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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



For the One

September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time that invites us to speak openly about mental health and to remind our young people of something they can never hear too often: You matter. You are loved. And you never have to struggle alone.

For me, this month has particular meaning.

Almost eight years ago, I experienced a day that forever changed me personally and changed Archbishop Alter High School. One of our students attempted suicide. In the midst of an incredibly difficult time, that student's family showed tremendous courage and generosity. Their openness and willingness to allow their experience to become a catalyst for change challenged us to ask an important question: *What more can we do to care for the mental and emotional well-being of our students?*

From that point forward, we became more intentional about having open conversations about mental health, reducing the stigma surrounding asking for help, and building meaningful supports for our students.

Today, I am incredibly grateful for the resources available within our school community. Our vibrant Hope Squad provides peer-to-peer suicide prevention and encourages students to recognize when a friend may need help and connect that friend with a trusted adult. We hold two school-wide mental health days each year, creating opportunities to focus intentionally on wellness and healthy coping strategies. Through our partnership with Dayton Children's Hospital, we have a full-time School Resiliency Coordinator, Ms. Angel Bailey, and through the University of Dayton's ECHO program, Empowering Children with Hope and Opportunity, we have a full-time mental health counselor, Mrs. Caroline Barhorst, available to support our students.

These programs represent a significant commitment of time, resources, and funding, and it reminds me of the Gospel story of the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to search for the one who is lost.

That is what this work is about.

We pray that every student at Alter knows that there are people here who will notice when they are struggling, listen when they need to talk, and walk beside them when life feels overwhelming. We firmly believe that if these resources help one student find hope, help one young person realize that tomorrow is worth seeing, or make a difference for one family during its most difficult days, then every effort is worthwhile.

At Archbishop Alter, we speak often about educating the whole person. Caring for the mental health of our students is an essential part of that mission.

Sometimes our calling is to care for the ninety-nine.

And sometimes, we are called to go after the one.

We recognize and appreciate that without all of you, these wonderful programs would not be possible. Thank you for all the ways you support our school and our students.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert
President

principal



Planting Seeds

As unbelievable as it may seem, we are already approaching the end of the quarter. Fall extracurriculars are in full swing, and practices, games, homework, quizzes, tests, college applications, jobs, and late-night dinners have quickly become the norm. With so much happening, this is a good time to take a deep breath and check in, not only on how our students are doing, but on how we, as families, are doing as well.

High school is such an important season of growth. Our students are becoming more independent, making more decisions for themselves, and beginning to take greater ownership of their lives. As parents, one of our greatest challenges is learning how to give them room to grow while still being close enough to guide, encourage, and catch them when they need us. It is a delicate balance, and there is certainly no perfect formula. Here are a few things to consider along the way:

- **Encourage your children to advocate for themselves.**
  Let them take the lead when emailing teachers about grades, assignments, or questions they may have. It can be difficult to step back, but watching your child take those first steps toward adulthood is a beautiful part of growing up. Give them the freedom to try, while remaining close enough to offer guidance when they need it.
- **Trust your children until they give you a reason not to.**
  It can be hard, and sometimes a little frightening, not to know every detail of your child's day. Ask about their classes, their grades, their friends, and what is happening in their world, but try to begin those conversations from a place of trust rather than assumption.
- **Volunteer where your children are.**
  Whether it is bringing meals for an away game, or chaperoning a dance, find opportunities to be part of the activities that are important to your child. They may not always act like they want you there, but deep down, they really do appreciate it.
- **Enjoy as much of the high school fun as you can.**
  Remember, it all goes by so quickly. Go to the performances, events, matches, games, concerts, and activities. Cheer for your child, and for the other children. Celebrate their accomplishments and enjoy watching them grow. These experiences create memories that you and your children will treasure long after their high school years are over.

As I remind our parents and students often, we are on this journey together. It can be difficult for parents to loosen their grip and watch their children grow, make decisions, and begin managing more of their own lives. I understand that feeling personally. While I was a teacher here at Alter, I had four children graduate from Alter, and learning to let go was a challenge for me, too.
I often reminded myself, and my children, that I had spent years planting seeds of responsibility, faith, and character in them. But eventually, those seeds had to be nurtured by them. They had to learn to make choices, take responsibility, learn from mistakes, and grow into the people God was calling them to be. Over time, those seeds became the wings of independence.

Now, as I watch my children "fly," I have come to understand even more deeply the importance of giving our children the opportunity to grow into their independence while always reminding them that home remains a place of love, support, and grace. We are grateful to walk alongside you and your children during these important years.

Here's to successful planting,
Barbara Groene
Interim Principal/ Dean of Students

assistant principal



First Quarter Check-in: Pause, Reflect, and Reset

The first quarter of the school year is coming to a close, and whether you are a student, a parent, or a teacher, you may be feeling a mix of relief, pride, excitement, or even a little anxiety. Whatever you are feeling, it is okay. This is a time to pause, not panic. The beginning of a school year can be challenging, with new teachers, tougher classes, changing routines, and busy schedules. If your first quarter did not go exactly as planned, remember that you are not alone, and there is still plenty of time to grow.

Grades are only one part of the picture. Take a moment to reflect on what is behind them. This first quarter gives you a mirror. It reflects not only your current academic standing but also your mindset, habits, and work ethic. It is not about judgment; it is about awareness. If you have hit a few bumps in the road, do not let that discourage you. Let it empower you. Are you struggling because you need more practice, a different study routine, or some extra help? Are there habits that are working well that you should continue? Think of the first quarter as a chance to reflect, not a final judgment. A low-test score is feedback, not failure. A missed assignment is a reminder, not the end. A difficult class is a challenge and an opportunity to grow.

Most importantly, you do not have to do it alone. Ask questions, talk with your teachers, lean on classmates, and reach out to your family when you need support. Academic success is not about being perfect. It is about learning, adjusting, persevering, and continuing to move forward even when it is difficult. As the quarter draws to a close, celebrate your progress, learn from the challenges, and remember that there is still so much of the school year ahead.

Wishing you a great end to the first quarter and a fresh, positive start to the next!

Jennifer Schlangen
Assistant Principal of Academics

admissions



The Power of Philanthropy

In the years that I have been the Director of Admissions at Archbishop Alter High School, I have seen many special aspects of our community. The one that continually surprises and delights me, though, is the incredible and immense generosity of Alter families and alumni, especially as it relates to our named scholarship program.

At Alter, we are blessed to have a robust scholarship program that affords opportunity to a large percentage of our students, many of whom may not be able to attend without this support. Our scholarships recognize the heart, the passion, the care, the kindness, the dedication, and the excellence that have become hallmarks of being an Alter Knight. Our scholarship program shines a light on students who are making a difference for their peers, their neighbors, and their world.

Because of this, I encourage prospective students and current students to visit our website to view and review the scholarships that are available and to apply for any – and all- that may be applicable to them.

The application process is simple and consists of a few important steps:

-**Between September 1 and November 13** (the scholarship application window), complete and submit the Scholarship Acknowledgement Form.

- First-year students must have a completed Alter High School Application on file with the school by November 13 to be considered for a scholarship, and if applying for a need-based scholarship, a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment must also be submitted by November 13. Families can apply for multiple scholarships.
- Most scholarships require both an application and an essay, and some require a reference (which must be a non-family member.) References are also due by November 13 and can be submitted through an online link on the scholarship page.

-Students chosen for an award will be notified by email and the award will post directly to the family's tuition account in FACTS. These notifications will be sent on Friday, January 15, 2027, with admissions decisions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Admissions office with any questions about scholarships or financial aid, in general. I am always happy to help and talk through your student or family's unique situation.

Warmly,
Jessica Pettit
Director of Admissions



UNDER THE ARMOR: ARTS, ATHLETICS, AND SPIRIT

Join us on campus **Wednesday, October 7 at 6 pm**
for a special evening highlighting our exemplary arts programs,
our exceptional athletics, and our extraordinary school spirit.
Enjoy performances from our marching band and Castle Players, and the opportunity to meet our fine arts faculty and coaches from our many athletic teams. End the night watching our girls' soccer team on the turf field!

VISIT ALTERHS.ORG

advancement



Fall at Alter: Mark Your Calendar!

Fall is here, and there's plenty happening at Alter! We hope our alumni, families and friends will join us for these upcoming celebrations and opportunities to reconnect with the Alter community.

OCTOBER 15 - Hall of Fame Banquet
Join us as we celebrate the newest members of the **Archbishop Alter Hall of Fame!** This year, we will honor our **2011, 2014 and 2015 State Champion 4x800 Relay Teams**, along with Athletic Hall of Fame inductees **Dr. Paul Krebs '06, Abby Nichols '16 and Tony Spencer '87;** Distinguished Hall of Fame inductees **Dr. David Bahner '87 and Telva McGruder;** and Faculty inductee **Dennis McTaggart. Reserve your seat today!** Hall of Fame Banquet Registration

OCTOBER 16 | Calling All Alumni Home!
Come home to Alter and reconnect with fellow Knights! Join us in the **pregame tailgate area at 5:30 p.m. at Bellbrook High School.** There is **no charge and no RSVP required**—just find us in the Bellbrook High School parking lot and join the fun!

Special Welcome to Our Band Alumni!
We'll also celebrate **60 Years of the Alter Band!** Bring your instrument and play with the band, or simply come enjoy the fellowship and memories. Stay through the end of the game to see the current **Alter Marching Knights** perform their competition show! Band Alumni RSVP Here

NOVEMBER 2–6 | Week of Giving
It's a week to celebrate **gratitude, generosity and Catholic education!** Watch for more details about fun activities for our students and opportunities for the entire Alter community to give thanks for the many gifts an Alter education provides.

NOVEMBER 24 | Grandparents' Day Mass
We look forward to welcoming our current Alter grandparents for this special celebration of **faith, family and the important role grandparents play in the lives of our students.** Invitations and additional details are coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE | Alter Fish Fry — February 26, 2027
It's never too early to start talking about the **Alter Fish Fry!**
Mark your calendar now for Friday, February 26, 2027, and plan to join us for another great evening of food, fun and Alter fellowship.
Interested in becoming a Fish Fry sponsor? Contact cari.wallace@alterhs.org to learn more.

The Alter community is invited to attend the

HALL *of* FAME

INDUCTION CEREMONY DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

DISTINGUISHED



TELVA JOHNSON MCGRUDER '87



DR. DAVID BAHNER '87



DENNIS MCTAGGART
Faculty

ATHLETIC



TONY SPENCER '87



DR. PAUL KREBS '06



ABBY NICHOLS '16

ATHLETIC TEAMS



2011 GIRLS 4x800 RELAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM



2014 GIRLS 4x800 RELAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM



2015 GIRLS 4x800 RELAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS, VISIT ALTERHS.ORG/HALL-OF-FAME-26-27/

guidance





Seniors:
Another busy college application season is underway! Please be reminded of the following deadlines for submission of transcript requests:

·Applications with a **November 1st** deadline must be received in the Guidance office by **Thursday, October 1st**
·Applications with a **December 1st** deadline must be received in the Guidance office by **Monday, November 2nd**
·Applications needing to be mailed prior to Christmas break must be received in the Guidance office by **Friday, November 13th**

High school transcripts required for college admission are only being requested via Naviance. Utilizing this software is tremendously useful for students, counselors, and admissions offices. Naviance aids greatly with communication and timely submission of materials. If students need help accessing their Naviance account, please have them contact their individual counselor. The yellow folder must be returned to Guidance once seniors are ready to have transcripts sent. At any time, if you have questions or concerns regarding this often-stressful process, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the counselors.

Attention Senior Parents: Please join us for our **College Financial Aid Night** which will be held on **Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in **Alter's Theatre**. This informational session will provide much needed advise and direction on the financial aid process for both public and private universities.

Juniors:
College admissions representatives from schools across the country will be visiting Alter this fall and this is a great chance for students to meet them right here on campus. An important email with all the details has been sent to junior students and parents. Meeting admissions representatives is a great way for students to ask questions, learn what makes each school unique, and get a head start on your college search. For the complete schedule and to sign up, stop by and see Mrs. McAbee in the main Guidance Office.

All Students:
As always, if a student is experiencing academic challenges in the classroom, contacting the teacher directly to find help is the best way to find resolution. Parents and students are always welcome to talk with the counselors about any concerns here at Alter by calling or emailing the Guidance office.

College Visits

Juniors and seniors are allowed up to 5 excused, in-school college visits and must sign up at least one school day prior. Seniors will use their Naviance account to sign up while juniors will need to sign up with Mrs. McAbee in the main Guidance office. Students are expected to make up any missed work.

Tuesday, September 29	Ohio Northern University	9:00 AM
Tuesday, September 29	Miami University-Oxford	9:50 AM
Tuesday, September 29	Hocking College	1:35 PM
Wednesday, September 30	University of Pittsburgh	12:45 PM
Monday, October 5	Xavier University	9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 6	Denison University	1:35 PM
Thursday, October 8	St. Mary's College (IN)	9:00 AM
Thursday, October 8	University of Alabama	2:25 PM
Monday, October 12	Ohio Wesleyan University	1:35 PM
Thursday, October 15	University of Cincinnati	9:00 AM
Monday, October 19	Franciscan University of Steubenville	2:25 PM
Tuesday, October 20	Ball State University	8:10 AM
Tuesday, October 20	Ohio State University- Columbus Campus	1:35 PM
Monday, October 26	Otterbein University	12:45 PM
Tuesday, October 27	College of Wooster	9:50 AM
Tuesday, October 27	John Carroll University	2:25 PM
Wednesday, October 28	Mississippi State University	9:00 AM





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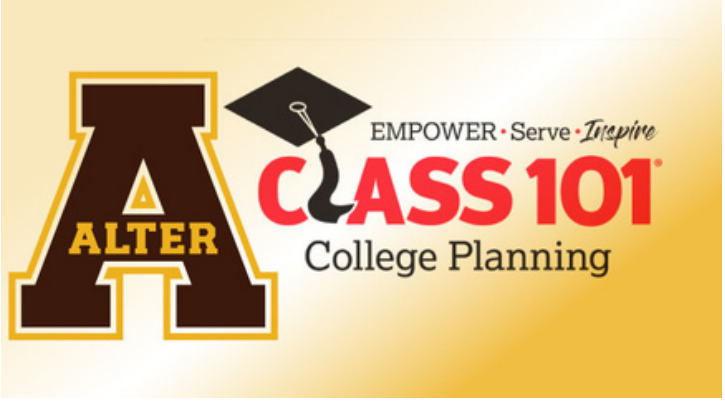


College Applications

Senior College Application Workshops: Monday, September 28

Class 101 will host two workshops for seniors to work on their college applications, including application essays. This is a great opportunity for students to ask questions about the Common App, programs, deadlines, essay tips, financial aid, and more.

There are two opportunities: 9-11 a.m. or 12-2 p.m. on Monday.

Sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA8AC2FA0FD0-65926504-alter

College Application: Letters of Recommendation

On September 19, Karen DeRosa from Class 101 met with Alter teachers and staff to discuss the value of Letters of Recommendation and share the narrative outline that many colleges suggest for letters. In this competitive admissions climate, letters from teachers that simply repeat the student's resume do not positively influence the admissions decision. However, letters that add specific insights about the student as a learner can be incredibly helpful. To help their teacher, seniors should share their reason for asking a particular teacher to write their letter as well as favorite memories, lessons, or accomplishments from their time in that teacher's class. More about Letters of Recommendation can be read on our blog at https://www.class101.com/daytonohsouth/

Alter's College Advisory Panel (CAP): September 30

Class 101 is proud to support Alter High School's second annual College Advisory Panel event on September 30. This panel is key to Alter's strategic initiative to build stronger connections with higher education. Admissions officers from at least six colleges will join us for the day for an open dialogue about admissions and college preparation. In addition, all students will be invited to meet with the colleges in an open house/college fair environment. We look forward to sharing more from this panel in future Alter News and Knight Times.

FAFSA Night: October 21

Watch for more information on Alter's College Financial Aid Night to be held on October 21. If you want to learn more about financial aid forms like the FAFSA and CSS Profile, please see our latest blog post:
https://www.class101.com/daytonohsouth/2026/09/23/fafsa-css-profile/

alumni spotlight

Julie Yost (Ksiezopolski) '94 Writes Spiritual Memoir

On July 1st, Good and True Media released a book by Alter Alum Julie Yost. The book is called *The Point of Viability: A Coming Alive Story*, In this book, Julie shares her journey through infertility, a high risk triplet pregnancy, prolonged hospital bedrest, devastating loss, and unexpected grace. The book gives a first hand perspective on how hope, joy, and life can flourish even in the hardest of times. Written with honesty and faith, Julie invites readers to welcome the Lord into the center of their own difficult circumstances. We are proud of Julie her dedication to bring readers closer to Christ even when it seems hard. To learn more and to get a copy of the book, go to **julieyost.com**.



Jennifer Leen (Mercurio) '91 Recognized in Dayton Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business



Alter Alum Jennifer Leen was recently recognized as one of the Dayton Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business. Women Who Mean Business Awards honor women with outstanding achievements and that make significant contributions to the business world. Jennifer is the director of well-being at Henny Penny Corporation. We love seeing our alumni recognized for their success. Congratulations Jennifer!

reunions

Dear Band Alumni,

Celebrate 60 years of band at Archbishop Alter High School! The Alter Marching Knights can't wait to welcome alumni performers and their families back to the field to commemorate AMK's 60th Anniversary.

BANDCOMING CELEBRATION

October 16th

Tailgate - 5:30 PM

Bellbrook High School

Parents, spouses, and children all welcome to attend a pregame tailgate at 5:30 p.m. in the Bellbrook High School parking lot, where you can reconnect with friends old and new before we take the field together.

Want to play with the band? Bring your instrument! Don't have one? Cowbells, kazoos, and plenty of school spirit are all welcome. Dust off your Alma Mater, Fight Song, and favorite pep tunes!

Purchase an Alumni Shirt by September 27th, 2026:



RSVP at **Alterhs.org/AMK60** or at:

Questions? Email **Altermusicalumni@gmail.com** or **Advancement@alterhs.org**



You are invited

55TH REUNION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 - 4:30 PM

BUFFALO WILD WINGS - TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER
262 EAST STROOP ROAD
KETTERING, OH 45429
PRIVATE ROOM BEHIND THE BAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 - 11:00 AM TEE TIME

DAYTON COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE
FOR CLASSMATES AND/OR SPOUSES
ARRIVE EARLY FOR CHECK-IN/PAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 - 2:30 PM

MARION'S PIAZZA (PRIVATE ROOM)
8991 KINGSRIDGE ROAD
DAYTON, OH 45458
DAYTON MALL AREA

NO NEED TO PAY UP FRONT, PAY AS YOU GO FOR GOLF, FOOD AND DRINK

RSVP WITH QR CODE OR
HTTPS://ALTERHS.ORG/CLASS-OF-1971/



Save the Date

Archbishop Alter High School Class of 2021

5 Year Reunion

NOVEMBER 25, 2026
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
DAYTON, OHIO

did you know?

Freshman Legacy Students

We would like to recognize our following Freshman Legacy Students. A legacy student is one who had a parent or grandparent who walked these same halls at Alter, making their accomplishments part of a lasting connection across generations. Our 2026-2027 Legacy Students are:

Gavin Archibald
Lillian Borchers
Micaela Borchers
Eleanor Borchers
Evan Braschwitz
Benjamin Brooks
Eleanor Carpenter
Michael Donoso
Liam Dressman
Parker Dressman
William Duke
Myles Feldmann
Trent Goeke
Benjamin Guilfoyle
Mackenzie Hanes
William Hess
Emma Huelsman
Reagan Lasley
Luke Lawhorn
John Mascarfenhas
Colton Mayne
Kollins McHale
Maximus McKinley
Jacob Meyer
Edward Nagle
Ava Osborne
Quinn Postorino
Tim Rieger
Nolin Romer
Leah Russ
Jack Schwartz
Ryan Schweickart
Jay Stoermer
David Ziehler





the arts

Castle Players Fall Performance is Underway

Hello Castle Players Fans! Individual tickets for DEAR EVAN HANSEN are on sale . Go to **alterhs.booktix.com**.

Remaining shows include: **tonight, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. , Saturday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m.**

WHAT IS DEAR EVAN HANSEN ABOUT:
Seventeen-year-old Evan Hansen has felt invisible his entire life. But when a tragedy shocks his community and thrusts him into the center of a rapidly evolving controversy, Evan is given the opportunity of a lifetime: the chance to be somebody else. As his web of well-intentioned lies begins to unravel, though, Evan is forced to confront the fact that the price of belonging may be far steeper than he bargained for.

·Please note that the characters of DEAR EVAN HANSEN deal very heavily with very serious mental health issues that may be triggers for those who suffer or know someone who does. Be aware that we fully understand the triggering nature of this subject matter and at the same time, recognize the need to portray these characters with honesty.

·DEAR EVAN HANSEN is best suited for teens and adults due to mature themes, including mental health, anxiety, depression, suicide, grief, and discussions of death. Parents/guardians may wish to review the content before bringing younger teens.

The Castle Players had two very special visitors at their dress rehearsal on Monday, September 21st : Michael Raderstorf (now known as Rader), a producer/director and Alter alum, and Stephen Christopher Anthony, who played the role of Evan on Broadway and on the First National Tour. What an incredible inspiration for our students!







Marching Knights



City BBQ performer of the week: James Smith
James started playing the flute when he was 8 years old and he joined his middle school band his 6th grade year when he became passionate about his instrument. James previously performed with the Alter Marching Knights in competition shows 'Guitar in Blue', and 'On This Front Porch'. James has a beautiful solo in this year's Stevie Wonder show, so be sure to cheer him on.





Get Ready - The Goodwill Drive to Victory - October 5-8

The Alter and Centerville Bands will compete **October 5-8** in the Goodwill Easterseals Drive to Victory competition. A Goodwill donation trailer will be parked in the back lot **Monday, October 5 - Thursday evening, October 8.**

The trailer will accept donations **during the hours of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday.** A Goodwill Easterseals team member will be on site to assist donors. The competition is all about the weight of the total donations at the end of the week, so clear out those closets, basements, garages....Yes, you can even donate cars!

The band with the heaviest donation trailer at the end of the day Thursday, WINS! Help us, help our community.

athletics





Sports Updates

Football

The Knights are entering GCL play this week as they take on the Fenwick Falcons at Bellbrook tonight, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. The Falcons are currently sitting at 3-2 with wins against Monroe, Franklin, and Mount Healthy. Come out and support the Knights as they look to start GCL play strong with a victory.

Girls' Soccer

Monday the girls' soccer team hosted Eaton and delivered two statement wins with JV winning 3-0 and varsity winning 7-0! JV goals were scored by Klaira Butler, Astrid Strauser and Laina Meyer. Varsity goals were scored by Atu Mwamukonda (2), Emma Southworth (2), Claire Bakota, Paige Sheets and Laina Meyer. The shutouts were held by goalies Klaira Bulter (JV), Teagan Powell (JV/V), and Aleks Jones (V). Wednesday the Knights traveled to Fenwick, playing in an epic battle that ended with the nights winning JV 1-0 and Varsity 2-1! Fenwick was physical and tough but the Lady Knights played with heart and determination that earned them the win. The JV goal was scored by Astrid Strauser. Varsity goals were scored by Atu Mwamukonda and Paige Sheets. This brings the Lady Knights' record to 7-3.

Boys' Golf

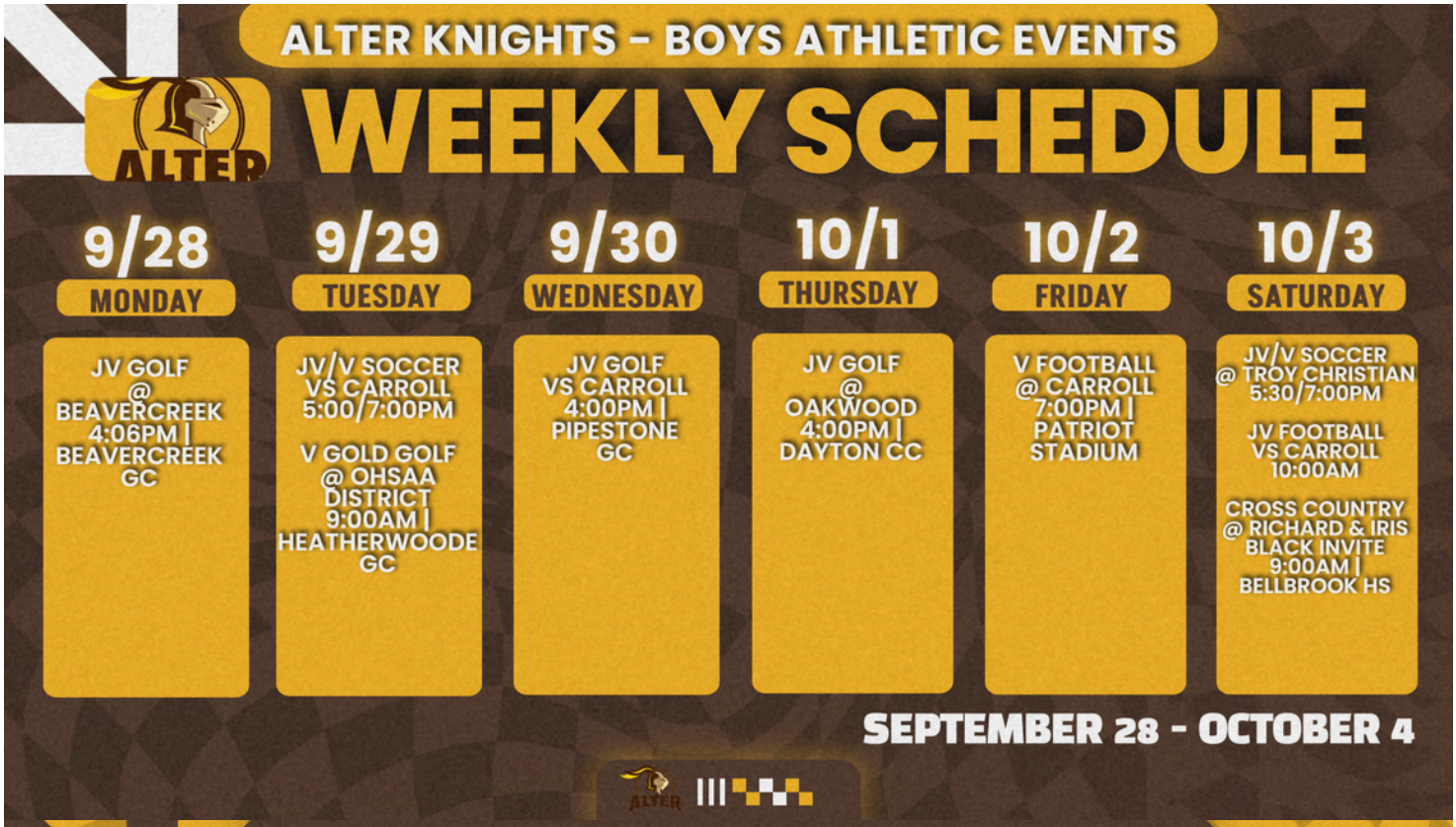
After the 1st round of play at the GCL Tournament, The Boys golf team sits in first place with a 19 stroke lead over 2nd place McNicholas. The team finished the first round with a score of 301. The final round will be on Sunday at Walden Ponds. On Tuesday, Alter captured their 10th consecutive sectional title at Pipestone Golf Club with a score of 310. Matthew Kreusch was sectional individual champion as well with a score of even par 72. The team also celebrated our ten seniors this past week at NCR Country Club for our annual match play senior night contest. The Gray team consisting of seniors Matthew Alger, Jaksen Botkin, Matthew Kreusch, Noah Johnson, and Joey Mappes beat out the Gold team consisting of Isaiah Craft, Miles Hein, Paxton Jecker, Nolan Peters, and William Schlemmer by a score of 3-2. Congrats to all 10 of our seniors and best of luck in the future!

Cross Country

The cross country team recently competed at the Troy Twilight Invitational. Maddie Stearns led the JV race, placing 18th. Veronica Johnston (5th place) and Elaina Vaglienty (6th place) led the varsity gray girl's race and Matthew Orlando (34th place) led the varsity scarlet boy's race. The team looks forward to another strong week of training before the Midwest Catholic Championship Meet.






ALTER KNIGHTS - BOYS ATHLETIC EVENTS
WEEKLY SCHEDULE
9/28
MONDAY
JV GOLF @ BEAVERCREEK 4:06PM | BEAVERCREEK GC
9/29
TUESDAY
JV/V SOCCER VS CARROLL 5:00/7:00PM
V GOLD GOLF @ OHSAA DISTRICT 9:00AM | HEATHERWOODE GC
9/30
WEDNESDAY
JV GOLF VS CARROLL 4:00PM | PIPESTONE GC
10/1
THURSDAY
JV GOLF @ OAKWOOD 4:00PM | DAYTON CC
10/2
FRIDAY
V FOOTBALL @ CARROLL 7:00PM | PATRIOT STADIUM
10/3
SATURDAY
JV/V SOCCER @ TROY CHRISTIAN 5:30/7:00PM
JV FOOTBALL VS CARROLL 10:00AM
CROSS COUNTRY @ RICHARD & IRIS BLACK INVITE 9:00AM | BELLBROOK HS
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4


ALTER KNIGHTS - GIRLS ATHLETIC EVENTS
WEEKLY SCHEDULE
9/28
MONDAY
JVB/JVA/V VOLLEYBALL @ LAKOTA EAST 5:00/5:00/6:00PM
9/29
TUESDAY
9/30
WEDNESDAY
JV/V SOCCER @ CJ 5:00/7:00PM
10/1
THURSDAY
JVA/V VOLLEYBALL VS WILMINGTON 5:30/6:30PM *YOUTH KNIGHT*
10/2
FRIDAY
10/3
SATURDAY
JVB/JVA/V VOLLEYBALL VS MIAMISBURG 9:00/10:00/11:00AM *SENIOR NIGHT
CROSS COUNTRY @ RICHARD & IRIS BLACK INVITE 9:00AM | BELLBROOK HS
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4

flyers





German Trip 2026

Attention Alter Families interested in the German Club Trip to Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic! Initial deposit checks are due September 30th with your application. Please drop your deposits and applications off to me.

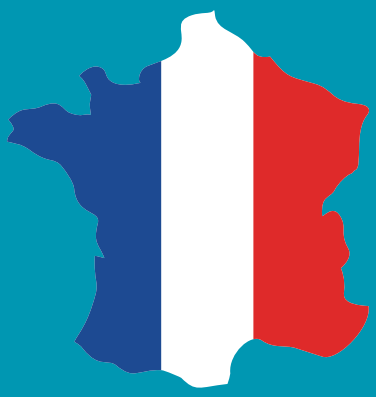
If you were unable to attend the meeting and need more information, please contact Frau Kathy Morris. This is the trip of a life time! Hope you can join us. Email: Kathy.morris@alterhs.org.



Alter Trip to France

Explore France with French Teacher Janice Fidishun! The dates of the trip are July 6th- July 14th. For details, on cost, the trip overview, and intinerary, please click the link below and email Janice Fidishun for any questions: janice.fidishun@alterhs.org

Click Here.





Junior Lady KNIGHTS BASKETBALL

LIL' DRIBBLERS



Calling all Kindergarten & 1st Grade Girls!

Come learn the fundamentals of basketball while building confidence, making friends, and having FUN!

- 10 one-hour sessions
- Basketball fundamentals & skills
- Fun, age-appropriate activities
- Non-competitive environment
- No evaluations required!



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reminders

HANDBOOK

Please review the Student & Parent Handbook for all school policies, expectations and important information found online by clicking here.

Café Menu

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

ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GUIDANCE OFFICE HOURS
Monday- Friday
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SPIRIT SHOP HOURS
Wednesday
10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



KNIGHT TIMES submissions

If you would like to submit an update, please send no more than one paragraph and/or photo.
You may also submit event flyers.

Submissions may be edited for publication.

Submit all content to
Conor Ryan,
Director of Communications
at conor.ryan@alterhs.org.

Thank you!

school calendar

2026-2027

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
20: ALL SCHOOL MASS
20: FAIRMONT GAME
22: FRESHMAN SOCIAL- BACKYARD PARTY
26: MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT AT 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER
3: UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY/SENIOR PANORAMIC
4-6: ALTERFEST
7: LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL
9: ALL SCHOOL MASS
10: SHADOW DAY
13-14: JUNIOR RETREAT
15-18: KAIROS
17: SHADOW DAY
23-27: FALL PRODUCTION
24: SHADOW DAY
25: SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST
28: ALTERFEST DAY OFF- NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER
7: PSAT- NO SCHOOL FOR 9TH/12TH
7: ADMISSIONS EVENT- ART/ATHLETICS
8: SHADOW DAY
9: END OF FIRST QUARTER
10: TURNABOUT/FRESHMAN BOWLING WITH FRIENDS
12: FIRST DAY OF SECOND QUARTER
13: ELEARNING DAY
15: SHADOW DAY
16: HOMECOMING GAME
17: HOMECOMING DANCE
22: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- NO SCHOOL
23: NO SCHOOL
29: SHADOW DAY

NOVEMBER
1-6: WEEK OF GIVING
1-2: JUNIOR RETREAT
5: SHADOW DAY
5: ADMISSIONS EVENT- ACADEMICS
6: MENTAL HEALTH DAY- HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
9-12: KAIROS
13: APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR C/O 2031
13: NAMED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS/FINANCIAL AID DUE
13-15: BAND GRAND NATIONALS
21: HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST
22: GIVING TREE CEREMONY
24: GRANDPARENTS DAY
25-27: THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER
3-6: WINTER PRODUCTION
8: ALL SCHOOL MASS
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
5: ALL SCHOOL MASS
15: C/O 2031 ADMISSION DAY
18: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY- NO SCHOOL
19-22: KAIROS
23: FRESHMAN SOCIAL- DODGEBALL
24-25: JUNIOR RETREAT

FEBRUARY
1-5: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
2: ALL SCHOOL MASS
10: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
12: NO SCHOOL
15: PRESIDENT'S DAY- NO SCHOOL
17: IOWA TESTING/ACT
18: KNIGHT OF CELEBRATION- C/O 2031
20: MOTHER SON SHINDIG
23: SOPHOMORE RETREAT
26: FISH FRY

MARCH
2: FRESHMAN SCHEDULING NIGHT
5: LAST DAY OF THIRD QUARTER
8: FIRST DAY OF FOURTH QUARTER
12-14: SPRING PRODUCTION
16-19: KAIROS
18-21: SPRING PRODUCTION
24: ALL SCHOOL MASS
26: GOOD FRIDAY- NO SCHOOL
29-APR 2: EASTER BREAK

APRIL
7: ALL SCHOOL MASS
10-14: SENIOR TRIP
20: FRESHMAN ORIENTATION- C/O 2031
22: FRESHMAN RETREAT
23: MENTAL HEALTH DAY- HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
26: NO SCHOOL
28: ACADEMIC AWARDS- DELAYED START
28: BAND CONCERT
29: PEP RALLY
29: FRESHMAN ORIENTATION- C/O 2031
30: SOPHOMORE SURPRISE

MAY
1: PROM/FRESHMAN SEMI FORMAL
5: BAND CONCERT
13: ALL SCHOOL MASS
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