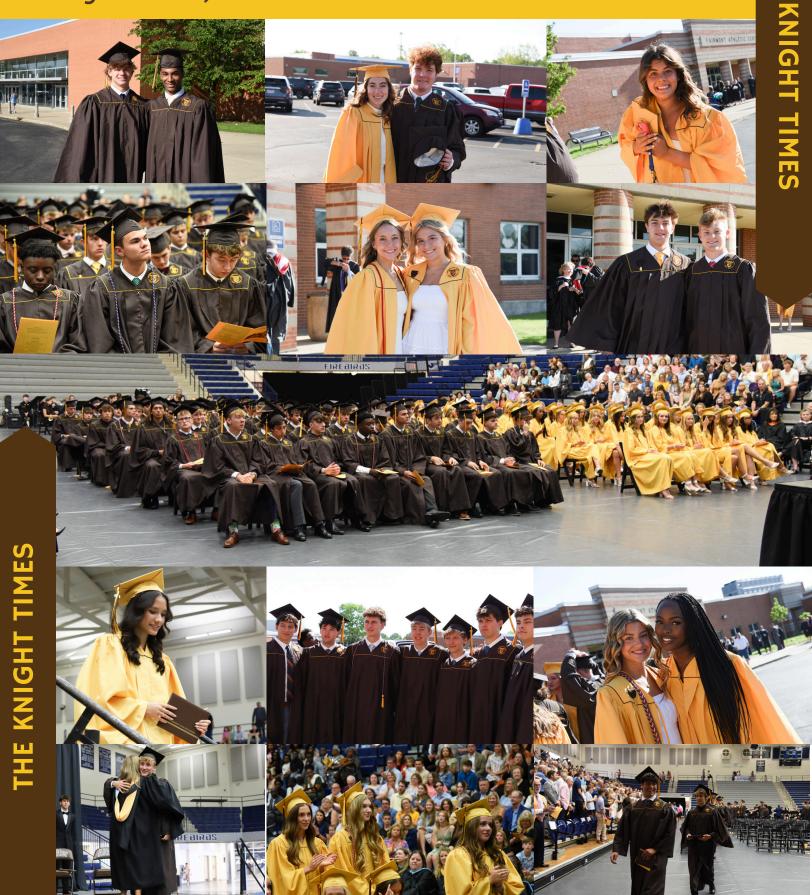
THE KNIGHT TIMES

May 28th, 2025





Graduation Remarks from Principal Lourdes Lambert:

Lourdes Lambert

To the Class of 2025,

You are a special group of people, and it has been an honor to witness your growth over the last four years. It doesn't seem that long ago when I welcomed you all as freshman, but just reflect and think for a moment about all that has happened in the last four years. I told you then not to blink, and here we are. You cannot imagine how you have enriched my life and the lives of so many others over the last four years.

As you well know by now at Alter, our motto is Founded in Faith, Preserved with Pride and Sustained by Spirit. I cannot think of a better way to describe the Class of 2025.

I am so inspired by you and the faith filled individuals you are. Your faith has been a model for me and for many others over the last four years. I love the way this class was dedicated to forming their faith through a variety of service opportunities as well as men's and women's fellowship and upper room. I admire how united you all became after your Senior Kairos retreats, and how Kairos truly solidified your bond as a class. Another thing that always makes me smile is that this class loves to clap along to the songs at Mass whenever possible. Fortunately, what you seem to lack in rhythm, you make up for in enthusiasm and joy. When you become overwhelmed in life or faced with a seemingly unbelievable situation, remember that joy and lean on your foundation in faith. Try to remember that not all storms come to disrupt your life, some storms are sent to clear your path.

I watched you all today as you celebrated each other's accomplishments during the Senior Awards ceremony, you were definitely proud – proud of yourselves and proud of one another. We saw that pride over the last four years on the fields, the courts, in the stands, in the classroom permeating everything you did. This class will always be remembered for making everything a competition whenever possible, and rejoicing over every victory, no matter how small. Remember this feeling of accomplishment as you continue your academic journeys and embrace that pride in hard work and in a job well done. During your sophomore year, we had the opportunity to hear from hall of fame inductee, Joe Thuney who reminded us that comparison is the thief of joy. Though it is not the first time I have heard someone say that, it really resonated with me when he said it because I think that today's world is fixated on social media, and social media is completely based on that comparison. I am going to ask as you move forward from our school that you try not to compare your accomplishments to those of others. Remember, there's no comparison between the sun and the moon. They each have their time to shine, and it's your time to shine, Class of

Finally, there is no doubt that this class has spirit, and, as your principal, you need to know that even I realize that sometimes that spirit has been a bit hard to manage. However, what is beautiful about your spirit, is that this class, more than any other I have known, has a collective inner strength and a confidence that will not allow anyone or anything to get in your way or to dim your light. Don't be afraid to share that light and spirit with others, and to lead by example. It was this class's spirit that brought much joy to our mental health days, and I am pretty sure that you are solely responsible for the blackout during the Joel Melendrez concert. Remember to nurture your spirit, and that joy doesn't simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.

I am confident that everyone in this room will agree that your colleges, universities, our armed forces and workplaces do not fully realize yet how blessed they will be with you there to enhance their communities. They truly have no idea of all you will bring to the table, and we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every member of this class.

Wherever you are, remember that the Alter community is with you and we are pulling for you. Remember that though you will go on to be and do many different things, that you will always be a Knight Forever.

Know that as I pray for you all I always pray that you have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

Finally, I will leave you with the same quote I read during your very first Mass at Alter by the famous philosopher Winnie the Pooh. Class of 2025:

Always remember You are braver than you believe. Stronger than you seem. Smarter than you think And loved more than you will ever know.

It has been an honor to be your principal the last four years.

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

Lourdes Lambert

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Principal

Graduation Ceremony Remarks from Former Teacher and Class of 1975 Alumna: Ms. Linda Dintaman

Good morning Class of 2025, family and friends. A special thank you to Mrs. Lambert for inviting the class of 1975 to join you this morning. It is hard for me to believe that 50 years ago I was where you are today.

My first thought was to share stories about what life at Alter was like 50 years ago. However then I thought those stories would be more like inside jokes that are best told at our reunion.

There really is only one story that you need to hear. One story that will guide your through the rest of your life if you let it. It is a love story. The story of God's great love for each and everyone of you. A story of hope and encouragement to build your life on.

So at this time, I would like to ask you all to close your eyes and take a deep breath to silence all the noise and thoughts that are surrounding you. I also invite all of you in this arena to join the graduates and close your eyes as well. For this story, this love is for ALL and comes to us all in the words from scripture.



My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. (Psalm 139:1)

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. (Psalm 139:2)

I am familiar with all your ways. (Psalm 139:3)

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (Matthew 10:29-31)

For you were made in my image. (Genesis 1:27)

In me you live and move and have your being. (Acts 17:28)

I knew you even before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

I chose you when I planned creation. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. (Psalm 139:15-16)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (Acts 17:26)

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

I knit you together in your mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

And brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71:6)

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. (John 8:41-44)

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. (1 John 4:16)

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. (1 John 3:1)

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. (1 John 3:1)

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. (James 1:17)

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. (Matthew 6:31-33)

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Because I love you with an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. (Psalm 139:17-18)

And I rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

I will never stop doing good to you. (Jeremiah 32:40)

For you are my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

And I want to show you great and marvelous things. (Jeremiah 33:3)

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. (Deuteronomy 4:29)

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

For it is I who gave you those desires. (Philippians 2:13)

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

For I am your greatest encourager. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. (Psalm 34:18)

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. (Isaiah 40:11)

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. (Revelation 21:3-4)

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. (Revelation 21:3-4)

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. (John 17:23)

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. (John 17:26)

He is the exact representation of my being. (Hebrews 1:3)

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. (Romans 8:31)

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. (1 John 4:10)

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. (Romans 8:31-32)

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. (1 John 2:23)

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. (Romans 8:38-39)

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. (Luke 15:7)

I have always been Father, and will always be Father. (Ephesians 3:14-15)

My question is ... Will you be my child? (John 1:12-13)

I am waiting for you. (Luke 15:11-32)

Love, Almighty God....Your Dad. (Father Heart Communications ©1999 FathersLoveLetter.com)

Class of 2025, where ever life takes you from this moment on please treasure this love and when you look back on your time at Alter remember it was a place where you will always be known and loved. Thank you and GO KNIGHTS!

GRADUATE DEMOGRAPHICS

Women: 43

Men: 62

Total Graduates: 105

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE GRADUATES?

Four Year College: 96%

Military: 2%

Two Year School/Training Program: 2%

SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Over (2025) in scholarships have been offered to the Class of 2025!

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

5 Full Academic 87 Partial Academic 7 Full Athletic 8 Partial Athletic 19 Other

Agencies

90% of Students Received a Scholarship for the School they are Attending!

Our Students will Attend <u>34</u> Schools in <u>12</u> States



Congratulations to the Following Faculty and Staff Award Recipients:

Dave Imber Excellence in Education Awards

This honor is bestowed upon five faculty or staff members at Alter who embody long time teacher and coach, Dave Imber's, passion for Catholic Education and excellence in and out of the classroom. The recipients are nominated by a colleague, and selected by a committee comprised of Dave's family members. Congratulations to the following recipients:



Todd Tucker



Megan Sears



Michael Dixon



Greg Romer



John Ruff

Duplain Family Spirit of Alter Awards

The Duplain family was so inspired by Dave Imber's gift and commitment to our faculty and staff that they established this award patterned after the Dave Imber Excellence in Education Awards. This honor is bestowed upon four faculty or staff members at Alter who embrace the faith, pride and spirit that has come to define our school. The recipients are nominated by a colleague, and selected by the Duplain family. Congratulations to the following recipients:



Brad Clough



Chris Hart



Kathy Riegel



Jennifer Schlangen

GUIDANCE







Shannon Brown

Congratulations and best wishes from the Guidance office to the Class of 2025! This year's seniors have many wonderful accomplishments for which to be proud. As for graduation, 98% of our 105 graduates will be attending college (either two or four-year) in the fall and have been offered over 26.9 million dollars in scholarships, and that number continues to grow. Wow! We are so proud of all our seniors' hard work and drive. If any senior has made a change to their post-high school plans, please contact the Guidance office immediately. This is vital for ensuring that final transcripts are sent to the appropriate college or university. Final transcripts will be sent to colleges by mid-June. Students needing to have final transcripts sent to the NCAA can be assured those will be sent at that time as well.

For Juniors:

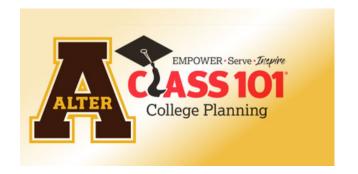
Summer is a great time for juniors to begin organizing for college applications in the fall. Although they can't finalize an application until after school begins, there are a few summer projects students can complete to get some work off their plate. Some tasks might include: compiling a list of potential 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 are all great ideas for college application planning. 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/.

For all students:

The Guidance office will be open over the summer, but if you need to come to the office for anything, please call ahead of time to make sure someone will be able to assist you. The Guidance Office phone number is (937) 428-5316. Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Lovins will only be available on Wednesdays.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We are praying you all have a safe, healthy, and restful summer!



Make the Most of Summer

Summer offers the vital resource of time: time to relax and vacation, time to connect with family and friends, and time to set and meet goals. At Class 101, we encourage our students to set personal goals. For some, that means expanding knowledge through research, a class, independent study, or a pre-college program. Others will strategically build their resume through volunteering or a summer job.

With pre-college summer programs, students challenge themselves without the pressure of grades while building skills in time management and social confidence in the college environment. Aside from bolstering a student's confidence and abilities, pre-college programs also help a college application stand out in admissions.

Colleges want to understand how students spend their time. Summer is the canvas on which a student can demonstrate initiative, interests, passions, and drive. Visit the Class 101 blog at

https://www.class101.com/daytonohsouth/2025/05/14/make-the-most-of-summer/ to learn about opportunities to make the most of summer!

Summer College Visits

Summer can be a time to catch up on important tasks or explore new places; an excellent summer adventure for any student is a campus visit! Without having to worry about missing classes, many students use summer to travel and see if certain colleges are right for them. In this blog, we'll list a few things you and your family can do to get the most out of college visits.

Meet with Admissions. Rather than follow an online tour or video visit, make a reservation and take the real admissions tour. This establishes a record of student interest, and it provides a chance to establish a relationship with your admissions representative.

Meet with a Professor or Visit an Academic Department. While you are on campus, you might find it beneficial to reach out to someone who can speak to your major or area of interest or about the overall offerings of your department. Many colleges in our area offer a "college close-up" program as part of their admissions visit programs. If a school does not offer the opportunity to meet with a major, you can still request this, call the academic department directly, or stop by when you are on campus.

Visit the Surrounding Community. Finally, you might use a college visit to see what the surrounding area is like. Do you want to enjoy a vibrant city life or do you prefer nature and rural spaces? Do you want your campus to be within walking distance of a grocery store, bank, and other essentials or are you comfortable driving or taking public transportation? Do you want to live in a place with four seasons or one where it is warm year-round?

Read more on our blog

In this article, we highlighted three ways that you can make the most out of your college visit. If you'd like more tips, please follow our social media and read the rest of this article on our blog on <u>Class101.com/daytonohsouth</u>.

Class 101 Numbers at Alter 2024-2025

From the beginning of the school year until May 2, Class 101 staff held more than 579 unique interactions with Alter students and parents. This includes meeting with 177 different students: 80 seniors, 56 juniors, 19 sophomores, and 22 freshmen as well as classroom visits to all seniors and all juniors and several evening meetings with parents. It is a privilege to be a part of the Alter community and to connect with so many outstanding students. We are excited to announce that Class 101 will increase our hours on campus to staff the Taylor Center three days a week this fall to serve the seniors during application season!

Class of 2026 Common App Workshops

Alter Seniors will launch their Common App and begin college admissions essays during this workshop in the Taylor Center on August 13. Sign-up slots will be added if there is a demand for more seats. Sign up for a Class 101 Common App Workshop here. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA8AC2FA0FD0-56903471-alter

Contact us

If you need to connect with Class 101-Dayton during the summer break, call us at 937-705-5113.



SUMMER SOCIALS

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER
TO GET TO KNOW YOUR CLASSMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

PARTY ON THE PATIO 6:30-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM







ALTER GRADUATION PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE AFTER JUNE 2ND LINK OR QR CODE TO ORDER:



https://my.photoday.com/gallery/ahs25

EASTERLING Studios



WE NEED YOU!

AlterFest 2025 needs parent volunteers for key roles:

- Kitchen
- Food Booth
- Kids Games

- Ride Tickets
- Gambling
- Operations

Please consider a leadership role as booth manager to support this legacy event hosted for over 40 years and become part of the tradition that directly supports every student enrolled!

Contact AlterFest Chair, Diana Woods '90 or the Advancement Office to learn more:

- Diana Woods '90, 937-979-7200, <u>dlwm@aol.com</u>
- Advancement, 937-434-2059, Advancement@alterhs.org

Volunteering is the one addiction that's good for you!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kyly Borton '15 Parisey Participated in 129th Boston Marathon

Kyly (Borton) Parisey, Alter Class of 2015, sister to Austin Borton Koch '13 and Tylor Borton '18 recently qualified for and competed at the 129th Boston Marathon. She ran a new PR with a time of 3:05.18 over the 26.2 mile course. This continues her running excellence after earning multiple track & field state titles as an Alter Knight. Kyly currently works as a nurse at University of Cincinnati Medical Center. The Alter community is proud of Kyly and we wish her the best for her continued success!



Upper Room Alumni Participate in final Upper Session of the School Year

Upper Room is a student led prayer group that meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. Former members and leaders of Upper Room were invited by Mrs. Suttman to speak to our current students in Upper Room on Wednesday, May 14th. Andrew McKenna, Ben Burkhart, Alex Burkhart and Diya Percy answered questions from the students about maintaining a "faith life" in college. Mrs. Suttman facilitated the discussion and a lot of wisdom was shared. The key message to our current students is that there are opportunities in college for strengthening one's relationship with God, but each individual has to take it upon themselves to embrace those opportunities. They warned of various temptations they will face in college life; however, choosing to have a deeper relationship with God will help one to reject them. We are proud of Andrew, Ben, Alex and Diya as they continue to be models of faith in college as they were at Alter.

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!



<u>Click here to join AlumniFire Today!</u>

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DID YOU KNOW?

Unite the Knights Parking Lot Construction Continues!

Phase 1A of our 3 Phase Facility Improvement Plan continues construction as our new front parking lot is due to be fully constructed by August. Stay tuned for more updates throughout this process as we are excited to continue forward with enhancing our facilities at Alter High School!



THE ARTS



Important Upcoming Updates:

JUNE

Summer sessions Marching Band Percussion, Wind Players and Color Guard **all students June 2 at 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. with Fran Kick**

Percussion – June 2-5, 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in the band hall

Wind Players – June 2-5, 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Color Guard – June 2-5, 6:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m., outside at Alter

JULY

Band Camps for ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

July 14-18 - Mini Camp at Alter - All MARCHING BAND Members 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

July 21-25 Band Camp at Alter - All MARCHING BAND Members - 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.

ATHLETICS

Spring Sports Highlights

Our spring sports had successful seasons and represented Alter in an exceptional manner on the field of competition. Special congratulations to our seniors for their leadership and efforts during the spring sports' season. Some of the outstanding performances this spring were:

Boys' Lacrosse

- GCL Champions undefeated in the GCL.
- Won their 1st round tournament match vs. Columbus Academy.

Boys' Tennis

- GCL Champions undefeated in the GCL
- GCL Player of the Year Michael Shope
- District Champion Michael Shope
- State Qualifier Michael Shope
- GCL Coach of the Year Megan Kreusch

Track

- GCL Field Athlete of the Year -Okemdi Eze
- GCL Co-Field Athlete of the Year Da'Shai Shepard
- GCL Coach of the Year Austin Koch
- The boys' track team were the GCL Champions this season and broke several school records.

We are looking forward to another great spring season in 2026! Go Knights!



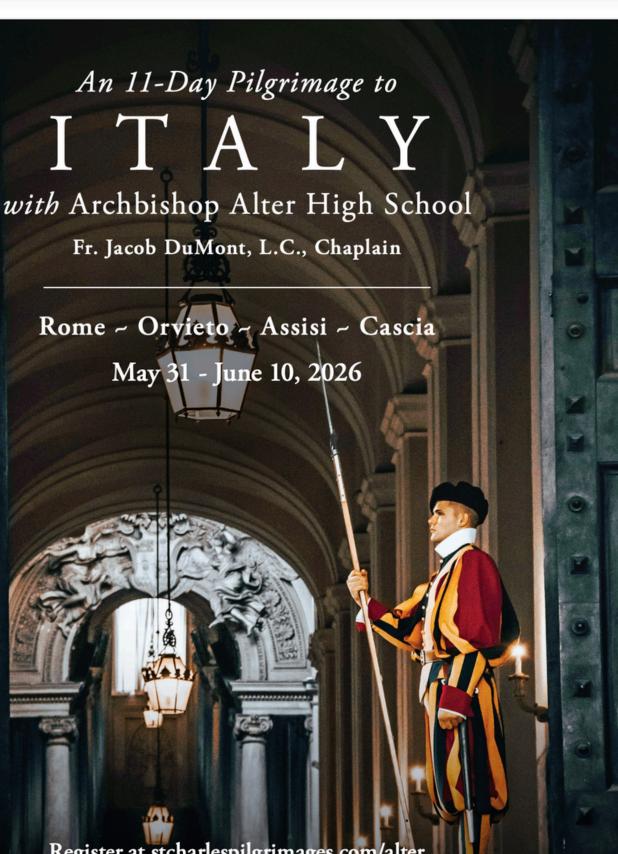




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REMINDERS

Summer School Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Spirit Shop Hours

Please check the future Alter Updates for summer hours.

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 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

