ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

# *the* KNIGHT TIMES

October 23rd, 2026




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# In Loving Memory of Sister Katie Hoelscher

It is with heavy hearts that we remember former Archbishop Alter High School principal and teacher, Sister Katie Hoelscher, who passed away on October 9, 2026.

In a tribute from a past Alter yearbook, Sister Katie was described as someone who "dedicated her life to the Alter community," remembered for her understanding, acceptance, sincerity, and big heart.

Those words are a beautiful reflection of the lasting impact she made on generations of students, faculty, and staff. Her dedication to Catholic education and the Alter community leaves a legacy that will not be forgotten.

We are forever grateful for her years of service, leadership, and love for the Alter family.

Please join us in keeping Sister Katie and all those whose lives she touched in your thoughts and prayers.





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



# Give Thanks. Give Alter.

Dear Alter Knights,

As October draws to a close and November approaches, I find myself reflecting on two themes that are deeply connected to who we are as a Catholic school community: respect for life and gratitude.

Throughout October, the Catholic Church recognizes Respect Life Month, reminding us of the inherent dignity and worth of every human life. At Alter, we strive to live this belief each day by ensuring that every student who walks through our doors is known, valued, loved, and supported. Respecting life is not simply something we talk about; it is something we demonstrate through our actions, our relationships, and the opportunities we create for our young people.

As we turn the calendar to November, our hearts naturally shift toward gratitude. We reflect on the blessings in our lives and the people who have helped shape us. At Alter, we have so much for which to be thankful: dedicated teachers and staff, remarkable students, supportive families, faithful alumni, and generous benefactors who believe in the mission of Catholic education.

It is fitting, then, that our annual Week of Giving, November 2–6, carries the theme "Give Thanks. Give Alter."

During this special week, we invite our entire Alter community to support the Alter Fund, which helps bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of providing an exceptional Catholic education. These gifts support the programs, resources, and experiences that make an Alter education so special.

When you give to the Alter Fund, you are not simply making a gift to our school. You are making an investment in a young person's life. You are helping a student discover a passion, develop confidence, deepen their faith, overcome a challenge, or recognize gifts they may not have known they possessed. You are helping us fulfill our promise that every student matters and every student deserves the opportunity to thrive.

And that brings us right back to Respect Life Month. What better way to honor the dignity and potential of every young person than to invest in their future?

One of the things I love most about Alter is that generosity is woven into the fabric of our community. We see it in the countless hours volunteered by parents, the commitment of our faculty and staff, the loyalty of our alumni, and the kindness our students show one another. Our Week of Giving is another opportunity to put that spirit into action.

My hope is that every member of our Alter community will consider participating during November 2–6. Every gift, regardless of size, reflects our shared commitment to the mission and future of Archbishop Alter High School.

As we move from a month focused on respecting life into a season of thanksgiving, may we remember that gratitude is more than a feeling. Gratitude is something we put into action.

Thank you for the many ways you love, support, and believe in our students. Together, we are shaping not only their high school experience but also the people they will become.

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert

Lourdes Lambert
President



GIVE THANKS
GIVE ALTER

# week of giving

NOVEMBER 2–6, 2026

**The Alter Fund** is the cornerstone gift raising effort that makes up the crucial difference between tuition and the true cost to educate our students. The Alter Fund is the oxygen that allows Alter to not just operate, but to thrive. By investing in The Alter Fund, you are supporting our efforts to stay faithful to our mission and to continue shaping tomorrow's leaders.

Follow Archbishop Alter High School on Facebook and @alterknights on Instagram during the Week of Giving for MATCHING GIFTS and progress updates.

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**THREE WAYS TO GIVE:**

**ONLINE**

alterhs.org/week-of-giving

**MAIL TO**

Alter High School
Advancement Office
940 E. David Rd.
Kettering, OH 45429

**VENMO**

@ALTERHS

# principal



## Respect Life Month: Seeing the Value in Every Person

Each October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month, reminding us that every human life is sacred. As Catholics, we believe that each person is created in the image and likeness of God and is worthy of love, dignity, and respect.

What does Respect Life look like at Alter? It starts with the little things we do every day. It's choosing kindness instead of judgment, including someone who feels left out, standing up for a classmate who is being treated unfairly, or checking in on a friend who may be having a difficult time. These everyday choices are more than acts of kindness; they are ways we live our faith and recognize Christ in one another.

High school can be a time when it feels like popularity, appearance, athletic ability, or academic success defines who we are. But our Catholic faith reminds us that our worth is not based on what we achieve, what we look like, or what others think of us. Each of us is created by God, loved by God, and deserving of respect exactly as we are.

**During Respect Life Month, take a moment to reflect on a few questions:**
· Do my words and actions make others feel valued and respected?
· Do I include others, especially those who may feel left out or overlooked?
· Am I willing to stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly?
· How can I be a positive presence in someone's life today?

We all can make Alter a place where people feel welcomed, supported, and valued. We may never know what someone else is going through, but a kind word, a little patience, or a simple act of compassion can make a bigger difference than we realize.

As we celebrate Respect Life Month, let's remember that respecting life isn't just something we talk about, it's something we put into action every day. May we see the value in every person, treat one another as Christ would, and help make our Alter community a place where everyone knows they matter.

In faith,
Barbara Groene Interim Principal / Dean of Students




## UNDER THE ARMOR: ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS AND FAITH

Join us on campus **Thursday, November 5 at 6 pm** for a special evening focused on:

- our award-winning and rigorous academic programs
- our theology curriculum, four-year retreat progression, and opportunities for students to grow their faith during their high school years
- in-depth information about our admissions process for both prospective freshmen and transfer students.

Meet our incredible faculty and staff and picture yourself as an Alter Knight!

**VISIT ALTERHS.ORG**

# advancement



## Once a Knight, Always a Knight: Celebrating Our Alumni

Homecoming is always a special time at Archbishop Alter High School, bringing generations of Knights together to celebrate the traditions, friendships, and shared experiences that make our community so special. This year's Homecoming weekend was especially meaningful as we also welcomed our newest Hall of Fame inductees and celebrated 60 years of Band.

These celebrations remind us that our alumni are not simply part of Alter's history. They are an essential part of our present and future.

Our Hall of Fame inductees represent the remarkable achievements of Alter graduates in athletics, professional careers, leadership, and service. Their accomplishments reflect the values instilled during their years at Alter, while their willingness to return and share their experiences inspires the next generation of Knights.









The 60th anniversary of the band was another wonderful reminder of the lasting connections formed at Alter. Band alumni came together to celebrate a program built on music, dedication, teamwork, and school spirit. While the years may pass, the friendships and memories remain.

Our alumni are among Alter's greatest ambassadors. They carry our traditions into their communities, support our students through mentorship, volunteerism, and generosity, and help preserve the spirit that makes Alter unique. Many continue their family's legacy by sending the next generation of Knights through our doors.

As we reflect on a memorable Homecoming weekend, we thank our alumni for staying connected and continuing to strengthen the Alter community. Your involvement helps preserve our traditions while creating new opportunities for future generations.

Once a Knight, always a Knight. It's more than a saying, it's a lifelong connection built on faith, pride, and spirit.

**Stay Connected. Stay Involved. Stay a Knight!**

Whether it's attending an event, reconnecting with classmates, sharing your news, volunteering, or supporting the next generation of Knights, there are so many ways to remain part of the Alter family. We'd love to hear from you! Update your contact information, share your latest milestones, and discover opportunities to get involved. Together, we'll keep the Knight spirit strong for generations to come!

Stay Connected:

**https://alterhs.org/alumni/**

# guidance





**Seniors:**
82% of the senior class have turned in their yellow folders to date. Way to go, seniors! Please be aware of the upcoming yellow folder deadlines:

**Requests with a December 1 deadline must be received in the guidance office by Monday, November 2.**

**Requests to be submitted before Christmas break must be received in the guidance office by Friday, November 13.**

At any time, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this often-stressful process, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the counselors. Class 101 is also a great place for students to go for college application and scholarship help. Please make sure to stop by the Taylor Center and take full advantage of this valuable resource!

As for scholarships, please know that all opportunities of which Guidance is aware are readily available to view on Naviance. A list of those scholarships can be found under the "Scholarships & Money" section under the "Colleges" tab in Naviance. New scholarships will be added often, particularly as we approach the New Year.

An integral part of college financing is the completion and filing of the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA). Please be aware that filing the FAFSA is free, and you should never pay a fee to apply. Going to https://studentaid.gov/ will enable you to complete and submit the FAFSA online. Colleges have various deadlines for submission, so be aware of those dates pertaining to your student's school(s). If you are having difficulty in completing a part of the FAFSA or have any questions, your student's potential college is the best resource as they are experts in all things financial aid.

**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

College visits are wrapping up! 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.

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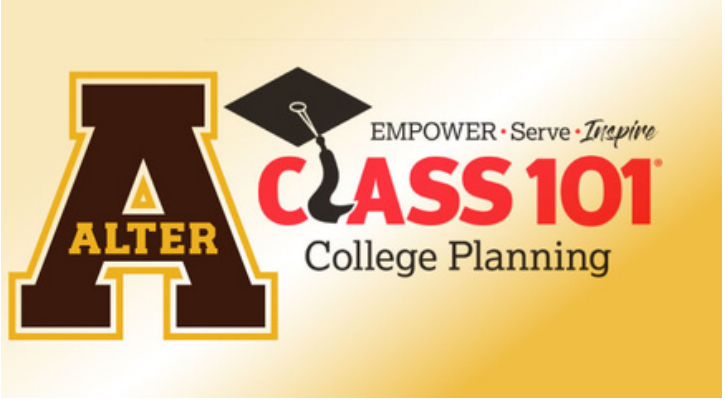
| Monday, October 26 | Wright State University | 9:50 AM |
| Monday, October 26 | Otterbein University | 12:45 PM |
| Tuesday, October 27 | College of Wooster | 9:50 AM |
| Tuesday, October 27 | John Carroll University | 2:25 PM |
| Wednesday, October 28 | Columbus College of Art and Design | 8:10 AM |
| Wednesday, October 28 | Mississippi State University | 9:00 AM |
| Wednesday, October 28 | University of Arizona | 12:45 PM |
| Wednesday, November 11 | Susquehanna University | 2:25 PM |
| Monday, November 16 | Shawnee State University | 12:45 PM |





# academics




## Financial Aid Forms

October is the time for seniors to complete financial aid forms for college. The FAFSA and CSS Profile are tools that connect students and families with financial aid.

**The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is a required form to be considered for any "need" based financial aid such as grants, work-study, and federal student loans. Completing the FAFSA may trigger additional scholarship opportunities at your student's college and may help with outside scholarship opportunities.

We recommend that all families complete the FAFSA for the first year of college, even if they don't think they qualify for need-based aid. FAFSA completion is often required for scholarship programs, including those awarded through the Dayton Foundation. The FAFSA will use 2025 tax information, and tax information will be exported directly into the FAFSA from the IRS.

Before you start your FAFSA, you must create separate accounts (FSA IDs) for the student and one parent if the parents filed a joint tax return in 2025. If the parents did not file a joint tax return in 2025, both parents may need to create an account (FSA ID). You can create your account/FSA ID now. The FAFSA is not difficult to complete for most families. To make your FAFSA experience easier, you should gather materials ahead of time. This list is a good place to start.

Some highly selective schools require an additional form called the **CSS Profile**. This form is lengthier and more detailed. It is used to determine who is eligible to receive institutional aid. The CSS Profile and a list of all schools that require it can be found on the College Board website. This form requires a registration fee as well as an additional fee per school. Students should take note of earlier deadlines for the CSS Profile posted in the college portals after they have applied.

Bring your Financial Aid Questions to
**College Financial Aid Night: October 21**
for Alter Seniors & Senior Parents
October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Theatre
Class 101 is available to answer your financial aid questions.
Email tderosa@class101.com or karen.derosa@alterhs.org

# reunions


ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021
5 Year Reunion
NOVEMBER 25, 2026
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
DAYTON BEER COMPANY
SIGN UP HERE
RSVP REQUIRED
QUESTIONS? EMAIL OR TEXT MARIE (LUNNE) HARRIS
AT MJLUNNE@GMAIL.COM OR 937.931.3101

# ARCHBISHOP ALTER
## HIGH SCHOOL

# Class of 2016
# 10 YEAR REUNION



**DATE**
Friday, February 26th, 2027

**TIME**
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**LOCATION**
Alter High School Gym

**STOP BY ANYTIME!**
We'll be meeting on the stage — come when you can!

ONCE A KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT

# SAVE THE DATE!

## CLASS OF 1977
## 50TH REUNION

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIP. CLASSMATES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH THEIR SPOUSE OR A GUEST.**

### FRIDAY JULY 16, 2027
SOCIAL GATHERING

### SATURDAY JULY 17, 2027
DINNER CELEBRATION

### SUNDAY JULY 18, 2027
CLASS MASS, BRUNCH AND TOUR OF ALTER!

***MORE INFORMATION TO COME!***

# ALTER ALUMNI:

## Have you joined our exclusive

# Alumni Fire?

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## WHAT IS IT?

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

**Click here to join AlumniFire Today!**

# did you know?

## Alter Recieves Ten Thousand Dollar Grant to Support Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

Archbishop Alter High School is proud and grateful to receive a grant of $10,000 from Jay's Light to support mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and student wellbeing within our school community.

This generous contribution will help strengthen Alter's commitment to fostering a supportive environment where every student feels seen, heard, valued, and connected. Through mental health education, awareness initiatives, and student-centered programming, this funding will provide opportunities to encourage meaningful conversations, reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, and promote a culture of compassion and understanding.

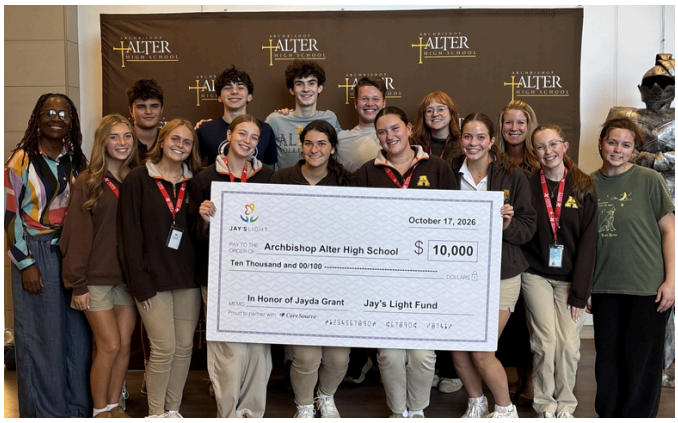
With the support of Jay's Light, Archbishop Alter High School hopes to continue empowering students to recognize when someone may be struggling, reach out to those in need, and understand the importance of seeking help.

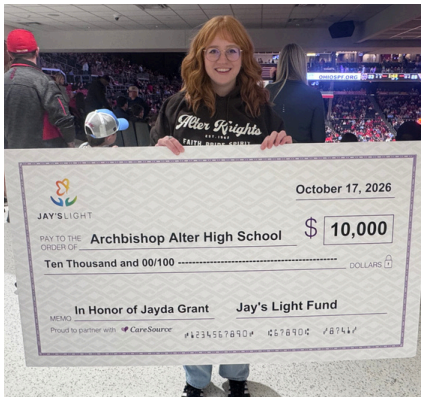
At the heart of this partnership is a shared belief that every life has value, every voice matters, and no one should ever feel alone.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Jay's Light for its generosity and dedication to suicide prevention and mental health advocacy. This $10,000 grant is more than a financial contribution; it is an investment in our students, our school community, and the power of hope.

Together, we can shine a light on mental health, strengthen connections, and remind every student that they matter and are never alone.



# STEM Talk: Ms. Allie Popp

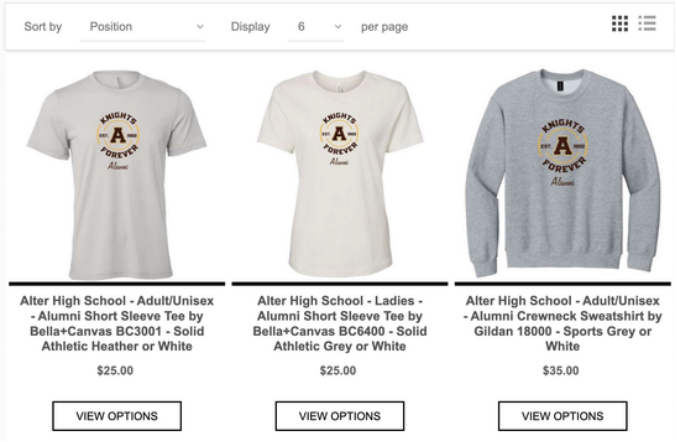
On October 20, Ms. Allie Popp, 2020 Alter alum and animal enthusiast, gave some insight into the career path of a veterinary technician, aka an “Animal Nurse”. A veterinary technician is assisting the doctor in the care and treatment to keep animals healthy or to help them recover from an illness. Students can do a 2- or 4-year degree; if the 4-year degree is completed, then the student has the ability to become a veterinary technician specialist, much as we have doctors who specialize. Either path ends with the passing of the VTNE (Veterinary Technician National Exam). Allie is a registered vet tech and while working at a local vet clinic, she is now working towards a Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Science Degree. She is adding to her experiences by also interning at the Ohio Wildlife Center by sharing her medical abilities to help injured and orphaned wildlife. Thank you, Allie, for allowing your gift to help pets and wildlife live a healthier life.



# Get Your Alter Gear Today

Show your Knight pride with spirit wear from “The Spirit in You” online store! Whether you’re a current student, proud parent, dedicated fan, or Alter alumnus, there’s something for everyone to represent the Alter Knights. From comfortable apparel to great accessories, the online store offers a variety of items to show off your Alter pride. Alumni can find gear to celebrate their Alter roots and stay connected to the school long after graduation. No matter where life takes you, you’ll always be a Knight! Shop today and let everyone see the spirit in you. Go Knights!

Link: https://thespiritnu.com/alter-knights



# the arts

## Castle Players Look Forward to Winter Performance

The Alter Castle Players wrapped up a tremendous run of Dear Evan Hansen on September 27, earning rave reviews and enthusiastic praise from audiences. As one of the first high schools to stage this powerful and timely production, our students and creative team delivered a show that many patrons described as feeling like a professional production. We are incredibly proud of our cast and crew and grateful to everyone who came out to support us. A special thank-you goes out to Alter's HOPE Squad and GEM Project of Dayton, two organizations dedicated to mental health awareness and support. Representatives from both groups joined us in the lobby throughout the run, connecting with patrons and sharing valuable resources. We are thankful for their partnership and for the opportunity to use the power of theater to encourage meaningful conversations and remind our community that no one has to struggle alone.

Next up, the Castle Players will be switching gears to bring you Peter Pan Goes Wrong, running December 3–6! When the accident-prone Cornley Drama Society attempts to stage the beloved tale of Peter Pan, just about everything that can go wrong does go wrong. From missing props to spectacular mishaps and hilariously disastrous performances, this side-splitting comedy promises mayhem, mischief, and plenty of surprises.

Tickets go on sale at 8:00 a.m. on November 9 at alterhs.booktix.com. Be sure to follow the Alter Castle Players on Instagram for behind-the-scenes magic, rehearsal antics, and a sneak peek at the hilarious chaos taking shape before the curtain rises.

After the success of Dear Evan Hansen, we hope Peter Pan Goes Wrong "brings the house down" for an entirely different reason! We can't wait to see you at the theater!

ONLINE PRESENCE: Be sure to follow the Castle Players throughout the season!
Facebook: Alter High School's Castle Players

Instagram: @altercastleplayers
YouTube: Castle Players Castle Players YouTube Channel
For the most up-to-date information about the Castle Players: Alter High School Theatre





# Marching Knights

The Alter Marching Knights have a busy weekend celebrating seniors, hosting elementary band members, post-game performance and local competition. Come out and support your Marching Knights!






# athletics







## Boys' Soccer

Alter Boys Soccer opened the playoffs with an impressive 11-0 victory over Meadowdale on Tuesday. Nine different Knights found the back of the net, led by two goals each from Jonas Baldwin and Owen Brown. Mason Gray, Michael Gray, Axton Strauser, Knox Tharp, Traynor Zimmer, Jeff White and Sam Richardson each added a goal. The game featured several first-time varsity scorers, including a special moment for senior defender Jeff White, who scored his first varsity goal. The Knights advance to the next round of the playoffs against Carlisle on Saturday.

## Girls' Soccer

The Lady Knights kicked off their OHSAA statewide tournament run in dominant fashion this past Thursday, hosting Springfield's Northwestern High School. The Lady Knights put on a masterclass at home, cruising to a shutout 8-0 victory over Northwestern to advance to the next round. Goals were scored by Laiken Pagur (2), Ella VanDenabeele (2), Emma Southworth (2), Paige Sheets and Gracianna Christ. Holding strong as the #1 seed in their bracket, the Lady Knights look to build on this momentum in their next tournament matchup on Monday, October 26th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Alter High School Stadium. Come out to show your support as they continue their postseason push! Go Knights!

## Football

The Knights fell to the Badin Rams in a hard-fought overtime battle last Friday. In a back-and-forth defensive contest, both teams battled until the Rams ultimately found the end zone in overtime to secure a 20-14 victory. Next up, the Knights will face GCL rival Chaminade-Julienne tonight, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Beavercreek High School. Join us in cheering on the Knights as they look to finish the regular season strong and bring home a victory! Go Knights!

## Cross Country

The cross country team competed at the GCL Championships last weekend where the varsity boys team placed 2nd, varsity girls team placed 3rd, JV boys team placed 2nd, and the JV girls team placed 2nd. Congratulations to all our runners on their accomplishments!

**First Team All GCL:** Matthew Orlando (3rd), Veronica Johnston (6th), Elaina Vaglienty (7th)
**Second Team All GCL:** Collin Szabo (13th), Maddie Zimmer (14th)
**Third Team All GCL:** Nora Blakeley (15th), Paul Blakeley (17th), Caroline Miller (17th), Kenzie Dodge (18th), Link McGowan (20th), Sarah Kenyon (21st), Joe Uhl (21st)
**JV Race Champion:** Maddie Stearns

**New Lifetime PR's:** Alayna S (27:04), Anna D (29:45), Brie K (25:06), Evelyn S (31:16), Maddie Z (23:40), Maddie S (24:14), Pauline (32:24), Rachel S (28:23), Collin S (19:04), Greyson (22:06), Henry F (30:50), Paul B (19:31), Will D (30:46)

## Girls' Volleyball

The final whistle has blown on the 2026 volleyball season, closing out a journey defined by hard work, resilience, and steady improvement from the first day of practice to the final match. JVB finished 13–8 overall and 5–5 in the GCL Coed, earning a runner-up finish at the Miamisburg JVB/Freshman Tournament early in the season. Its highlight was a perfect 3–0 day at the GCL JVB/Freshman Challenge in October, with straight-set wins over Talawanda, Troy, and Bellbrook. JVA finished 11–8 overall and 4–6 in the GCL Coed, closing the season with six straight victories. Varsity finished 9–13 overall and 2–8 in the GCL Coed, arguably one of the toughest conferences in the state, with two No. 1 teams. The team ended the regular season strong with a 5–1 record in October and advanced to the second round of the playoffs, where it fell in four sets. Congratulations to our seniors, and bravo to all our underclassmen—the future is bright for Alter Volleyball. SED "NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM"






# 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 coming 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's
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