# THE KNIGHT TIMES

March 14th, 2025





# Welcome to March Madness

**Lourdes Lambert** 

### Dear Families:

Growing up in and marrying into a family of basketball fans, March Madness is something to which we all look forward. We fill out our brackets carefully, and rejoice when the "Cinderella" teams prevail over their higher ranked opponents. Those bracket busting games are the nail biting experiences we have come to know and love in March.

March at Archbishop Alter High School is similar in many ways to the NCAA tournament. Like many of the teams in the tournament, we all get a second wind as we head into the fourth quarter to finish strong.

Finishing strong can mean different things for different people, but, at our school, it means cultivating a routine that honors both faith and academics. Balance is key at this point in the game, and encouraging your child to make time for prayer, reflection, and family time within their busy academic and extra-curricular schedule is essential to their mental health and overall well being.

Another way to help your child win this quarter is to stay connected and supportive. Schedule regular check ins with your child, and ask open ended questions about any challenges they may be facing as they finish out the school year. Sometimes, the best support we can offer as parents is to provide a listening ear and lots of encouragement.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can help you and your child finish the school year with a win. As we journey through the fourth quarter and through the Lenten season, please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. May the end of the school year, like March madness itself, bring a time for celebration and triumph for us all. GO KNIGHTS!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert Principal/CEO

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



# How To Feel Closer

**Heather Dunn** 

One of my favorite times of the week is Wednesday morning at Upper Room. Each week, different senior leaders take turns planning 30 minutes of faith formation and fellowship. Week to week looks quite different and is determined by a rotating schedule of different topics.

Right before Lent, each person at Upper Room (both students and adults) had the opportunity to write down any question on a notecard they had about faith. After we had written the question, we put the notecards face down in the middle and then drew a random card to answer. Four or five cards into this activity, and I started to sense a theme that was on a great deal of the cards. Essentially, there were a lot of questions about how to get more out of Mass or feel closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. Such good and deep questions about one of the most important aspects of our faith.

It really got me brainstorming as to how we can draw ourselves closer to Jesus in the Eucharist and how that can in turn truly transform our experience at Mass. There are some obvious ways to feel closer to the True Presence of Jesus. One of the easiest and best ways is to simply increase your Mass attendance. Making a priority to receive the body and blood of Jesus often heightens your awareness of the gift of the Eucharist. Maybe you're already going to Mass often; perhaps then a way to draw closer to Jesus is to take a few moments back in your pew after you have received to pray and reflect. I know I can get distracted easily at Mass and sometimes it means I must close my eyes so I can focus on being present in the moment before me.

One of the other ways I have found to increase my love for the Eucharist (and in turn my participation in Mass), is to take the time to simply sit with the Lord in adoration. If you've never been to adoration before, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is when we take a host that has been consecrated, and we place it in a monstrance (a golden cross) on the altar; once the host is in the monstrance, there is an opportunity for quiet prayer before the Lord.

C.S. Lewis, in his book Mere Christianity says, "If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire: if you want to be wet you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them." This reminds me of the grace that awaits us in adoration. If you want joy, peace, power...you must get close to the thing that has them. I can't think of anything that has as much joy, peace, and power as the Eucharist. Simply placing yourself in front of the Lord in adoration gives you an opportunity to experience that joy, place, and power of Jesus. I think it is a great place to work on your Eucharistic devotion.

Every Monday morning before school and each Friday afternoon after school, we offer an opportunity for adoration in the Chapel at Alter. Jesus is in the monstrance and available for you to come experience the peace, joy, and power that lies within the Blessed Sacrament. You can stop by and spend some time with Jesus. Perhaps you have some specific prayers you'd like to pray while you are there. Maybe you just want to sit in the presence of Jesus and see what he reveals to you. There is no set agenda or plan to come into adoration. You can simply show up and spend time as you would with any friend.

Our young people are so wise to want to ask the question of how to grow in their faith at Mass and in the Eucharist! I am encouraged by their desire to know Jesus better and I think they serve as an example that we all can follow this Lenten season. May the Blessed Sacrament, the source of joy, peace, and power, pull us ever closer to the heart of Jesus! I am praying for your Lenten journey!

In Christ, Heather Dunn Director of Campus Ministry

## **ADMISSIONS**



# WE ARE THE LUCKIEST!

Jessica Pettit

Over the past few weeks, we have been so lucky to have seventh-grade students from St. Charles, Holy Angels, Immaculate Conception, St. Albert, St. Helen, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Mother Brunner visit Alter for a special day highlighting some of the unique offerings of our school.

Students were bussed to campus and began their day with a warm welcome from myself and Mrs. Lambert. Our seventh-graders were then divided into groups led by some of our incredible Student Ambassadors. Groups moved around the school and were able to participate in several learning centers:

- Academic Team/Trivia- Mr. Thuente and members of Alter's Academic Team invited our visitors to participate in a lively competition and battle of wits. Students were quizzed on their knowledge of categories such as popular culture, geography, sports, music, and history.
- Chef- Mrs. Popp led a cooking activity where students decorated their own sugar cookie. The designs were incredible, and from the speed at which they were eaten, they were delicious, too!
- Campus Ministry- Mrs. Dunn gathered with students in the Chapel, where they learned more about faith at Alter through a discussion of Alter's motto- "founded on faith, preserved with pride, sustained by spirit."
- Dance- Mrs. Jecker provided a short lesson that began with a game of "Four Corners" that had a dancing through the decades theme and ended with students learning the "Cotton-Eyed Joe." She also encouraged students to try new things and stretch their comfort zone as they begin exploring high schools.
- Art- A fun game of "Telephone" (using art instead of spoken words) and other fun drawing activities were led by Ms. Lewis. It was so much fun to see the students' creativity and their willingness to work together with their peers!
- Theatre- Students jumped on stage in the theatre to play some acting games with Mrs. Sears. Again, our seventh-grade visitors were given the chance to try something new (and I think that some thespians may have been created!)

After the learning centers, seventh-grade students were treated to a catered lunch in our aux gym and a student panel in the main gym, where they were able to ask questions of our Alter students and hear more about what it means to be an Alter Knight!

Both of our seventh-grade visit days were hugely successful thanks to the faculty, staff and students who contributed their time and their talents, and we look forward to seeing many of the seventh-graders for a shadow day this fall in their eighth-grade year.

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

# **ACADEMICS**



Jennifer Schlangen

# With the Winds of March Come New Opportunities

We often hear the saying that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. I think that is the case so far this month as we continue to march quickly through the school year. Somehow it is already the fourth quarter, and we have the opportunity to approach our classes with new eyes yet again. We are more experienced with our teachers and their expectations then we were when we first stepped into these classes at the start of the semester. Just like the rolling hills of Ireland with its lush, green landscape, so too is the fourth quarter a fresh start.

Falling in the middle of this month is not only the Ides of March and St. Patick's day, but also the next step in the scheduling process. Students will receive a handout with scheduling directions on Friday, March 14th, along with a copy of their schedule form with class choices they turned in last week. Online scheduling will open on Saturday, March 15th at 8:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on March 20th. Below are a few key things to remember about the online scheduling process:

- Students will register for classes online using the enhanced capability of FACTS.
- Enrollment fee of \$200 must be completed to be able to schedule for classes.
- Changes to course selections may be made until the window closes.
- Course selections are not based on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will not be closed out of a class if they register within the window. Once the window closes, choices will be subject to course availability thereafter.
- Students may only select the courses listed on the signature sheet that they turned in for approval.

Just as March is a transition from winter to spring, and we begin to think about course choices for next year, I would encourage each of you to transition strong into the final quarter of this school year.

Looking forward to the winds of change, Jennifer Schlangen Dean of Academics

# SCHEDULING REMINDER!

ONLINE SCHEDULING FOR UPPERCLASSMEN WILL BE OPEN FROM

MARCH 15TH AT 8:00 AM - MARCH 20TH AT 8:00 PM



VISIT

## **ALTERHS.ORG/PROGRAM-OF-STUDY**

TO VIEW OUR NEW, INTERACTIVE
COURSE CATALOG AND FOR
INFORMATION ON HOW TO
SCHEDULE ONLINE

# STUDENT LIFE



# The Hidden Lessons of Failure

Barbara Groene

What have you considered a failure in your life? I've failed at a few things in my life. As a kid, I started piano and ended with the teacher telling my parents that they should save their money. I then tried sports. But I learned that I wasn't very good at basketball or softball (the coach always asked me why I threw like a girl- well I was!) I had to pivot and try something else. So, I tried soccer and worked hard enough to make varsity for all four years. I was pretty good at academics and concentrated on studying more and trying to graduate in the top ten percent of my high school class.

As an adult, I have not succeeded all the time. I went to medical school but didn't feel it was my calling. Talk about failure. I wasted two years and quite a bit of money. My Biochemistry professor asked me to be the TA for the class. I was reluctant, but a wise man in my life, my father, told me that as one door closes another opens and that success springs forth out of your failures if you learn from them. And I learned. I learned about my strengths. I learned where and what I wanted to do with my life. I learned that failures didn't define me. I learned that to succeed, I needed to fail. And I learned that it's possible to get better at something — even after you've failed.

As the Dean of Students, I encounter opportunities to enlighten our students to recognize the value in their "failures" and mistakes. It is important that conversations about failure are intertwined with the lesson learned from them. I have a sign hanging in my office that reads "If I never experience failure I will never learn to succeed." What message can we give to students about failure?

- Failure builds character better than success ever could
- Failure creates an opportunity, one door closes and another opens
- Failure instills courage the need is there to toughen up a bit to get through it
- Failure teaches resilience, try, try, again
- Failure is acceptable!

I think as parents we never want to see our children fail. Let's face it, it hurts. Failing a test, not making a team, not getting the lead in the play, not being number 1 in the class. Those may be considered by some to be failures. But what we teach them through failure is far more important! Michael Jordan once said as he was looking back on failing to make the varsity basketball team his sophomore year: "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

Let's begin this season embracing the success and failures that we all have and give each other the grace and opportunity to learn and spring forward in a positive direction.

Sincerely, Barbara Groene Dean of Students

# **GUIDANCE**







**Shannon Brown** 



**Cathy Waag** 

### Juniors:

Alter will be hosting the highly informative Junior Parent College Night for all juniors and their parents. Once again, we will be teaming up with Mrs. Karen DeRosa of Class 101 to present vital information regarding the college application process. We will also touch on the new graduation seal requirements. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th 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.

### For all Students:

As always, if a student is experiencing academic challenges in the classroom, contacting the teacher directly via email is the best way to help solve any concerns. Additionally, parents and students are always welcome to talk with the counselors about potential issues by calling or emailing their student's counselor.

# **TECHNOLOGY**







Michael Dixon

To the Class of 2025

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 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 June 23, 2025. 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 by March 15th. 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. See us if you have any questions or need any further help.

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



## Dear Alter Knights,

For those of you working on your 2024 taxes, I wanted to make you aware of a special opportunity created by the State of Ohio <sup>1</sup> that provides direct support to Ohio Catholic schools by allowing residents to earn a dollar-for-dollar INCOME TAX CREDIT for gifts made to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).

Robin Blank, Director of Advancement

## Why should I care about this?

your gift come back to you in the form of a tax credit on your Ohio income taxes. It is net-zero out of pocket for you, and a gift directly benefiting Alter.

### How does it work?

- The state allows Ohio residents who make gifts to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) to earn a dollar-for-dollar income tax CREDIT up to \$750 individually (\$1,500 married filing jointly)
- Gifts to an SGO can be directed to the Catholic school of your choice—Alter!

## How do I participate?

- Verify that you have a 2024 Ohio income tax liability.
- Make a gift before you file your 2024 taxes or by April 15th, equal to your 2024 income tax liability but not greater than \$750 per individual or \$1,500 married filing jointly.
- Make your gift to the Catholic Education Foundation Scholarship Granting Organization (CEF-SGO) and designate Alter High School to receive your gift.
- A letter of thanks from the CEF-SGO will be mailed to you confirming your gift and designation to Alter. This letter is proof of your gift for filing 2024 Ohio income taxes.

## Ok, I am ready to act:

Learn more, send a check by mail, or make an online gift: <u>CEF-SGO</u>

**Please Note:** Married couples who want to earn a \$1,500 tax credit MUST separate their gifts into two \$750 transactions.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued support of Alter!

God bless and go Knights,

Director of Advancement

Ohio Revised Code





## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

# Julia Paley '19 Working as Production Assistant for the Cincinnati Bengals

Upon graduating from Alter in 2019, Julia Paley went to the University of Kentucky. Julia was a content creator for the University of Kentucky's Women's Basketball team and did film work for other sports at Kentucky such as football, baseball, softball, soccer, track and field, and tennis. Julia graduated from Kentucky in 2023 and now works as a Production Assistant for the Cincinnati Bengals. This last season (2024), Julia contributed to the production of 11 episodes of an in-house documentary show, From the Jungle. In this role, Julia worked closely with two producers to film and edit the episodes under tight deadlines, while also supporting other projects for the organization. Julia said "Everyday in the production world looks a little different. Some days I strictly edit for the show and other days I am out with other producers filming all access content of the team (player interviews, car ride alongs, and fan features are some examples)." You can watch the Bengals documentary "From the Jungle" on YouTube. We are very proud of Julia and her hard earned success in Cincinnati!





## Join AlumniFire Today!

Join Alter's new alumni networking platform! Alumnifire is a powerful networking platform that will help our alumni open doors for one another in the real world. It's free to use and you can sign up using your existing LinkedIn or Facebook account. It takes minutes to sign up.

Alumnifire makes it easy to connect with fellow alumni that can help you, reconnect with old classmates, offer opportunities to young graduates and students looking for help, and navigate the incredible value our network offers.

We strongly encourage you to sign up and share Alumnifire with fellow alumni. Our alumni network has enormous potential that's just waiting to be unlocked.

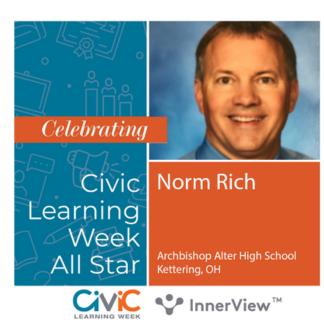
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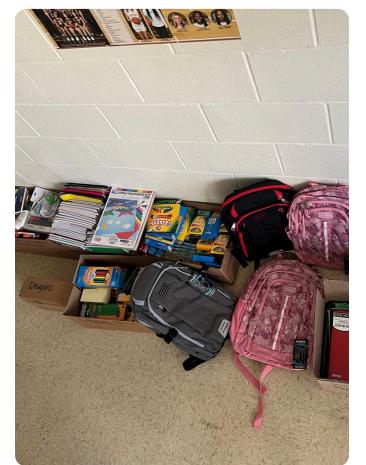


## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## 2025 Civic Learning Week All-Star

Congratulations to one of our amazing teachers, Mr. Norm Rich! Mr. Rich received the Civic Learning Week All-Star award for his commitment to leading Key Club and being a Service Coordinator here Alter. Mr. Rich inspires our students to get involved with the community helping them build many characteristics and skills that will lead them through life. Mr. Rich is a true embodiment of what it means to be a servant leader as his volunteerism and willingness to help others is also what makes him such a role model for so many students. We can't thank Mr. Rich enough for all he does to support our school and the community!





## **Crayons to Classroom**

The National Honor Society has completed the Crayons to Classroom school supply drive. We were overwhelmed with all the extremely generous donations. NHS collected over 12 boxes, filled with brand new school supplies and backpacks. We are so grateful and thankful to the Alter students, staff, parents and community members for their donations and making this drive such a huge success. We are blessed to be able to help other teachers and students all over the Dayton area. Thank you again.

God bless and Go Knights! Ms. Sanders

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF

# KNICHT OUT

## 2025 ONLINE AUCTION

We would like to recognize the KNIGHT OUT VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE for their energy and commitment to this remarkably successful effort!

Denise Schlemmer Roseanne Flanders Laura Arcuri

Kelli Mappes Mindi Craft Camryn Tracy

#### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR GIFTS TO THE ONLINE AUCTION:

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Matt & Nicole Bakos Bella Nail Bar Bill's Donuts BJ's Brewhouse Blueberry Café Boston Stoker

Centerville Chiropractic Cooper Hawk

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Double Days Ele Cake Company

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Graeter's Ice Cream Huey Magoo's McAlister's Deli Meridian Milano's

Moe's Southwest Grill My Favorite Muffin NCR Country Club Nothing Bundt Cake Brent & Tiffany Ogburn Old Scratch Pizza Paragon

PDS
Pine Club
Power Athlete

Power Plant Rumble Seat Wine

Runners Plus/Soccer Plus

Rusty Bucket

Bob & Denise Schlemmer The Famous Restaurant The Spirit In You

Up & Running Warped Wing



## **Hall of Fame**

Alter is thrilled to announce our Hall of Fame inductees for 2024-2025.

We invite the Alter community to the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

## Congratulations on this well deserved honor!



JACK ZIMMERMAN '76 ATHLETIC



PAM MEANS '82 ATHLETIC



MELISSA GREGG '99 ATHLETIC



JOHN MCVAY '71 ATHLETIC



MARK FORNES '74 DISTINGUISHED



STEPHEN HUBER '69 DISTINGUISHED





1975 FOOTBALL TEAM ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

To register, please go to: <a href="https://alterhs.org/2025-hall-of-fame/">https://alterhs.org/2025-hall-of-fame/</a>

## THE ARTS

## **Band and Color Guard**

Come learn about becoming a member of the Alter Band and Color Guard! There are two more opportunities in March and April. Pick a night that works for YOU. Be a member of this elite performance group at <u>Archbishop Alter High School</u>. Work, learn and perform with friends in the "Biggest Little Band in the Land".

Informational Session Dates: March 24 @ 6:00 p.m. April 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Information sessions are held in the Alter Band Hall inside The Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts at Alter.

Be KNOWN. Be LOVED. Be A CHAMPION.









# Last Chance to Catch the Spring Musical!

The Castle Players have had a fantastic run of MEAN GIRLS performing to sold out audiences. You have three more chances to see these incredibly talented students. (March 14th, 15th, 16th) get tickets at <u>alterhs.booktix.com</u>. If sold out, email <u>altercastleplayers@alterhs.org</u> to be added to the waiting list. Check out our promoclick here.

Facebook- Alter High School's Castle Players Instagram- altercastleplayers
For up-to-date information about the Castle Players - <a href="https://www.alterhs.org/theatre">www.alterhs.org/theatre</a>
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# **ATHLETICS**

## Wrestling

To cap off this successful season, The Knights qualified 6 wrestlers to the 2025 OHSAA State Championship. SIX! That has never happened in the history of Alter's Wrestling Program.

Henry Craiglow, Freshman, 106lbs Ryan Morgan Jr., Freshman, 120lbs Bronson Begley, Sophomore, 126lbs Alora Strauser, Junior, 130lbs Luke Snyder, Junior, 157lbs Rod Owens Jr., Junior, 175lbs Keith Bulter, Junior, 215lbs (State Alternate)

Out of those 6 State Qualifiers, Alter had 3 State Finalists. Again, history made for the Alter Wrestling Program!

Bronson Begley, sophomore, returning State Placer, brought home the 126lb Division II State Title! With a late takedown in overtime, Bronson secured his victory against Gradey Harding of Galion, a 2024 State-Finalist.

Rod Owens Jr., junior, also a returning State Placer, brought home our 2nd State Title of the weekend and is the 175lb Division II State Champion! Rod had a dominant showing this year and ended his season with his hand raised against Columbus DeSales' Andrew Barford.

Alora Strauser, junior, is our 3rd placer and finalist of the 2025 OHSAA Championship. After battling back from a shoulder injury at the 2024 OHSAA Championship, Alora showed grit and determination and she fought her way to the State Finals. After a strong showing, she fell just short of win, against the 3-Time State Champion Kira Cole of Miami East.

This team is special. With much success this year and all wrestlers returning next year, this is only the beginning! Go Knights!











## **Support the Lady Knights at State!**

Our Lady Knights Basketball Team defeated Fairfield Union in the State Semi-Finals last week with a final score of 46-33. They will take on Bellevue High School in the OHSAA State Championship today, March 14th at 4:15 p.m. Tickets can be bought at ohsaa.org/tickets. The game can also be exclusively watched on Spectrum News 1 which is available on the Spectrum News App. You can also stream the game on OHSAA.tv. Come out and support our Lady Knights as they look to bring home a championship win!

## **FLYERS**





There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Alter in the Cafeteria for any interested students and parents

# Spring Flower Sale





The very popular Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser is back - just in time for all your spring planting needs. Gorgeous hanging baskets make excellent Mother's Day and teacher gifts. High quality flats and potted plants are available too.

# Contact your favorite Alter hockey player to place your order by April 7th

Flowers will be delivered the week of May 5th. For more information or to see an ordering brochure, please send an email to **mahoney1021@yahoo.com** 

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALTER HOCKEY!

# flats and pots

Hanging Baskets

\$6-\$30

\$25





# Annual Mulch Sale

The Alter Music Association is proud to support the Alter Marching Knights!

## **ORDER NOW with QR Code below!**

Order at <u>www.alterma.org</u> or <u>937-401-0011.</u>
Order by March 10th for FREE delivery within 10 miles of Alter!
\$15 delivery charge per order for all other orders.

## **DELIVERY DATES**

March 21-23 & March 28-30

All Natural Supreme Dark Hardwood Mulch in 2cu. Foot Bags

## PRICES PER BAG

1-39 Bags - - - \$6.00 / Bag •

40+ Bags - - - \$5.50 / Bag

Join us in supporting the award winning Alter Marching Knights!!

Support this amazing band and make your yard look incredible too!







## Celebrating 60 Years of Alter Football

Knights of Olde

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

## CALLING ALL FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS, COACHES, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:30 - 10 p.m.

Alter High School

Cafeteria/Gym

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information and to register:

www.alterhs.org/football6o/





EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE ALTER
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND
GRIDIRON GREATS

## 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: 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

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

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** 

## **ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL**

## 2025-2026 CALENDAR

### **AUGUST**

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15: All School Mass

16: Freshman Social-Backyard Party

19: Meet the Teacher Night

20: Picture Day (9th, 10th & 11th)

21: Pep Rally

21: Fairmont Football Game

29-31 Alter Fest

## SEPTEMBER

1: Labor Day- No School 8: Alter Fest Day Off- No School

14-15: Junior Retreat

16-17: Kairos

19: Scholarship Breakfast

24: All School Mass

25-28 Fall Production

### **OCTOBER**

2: Hall of Fame Banquet

3: End of First Quarter

3: Homecoming Game

4: Homecoming Dance

6: First Day of 2nd Quarter

7: Admissions Event- Arts/Athletics

8: PSAT- No School for 9th/10th/12th

15: PSAT- No School for 9th/11th/12th

16: Parent Conferences

17: No School

22: All School Mass

## NOVEMBER

2-3: Junior Retreat

6: Admissions Event- Academics

11-14: Kairos

14: Application Deadline- C/O 2030

15: Band Grand Nationals

24: Giving Tree Ceremony

25: Grandparents Day Mass

26-28: Thanksgiving- No School

## **DECEMBER**

4-7: Winter Production

8: All School Mass

11: Exams 1 and 2- Noon Dismissal

12: Exams 3 and 4- Noon Dismissal

15: Exams 5 and 6- Noon Dismissal

16: Exams 7 and 8- Noon Dismissal

17: Exam Makeup Day- Teacher Work Day

18-Jan.5: Christmas Break- No School

### JANUARY

5: Teacher Work Day

6: First Day of 2nd Semester

11-12: Junior Retreat

19: MLK Day- No School

20-23: Kairos

24: Freshman Social- Dodgeball

25-26: Junior Retreat

25-30: Catholic Schools Week

27: All School Mass

30: Pep Rally

## FEBRUARY

3-4: IOWA Testing

10: Sophomore Retreat

13: No School

16: Presidents Day- No School 18: Ash Wednesday- All School Mass

19: Knight of Celebration - Class of 2030 24: ACT - No School for 9th/10th/12th Grades

27: Knight Out Event

### MARCH

5: End of 3rd Ouarter

6: No School

9: No School

10: First Day of 4th Quarter

13-15: Spring Production

17-20: Kairos

19-22: Spring Production

25: All School Mass

28-31: Senior Trip

### APRIL

3-12: Easter Break- No School

15: All School Mass

23: Freshman Retreat Day

29: Band Concert

### MAY

1: Sophomore Surprise

2: Freshman Semi-Formal

6: All School Mass

7: Pep Rally

18: Exams 8 and 7- Noon Dismissal

19: Exams 6 and 5- Noon Dismissal

20: Exams 4 and 3- Noon Dismissal

21: Exams 2 and 1- Noon Dismissal

21: End of Semester

22: Senior Awards

22: Baccalaureate

23: Graduation-Class of 2026

