likely to take in their freshman year. We encourage in-person or virtual visits to talk with professors and students. With some visits shaping their perspectives, students can then begin to define their expectations for college, including study abroad, honors programs, housing options, internships and co-ops, undergraduate research opportunities and grants, and extracurriculars.

It is not uncommon for students' preferences to change during high school and even after they submit applications. U.S. News and World Report reports that one in three first year college students will drop out or transfer before their second year of college. And the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center Report (June, 2024) celebrated a rise in the national college (first to second year) retention rate for the first time in a decade to only 68.2%. These statistics should not be excused. The best antidote is strong college research and visits throughout high school. A wide-reaching and well-researched list of colleges is the cornerstone of a successful college application season and college experience. If your student wants to work on their college list, they can visit Class 101 in the Taylor Center every Wednesday and Thursday.



# ACADEMICS



Jennifer Schlangen

## Alter's Positive Climate = Student Success

As the school year progresses, think back to what your high school community looked like, and your relationships with your teachers. Would you say that your community had a positive environment? Recent studies show, "When a school community has a positive climate, it will experience a stronger sense of community, higher student and family engagement, and greater student academic achievement" ([schoolclimate.org](http://schoolclimate.org)). I would define Alter's school climate as the way the school environment functions to nurture students' physical, mental, and emotional well-being. This nurturing in our building is seen in a variety of ways inside and outside of the classroom. At Alter, our teachers strive to maintain our mission of challenging students to reach their full potential by providing academic excellence. In an ongoing effort to preserve our mission, along with our school identity, our teachers are constantly evaluating what they teach, why they teach, and if the information taught has not only been grasped by our students but the impact our teaching has on our students. To accomplish both a positive atmosphere and a strong academic one, teachers use textbooks, published resources, and the teachers themselves as living examples of the curriculum. As a former English teacher, I know that the relationships we build with our students have a strong impact on how well they do in our classes. For students to be successful, they need to be challenged, but they also need to know that their teachers care about them.

If your child is struggling in a class, please encourage them to reach out to their teacher for help. Approaching their teacher provides them with the best resource for what is going on in that classroom and is one step towards their flourishing academically. Teachers are here to help students before school begins at 7:30 a.m. and after school until 3:30 p.m.

As we quickly move through the first quarter, here are a few reminders to help you and your child navigate the start of the school year successfully:

**•Check your child's grades in FACTS.**

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

Our first quarter ends on October 4th. To become a successful Knight in a positive climate, remember that it requires desire, dedication, hard work, and the ability to ask for help when it is needed.

Warmest Regards,  
Jennifer Schlangen  
Dean of Academics



## Planting the Seeds of Independence

**Barbara Groene**

As unbelievable as it may seem, we are entering the midpoint of the quarter. Fall extracurriculars are in full force. Practices, games, homework, quizzes, tests, college applications, jobs, and late-night dinners seem to be the norm. It is time to take a deep breath and evaluate how our students and families are doing. High school is a time where students become more independent in many ways. Trying to help them exhibit their independence but still guiding their path quietly is always a struggle. What are some ways to accomplish this goal?

- Encourage your children to advocate for themselves. Let them take the lead on emailing teachers about grades and assignments. Watch your children take steps towards adulthood but still be close enough to catch them if needed.
- Trust your children until they give you a reason not to. It is terrifying not knowing all the ins and outs of your child's day. Ask questions about their grades and progress in classes and the friends they have met at school. Try not to assume that they are not telling you everything.
- Volunteer at your kids child's activities. Help out at the events they are involved in, like selling snacks at the concession stand, bringing meals for away games, or chaperoning a dance. They may not act like they like it, but they really want you to be around.
- Go to as many of the high school experiences as you can. Remember it all goes by so fast. Go to their performances, events, matches and games. Cheering for your child and the children of others is just so much fun! And it is a good way to get to know their friends.
- Give yourself grace. Navigating high schoolers is a tough job. But as long as your heart is in the right place and the best interest of your child is your guide, it will be ok. Don't beat yourself up when things don't go perfectly.

As I remind parents and students every day, we are on this journey together. It is difficult for parents to let go of their children and watch them grow and manage their own lives. Having four graduates of Alter while I was a teacher here was a challenge for me too. I had to remind myself and my children that I planted the seeds of responsibility in them, but they had to water those seeds so eventually they became the wings of independence. Now that I see them flying, I understand the importance of allowing them to begin to manage their independence.

Here's to successful planting,  
Barbara Groene  
Dean of Students



# TECHNOLOGY



**Debbie Portman**



**Michael Dixon**

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

On October 9th, the juniors will take the PSAT. The PSAT will be taken using the students' computers. In the coming weeks the tech department will visit the junior theology class and help the students set up Bluebook. To be successful on test day, it is important for the students to remember to charge their computer completely the evening before the test. On test day, the juniors must bring their device and charger with them to school. Part of the pretest procedures will be to restart computers on campus and shut down any apps that automatically run, such as Spotify, so they do not interfere with the test. If you are having any issues with your computer, please let us know before testing begins so you can properly take the test on October 9th.

**Technology Reminder: Chargers and stylus' are not covered under warranty and are the responsibility of the family to be replaced. Here are the links for each grade:**

**Class of 2028 Dell Latitude 7440 Stylus:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2028 Dell Latitude 7440 Charger:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2027 Dell Latitude 7430 Stylus:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of Class of 2027 Dell Latitude 7430 Charger:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2026 Dell Latitude 7420 Stylus:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2026 Dell Latitude 7420 Charger:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2025 Lenovo L-13 Laptop Charger:** [Click Here](#)

**Class of 2025 Lenovo L-13 Laptop Stylus:** [Click Here](#)

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Rachel Cox '89 Has Had Continued Success in Music and Writing

Rachel Cox graduated from Alter in 1989. Since her graduation, she has had a successful career in both music and writing. A violinist and violist, Rachel has performed with the Naples Philharmonic, The Florida Orchestra, Sarasota Orchestra, Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum Chamber Orchestra. She has been a member of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra since 1998, holding the positions of principal viola, acting assistant and principal second violin, and acting assistant concertmaster. Rachel holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Viola Performance from the New England Conservatory in Boston, where she studied with Walter Trampler, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from IMPAC University in Punta Gorda, Florida. Performance credits include a performance in Carnegie Hall under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas, broadcasts on WGBH-FM "Off the Record" program, guest artist at the 2006 Ohio Federation of Music convention, guest performer with the New York Viola Society, and two PBS nationwide broadcasts as a member of the Naples Philharmonic under the direction of Erich Kunzel. In 2002, Rachel started the music scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast University that ultimately led to the formation of the Bower School of Music.

Rachel has published six books on Ohio and U.S. history, which are used in schools, libraries, and colleges throughout the United States and in Europe. In 2008 she published her first novel, *The Horror Within*. In 2011 she published *A New Era: A History of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra*, which was written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that orchestra and is the basis of a short documentary. Rachel is the author of *Ecce Cecilia*, a poem set to music for chorus and orchestra by Paul Richards in honor of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra's 50th anniversary celebration. In 2012 she published *Redemption*, a one-act play which explores how crime traumatizes both the victim and the perpetrator. Rachel is also the historian for the Regional Orchestra Players' Association, a conference of the American Federation of Musicians. Her *Music of the Holocaust* presentation, which is archived at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, may be viewed on Youtube. [Click here.](#)

Rachel is presently a professor of violin and viola at Florida Southwestern State College in Fort Myers and an instructor for the Florida Gulf Coast University Academy. In 2017, in conjunction with two other members of the Music Foundation of Greater Naples, Rachel launched the Musical Moments Series at the Center for Performing Arts in Bonita Springs, the first year-round concert series in Southwest Florida.



## Theresa Charters '84 Gavorone Serves as Ohio State Senator and Majority Whip

Upon graduating from Alter in 1984, Theresa has accomplished a tremendous amount in her career. Graduating from both Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo College of Law, Theresa became an attorney. As a resident of Northern Ohio for over 35 years, she joined as a member of the Bowling Green City Council before serving in the Ohio Legislature. Theresa has been a State Senator for Ohio's 2nd District since 2019 and was elected to Senate leadership by her colleagues to serve as Majority Whip. Outside of her career in politics, Theresa has 3 kids and has lived in Bowling Green, Ohio for the last 32 years with her husband Jim. Together, they own a restaurant called Mister Spots in the town of Bowling Green which Theresa's husband Jim started 38 years ago. Theresa was quoted to say that "I would not be where I am today without the values that were instilled in me during my time at Alter."



# Class Reunions 2024

(Not pictured- Class of '84)

**1979**



**2009**



**2019**



**1974**



**1994**



**1989**



**2004**



**1999**





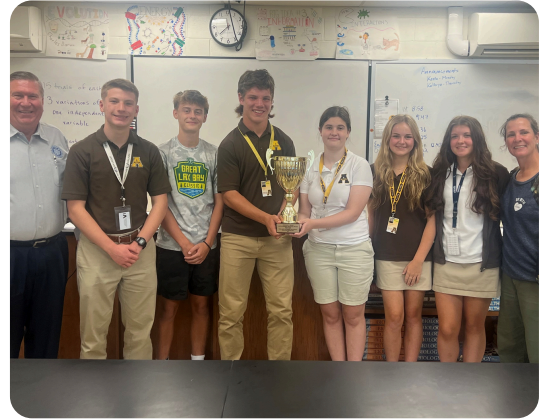
# DID YOU KNOW?

## The Science Department Receives the Harold C. Shaw Award

The Science Department received the Harold C. Shaw Award for their high quality academics and the dedication and hard work of the students. The Harold C. Shaw award is sponsored by the late Mr. Shaw (1915-1993), who was a high school science teacher and long-time OAS Junior Academy Council member.

A most-challenging prize, the celebrated Harold C. Shaw award is based on a rigorous group score of all participants from a school. At least four students present research, 80% must earn a Superior rating and any others must receive an Excellent rating.

Congratulations to each student who participated in the in science fair and contributed to win this amazing award: **Annabelle Boone, Megan Brandt, Keith Butler, Alexis Drake, Jessica Dusabe, Paxton Jecker, Noah Johnson, Libby Michael Klatte, Bennett Rau, Evan Sharbaugh, and Corrine Simpson**. Keith Butler and Annabelle Boone said that they both felt that for all the hard work and hours they put in, it was nice to be recognized and awarded for this accomplishment as it was a team effort that made it possible.



## First STEM Talk of the Year: Mr. Joe Untener

Last week, Alter had its first STEM Talk of the school year. Mr. Joe Untener, father of five Alter alums, mechanical engineer with a MB and a professor at The University of Dayton, gave this prompt to the students: 'The Design and Build of a Great Engineer'. Mr. Untener asked the students to write down the key characteristics of an engineer. Some answers were: 'attention to detail', 'an interest in how things function', 'should like math and logic', 'should be logical', 'should see practical design solutions', 'be a problem-solver' and 'be creative'. Mr. Untener didn't need to help them with this part of his prompt. But how to build a great engineer? Mr. Untener told the students to read, to tinker with machines, to embrace failing and to have a strong work ethic. Great advice from an experienced mechanical engineer and engineering educator. Thank you, Mr. Untener!



## Catholic Singer and Song Writer Jesse Manibusen Visits Alter

Alter was blessed to welcome Catholic singer and song writer Jesse Manibusen on Wednesday, September 11th. Through song playing and story telling, Jesse engaged our students with their faith. He finished his sessions singing with the students our favorite song he wrote called "Open my eyes, Lord." We were incredibly thankful to Jesse for spending time with our students and worshipping the Lord with them in such a wonderful and interactive way.



## Hope Squad Participates in Suicide Prevention Month

Last week, Hope Squad made their peers feel seen, heard and loved through little acts to bring to light Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. They passed out created affirmation post it notes for students to take, and handed out candy, mints, and donut holes as they greeted their peers in the morning. They also held a candlelight vigil on Wednesday evening where they shared stories, heard a poem, and put together pins with beads representing different mental health struggles that they or a friend may experience. The week was about showing love and solidarity in the Alter community while trying to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.





**Support**

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The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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To claim the credit, donate to the Catholic Education Foundation - SGO and designate Alter High School to receive your donation. Your gift will directly support our Alter Knights!

**For details and to make a gift click [HERE](#).**

**Did you know you can earn a CREDIT on your state income tax return for 2024 by supporting Alter students with financial aid?**



# THE ARTS

## The Marching Knights

The best of The Alter Marching Knights was on full display this weekend in Toledo at The Glass Bowl. Competing a full two weeks earlier than usual, the Marching Knights made a statement on the Bands of America national competition circuit:

- **Northwest Ohio Class A Regional Champion**
- **Class A Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual and Outstanding General Effect**
- **Regional Championship Finalist**

The Alter Marching Knights are poised for another monumental season. Be sure to catch them at football games and local competitions.



**Archbishop Alter  
Marching Knights  
2024 Media Guide**



**Congratulations to Kate Linegang who was our “City BBQ Performer of the Week”, last week.**

**Thanks to City BBQ and their generous support of our Alter Marching Knights.**

## **A** Marching Knights *Elementary Night*

Students 5th-8th grade are invited to perform with the Grand National Championship Marching Band & Color Guard during the Alter Football game!

Brass, Woodwinds, Percussion, Strings, Piano, Dancers, & Performers, there is a place for you on our field.

**LEARN MORE/REGISTER**

Email Todd Tucker,  
Archbishop High School Director of Bands  
todd.tucker@alterhs.org

**October  
24th  
4pm**



## Castle Players Are Gearing Up for Their Fall Show

Please join us on the Father Edward Haskamp Stage in the Suttman Theatre for our fall musical, RANKED! Production dates: September 26th, 27th, and 28th @ 7:00 p.m. and the 29th @ 2:00 p.m.

[Click here for more details and to view the cast and crew.](#)

### TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW:

- \$15 Adults
- \$12 Senior/Military/Students
- \$250 per suite (includes themed food/drink and 8 seats). If you are interested in a suite, please email Mrs. Sears @ [megan.sears@alterhs.org](mailto:megan.sears@alterhs.org).
- Alter Student Activity Passes WILL be honored (activity pass holders receive ONE free ticket to each show in the 2024-25 season). If your student has a 2024- 2025 Activity Pass, he/she will be receiving an email prior to September 8th with a promo code good for one FREE ticket to Ranked. Please ask your student for this code and enter it in the promo code box at checkout. Note: a promo code is a discount code or coupon that you enter after you have selected your performance dates and seats; this is separate from the pre-sale access code you will use to get into the ticketing site early.

For online tickets and season passes:  
[alterhs.booktix.com](https://alterhs.booktix.com)

Box Office: (937) 660-8976

### STUDENT PREVIEW PERFORMANCE:

The Castle Players will present a student exclusive preview performance of their fall musical, RANKED, on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. All tickets are \$10 and Alter Activity Passes are ACCEPTED for ONE free ticket to the performance.

\*Doors open at 6:40 p.m. for general seating- first come first serve!


### FOLLOW THE CASTLE PLAYERS:

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Instagram- altercastleplayers

For up-to-date information about the Castle Players - please visit [www.alterhs.org/theatre](http://www.alterhs.org/theatre)





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# Ranked

Book by  
**KYLE HOLMES**

Music and Lyrics by  
**DAVID TAYLOR GOMES**




**Director & Choreographer** MEGAN WEAN SEARS

September 26th-28th @7:00  
September 29th @2:00  
**2024**



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# ATHLETICS

## Football

The Knights are heading into week 5 of the season as they will take on Bellbrook High School this Friday, September 20th at Bellbrook @ 7:00 p.m. The Bellbrook Eagles are currently sitting at 3-1 while the Knights look to stay on a winning streak after their big win against Trotwood last week. Come out and support the football team as they look to get their 3rd win of the season. Go Knights!



## Boys' Soccer

Boys' Soccer has been busy the past couple weeks. The team traveled north to take on the 2022 Division II State Champions Lima Shawnee on Saturday. It was a good game and the teams were evenly matched. Alter's defense stayed strong. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. Jack Archibald scored his first Varsity goal! Then, the team traveled south to take on Fenwick Tuesday evening. The Knights had many shots but Fenwick's keeper kept it close. The Knights were victorious with a final score of 2-0. Goals were scored by Jack Archibald and Mason Miller. Goalkeeper Henry Kaufman recorded his second shutout of the season. The team also got a win against Waynesville on Thursday with a final score of 5-2. Goals were scored by Sam Wierzbowski, Jack Archibald, Mason Miller, Aidan Sweeney and Jayden Mobray.



## Girls' Soccer

The Lady Knights faced three top teams in the past week. The team played great but had tough 2-1 losses against Waynesville and Bellbrook. On Wednesday, the Knights faced GCL opponent Badin and battled to a 1-1 tie with a goal by Katie Kyre. The Lady Knights travel to Newport Central Catholic on Saturday and then return for home games against Eaton on Monday, September 23rd and GCL opponent McNicholas on Wednesday, September 25th. Go Knights!





## Boys' Golf



The Knights have won the GCL for the 8th consecutive year! The teams score of 589 shots led them to win by a total of 44 shots. Congratulations to Grady Tabar on winning the tournament and receiving GCL Player of Year. Other player recieved the following GCL awards:

**Grady Tabar:** First Team

**T.J. Kreusch:** First Team

**Matthew Kreusch:** First Team

**Andrew Gochenouer:** First Team

**Charlie Anderson:** Second Team

**Finn Grawe:** Second Team

## Girls' Golf

This week, the Lady Knights competed in the GCL Tournament where Lauren Miller was named GCL Player of the Year shooting a 70 in the first round and a 69 in the second round. We would also like to congratulate to Izzy Brady for making Third Team All GCL. The Lady Knights have been working hard this season!



## Cross Country

Over the weekend the cross country team traveled to Toledo to compete in the Dave's XC Invitational. Friday night, the team switched out of their usual running attire for an elegant team dinner and toured Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Cathedral. They were blessed with an amazing tour guide, Mrs. Carol Raney '68 Schoen who was part of Alter's third graduating class in 1968. It was wonderful to see a proud alumnus of Alter passing information to current Knights. Saturday morning the team dominated the course and both the boys' and girls' varsity teams finished first runner up. There were 5 athletes (Kellen Hart, Matthew Orlando, Bennett Rau, Veronica Johnston, and Julia Orlando) who received individual awards for placing in the top 20. The team then celebrated their accomplishments with a team trip to Cedar Point.



## Girls' Tennis

The Lady Knights are continuing their winning ways as they improved to 10-4 overall. Recent scores:

### Alter High School Girls Tennis match vs. McNicholas High School on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024:

Alter 5 - McNicholas 0

Schaefer (A) def. Zerlman (M) 6-1, 6-1

Phillips (A) def. McCafferty (M) 6-0, 6-0

Trombley (A) def. Conor (M) 6-1, 6-2

Bigby/Carpenter (A) def. McCarthy/Dugan (M) 6-1, 6-2

Brandt/Kreill (A) def. Martin/Sway (M) 3-6, 6-1, 6-

### Alter High School Girls Tennis match vs. Tippecanoe High School on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024:

Alter 3 - Tippecanoe 2

Schaefer (A) def. Spangler (T) 6-0, 6-1

Phillips (A) def. Kovaleski 3-6, 7-6(2), 7-5

Trombley (A) def. Schroeder (T) 6-1, 7-6(3)

Waibel/Wiggershaus (T) def. Brandt/Schoen (A) 6-2, 6-3

McCormick/LaBreck (T) def. Overton/Kreill (A) 6-3, 6-2



## Seeking a Head Coach for Gymnastics!

Archbishop Alter High School (D-II) is seeking a head coach for the gymnastics program. This position, in addition to coaching the varsity team, is responsible for providing leadership to the high school program and providing positive, energetic coaching with a faith-based, educational approach. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and a list of references to Athletic Director, Christina Hart, [Christina.hart@alterhs.org](mailto:Christina.hart@alterhs.org).

## ALTER ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

WEEK OF 9/23 - 9/29

23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> @ WAYNESVILLE 6:30 PM	<b>BOYS GOLF</b> V. CENTERVILLE @YANKEE TRACE	<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b> V. MCNICHOLAS 7 PM	<b>BOYS SOCCER</b> V. BELLBROOK 7 PM	<b>FOOTBALL</b> @ CARROLL 7 PM	<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b> @ KINGS 2 PM	<b>BOYS GOLF</b> ARCHBISHOP HOBAN INVITATIONAL @ FIRESTONE
<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b> V. EATON 7 PM	<b>GIRLS GOLF</b> V. FAIRMONT & BUTLER @SYCAMORE	<b>GIRLS GOLF</b> SECTIONALS @WCG	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> @ EATON 6:30 PM			
<b>TENNIS</b> @NORTHMONT 4:30 PM	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> V. MCNICHOLAS 6:30 PM	<b>TENNIS</b> V. TROTWOOD MADISON 4 PM	<b>BOYS GOLF</b> SECTIONALS @YANKEE TRACE			
	<b>BOYS SOCCER</b> V.CJ 7 PM					
	<b>TENNIS</b> V. MIAMI VALLEY 4 PM					

EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# REMINDERS

## School Hours:

Monday-Friday:

8:10 a.m. -3:15 p.m.

Please direct all questions to the  
Main Office at 937-434-4434

## Cafeteria Menu

Please click here to view  
the menu for this  
coming week.

## Spirit Shop Hours

**Wednesdays –**

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and  
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

# 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  
15: All School Mass  
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  
26-29: Fall Musical  
25: All School Mass  
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  
16: Pre-ACT - Sophomore Only  
17: Parent Conferences  
18: No School  
23: Knight of Gratitude  
23: All School Mass  
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  
18: Week of Giving  
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  
26-31: Catholic Schools Week  
26-27: Junior Retreat  
28: All School Mass  
31: Pep Rally

### February

1: Freshman Social- Dodgeball  
4-5: Iowa Testing  
11: Sophomore Retreat  
14: No School  
17: Presidents Day - No School  
20: Knight of Celebration - Class of 2029  
25: ACT- Juniors Only  
28: Knight Out Event

### March

5: Ash Wednesday All School Mass  
6: End of Third Quarter  
7: No School  
7-9: Spring Musical  
10: No School  
13-16: Spring Musical  
18-21: Kairos  
29-Apr. 2: Senior Trip

### April

9: 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  
8: All School Mass  
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

**All Dates are Subject to Change.**