

THE KNIGHT TIMES

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**Lourdes Lambert**

Spreading Alter Love This Lent

Dear Alter Knights,

February always feels like a month of contrasts.

We begin with red and pink hearts, celebrating Valentine's Day and the people we love. And then, almost without warning, we are marked with ashes — a quiet, humbling reminder that we are called to something deeper.

At Alter, I don't think those two moments are separate. I think they belong together.

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey — a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But at its heart, Lent is really about love. It is about the sacrificial, Christ-centered love that calls us beyond ourselves and toward one another. It is about choosing patience when it would be easier to react. It is about offering forgiveness. It is about noticing the person who feels unseen. It is about reaching out.

This month, I would invite each of us — students, parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, and friends — to intentionally "spread the Alter Love."

Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.

Encourage a student who may be struggling.

Thank a teacher.

Pray for a family carrying a heavy burden.

Invite someone back into community.

One beautiful way we are living that out together is through the return of our Alter Fish Fry — a tradition we have not celebrated since 2020. There is something special about gathering around tables, reconnecting with familiar faces, introducing new families to the community, and simply being together. It's more than a meal. It's fellowship. It's belonging. It's home.

Lent reminds us that faith is not lived in isolation. It is lived in community. And community requires intentional love.

As we journey toward Easter, may we carry both the humility of ashes and the warmth of February hearts. May we model servant leadership for our students. May we choose unity over division. And may we continue building a legacy where faith, pride, and spirit truly never go out of style.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community. Thank you for the ways you show up for one another. And thank you for spreading Alter Love — not just this month, but every day.

With gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert
President/CEO

DEVELOPMENT



Cari Wallace

Finding Comfort in Familiar Traditions

The season of Lent invites us into reflection, simplicity, and community. It is a time when Catholics are called to slow down, reconnect with God, and walk alongside one another in faith. In the midst of busy schedules and changing seasons of life, familiar traditions can ground us and remind us of who we are as a community.

For our school family, the Alter Fish Fry was one of those traditions.

More than a fundraiser or social gathering, the Fish Fry reflects the spirit of the Lenten season — sharing a simple meal, strengthening relationships, and supporting a mission we believe in. Alumni, parents, parishioners, and friends of the school come together not only to enjoy an evening out, but to celebrate the faith-filled community that makes Catholic education possible.

After time away, the return of the Fish Fry on February 27 offers a meaningful opportunity to reconnect. Traditions like this remind us that even as life changes, our shared values of service, generosity, and fellowship remain constant.

Events like the Fish Fry only happen through community participation. We invite you to purchase tickets, bring friends, and consider volunteering to help make the evening welcoming and successful. Your presence — whether as a guest or volunteer — helps continue a tradition that strengthens our community and supports the mission of our school.

Volunteer Sign Ups: [Click Here](#)
For Tickets to Attend: [Click Here](#)
For 50/50 Raffle: [Click Here](#)

We look forward to gathering this Lenten season,

Cari Wallace
Director of Development

ALTER
Fish Fry!
"BEST CATCH OF THE KNIGHT!"

ALTER *Fish Fry!*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026

CARRY-OUT FROM 4:30-6:30PM

FISH FRY FROM 7:00PM-MIDNIGHT

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

GREAT FISH CATERED FROM KOHLER

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM PIPER DOWN

THE FAMOUS BAD JUANS FROM ELSA'S

GAMES INCLUDING BLACK JACK & TEXAS HOLD EM

Carry-Out.....\$15

All You Can Eat- Presale.....\$20

All You Can Eat- At the Door.....\$25

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER!](#)

FISH FRY TICKETS



SPLIT THE POT TICKETS



alterhs.org/event/fish-fry/



The ONLINE AUCTION is LIVE!

[Click here for the auction page](#)

Don't miss this opportunity! Bidding will close 2/27/26 @11:30 PM

Thank you, Fish Fry Sponsors!



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Barbara Groene

A Season of Prayer, Growth, and Renewal

As we begin the sacred season of Lent, our Catholic school community is invited into a time of reflection, renewal, and deeper faith. Lent is the Church's forty-day journey toward Easter, modeled after Christ's time of prayer and sacrifice in the desert. It is a season that gently calls us to pause amid our busy schedules and refocus our hearts on what matters most, our relationship with God and with one another. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are given practical ways to grow spiritually and live more intentionally.

For our students, Lent is an opportunity to develop habits of discipline and compassion. Giving something up is not simply about sacrifice; it is about making room for Christ. Whether that means limiting distractions, choosing kinder words, spending time in prayer, or serving those in need, these small daily choices shape character. Lent reminds young people that faith is not just something we learn, it is something we live. In a world that often encourages comfort and instant gratification, Lent teaches perseverance, gratitude, and self-giving love.

For our faculty and staff, this season offers a meaningful chance to model faith in action. The way we speak, teach, support, and encourage one another reflects Christ's presence in our school. Lent invites us to approach our work with renewed patience, humility, and hope. As educators in a Catholic community, we are called not only to academic excellence but also to witness, to show our students what it looks like to walk faithfully, even through sacrifice.

For our parents and families, Lent is a beautiful time to strengthen faith at home. Simple traditions, family prayer, attending Mass together, acts of service, or conversations about gratitude and forgiveness, help children see that faith extends beyond the classroom. When families journey through Lent together, they create space for meaningful growth and unity.

May this Lenten season draw our entire school community closer to Christ and to one another. As we prepare for the joy of Easter, may our sacrifices soften our hearts, deepen our compassion, and renew our hope. In these forty days, may we become the people God is calling us to be, faithful, generous, and filled with His love.

With renewed hope,
Barbara Groene
Interim Principal/Dean of Students

ADMISSIONS



Jessica Pettit

Rolling Out The Welcome Mat

At this point in the admissions process, most students have accepted an offer to attend the high school of their choice and are beginning the orientation process. Here at Alter, this process has several steps and touchpoints, and it is our hope that these planned events provide incoming students and their families with critical information, opportunities to ask questions, and confidence in both their choice to join our community and in their ability to be successful as freshmen- and beyond.

·KNIGHT OF CELEBRATION

On Thursday, **February 19**, we invited the newly-formed Class of 2030 to meet one another, enjoy some refreshments and entertainment, and learn more about our school. The party began in the cafeteria with desserts and treats and a special performance by the Alter Jazz Band. Later in the evening, we moved to the main gym for a pep rally led by the Alter cheerleaders, Lancerettes, and Castle Players. As well, accepted families were able to hear from several Alter students about their experiences.

This night is full of the faith, pride, and spirit that make Alter an amazing place, and we hope it affirms the decision a student has made to become a Knight as well as introduces them to some of the groups they may choose to be part of in the year to come!

·FRESHMAN SCHEDULING NIGHT

Proposed schedules for incoming freshmen will be sent to families on Tuesday, **February 24**, along with a welcome packet of important information and a link to sign up for a scheduling time slot. One week later, on Tuesday, **March 3**, we invite all students and a parent to attend Freshman Scheduling Night: a chance to meet teachers and discuss course selections and complete some early “housekeeping” for a smoother start in August. We encourage all enrolled students to attend, as this is the best way to solidify a schedule for the fall where you can find both challenge and success- the hallmarks of academics at Alter.

·ORIENTATION

In April, we will host the Class of 2030 for Freshman Orientation. We offer two sessions: **April 21 and April 30**, and each family will only need to attend one date. More details and a sign up link will be sent in the weeks leading up to the scheduled dates. At orientation, students and parents will learn more about school rules and policies, day to day operations, and ways to prepare for a strong start to freshman year.

We are already so proud of the Class of 2030 and know that they will make a positive impact on our campus and our world. I am privileged to walk beside these exemplary students as they begin high school and cannot wait to see what the next four years hold! WELCOME!

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions

You're Accepted!



NEXT STEPS FOR THE
CLASS OF 2030

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Proposed Schedules Emailed to Enrolled Freshmen

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Freshman Scheduling Night 4-6:30 pm

Join us to meet with faculty and staff
and finalize your course selections for the fall!

Tuesday, April 21 or Thursday, April 30, 2026

Freshman Orientation 7-8:30 pm

You only need to attend one session.

Sign-up coming soon!

Questions? Please contact Jessica Pettit, Director of Admissions:
jessica.pettit@alterhs.org or (937) 428-5394.



Jennifer Schlangen

Why We Love Course Scheduling

When it comes to the academic experience at Alter High School, course scheduling is one of the times of year that truly highlights what makes our school so special. While choosing classes for the upcoming year might seem overwhelming at first, it is also a meaningful opportunity for students to take ownership of their high school experience. What might seem like a routine task quickly becomes a moment to reflect on goals, explore interests, and thoughtfully plan for the future.

One of the things that makes scheduling unique at Alter is how personal it feels. Teachers and counselors genuinely take the time to get to know each student, to understand what they enjoy, where they excel, and where they may need a little extra support. Whether a student wants to challenge themselves with AP or honors classes, try something new, or balance academics with sports and activities, there are real conversations, encouragement, and care behind every decision. Students are not just filling out forms; they are building a plan that reflects who they are and who they are becoming.

The variety of courses also makes the process exciting and full of possibility. In addition to strong core courses in English, math, science, social studies, and theology, students can explore electives in business, art, music, and world languages. It is not just about checking graduation requirements, it is a chance to discover new passions, nurture talents, or dive deeper into subjects that already spark joy.

At its heart, course scheduling is about so much more than simply choosing classes for the next school year. It is about building confidence, growing as a student and as a person, and creating a meaningful, well-rounded high school experience. It gives students the opportunity to see how far they have come, imagine what lies ahead, and take real ownership of their future. That sense of ownership, possibility, and support is what makes this time of year so special.

Looking forward to seeing your course choices,
Jennifer Schlangen
Assistant Principal of Academics

SCHEDULING REMINDER!

UPPERCLASSMEN WILL
RECEIVE THEIR SCHEDULING
FOLDERS AND MATERIALS ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23



VISIT
ALTERHS.ORG/PROGRAM-OF-STUDY
TO VIEW OUR INTERACTIVE COURSE
CATALOG

GUIDANCE



Lauren McAbee



Kati Balent



Shannon Brown

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. 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 any required paperwork.

Other websites to explore scholarships:

The Dayton Foundation - <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/scholarships>

Alter's website - <https://alterhs.org/senior-scholarships/>

Also, don't forget to take advantage of the wonderful assistance Class 101 can provide as well. We are all here to help in any way we can!

Juniors:

Alter will be offering the ACT, free of charge, to all juniors on February 24th during the school day. All juniors were given access to a test prep tool on their Naviance accounts in November. Utilizing this free resource will be exceptionally helpful in preparation for this test and other ACT tests in the future!

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.



Spring is the ideal time to consider college fit preferences, plan ahead for spring break and summer college visits, and understand the admissions requirements for various colleges. All Juniors and Sophomores are invited to work on their college list and resumes with Class 101 during their study halls while Seniors come in to work on scholarship applications.

PHOTO FROM SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Caption: Seniors and Juniors filled the Taylor Center on Presidents Day to work on scholarship applications.

SENIORS: UNDERSTANDING ENROLLMENT & COLLEGE OFFERS

Seniors are always welcome to visit the Taylor Center to review their acceptances and financial aid/scholarship offers from colleges with Class 101. Many seniors have received acceptances. However, others will not know decisions from all of their schools until as late as April. This is okay! Every school handles the admissions timeline differently. If you are waiting to hear, don't get discouraged. Also note that some schools that have accepted you may start enticing you to enroll early with promises of better housing choices or money for books. We recommend waiting to send in an enrollment deposit until you've heard from all your schools AND have received their formal financial aid offers. *There are exceptions for living-learning communities or other specialized housing options at some schools.* Please reach out to us anytime with questions.





It is time to apply for/renew the Traditional and Expansion EdChoice Scholarships for the upcoming school year. Please read this information carefully to ensure that you select and complete the correct forms for your individual situation. **[Information sheets and forms are available here.](#)**

Please note that the state is moving to an online system where parents will be responsible for applying/renewing scholarships directly. This system is expected to go live this summer and once live, schools will no longer process paperwork on the parents' behalf. Parents are encouraged to renew their scholarships as soon as possible using the current process as we likely will be unable to enter scholarship requests/renewals once the new system opens.

For current EdChoice Traditional & Expansion recipients:

- Please complete the Renewal Form and provide an acceptable proof of address document that is less than 90 days old.
- The form should be completed and signed by the primary parent of this year's scholarship. **We are requiring "wet"/handwritten signatures on all forms.**
- Expansion recipients do not need to have their income reverified to renew the scholarship, however, to qualify for low-income status, you must have your income verified each year you desire this status.
- Renewal documents for 8th grade students attending Alter in 2026-27 should be returned to Alter High School for processing.

For new EdChoice Traditional & Expansion applicants:

- Please complete the Request Form and provide an acceptable proof of address document that is less than 90 days old and a copy of your student's birth certificate.
- The form should be signed by the primary parent entered on the form. **We are requiring "wet"/handwritten signatures on all forms.**
- New Expansion applicants do need to complete the entire Income Verification process to be awarded a scholarship. This process is completed directly with the state of Ohio and should commence **after** we confirm that we have entered your student's application in the state system.
- Traditional applicants who wish to qualify for low-income status must complete the entire Income Verification process. This process is completed directly with the state of Ohio and should commence **after** we confirm that we have entered your student's application in the state system.
- Application documents for 8th grade students attending Alter in 2026-27 should be returned to Alter High School for processing.

For all renewals and applicants:

- Please be sure that all information entered on renewal/request forms matches the birth certificate and proof of address documents.
- Documents can be brought to Alter's main office via your student during school hours, placed in one of our secure, outdoor lockboxes at the front of the school or by the gym lobby doors, or emailed to alter.edchoice@alterhs.org. Please email each document as a separate PDF in one email.
- Questions should be emailed to alter.edchoice@alterhs.org
- If you have applied for but not yet been awarded a 2025-26 scholarship, please do not begin the 2026-27 process until this year's scholarship has been awarded.

As a reminder, any family seeking an EdChoice Scholarship for their student must complete the entire application/renewal process to be awarded a scholarship. Please reach out to alter.edchoice@alterhs.org if you have any questions.

Support

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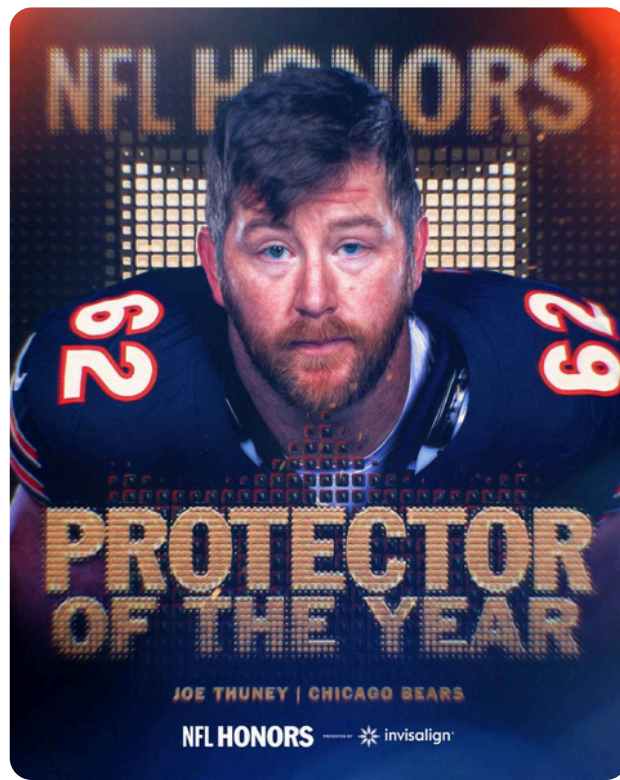
Earn a \$750 or \$1,500 Ohio Tax Credit before April 15th for your 2025 taxes! Act now with a gift to the CEF-SGO.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Joe Thuney '11 Wins Inaugural NFL Protector of the Year

We would like to congratulate Alter Alum from the Class of 2011, Joe Thuney on winning the inaugural NFL Protector of the Year Award. Joe's leadership and dedication to the game of football at the highest level is inspiring to watch. The Alter Community is so proud of his accomplishments. We are excited to continue to watch Joe and his success. Go Knights!



Anthony Ruffolo '23 Awarded G-MAC Player of the Week

Alter Alum from the Class of 2023, Anthony Ruffolo, is currently in his 3rd year playing basketball for the Cedarville Yellow Jackets. This week, Anthony was awarded the G-MAC Player of the Week where he averaged a total of 20.5 points and helped Cedarville end a 5 game losing streak. Anthony opened up with 19 points against the Ashland Eagles with the game resulting in a 74-62 win for Cedarville. In the following game against Northwood, Anthony scored 22 points with nine rebounds, six steals, and three assists with that game also resulting in a win for Cedarville with a final score of 73-60. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment Anthony!



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!](#)



THE CLASS OF 1966

To the first Alter High School, Class of 1966, graduates:

We had an incredible 50 year reunion,

now it's time to celebrate our 60th!

Save the Dates: June 12, 13 & 14, 2026

Official Invitation to follow in January of 2026



"Let's Party, Let's Dance!"

Class of 1971 Reunion

Save the Date!

**Attention Class of 1971, help
us celebrate our 55th
Reunion – October 1, 2026
and October 3, 2026.**

More details coming soon!





ARCHBISHOP ALTER
HIGH SCHOOL

Save the Date!

Class of '72 Turns 72

When: Friday, June 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: The courtyard area at The Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, Ohio. 45409

What to Bring: BYOB and snacks

Cost: FREE

* Contact fellow classmates to arrange hikes or golf.

Follow Facebook page Archbishop Alter High School Class 1972

Hear ye! Hear ye! Your Knight appears,
Mark ye—soon comes fifty years!

Save the Date

Class of '76 50th Reunion 2026!!

Friday, June 12th, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
Casual Meet and Greet at Geez Pub and Grill

Saturday, June 13th, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Dinner and Drinks at Yankee Trace Country Club

Sunday, June 14th, 10 a.m.
Mass in Alter Chapel
Led by classmate, Fr. Mark Soehner
Followed by a Complimentary Brunch and School Tour

Your Reunion Committee Calls Forth Our Class...
to unite in a noble goal of \$76,000
for Alter's *Unite The Knights* building fund—a tribute to our graduating year—
an enduring gift that pays forward the blessings we received and
fortifies our Alma Mater's vitality for generations yet to come.

Join this Noble Quest—visit alterhs.org/class-of-1976
or Scan the QR Code



Follow the planning and share your memories
on our private Facebook page at
Alter Class of '76

Update your contact information at
alterhs.org/update-your-information

~ Invitation to Follow ~

Mark ye - the countdown begins!

DID YOU KNOW?

Alter Hosts 3rd Annual Naturalization Ceremony

Alter High School proudly hosted its 3rd annual naturalization ceremony, welcoming 27 new United States citizens from 21 different countries in a celebration that was both powerful and deeply moving. As families, friends, faculty, staff and students gathered to witness the Oath of Allegiance, the school community was reminded of the courage, perseverance, and hope that define the American story. The ceremony was a beautiful reflection of unity in diversity, as individuals from around the world officially embraced their new chapter as U.S. citizens. Alter High School felt truly blessed and inspired to provide a space where such a life-changing milestone could be honored, reinforcing its commitment to faith, service, and the celebration of opportunity for all.



Alter Students Attend STEM Fest at Bishop Leibold

On February 12th, seniors Cora Simpson and Jessica Dusabe and junior Queen Dusabe represented Alter at Bishop Leibold's STEM FEST. The event presents the science fair projects that were completed by Bishop Leibold's junior high students and lots of other science activities to showcase cool science to all ages of kids. Alter's table focused on the biotechnology of micropipetting and the anatomy of human muscles/blood vessels. Thank you, ladies, for your smiles and your time.



Science Fair Success

Science Fair 2025-2026 was another large success. Thank you to the students who worked diligently on each part of the scientific method process. Thank you to the judges from all over the Miami Valley, including many from WPAFB for their time.

Here are the results; we hope that many of these students will be competing in mid March at the Regional Science Fair.

Perfect Scores:

Freshman:

Max McCall
Andrew Depue

Sophomores:

Rachel Strait
Zoey Kavanaugh

Superior:

Freshman:

Emma Fink
Caleb Dunn
Jake Lekan
Evelyn Tate
Caroline Miller
Kate Kohls
Dorothy Back
Layla Olich

Sophomores:

Joe Uhl
Luke Ondulick
Quinn Grider
Veronica Johnston
Chris Eckert
Veronica Schommer
Adi Overman
Rose Tobe
Sophia Beck
Lauren Lunne
Grace Sanogo
Dashel Hylander
Renner Vongsy
Sarah Kenyon
Chenuli Attanayake
Nick Drozda
Scarlett Hilgefard
Xavier Mabarak

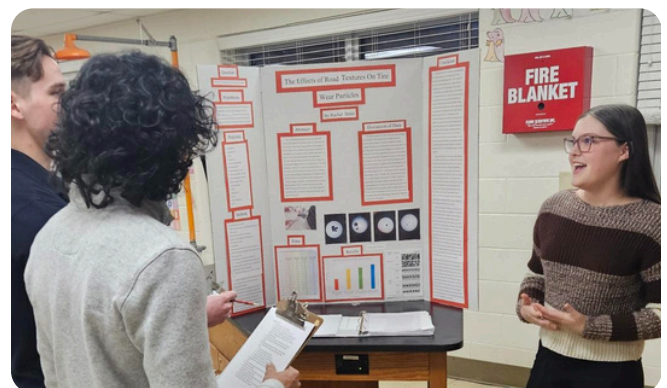
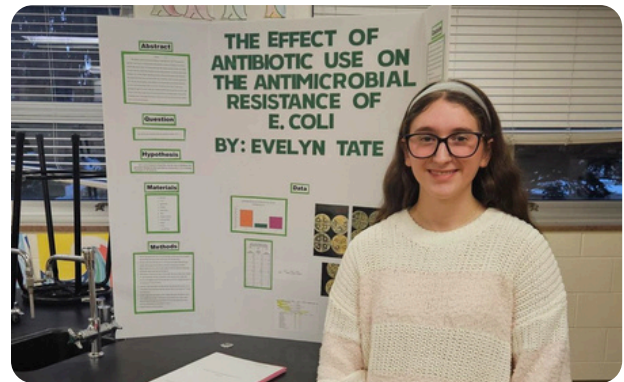
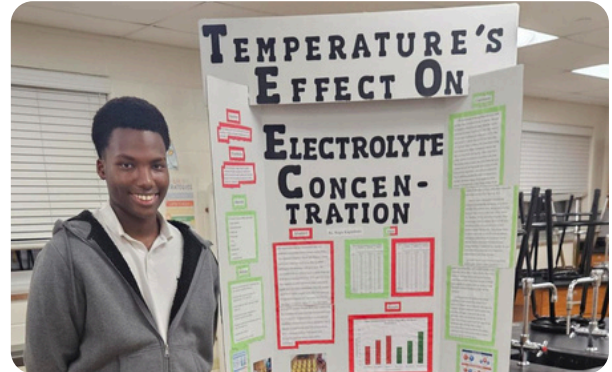
Excellent:

Freshman:

Luke Oue
Nnedi Eze
Regis Kagimbura
Amelia Tishaus

Sophomores:

RJ Morgan
Ashlynn Tuschong
Andrew Szabo
Luke Schutte
Claire Harkness
Caleb Burr
Greyson Koncal
Val Smith



Three Alter Seniors Compete in Noon Optimist Oratory Contest

On February 17th three Alter senior girls competed in the Kettering Noon Optimist clubs oratory contest. The speech was in response to the prompt "The moment I realized what community was to me". All three girls placed. Tab Irwin received third place, Lauren Miller received second place, and Elle Roth came in first place. Elle and Lauren will move on to districts in March. Congratulations to all three of these girls!



NHS Toiletries Drive Results

NHS has successfully completed the toiletries drive. Thanks to all who contributed and donated. We were able to fill 107 bottles. Bottles will be given to Daybreak to help Dayton's teens who have been displaced from their homes.

Thank you and Go Knights!
Ms. Sanders



MOTHER/SON SHIN-DIG

Please see the details below for the Mother-Son Shin Dig. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Mother-Son Shin dig
- Saturday, February 28th
- 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.
- Alter Gymnasium
- \$20.00 per mother/son(s) at the door
- Prize for best dancers and best dressed (Western theme)



THE ARTS

Band and Guard Update

Congratulations to the Alter Winterguard earning a 4th place finish in their second competition of the season at Trent Arena. We are very proud of their success!



We would like to thank the Alter Jazz Ensemble who helped in celebrating the Class of 2030 by providing some pre-event music at this week's Knight of Celebration.



BAND & GUARD

INFORMATION MEETING

DATES  **TIME** 



6:00PM

 todd.tucker@alterhs.org

 940 E. David Road Kettering
Christine Connor & Fred J. Miller
Conservatory of the Arts
Band Hall

SCHEDULING / TIME COMMITMENT
PHYSICAL DEMANDS / SKILL REQUIREMENTS
ATTENDANCE & ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS
SOCIAL & COMMUNITY BENEFITS
COST/FEEES & TRAVEL

We'd love to have you come and listen. It's simply an opportunity to learn more - no commitment expected.



Annual Mulch Sale

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

ORDER NOW with QR Code below!

Order/donate at www.altermusicassociation.org or 937-401-0011.
Order by March 9th for FREE delivery within 10 miles of Alter!
\$15 delivery charge per order for all other orders.



DELIVERY DATES

March 20-22 & March 27-29

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!



Mulch spreading service is available by the
Alter Boys Lacrosse Team! Requested
amount \$3.00 or more per bag. Mulch
spreading details coming soon! Check
online at www.altermusicassociation.org
for details!



Castle Players Update

Tickets for spring musical are on sale now! Use the link or the QR code in the flyer below to buy your tickets today.

For a sneak peek of rehearsals- [click here](#).

The Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts
Alter Castle Players Proudly Present



Seussical™

Book and Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Director & Choreographer **MEGAN WEAN SEARS**
Music Directors **KANDIS GIBSON & JUDY MANSKY**

March 6th, 7th & 12th-14th @7:00
March 8th & 15th @2:00
2026



Tickets go on sale **February 16th @ 8:00am**
Adults \$17 | Students/Military/Seniors \$14
Buy tickets: alterhs.booktix.com
Box office: 937.660.8976
Suites are \$250 (includes food/drink and 8 seats)
Contact megan.sears@alterhs.org if interested!

For up to date Castle Players information, visit alterhs.org/theatre

 Alter High School's Castle Players  @altercastleplayers  Alter Castle Players

SEUSSICAL is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International.
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTL www.mtishows.com

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THE ALTER LANCERETTES AND THE ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS

invite you to

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 2026 from 1:00 - 4:00

Alter High School - 940 East David Road (aux gym entrance - next to the field)

For girls AND boys in grades K - 5th

***Play games and learn a dance taught by the Alter Lancerettes!**

***Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with crafts and snacks!**

***Take home a birthday gift!**

***Enjoy a sneak peek of Alter's musical, SEUSSICAL!**

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$35 Online - [Click Here](#)

Deadline 2/23 (after 2/20 \$40)



SPORTS REPORTS

Wrestling

What a phenomenal home dual for our Alter Wrestlers and our 2026 seniors! In front of a packed house, The Knights decisively defeated Vandalia-Butler 51-11!

The atmosphere was electric! The Knights showed up and showed out! A fitting final home dual for our seniors.

Individual Bout Wins:

Alora Strauser (135) win Fall

Blake Foucht (106) win by Fall

Henry Craiglow (113) win by MD

Hayden Weiss (120) win by Dec

Bronson Begley (132) win by Fall

Ryan Morgan Jr. (138) win by Fall

Kason Dill (144) win by FF

Rocco Mauro (150) win by Fall

Logan Irvin (157) win by Fall

Hunter Roesser (175) win by Fall

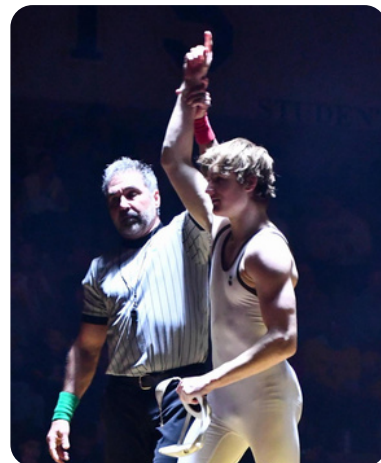
Rod Owens Jr. (190) win by Dec

Dash Koelker (215) win by Dec

Keith Butler (285) win by Dec

Now on to the GCL Championship. Come out and support our wrestlers, Saturday, February 21st at Carroll High School, as the Knights compete for their 2nd consecutive League title! Wrestling begins at 10:00 a.m.

Go Knights !



Indoor Track

Congratulations to the following athletes that placed in the top 10 at the MSJ indoor meet last Friday:

- 1st - 60 - Johanna Washington**
- 1st - 4x200 - Thomas, Dressman, Dawson, Eze**
- 1st - 4x400 - Thomas, Dressman, Dawson, Eze**
- 2nd - 200 - Rhylen Dawson**
- 2nd - 4x200 - Richardson, Korzan, Russell, Washington**
- 2nd - 4x400 - Richardson, Korzan, Russell, Washington**
- 3rd - 200 - Chimdi Eze**
- 5th - 200 - Quardrell Thomas**
- 6th - 3200 - Matthew Orlando**
- 6th - 4x800 - Dodge, Vaglienty, Blakeley, Montoya**
- 7th - 60H - Rhylen Dawson**
- 9th - Long Jump - Luke Phillips**
- 10th - 60 - Quardrell Thomas**
- 10th - Shot Put - Chase Hurst**

Great job to each of these individuals! Go Knights!



Swim

This past weekend the AquaKnights swam in the OHSAA Swim State Tournament Sectionals. The top 32 individual swimmers in each event, and the top 24 relays, qualified for Tournament Districts and will swim again this weekend.

Congratulations to the following Knights who qualified:

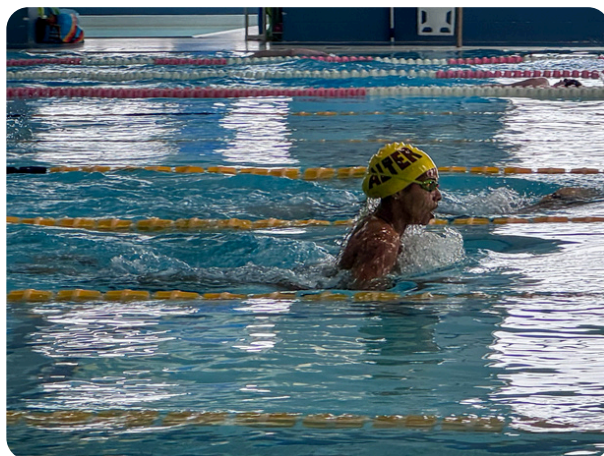
Men

- Hank McCall - 50 Free; 200 IM**
- Nathan Kyre - 100 Breast; 200 IM**
- Henry Kaufman - 100 Fly**
- Jackson Heyne - 100 Fly**
- 200 Free Relay (N. Kyre, H. McCall, M. McCall, H. Kaufman)**
- 400 Free Relay (V. Piontek, J. Heyne, H. Childers, J. Bigby)**
- 200 Medley Relay (H. McCall, N. Kyre, H. Kaufman, M. McCall)**

Women

- Iris Van Hoose - 500 Free**
- Genevieve Popp - 500 Free**
- Emerson Cason - 100 Breast; 200 IM**
- 200 Free Relay (E. Cason, I. Van Hoose, G. Popp, C. Schwierking)**
- 200 Medley Relay (G. Popp, E. Cason, I. Van Hoose, C. Schwierking)**

These Knights will compete this Friday, February 20th, at Miami University. Swimmers who qualify will move on to State Prelims on February 26th, with State Finals on February 27th, both at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, OH. Good luck to all our swimmers! Go Knights!





Hockey

The hockey Knights are the SWOHSHL regular season and tournament champions! The boys topped league rival Beaver Creek with an exciting 3-2 win in the Championship game Wednesday night, before a packed house. Goals came from freshman Tommy Priefer, junior Eli Graeter, and senior Logan Adams. Thank you to our fans, our teachers, the Alter Pep Band, and the best student section around for all of your support this season. It's been quite a ride! Next up is the OHSAA state tournament. The Knights travel to Bowling Green for a rematch against Elyria Catholic this Saturday at 12:00 p.m. GO KNIGHTS!

Girls' Basketball

This past week, the girls' basketball team celebrated the Class of 2026! Senior Night honored Izzy Brady, Addi Clough, Alison Link, Alina Overman, Samantha Pothast, Da'Shai Shepard, Jordan Thornburg, and managers Whitney Hill, Lily Ireton, and Lauren Miller. The JV team wrapped up a successful season, finishing 16-2. Congratulations girls!

The Lady Knights began the post season tournament with a first round win over Thurgood Marshall, 66-9. The girls play again on Tuesday, February 24th at Troy High School. Game time is 6:00 p.m. Come out and root on the Lady Knights!



Boys' Basketball

The Knights have looked strong with 3 consecutive wins in the last three weeks. Most recently, the Knights took on the Chaminade-Julienne Eagles in a nail biting game that came down to the last minute. The Knights came out on top with a final score of 58-54. The team currently sits with a record of 14-6 and 9-1 in the GCL. Come support the boys in their last regular season game before the post-season tournament tomorrow, February 20th vs. Stivers at Alter @ 7:30 p.m. The game will also be streamed on [AlterKnights.tv](https://www.alternights.tv). We look forward to seeing you there! Go Knights



Post-Season Tournament Play



As winter sports begin to wrap up, please use the link below to purchase tickets for post-season tournament play:

[Click Here](#)

FLYERS



Buy Tickets Here



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MARCH 13TH
6PM-11:30PM

EAT IN: 6PM-9:30PM

CARRYOUT: 4:30PM-5:30PM

ALUMNI LOUNGE: 7:30PM-9:30PM

This event is 21+

- FISH DINNER, FISH TACOS, PIZZA, POPCORN & MORE
- WARPED WING, DOMESTIC BEER, WINE, SELTZERS & BOURBON BAR
- ATLANTIC 10 MEN'S BASKETBALL ON BIG SCREEN
- BLACK JACK, CASINO GAMES, & 50/50
- SILENT AUCTION, 360 PHOTO BOOTH, LIVE BAND
- CRUSADER ALUMNI LOUNGE

Use the QR Code or
CLICK HERE to buy
tickets.

REMINDERS

School Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday:
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Spirit Shop Hours

The Spirit Shop will be
open Wednesday's from
10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thank you!

Café Menu

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

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
10: All School Mass
14-15: Junior Retreat
16-19: Kairos
19: Scholarship Breakfast
20: Turnabout and Bowling with Friends
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
3-7: Week of Giving
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
31: Father Son Bowling Event

FEBRUARY

3-4: IOWA Testing
7: Father Daughter Dance
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: Alter Fish Fry
28: Mother Son Shindig

MARCH

5: End of 3rd Quarter
6: No School
6-8: Spring Production
9: No School
10: First Day of 4th Quarter
12-15: Spring Production
17-20: Kairos
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
30: Pep Rally

MAY

1: Sophomore Surprise
2: Prom
2: Freshman Semi-Formal
7: All School Mass
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



ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027 CALENDAR

AUGUST

13-14: NEW FACULTY AND STAFF ORIENTATION
17-18: FACULTY AND STAFF INSERVICE DAYS
19: CLASS OF 2030 FIRST DAY
20: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL MASS
26- MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT AT 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER

4-6: ALTERFEST
7: LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL
28: ALTERFEST DAY OFF- NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

9: END OF FIRST QUARTER
12: FIRST DAY OF SECOND QUARTER
22: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- NO SCHOOL
23: NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

6: MENTAL HEALTH DAY- HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
24: GRANDPARENTS DAY
25-27: THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER

14: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 1 AND 2
15: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 3 AND 4
16: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 5 AND 6
17: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 7 AND 8
18: MAKEUP DAY FOR EXAMS
(THIS DAY MAY ALSO BE USED IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING EXAMS)
21-JAN 4: CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY

4: FACULTY AND STAFF INSERVICE DAY
5: FIRST DAY OF SECOND SEMESTER
18: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY- NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

10: ASH WEDNESDAY
12: NO SCHOOL
15: PRESIDENT'S DAY- NO SCHOOL

MARCH

5: LAST DAY OF THIRD QUARTER
8: FIRST DAY OF FOURTH QUARTER
26: GOOD FRIDAY- NO SCHOOL
29-APR 2: EASTER BREAK

APRIL

23: MENTAL HEALTH DAY- HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS

MAY

17: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 8 AND 7
18: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 6 AND 5
19: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 4 AND 3
20: HALF DAY FOR EXAMS 2 AND 1
21: SENIOR AWARDS FOR CLASS OF 2027
BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR CLASS OF 2027
22: CLASS OF 2027 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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