

THE KNIGHT TIMES

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Lourdes Lambert

Planning for the Future of our School

Dear Alter Knights,

I pray that as we enter the season of Advent, you are able to look back with pride at the incredible work your children have done so far this year. It is with deep gratitude and excitement that I reach out to share some important news about a change in my role at Alter High School.

Over the last year, the Board of Limited Jurisdiction has spent much time and effort researching how best to help move Alter High School forward with the ever-increasing demands of modern education, coupled with the growth of our school. They have decided to adopt a dual leadership model whereby we will now have both a President and a Principal overseeing the school's administration.

At the conclusion of this school year, I will be stepping into the role of President of Archbishop Alter High School. This new role will allow me to focus on ensuring the growth, stability, and mission of our school in a broader context, working with our dedicated faculty, staff, families, and the larger community to enhance the faith formation and educational experience we provide. I have cherished my time as principal, and I look forward to continuing our shared mission of Catholic education, albeit in a different capacity.

With this transition, Alter High School will be searching for a new principal - a person who will not only be a leader for our students and staff, but also a partner with you in supporting the spiritual and academic growth of your children. My hope is to find someone who understands and honors the unique relationship we share, recognizing how pivotal the transition from grade school to high school is in each student's life as is the transition from high school to college.

The new principal will be someone who values our Catholic mission, and who is as passionate as I am about fostering a nurturing and academically challenging environment for our students as they grow in faith and knowledge. It is my aim to find a leader who will be dedicated to building relationships with each of you.

As we begin the search, I welcome any thoughts, recommendations, or suggestions you may have regarding this important transition. I believe wholeheartedly that our collaboration is key to the success of your children, and I am grateful for the relationship we have built over the years.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission, and for your support and partnership as I transition into this new role. I am excited about what lies ahead, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with all of you to support the educational experience of all of our Knights.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert, M.Ed.



Heather Dunn

We Wait in Hope

The week of Thanksgiving might just be the worst time to try to call the pediatrician and get an appointment for your child who has had a nagging cough for a few weeks! My husband, Danny, set an alarm on his phone to remind himself to call right at 8:00 a.m. to try to grab a last-minute appointment for one of our children last week. 45 minutes later, we had success! The very next day, we had an emergency plumbing situation that meant we had to call our homeowner's insurance. During this call, you had the option to leave your phone number, and someone would call you back when they were available. 39 minutes later, a phone call came through! Danny and I marveled at the difference in the two interactions. Practically the same number of minutes waiting to actually speak to a live human, and yet the option to have the insurance company call back felt like you didn't have to wait! Somehow not listening to the elevator music and waiting made us able to do other tasks around the house.

There are a lot of themes that come up during the Advent Season, but perhaps the one that seems to keep coming to me the most this year is this idea of waiting. Advent is a season that focuses on waiting. As a society that has done everything possible to eliminate waiting, I think this is difficult for us to grasp and embrace. While we spend a lot of time waiting, we don't want to! Advent calls us to slow down and wait (with joy) for the coming of the Christmas season.

Advent begs us to ask the question, what are we waiting for? Waiting for the celebration of Christmas should encourage us to look at those parts of our lives which are in need of Jesus's presence. We know that Jesus has been born, and yet, we continue to seek ways to have his presence in all aspects of our lives.

This week, we had our annual Advent Reconciliation Service. Thanks to several local area priests, we were able to offer confessions during each class period throughout the day on Wednesday December, 4th. To watch over half of the student body take advantage of the opportunity for individual Reconciliation is such a beautiful sight to behold. Advent is the time of the year that reminds us how desperately we are in need of God's mercy. Our students led the way as an example of the great peace and joy to be found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Christ,

Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

Smiles and laughter filled the school on November 26th as we welcomed about 500 grandparents to join their grandchildren for Grandparents Day and Mass. We are blessed to have so many wonderful families in the Alter community and are grateful for ALL our grandparents.





**WE ARE HUMBLLED BY YOUR SUPPORT
FOR
THE ALTER FUND
DURING OUR SPECIAL WEEK OF GIVING!**



**WEEK OF GIVING TOTAL RAISED
\$103,590**

IF YOU MISSED THE WEEK OF GIVING TELETION, YOU
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AlterKnights.TV

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

THAT'S A WRAP!

With our November 15th application deadline, the fall admissions season for the Class of 2029 came to an end. In the spirit of the holiday season, and the final month of the year, I am proud to present my own version of a "Spotify Wrapped"- "Alter Admissions Wrapped." 😊

- **The Classics:** This year, we continued our tradition of hosting evening admissions events centered around different aspects of the Alter experience. The first event, held in October, highlighted our arts and athletics programs and included performances from the band and Castle Players. We also invited prospective students and their families to sit in the stands at either a girls' volleyball game or boys' soccer game. The November event presented information about our academic offerings and the admissions process. Guests were able to speak with teachers and staff and learn more about course placement and progression. The evening also included a presentation by our Theology department, including a student testimonial that was truly meaningful and enlightening.
- **Peak Listening:** Shadow Days were the foundation of our successful admissions season. Over the course of seven weeks, we hosted more than 200 prospective students as a "Knight for a Day." Alter Student Ambassadors worked very hard to show their shadow students what a typical day at Alter High School might look like. Students who visited were present for five class periods and enjoyed lunch in our café. Feedback from these days was stellar, and I cannot express enough gratitude to the 287 students who are part of Student Ambassadors this year!
- **Playlist:** The fall of 2024 saw lots of communication between the admissions office and the Class of 2029:
 - Monthly newsletters were sent to the families of all eighth-grade students in our partner schools and to families who opted in after a high school night or a phone or email contact. These newsletters provided insight into the admissions process and helped families stay abreast of deadlines and events.
 - An admissions parent coffee was held as part of Alter's "Learn A Latte" series. This presentation gave parents a more in-depth look at the elements of our admissions process and allowed an opportunity for questions to be answered. Attendance at this talk was high, and I hope to continue with this meeting for the Class of 2030!
 - Advertisements for Alter admissions events were sent to local elementary schools, parish offices, and various publications, including The Catholic Telegraph, the Dayton Business Journal, and Dayton Magazine.
- **Yearly music trends:** As we always strive to improve, look for changes to our High School Placement Test preparation course in 2025. This year, we had more than 100 students attend and are planning to restructure this class to provide more chances for students to work through sample problems prior to their test date.
- **New artists discovered:** To this point, we have seen a significant increase in the number of completed applications submitted when compared to this time last year. The Class of 2029 is sure to be one that will continue the traditions of Alter High School and continue to make our building a place where students can learn and grow- artistically, athletically, academically, in relationships, and in commitment to their faith.
- **Artist Messages:** Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Enjoy your time with friends and family and soak up all the joy of the season.

Warmly,

Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

Support

ARCHBISHOP **ALTER** HIGH SCHOOL



CATHOLIC
Education Foundation
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

is a Ohio scholarship-granting organization (SGO).

Click below to view a
brief video:



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



GUIDANCE



Nichole Lovins



Shannon Brown



Cathy Waag

Interested in participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) for the 2025-2026 school year?

Our CCP coordinator from Sinclair Community College, along with both Alter counselors, will be offering a required informational session for parents AND students in February. One parent and the student should be in attendance. 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 from the experts. Communication on the date and time will be forthcoming.

Seniors:

Christmas break is a great time to do some scholarship searching. It may seem time consuming and tedious, but the best money is free money! As we head into the second semester, more and more scholarships will become available on your Naviance account under Scholarships & Money in the Colleges tab. An email will be coming from our office when school resumes with some further information on local scholarships, so be looking for that!

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.

Most importantly, we would like to wish all our wonderful students and families much joy this Christmas season and peace in the coming New Year. Thank you for the special gifts you are to all of us.

Blessings!

The Guidance Office



Jennifer Schlangen

The Power of Preparation: Crafting Your Exam Strategy

Being well prepared when it comes to tests and exams will result in elevated levels of academic achievement. Students secure academic success as opposed to failure by incorporating strong study skills into their daily routines. Every student is familiar with the term 'study skills' but not everyone really knows or understands what they are or why they matter.

Study skills include a range of approaches to learning that improve your ability to study, and to retain and recall information. Spending time on improving study skills, no matter how good your grades are, is time well spent. The key steps to learning how to study smarter and not harder include planning, getting your environment ready and using study techniques.

Making a plan includes:

- Create a time chart of your current activities.
- Develop a study calendar to break down your study schedule.
- Determine your study goals.
- Organize your notes, to-do lists, and study materials.
- Use Sticky notes to jot down important reminders.
- Begin to review by topic.

Things to think about when getting your environment ready:

- Go to your study space (do NOT study in the living room, or in your bed)
- Eliminate distractions (turn off your phone)
- Think about using music if it is classical or instrumental

Using study techniques:

Cramming for a test does not work. Instead, space out studying over several short periods of time over several days and weeks. The most effective practice is to work a brief time on each class every day. The important thing is how you use your study time, not how long you study. Long study sessions lead to a lack of concentration and thus a lack of learning and retention.

Remember that reading is not studying. Simply reading and re-reading texts or notes is not actively engaging in the material. It is simply re-reading your notes. Learning information requires actively engaging in the material.

- Create a study guide by topic. Formulate questions and problems and write complete answers.
- Create your own flashcards, your own practice tests to simulate real exams.
- Pair terms with examples that relate to your own experiences.
- Create concept maps or diagrams that explain the material.

Plan ahead and you will pass with confidence. Good luck with your exams!

Merry Christmas,

Jennifer Schlangen
Dean of Academics

Exam Reminders

DECEMBER 5 EXAM REVIEW SHEETS

DECEMBER 13 EXAMS PERIOD 1-2

DECEMBER 16 EXAMS PERIOD 3-4

DECEMBER 17 EXAMS PERIOD 5-6

DECEMBER 18 EXAMS PERIOD 7-8

EACH EXAM PERIOD LASTS 90 MINUTES

8:30-10:00

Period Exam

10:00-10:25

Break

10:25-11:55

Period Exam

11:55-12:00

Announcements



Exam tips

EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

1. Study days before the test.
2. Study for one test at a time
3. Put your phone away!
4. Study Alone
5. Create Your Perfect Study Area
6. Get it All Out
7. Study graded tests
8. Turn Your Notes into Flash Cards
9. Snack Healthy
10. Narrow it Down
11. Take a Break
12. Put Yourself to the Test
13. Use your flashcards
14. Get Some Sleep! 8 Hours or more
15. Eat a healthy breakfast with protein





Barbara Groene

Planned Absences and Early Dismissals: What To Do?

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is behind us and the new year is around the corner. Most fall extracurriculars have wrapped up, but that does not mean that our students have extra time on their hands. This begins the time when their outside interests and events take on a life of their own. Often, I receive questions regarding the guidelines for students missing school for club sports, family events, and college visits. To help clear up any confusion, here is a quick refresher for parents and students:

For non-school related activities or family events:

- A written request must be submitted to the attendance secretary at least three school days prior to the absence for it to be excused and full credit granted for missed work made up in the time permitted.
- Mrs. Bockrath will prepare a form for the student to present to his/ her teachers to sign.
- After all teachers sign, the form is then returned to the main office by the student.

For college visits:

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

Following this procedure gives teachers and students an opportunity to discuss work that can be given in advance, so students do not fall behind, especially for a prolonged absence. Remember that students have as many days as they were out to make up their work.

For early dismissals:

- Parents should write a note including the date, time, and reason for the early dismissal. (Please avoid calling the main office to request the dismissal)
- Students then bring the note to the main office BEFORE school begins to receive an early dismissal slip.
- When the time comes to leave, students show the slip to their teacher, then proceed to the main office to sign out.
- Within 24 hours, a doctor's note should be brought into the main office for an excused absence.

Any questions regarding this procedure can be directed to the main office. Please make sure to visit the handbook page 21-25 for additional information or let me know if you have any questions.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

Happy Advent! One of the awesome things I love about Alter is the ability to share our faith as a community. We get to do it in so many ways. We celebrate mass together, have prayer services, have opportunities for service work as a school, and enjoy retreats that faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in along with our students. I also love that our students take with them into their daily lives what they experience in the classroom and on retreats. On a recent Sunday I saw a group of our seniors at Mass together. After Mass I walked up to them in the parking lot where they gathered and expressed my joy and excitement in seeing them celebrate together. They shared that they were all in the same small group at Kairos and were attending Mass together. That is a testament to the faith life we are trying to help them foster here at Alter.

Did you know you can access your child's grades at any time? You don't need to wait for his/her teacher to send you a progress report! Here is how to set up an account:

1. Access the school website at www.alterhs.org; click on the parent button on the gold bar at the top of the screen; on the parent page select RenWeb. If you have an account, begin the log in process.
2. Our school code is AA-OH; if you know your username and password, enter it now.
3. If you have never created an account, then select create new account and follow the steps.
4. If you have any problems please email or call me! 937-428-5473; Deborah.portman@alterhs.org

As we get ready for the Christmas holiday, we thought we would share some gift ideas for your students. A few stocking stuffer ideas include cute stickers, AAAA batteries for the Dell stylus, flash drives, external USB hub, or an external/wireless mouse. If your student drives, then a great gift is a Halo Bolt portable charging device – there are different sizes, colors, and styles. I have one that jumps my car, puts air into the tires, and charges devices. If your juniors and seniors need extra computer storage space, then a 1TB SSD external hard drive would be a gift that can be taken to college (more TB's if their field of study is in technology/graphic design/architecture, etc.);

I have had several senior parents reach out to me regarding purchasing a new computer for their child as a Christmas present. My recommendation would be to wait and make it a graduation gift. Many colleges and universities have strict computer requirements and if your child has not made their final decision, you might purchase the wrong computer. Also, certain majors may have specific requirements. For example, many students pursuing majors in the arts such as graphic design, digital design or music theory may be required to purchase a Mac with specific graphics capabilities. Apple is known to give discounts to students in the spring, so wait a little while.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful restful Christmas holiday.

Debbie Portman and Michael Dixon



Nancy Kaczala

A Farewell Message from the Finance Office

Dear Families:

As 2024 and the first semester of the 2024-25 school year ends, so does my tenure as Director of Finance & Human Resources at Archbishop Alter High School. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Alter's families past and present over the past 15 years.

I will be forever grateful to Fr. Jim Manning for offering me this wonderful opportunity to be a part of Alter High School. I will never forget the awe that I felt on my first day when he handed me the keys to this building and put his unwavering trust in me. My Catholic faith has grown tremendously over these past 15 years and has been a great source of strength to me both professionally and personally.

I have promised Mrs. Lambert and my Finance team that I will be here to ensure a smooth transition and I am open and willing to continue to serve Alter High School in a revised capacity. The blessings that I have received during my time at Alter are abundant and the friendships will live on past my time here.

I have also been blessed personally with the addition of two wonderful daughters-in-law, two busy grandsons, and the continuing love and support of my husband and three boys. I look forward to spending more time with my two grandbabies, Mason and JB, traveling, and finally crushing my goal of reading over 100 books in a year.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Nancy Kaczala
Director of Finance

DID YOU KNOW?

Alumni Spotlight: Class of 2014 Reunion

Our last reunion of the year was held by members from the Class of 2014 who celebrated their 10 year reunion last Wednesday night at Two Social in downtown Dayton. Between axe throwing, corn hole, and games, they thoroughly enjoyed getting together and catching up on where life has taken them. The relationships made within the Alter Community are special and more importantly, they are relationships that will last you a lifetime. Once a Knight, always a Knight!



Reese Hornick '25 Advocates for Suicide Awareness

Alter senior and Hope Squad member, Reese Hornick, was interviewed by the Dayton Daily News about suicide as she shared a personal story of suicide that affected her. Reese is a mental health and suicide awareness advocate and we appreciate her courage to want to help others in getting the help that they need. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Key Club Thankful for Turkey Drive Support

The Key Club would like to thank the Alter Community for their generous donations to the Turkey Drive. The goal was \$4,500 and the donations totaled a little over \$6,000. The money was used to purchase 200 turkeys which were delivered on Monday, November 25th to three area food pantries (Catholic Social Services, St. Vincent and St. Paul Methodist) in the city of Dayton. In addition, several thousand canned goods were delivered as well. The turkey drive tradition dates back over 53 years when started by Bill Truxell in the early 1970's.

A special thanks to Dave Reeves who donated his time to drive the truck and the many students and adults who delivered the items. As Christians we are called to help those in our society who struggle with having the resources to flourish. The Alter Community consistently answers that call by giving their time and money to help the poor. Sometimes we forget that it is not just food that is being given, but every turkey and canned good is an expression of love.



New Members Inducted into National Honor Society

On Monday November 25th, NHS proudly inducted 38 new members, we would like to congratulate the following people on their induction to the National Honors Society based on their outstanding scholarship, leadership, service and character:

Jack Archibald, Izabella Brady, Megan Brandt, James Brooks, Lydia Collura, Jessica Dusabe, Makensie Funk, Elle Gaeta, Zach Hamilton, Ella Hawk, Chloe Herman, Colin Hess, Lily Ireton, Alison Link, Audrey Lombard, Isabella Markowski, Timothy Marsh, Luca Malenich, Trevor Meyer, Aubrey Miller, Lauren Miller, Mason Miller, Fernando Montoya, Nolan Ogburn, Alina Overman, Bennett Rau, Allison Roesch, Michael Rose, Estelle Roth, Colleen Russell, Evan Schulz, Abigail Sheets, Corinne Simpson, Noah Smith, Owen Tishaus, Allison Ward, Jacob Wascak, Gabrielle Wiley

Congratulations to the new Inductees!



Noon Optimist Club Essay Winners

Each year, the Kettering Noon Optimist Club offers an essay contest where students write about optimism in some form. This year, the prompt was "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success." For the second year in a row, Alter students swept the competition with Molly Rosenberg winning first place, Kellen Hart winning second place, and Hannah Feerer winning third place. Molly will continue on in competition at the next level, heading to State level competition. Congratulations to these amazing students!



STEM Talk: Mr. Matt Schutte

Mr. Matt Schutte from Ulliman Schutte Construction talked to our students on November 19th about STEM fields in the world of construction. He is a Civil Engineer who specializes in designing wastewater treatment plants all over the U.S. He congratulated the students who attended, because 'showing up is 90% of the battle'. From a young age, Mr. Schutte enjoyed math and science, and with a family in the construction/engineering business, it was a relatively straight path to graduating with a Civil Engineering degree. However, instead of doing the typical civil engineering services of planning roads, buildings and utilities, Mr. Schutte told students that one could do soil mechanics, environmental, water flow, traffic design and construction. Construction combines technical work with creativity: using technology for very precise measurements and creativity to find a solution to a problem in given parameters. Thank you, Mr. Schutte, for sharing your passion with our students!



THE ARTS

Castle Players Winter Show is Underway!

- The Winter Play, PETER AND THE STARCATCHER opened last night to a fantastic crowd. You don't want to miss this hilarious prequel to PETER PAN. Join us in the theater Friday (TONIGHT!) or Saturday at 7:00 p.m. OR Saturday at 3:00 p.m. for the Understudy Performance (Act 1 Only) OR Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Get your tickets at alterhs.booktix.com! (Remember, if you have an activity pass you receive ONE free ticket for the production.)
- Want to know more about PETER AND THE STARCATCHER? Take a quick look at our promo video - <https://youtu.be/v007FUKmhyk>
- Auditions for the spring musical, MEAN GIRLS, will be held on Friday, December 13th at 12:30 p.m. For all information check out the link below.
<https://forms.gle/WR21eQHJn9BBXmDZ9>



ALTER The Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts
ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

A PLAY BY **RICK ELICE** MUSIC BY **WAYNE BARKER**
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY **DAVE BARRY & RIDLEY PEARSON**
DIRECTOR **MEGAN WEAN SEARS**

December 5th-7th @7:00
December 8th @2:00
2024



TICKETS ON SALE NOVEMBER 18TH
Adults \$12 | Students/Military/Seniors \$10
Alter Activity Passes Accepted
Buy tickets: alterhs.booktix.com
Box office: 937.660.8976

For up to date Castle Players information, visit alterhs.org/theatre
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PETER AND THE STARCATCHER is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

THIS SPRING... MEAN GIRLS

HIGH SCHOOL VERSION

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE PINK!

Anyone can audition for MEAN GIRLS on 12/13!

Stop by Mrs. Sears' classroom in Seton Hall (404) to grab an audition packet and sign up using the QR code below!

(Auditions 12/13 @ 12:45)
(Callbacks 12/17 @ 12:30-??)



PERFORMANCES
March 7,8,9,13,14,15,16

Join the Band and Color Guard!

Want to learn an instrument or new skill?

Want to brush up on an old skill?

Be KNOWN. Be LOVED. Be a CHAMPION 🏆🏆🏆

If you know someone in Band and Color Guard, come on and join them! Band is better with friends!

Drop by the Band Hall and chat with Mr. Tucker, come to a future info session, or email todd.tucker@alterhs.org



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ARCHBISHOP ALTER CONCERT BAND

Christmas Concert

Get into the holiday spirit with Christmas classics and festive tunes! Enjoy an evening of live music performances by the talented Concert Band led by Mr. Todd Tucker.



FREE
FOR EVERYONE

Dec. 10th
6:30pm

The Christine Conner
& Fred J Miller
Conservatory of the
Arts

Festival seating, arrive early for your favorite view.

Let's gather together for an unforgettable night of holiday music and joy!

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ATHLETICS

Football

The Knights took on the Taft Senators in the Regional Championship game and ended their season as Regional Runner-Ups. This team fought hard and battled many injuries. We are proud of the adversity that they had to overcome to make a significant run in the playoffs. We are looking forward to another fantastic season next year. Go Knights!



Olivia Shrimpff Named to Division IV All-Regional Girls' Soccer Team

Congratulations to Olivia Shrimpff who was named to the Division IV All-Regional Girls' Soccer Team. This season, Olivia had 19 goals totaling 49 goals in her career overall. Olivia has been the teams leading scorer for four years straight. She was awarded First Team All-GCL, First Team All-District and First Team All-State this season. We are so proud of her and this amazing achievement as she is a great representation of what it means to be a Knight!



Boys' Lacrosse

There will be a registration meeting for the upcoming boys' lacrosse season on **Monday, December 9th from 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in the Alter Cafeteria.** All interested/returning players - please have one parent attend. The Lacrosse season will run from February to May.



ALTER ATHLETICS THIS WEEK						
WEEK OF 12/9 - 12/15						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	<u>BOYS BBALL</u> V. FENWICK 7:30	<u>GIRLS BBALL</u> @ CARROLL 7:00 PM	<u>BOYS BOWLING</u> @MCNICHOLAS 3:30 PM CHERRY GROVE LANES	<u>BOYS BBALL</u> @ CARROLL 7:30	<u>BOYS BBALL</u> V. ASHLAND BLAZER 3:30 SHAWNEE STATE	
	<u>BOYS BOWLING</u> V. CARROLL 3:30 PM WOODMAN LANES				<u>GIRLS BBALL</u> V. BADIN 2:00 PM	
					<u>HOCKEY</u> V. ELDER 5:00 PM KETTERING REC	
EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE						

Fine Arts teacher Eva Lewis' Art 1 and Art 2 classes were given a special holiday-themed assignment. The assignment: to create a holiday card design for Alter's annual Christmas card that is mailed to over 5,000 people every year. Every entry, as you can see, was unique and beautiful. We are only able to choose two designs to represent our holiday cards each year. Congratulations to junior DaShai Shepard and senior Ashley Scheffer whose designs were the two chosen to represent Alter's 2024 Christmas card.

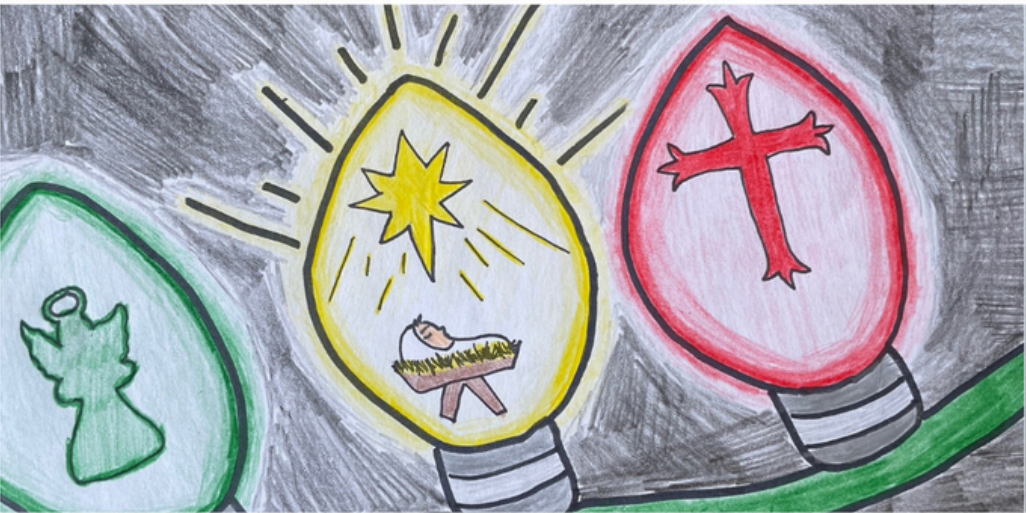
2024 Alter Christmas Card Designs



**Enjoy All of
Art 1 & Art 2
Designs**







FLYERS

dancing with your **star**

JOIN US AT THE
FATHER DAUGHTER
DANCE!

Sponsored by the Alter Lancerettes

NEW THIS YEAR: ENJOY DINNER
INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET!

Ticket information coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

6:30-9:30 PM

WHERE: NCR COUNTRY CLUB



WHAT: PAJAMA DAY AT ALTER

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH (TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE EXAMS)

RULES: YOU MAY WEAR PAJAMAS (SEE RULES BELOW) IF YOU
BRING A **NEW** PAIR OF PAJAMAS (SEE RULES BELOW) TO
YOUR FIRST PERIOD CLASS

PAJAMAS WILL GO TO HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST

RULES FOR THE PAJAMAS YOU BUY:

If your first period class is on the:

- FIRST FLOOR: sizes 12-18
- SECOND FLOOR: sizes 6-10
- THIRD FLOOR: sizes 4-6
- SETON HALL/FACULTY/STAFF: sizes 0-3

RULES FOR THE PAJAMAS YOU WEAR:

- Any "Cold" weather pajamas can be worn
- Sweat pants and t-shirts are acceptable as pajamas
- Slippers may be worn
- No bare feet

ALTER

Alter Football Celebrates 60 Years of Tradition: A LEGACY of EXCELLENCE



This year Alter football celebrates sixty years of excellence. From our humble beginnings to our journey of becoming one of the top programs in the state, Alter football is a testament to the power of perseverance, teamwork, and unwavering commitment.



1960s

1970s



1980s

1990s



The Excellence of the Players

Alter players have always risen to the occasion, embodying the spirit of what it means to be an Alter Knight. Some have not only achieved remarkable success in high school but have gone on to excel in college and professional football.



2000s Back-to-Back State Championships



2010s

Unwavering Fans

The story of Archbishop Alter High School football is one of inspiration and legacy, and it is anchored by our loyal fans. It is a story of how a community came together to build something extraordinary, how coaches and players dedicated themselves to a common goal, and how the spirit of the Alter Football Nation continues to shine brightly.



2020s

A Program Recognized Statewide

Over the years, the Alter Knights have built a reputation as one of the premier football programs in Ohio. Consistent performance, repeat state titles, and the ability to produce top-tier talent have earned them respect and admiration across the state.



The Legacy of the Coaches

At the heart of our program is our coaching staff who has shaped and molded generations of young athletes on the field, ultimately helping them to become men. Legendary figures like Coaches Bill Rankin and Jim Siewe, and current Coach Ed Domsitz, who has led the team to six state championship games and two state title wins, have left an indelible mark on the program.



Save
the Date

— APRIL 5, 2025 —

Mark your calendars now
to join us on April 5, 2025
at Alter High School
to celebrate 60 years
of Alter football.

More details will be shared
as we get closer
to the event.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, will be
the last day the Spirit Store will open. The Spirit Store will
resume hours beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

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: 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.