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Lourdes Lambert

Celebrating 60 Years of Faith, Pride, and Spirit

As the principal of this extraordinary Catholic high school, I was filled with immense pride and joy this past weekend as we marked a monumental milestone—60 years of Alter football. The Knights of Olde event hosted by the Alter Football Association wasn't just a celebration of athletic achievement, but a reflection of the deeper values that have shaped our school community over the decades: the values of faith, pride, and spirit.

Faith: The Foundation of Everything We Do

At our school, faith is woven into the very fabric of our daily lives. As we reflect on six decades of football, we can't help but think of how God has been a constant presence in the lives of every player, coach, and supporter. Every pre-game prayer, every act of sportsmanship, and every victory has been grounded in the belief that God's grace is with us, guiding our path and inspiring us to do our very best.

Whether it's a quick prayer before a big game or a post-game reflection, our student athletes have always understood that their strength comes not just from their own abilities but from their faith. It is this unwavering foundation in faith that has sustained our school and our program through the highs and lows, the victories and losses, the moments of triumph and struggle.

Pride: A Legacy Built on Hard Work and Dedication

Sixty years of football is a legacy built on hard work, dedication, and an unrelenting commitment to excellence. When I walk through the halls of our school, I am constantly reminded of the countless young men and women who have poured their hearts and souls into our school, many of whom have gone on to achieve greatness in various fields, all while carrying the lessons of our school traditions with them.

Our alumni often return to reminisce about the moments that defined their high school experience, and I am always inspired to hear the same themes: teamwork, perseverance, and pride in a job well done. It is this sense of pride that is at the core of what it means to be an Alter Knight.

Spirit: Uniting Generations of Knights

One of the most beautiful aspects of our football program is how it unites generations. From the first whistle to the final touchdown, the energy and enthusiasm are palpable. Our students, alumni, faculty, and families fill the stands year after year, and their cheers and support fuel our athletes' spirits in ways words cannot capture. Our football games are more than just sporting events—they are celebrations of our faith, our pride, and our deep sense of belonging.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been a part of the Knights of Olde celebration and journey. To our coaches, players, alumni, and families, your unwavering support and dedication have made this milestone possible. Let us continue to celebrate the rich history of Archbishop Alter High School, while also embracing the bright future that lies ahead—one that is rooted in the faith, pride, and spirit we have all come to hold so close to our hearts.

May God bless you all, and, as always, GO KNIGHTS!

Lourdes Lambert

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Principal



The Knights of Olde 60th Anniversary of Alter Football was an outstanding evening celebrating six decades of a legacy athletic program. More importantly it was a night for coaches and teammates to share the bond created through their football experience, reminisce about their days on the field, and honor those who were the foundational architects of Alter Knights Football. THANK YOU for your attendance.

This event was the outcome of an incredible “playbook” and team execution. Below are those who deserve our gratitude for their dedication to achieving such an incredible “win” for the Alter community!

THANK YOU to the following individuals for your time, talent and energy:

Co-Chairs- Paul Beyerle '71 and Jim Ehrensberger '74

Joe Smith '73
Dave Homan '87
UD Coach Mike Kelly
Jim Stangle '66
Coach Chris Roark
Coach Jim Siewe
Coach Ed Domsitz
Conor Ryan '16
Tom Alig '88
Willie Bruns '68
Ed Leschansky '72
Tim Quinn '69
Dan Graham '74
Tim Kernan '85
Mike Freshwater
Jason Sheets
Anthony Rocco '91

Jim Brown '74
Bill Jones
BJ and Jessica Reed
Paul Manfre
Deb Librandi '88
Liz Koelker Morgan
Alter Football Team
Richard & Cathy
Southam '74
Mary Beyerle
Linsey Riddle
Mark Riley '72
Joe Sjostrom '72
Mark Thuney '76
Dave Seman '76
Renee Miller

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Knights of Olde Commemorative Items:

- 60-year football highlights video, produced by Dave Homan '87 available to view on YouTube: [60 Years of Alter Football](#)
- KNIGHTS! A History of Alter Football: Volume 1 1964 – 2024. To purchase your copy, contact Ed Carter '86, Creative Impressions, **927-435-5296**.
- Knights of Olde speakers and interviews with Tim Kernan '85 and Mike Freshwater available to view on [alterknights.tv](#), reference, Knights of Olde! 60th Football Celebration.
- Alter Football Film Archives link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1m-jvv1YzLjw4OaPe6DOM6dQJt1l6BmKW?usp=sharing>



Heather Dunn

Tell Me Something Good

We switch up our dinner questions each night. Sometimes it's a high/low, sometimes it's something that made you laugh, maybe it is question, "who was a good friend to you today?" On days when I'm feeling down, I like to pose to my three boys and husband, "tell me something good." I of course always want to be there to help with the bad, but sometimes, I just need to hear something good. Last week, I came home, and I said, "I have something good! Something that brought me joy."

Last Thursday, I had the privilege to watch the livestream of the installation of our new Archbishop, Archbishop Casey. When we got the link for the livestream, I thought to myself, "I'll just have it on in the background and continue on with my to-do list." While I have worked for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati since 2007, I have never witnessed the installation of an Archbishop. However, moments into clicking the link, I was mesmerized. Perhaps it was the darling children's choir singing at the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, or perhaps it was the flood of priests from our Archdiocese who came to welcome their (and our) new shepherd, but it was unmistakable, there was palpable joy. Our new Archbishop has a wonderful smile and his joy was contagious!

I shared all of this with my family, and we talked about the tension that lies with all the good and joy for Archbishop Casey, and all the feelings that happen when things change. Because while we were celebrating the new Archbishop, we were thinking what a change it is for Archbishop Emeritus Schnurr. Though I am sure he is greatly looking forward to his retirement, it must be bittersweet.

Next week, we celebrate Good Friday. On this particular Friday, we remember and in fact celebrate the day of death of Jesus that gets coined with the word "good." It's an odd tension. The death of our Lord and Savior is characterized as good. In fact, though, if I were to ask you at dinner on Easter Sunday, tell me something good- you might say "Alleluia Jesus is risen!" However, for Jesus to rise, he must die. While this may just seem like a basic theology lesson, I think it has a much deeper implication for our lives.

Jesus takes the very thing we all try to avoid at all costs (death) and he reverses all of the history of humanity by willingly taking on death, so as to save us. One of my favorite things to do on Good Friday is to watch a video of a poem about why Good Friday is called good. The video starts by telling us how hopeless Good Friday can feel when Jesus is put to death. Then, the poem is read backwards. Each statement about his death is flipped upside down to reveal that which seems hopeless, is filled with so much hope.

As we begin Holy Week this Sunday with Palm Sunday, I pray we take some time this week sit with the "good" of Good Friday. Good Friday offers us an opportunity to unite our own sufferings to that with Jesus. To me, this means that we take whatever it is that we're going through this Lent and Holy Week, and we have the opportunity to pray with them next week. We don't just live the struggles, but we bring them to prayer and ask Jesus to sit with us in our tough time. May the death and suffering of our Savior remind of us the unmistakable and reckless love of our God has for us!

In Christ,
Heather Dunn
Director of Campus Ministry

P.S. If you want to watch the video I mention, it can be found here: [What's So Good About Good Friday?](#)

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

Orientation: Starting Off in the Right Direction

On Tuesday, April 22, and Thursday, May 1, we will host our incoming freshman class for their orientation sessions. These important evenings are intended to welcome our newest students and their families to the Alter community, to communicate building policies and procedures, and to give our newest Knights an opportunity to meet critical staff members and ask questions prior to the beginning of the school year. Please note that families only need to attend ONE night- both sessions will be the same.

In previous years, this event was held in the theatre and was structured in a lecture format. While this format is perfect for conveying information, it did not lend itself well to questions from attendees and did not provide any opportunities for small “housekeeping” tasks to be completed.

In an effort to make the presentations more conversational; to facilitate opportunities for questions to be asked; and to allow parents to complete small, but important, tasks prior to the busy summer months and the start of school in the fall; we have changed the format of the evening to have students and their families moving between stations around the building- meeting important members of our staff and getting to know some of our student ambassadors.

The stations will focus on the following topics:

Student Life and Faith at Alter

- Getting involved as a new student
- Dress code, school attendance expectations and absence procedures
- Our faith-based retreat program

Technology and Lunch Accounts

- Brief introduction to student laptop and warranty information
- Email addresses and password requirements
- How to set up student lunch accounts

Academics and Guidance

- Tips for the transition to high school
- Assistance provided by our Guidance department

Volunteering at Alter

- Opportunities for parents to be involved on campus, AlterFest
- Safe Parish guidelines and how to register

Athletics and Health Services

- Summer conditioning, camps, and fall tryouts for sports teams
- Medical paperwork needed for athletics and enrollment

We are excited to welcome the Class of 2029 to Alter for these orientation events and help them to start their high school journey in a positive and prepared way!

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

ACADEMICS



Jennifer Schlangen

The Value of Learning As it Shapes Our Future Leaders

As spring continues to transform the world around us from winter, I start to think of all the changes that have happened in our world since I was in high school. All the advancements that have taken place in technology, society, the environment, the medical field and within global events. From here my mind begins to think of all the students that have graduated from Alter that have played a part in these important developments and rooted at the center of all these thoughts, my mind circles back to the value of learning. Each day I step foot into Alter, I have the unique opportunity to play a part in the educational journey of our students. I am fortunate enough to be a part of an environment where learning is embraced, celebrated, and continually pursued. In this ever-evolving world, the value of learning transcends the walls of a classroom. It is a dynamic force that shapes individuals, communities, and societies. Education is a cornerstone of the mission of who we are at Alter, and it is essential in shaping not only our students' futures but also their hearts and minds. I would like to take a minute to reflect on the value of learning, as we continue to guide our students on their path toward academic excellence, personal growth, and faith formation.

The value of learning lies in its ability to prepare students for life beyond the classroom, to understand that education means that learning extends beyond textbooks and tests. It is important to recognize that at Alter, learning is not just about the acquisition of knowledge. It is about shaping individuals who will go on to lead with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. It is about forming young men and women who are prepared to view learning as a continuous process as they navigate the complexities of the world around them. Learning can be found in every moment of our lives, and it does not stop at graduation.

It is my hope that each student at Alter leaves here with not only a strong academic foundation but also an understanding of the deeper value of learning. It is about developing skills, character, and faith that will empower them to live lives of purpose and service. Education is a gift, and with that gift comes the responsibility to use it wisely and for the betterment of society. I am proud to walk alongside our students on this journey, helping them grow into the leaders of tomorrow who will shape the world for the better.

With education we have the power to change the world,
Jennifer Schlangen
Dean of Academics



Barbara Groene

Finishing Strong

Baseball season is in full swing once again. As some of you are aware I am an avid baseball fan, especially The Cincinnati Reds. We attended our first game of the season, and the enthusiasm of the crowd was infectious. They had lost their opening game, and we were hopeful that this game would be the start of a new string of wins. The fans were cheering on every pitch, homerun, and diving catch in the outfield. It is a special time where expectations, energy, spirit, and passion are at the highest level. The game was up and down but they finished strong and pulled out a win.

The school year reminds me of the baseball season. August comes and we see old friends, go to many athletic events, dances etc. We settle into our new routines balancing the workload, jobs, and social time. We build upon our faith through the many opportunities such as retreats, service, and Mass. Christmas break comes and goes, winter hits, and soon spring is in the air. That brings us to today. One day it rains, another it is icy and then the next it is 75 degrees. There are many highs and lows.

It is a bit harder to focus, we are tired and need a break. The end of the year is hard - no doubt - as approaching transitions bring anxiety and minds wander to the summer ahead. We want to finish the year with the same level of energy and love brought to school in the first few weeks of September. We want students to remain engaged in projects and celebrations that honor their year's- worth of hard work and achievement, and to be physically and emotionally safe in their final days of the year. We need to choose to finish strong, rather than letting the calendar run itself out.

This last month of school should be a time to dig in and celebrate the joy of learning. So, to all of us - students, parents, and educators - let's try to finish strong together. We are all eight innings into the game. Let's take inspiration from the baseball season and exhibit rejuvenation, like the relievers do so many times from the bullpen - focused and ready to face the challenge right up to the last out.

Sincerely,
Barbara Groene
Dean of Students

GUIDANCE



Nichole Lovins



Shannon Brown



Cathy Waag

SENIORS:

As part of their graduation requirements, seniors have been notified to complete the "Alter Graduation Survey" via the Google survey that was sent Tuesday, April 8th. This online survey details their final college choice and/or post-secondary plans, as well as all scholarships offered and accepted. The survey can be accessed now and will remain open until Friday, May 2nd. Students can save answers and return to make modifications to the survey. However, any changes made after final submission need to be done by emailing Mrs. Waag (cathy.waag@alterhs.org).

Why is this survey so important? Firstly, information obtained via this survey is the official record our office uses for sending final transcripts at the end of the year to seniors' selected colleges. Additionally, we use this information for recognition of scholarships, awards, and other honors earned. We rely on that information solely from this survey to recognize our seniors for their many achievements via our publications and at our Senior Awards Assembly. We make every effort to properly acknowledge each award. However, if the information is not listed in the survey, we don't know to include it.

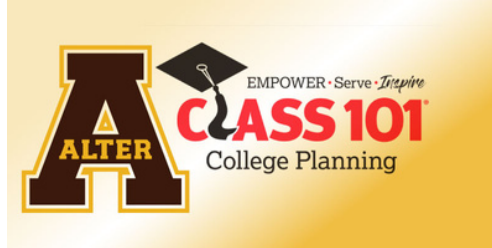
Last, but certainly not least, we use this information to highlight the many successes of our graduation classes. Although WE know how successful Alter students and teachers are, this data helps to prove it to the rest of the world! To help with that, we want to know every scholarship offered, regardless of whether or not the senior is accepting it. It really does make a difference and the time taken to properly complete the survey in a timely manner is so appreciated.

One final note on the survey: Every senior must complete it, even if they are not planning to attend college. As always, never hesitate to call or email the Guidance office with any questions.

JUNIORS:

Summer is a great time for juniors to begin organizing for college applications in the fall. Although they can't actually finalize and submit an application until after school begins, there are a few summer projects students can complete to get some work off of their plate. Some tasks might include compiling a list of potential schools and deadlines, researching scholarships/financial aid available from those schools, thinking of whom they would like to ask for a recommendation letter, and making notes for potential college essays. Additionally, if students will be using the Common Application for college applications, those essay prompts have been released. Students are advised to pick one essay from the available seven and write 650 words or less on their chosen topic. Common essay prompts can be found by visiting <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/announcing-2025-2026-common-app-essay-prompts>. Current juniors (Class of 2026) planning to play Division I or II sports in college are reminded that they must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center. This link will help you get started: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.

TAYLOR RESOURCE CENTER



Class 101 College Planning staff are in the Taylor Center every Wednesday and Thursday in April.

Seniors:

Check our latest blog for tips on making your college decision. After looking into courses of study, cost, and campus life, you have the information you need to take the next step. We know this is an exciting and stressful time for any senior. If you are struggling with the decision, there is nothing wrong with asking for help from your school counselor, teacher, mentor, or family. If you would like support from Class 101, we are also happy to meet with you at the Taylor Center to discuss your decision further.

Class 101's College-Bound Checklist Event

Free Seminar

April 13 from 1-2 p.m. OR April 15 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way

As high school seniors graduate and enroll in college, we know there are many details to discuss--from roommates and housing to academic placement and advising to 529 funds, healthcare power of attorney, and insurance questions. Join us for this important conversation! This is open to the community, so seats are limited.

Learn more and RSVP on the Class 101 website.

Juniors:

Do you have your college list ready? Your college applications open August 1! Although you should not hurry to hit submit in August, knowing your college list will help with college planning questions that you have today. For example, the Ohio State University just announced that they will require ACT or SAT scores for all main campus applicants this year. Have you reached your goal score for applications? Do you know if you prefer an urban campus or a college town? Your college list will help you know for sure.

Juniors can explore careers at Wright Patterson AFB Spring Job Shadow Day

Applications are open for the WPAFB 2025 Spring Job Shadow Day for juniors and seniors. The Job Shadow day is April 3 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Registrations fill quickly for one-day job shadow opportunities in engineering, construction management, financial management, meteorology, and many more! The number of participants is limited, and slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit wpafbstem.com to apply!

Sophomores:

Now is the perfect time for the Class of 2027 to look ahead. At the Taylor Center, we can help students draft their resumes, research colleges, plan campus visits, and understand changes to the ACT/SAT.

Career Exploration for the Class of 2027 can start this summer. Here are two options that are close to home. Come to the Taylor Center if you would like to explore other ways to build your high school resume.

University of Dayton's Summer Engineering Experiences are perfect one-day sessions for rising juniors to explore engineering! Female students who want to explore business careers should look at the University of Dayton's Female Aspiring Business Scholars (FABS) summer program.

Freshmen:

With a year of high school almost behind you, the Class of 2028 can come to the Taylor Center to draft their resume and set goals for next year! It is never too early to start!

TECHNOLOGY



Debbie Portman



Michael Dixon

Technology Information for our Graduating Seniors and their Parents.

Dear Senior Parents,

Congratulations on hitting a huge milestone with your children. It is hard to believe we were together for initial computer training such as short time ago. As this chapter closes for your family, a brand new and exiting chapter is just beginning. For many it is college, for others it is jumping into a career or the armed services. Wherever it is, these are exciting times.

As your child transitions away from Alter, they need to migrate to a new email account and digital file storage system. We will be turning off access to Alter High School accounts on June 23rd. After June 23rd, they will no longer have access to Alter accounts and all that data will be unretrievable. Sometime soon the technology department of your student's university will reach out to them with information on how to load the software necessary for their success at their new college or university. For some students, the Lenovo computer will work just fine as they continue to college. Unfortunately, for others, they will need different technological requirements to be met and will be required to purchase something else for their technological needs. Please make sure your child understands these needs before making any purchases. If they have any questions, ask them to talk to their new IT departments. If a student has to move to Apple products, there are usually discounts available for new college students at the Apple Store. Our suggestion is to not purchase any technology until the student has a chance to learn what hardware and software is needed and what the university will provide for them at a free or discounted rate.

Mr. Dixon and I have enjoyed working with you and your family these fours years and wish you the best of success in the future.

May God continue to bless you,
Debbie Portman and Michael Dixon



Robin Blank,
Director of Advancement

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 Ohioⁱ 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).

Why should I care about this?

Because you can **make a gift** that has immediate impact, **and have 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:** [CEF-SGO](#)

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](#)



ALTER ALUMNI:

Have you joined our exclusive

Alumni Fire?

WHAT IS IT?

The ultimate platform for fostering connections among our valued alumni community! Here, you can easily reconnect with fellow graduates, explore new career opportunities tailored to your field, and stay informed about the latest news and events at Alter. Whether you're looking to network, seek advice, or simply catch up, Alumni Fire is your go-to resource for maintaining and enriching your professional and personal relationships. Join us today and ignite the potential within our alumni network!



[Click here to join AlumniFire Today!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Congratulations to our Top 10 of the Class of 2025!

Valedictorian – Liza Russ

Salutatorian – Mia Crinion

3. Kaylen Bernecker
4. Keefe Carter
5. Gretchen Darnieder
6. Julia Orlando
7. Emma Tenhundfeld
8. Alyssa Moore
9. Jacob Wascak
10. Sophia Junker



These students have made us proud with their hard work and dedication to their academics. Go Knights!

TABLE OF EXPERTS

K-12 Education - 2025

The Dayton Business Journal recently held a conversation focused on K-12 education. Panelists included: Shannon Cox, Superintendent at Montgomery County Educational Service Center; Lourdes Lambert, President & CEO at Archbishop Alter High School; and David Long, Head of School at The Miami Valley School. Cory Earl, Market President & Publisher of the Dayton Business Journal, moderated the discussion.

EXPERTS



SHANNON COX
Superintendent
Montgomery County
Educational Service Center



LOURDES LAMBERT
Principal/CEO
Archbishop Alter High
School



DAVID LONG
Head of School
The Miami Valley School



CORY EARL
Market President & Publisher
Dayton Business Journal

MODERATOR



2025 Spring Table of Experts

In March, our Principal/CEO, Lourdes Lambert, took part in another K-12 Education discussion with Head of the Miami Valley School, David Long, Superintendent of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center, Shannon Cox, and Market President and Publisher at the Dayton Business Journal, Cory Earl who moderated the conversation. The discussion focused on trends, and strategies as well as how challenges are overcome at each educational institution. To read more, [click here](#).

Knights of the Round Table has been Launched!

Check out our new Alter podcast hosted by Director of Communications, Conor Ryan. On the Knights of the Round Table podcast, Conor will take a dive into the Alter Community as community members, past parents, current parents, current students, and alumni will have the opportunity to talk about the Alter Community and the significant impact it has had on them! Click the link to listen to the first episode with the voice of Alter sports broadcasting, Tim Kernan '85. [Click here to listen to the episode](#).



Juliana Montoya '27 wins Lumen Fidei Art Contest



Juliana Montoya won the Lumen Fidei (Light of Christ) Art Contest sponsored by the Lumen Fidei Committee at the University of Dayton. Each year the Lumen Fidei Committee honors the Catholic School Teacher of the Year for the state of Ohio. In addition to receiving \$1,000, the recipient receives an original artwork. The committee holds a contest amongst all the Catholic Schools in the Dayton Area and the winner receives a few hundred dollars and is recognized at a dinner. For the second straight year, an Alter student has won the contest. Juliana created a beautiful painting titled, "Faith Within The Storm". It was given to this years Catholic School Teacher of the Year, Dr. Matt Fletcher. Congratulations Juliana!

Key Club Hosts Senior, Senior Prom

The Alter H.S. Key Club held a Senior, Senior Prom for the residents of One Lincoln Park last Friday night. The theme was an evening at the Oscars. Vice President Abi Sheets was the Master of Ceremony who gave out door prizes and crowned a senior King & Queen as well as an Alter King & Queen. The Alter students brought a lot of energy to the event visiting with residents, delivering snacks and dancing. This used to be an annual event with Key Club until Covid of 2020 shut things down. This is the first year since that time the event was held again. A big thanks to Alter students Abi Sheets, Whitney Hill, Ella Hawk, Mia Crinion, Nolan Ogburn, Max Volk, Trevor Meyer, Nathan Miller and Bennett Rau.



Greetings from the National Honors Society

NHS has successfully completed both of our drives to support teens. We received a letter from Crayons to Classrooms that Alter High School will be listed as a major contributor in Crayons to Classrooms Annual report, newsletter and social media. Again, thank you to the faculty, staff, students, parents and community members for making this happen!

In addition, April is Child Abuse Prevention and awareness month. Blue is the signature color to represent this cause. On Tuesday, April 8th, despite the bitter cold temperatures, NHS members placed blue pinwheels on the front lawn of the school. Thank you to Dayton Childrens' hospital for supplying the pinwheels.

After spring break, NHS is dedicating a few weekends to clean up the campus! We will provide specific dates and times, when we return. All are welcome!

Thank you for all your support.
God bless and Go Knights!



THE ARTS

Castle Players Rehearse for Music Video

The Castle Players closed their production of MEAN GIRLS in March and are now busy rehearsing for their music video “Play”. Take a look at our first music rehearsal ([click here to view video](#)) and stay tuned for the finished product in May.

The Castle Players will end their jam-packed season with a Celebration Banquet on May 2nd.

Thank you for the constant and continued support of the arts!



ATHLETICS

Winter Sports Highlights 2025

Women's Sports

Basketball

- District Champions, Regional Champions, State Runners-Up.
- **GCL Player of the Year, District 15 Player of the Year, OHSBCA Division IV Player of the Year in the State of Ohio.** Leaves as the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in girls' basketball history: Maddie Moody

Swimming

- **GCL Champions, 5 State Qualifiers:** Hope Bradley, Nora Boillot, Emerson Cason, Emily Kyre, Emma Tenhundfeld
- **GCL Athlete of the Year:** Emma Tenhundfeld
- **State Runner-Up:** Emma Tenhundfeld – 100-meter backstroke

Wrestling

- **GCL Champion:** Alora Strauser
- **GCL Athlete of the Year:** Alora Strauser
- **State Runner-Up:** Alora Strauser

Men's Sports

Basketball

- GCL Champions, District Champions, Regional Runners-Up
- **GCL Player of the Year, District 15 Player of the Year, OHSBCA Division IV Player of the Year in the State of Ohio:** RJ Greer

Hockey

- SWOHSL Regular Season Champions

Swimming

- **4 State Qualifiers:** Michael Bigby, Henry Kaufman, Nathan Kyre, Hank McCall
- **GCL Athlete of the Year:** Hank McCall

Wrestling

- GCL Team Champions
- **GCL Coach of the Year :** Tim Begley
- **State Champions:** Bronson Begley, Rod Owens



Boys' Tennis

The Alter Boys' Tennis team was back to full strength with the return of the seniors this week. The team beat Dayton Christian 3-2 on Monday. They followed with a 5-0 win on Tuesday over McNicholas. The team was led by their singles players: #1 Michael Shope, #2 Justin Ross and #3 Moses Mabarak. Justin Ross pulled off two 3 set wins over McNicholas in tough weather to clinch the wins! The team is now 3-1. Go Knights!



Baseball

Alter Knights Baseball is currently in first place and is riding a three game win streak. Against Dayton Christian, Alter won 8-7 with a walk-off single by junior Jake Hemmert. A dominant pitching performance by Owen Tishaus led Alter to a 5-0 win against the Carroll Patriots, Tishaus recorded 6 strike outs. On Wednesday, the three game winning streak continued and was led by junior Owen Thompson on the mound who struck out 7 and only allowed one hit in a impressive 15-0 win; the Alter bats came alive with junior Thomas Drake leading the charge with 2 hits (one double) 3 RBI and 2 runs scored. Join Alter Baseball this upcoming week on April 11th at 5:00 p.m. at Badin (5425 Winton Ridge Lane, Cincinnati) and a Double Header on April 14th vs. Lehman Catholic at 5:00 p.m. and vs. Legacy Christian at 7:00 p.m. both games will be at Wright State University. JV will be playing Badin on April 11th at 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Beavercreek. Come support Alter Knights Baseball!



Track and Field

Congratulations to our athletes that earned 1st place at Tuesday's meet at Fenwick:

4x800 Veronica Johnston, Sarah Kenyon, Maddie Zimmer, Kenzie Dodge
4x200 Shalay Richardson, Ashlyn Korzan, Sidnei Byrd, Elle Roth
4x400 Tobias Garrison, Kellen Hart, Pierce Dressman, Okemdi Eze
800 Maddie Zimmer
400 Tobias Garrison
Shot Put Dashai Shepard
Shot Put Okemdi Eze
Discus Okemdi Eze

Great job and Go Knights!



Boys' Lacrosse

The Knights JV and Varsity solidly handled Chaminade-Julienne on their turf on Tuesday, April 8th. JV won 11-5 and Varsity won 9-2. On Thursday, April 10th the Knights took on Tippecanoe at home in both JV and Varsity. Both games were shutouts, 17-0 Varsity and 10-0 JV. This makes our GCL record currently 4-0 and overall record 7-1. They resume play at Carroll on Thursday, April 24th, after spring break. Keep it going, Knights!



FLYERS

2025 Summer Camps



Summer Days & KNIGHTS

June		July	
LANCERETTES \$150	THEATRE CAMP \$105	STEM CAMP \$90	
Grades 3-8 June 2-5 9:00AM - 4:00PM	Grades 2 - 6 June 16-19 9:00AM - 12:00PM	Grades 2-5 July 14-17 9:00AM - 12:00PM	
ART CAMP 1 \$95	LAFFALOT \$145	FOOTBALL CAMP \$130	
Grades 1-4 June 2-5 12:00PM - 3:00PM	Ages 6-12 June 16-20 9:00AM - 2:00PM <i>Childcare available 2-4 PM</i>	Grades 3-12 July 21-25 9:00AM - 3:00 PM	
GIRLS BASKETBALL \$150	BOYS BASKETBALL \$175	ART CAMP 2 \$95	
Grades 2-7 June 9-12 8:30AM - 11:30AM	Grades 2-9 June 23-26 9:00AM - 1:00PM	Grades 5-8 July 14-17 12:00PM - 3:00PM	
GIRLS BASKETBALL \$150	CO-ED VOLLEYBALL \$135		
Grades 8-9 June 9-12 12:30PM - 3:00PM	Grades 4-6 June 23-26 5:00PM - 7:00PM		
BOYS SOCCER \$135	CO-ED VOLLEYBALL \$135		
Grades 3-8 June 16-19 4:00PM - 6:00PM	Grades 7-9 June 23-26 7:00PM - 9:00PM		
GIRLS SOCCER \$135			
Grades 3-9 June 16-19 6:00PM - 8:00PM			

CAMP REGISTRATION AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE (ALTERHS.ORG/CAMPS2025) OR CALL 937.434.2059

MENS SOCCER ALUMNI GAME

Saturday, July 19, 2025
Alter High School
Turf Field
3:00 PM



Picnic on the Patio
following the game
Questions?
advancement@alterhs.org or
937-434-2059

<https://alterhs.org/alter-high-school-mens-soccer-alumni-game/>



Alter High School *Lancerettes*

Upcoming Dates

2025-2026



Tryout Clinics

Students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11

Monday May 5th - Wednesday May 7th, 2025

4:30-6:30 PM

St. Charles Gym

Tryouts

Thursday May 8th, 2025

4:30 PM

Alter High School

Tryout Results Emailed May 9th, 2025

New Member Uniform Fitting - May 10th, 2025

Team Meeting - May 19th, 2025 7 PM

Team Camp (Mandatory Attendance) - June 2nd-5th, 2025

9 AM - 9 PM at Alter High School

ALTER **2025**

CHEER TRYOUTS

24
APRIL

PRE-TRYOUT MEETING

ALTERS CAFETERIA
6:30PM

28
APRIL
-
30
APRIL

TRYOUT CLINICS

ST CHARLES PAC
4:30-6:30PM

1
MAY

TRYOUTS

ST CHARLES PAC
4:30PM

2
MAY

POST TRYOUT MEETING

ALTERS CAFETERIA
5:30-6:30PM

Any questions can be sent to Altercheerleading@gmail.com

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

Honor Roll

Please click here to view
the Honor Roll for
Quarter 3.

Spirit Shop Hours

Wednesdays –

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

**Due to Easter Break, our next
Alter Update will be published on
Friday, April 25th.**

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

All Dates are Subject to Change.

ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST

7-8: New Teacher Orientation
11-12: Teacher Work Day
13: Freshman First Day
14: First Day- All Students
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 Quarter
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: Prom
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

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

