

# Elder High School



## August 2017 Newsletter

513-921-3744 <http://www.elderhs.org>

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you are enjoying a restful and enjoyable summer break. Another school year will begin in the next few weeks. Yes, we are starting the 2017-2018 school a week earlier; however, keep in mind that the first semester will end prior to the Christmas break, which means the students will need not worry about returning from break and taking midterm assessments, and the school year will end prior to Memorial Day. I would like to welcome all of our new families as well as our returning families!

Although school has not been in session, our campus is and has been active and thriving. I would like to inform you of what has occurred or is occurring on campus this summer.

### ACTIVITIES AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS:

- Complete renovation of three of the four science labs and partial renovation in the fourth lab.
- Preparing to make the switch to a new Student Information System (SIS) – Blackbaud – that will affect many departments at Elder, including academics, admissions, billing, development, etc.
- Currently revamping the current website ([www.ElderHS.org](http://www.ElderHS.org)). The website will be integrated with the new SIS. This will not be viewable until the revamping is completed, hopefully by late fall.
- New glass and shades in the windows of the school building facing the stadium.
- Repaved and restriped all parking lots.

- Pressure washed the concrete steps and landing (near the flagpole) of the stadium to remove the old paint and repaired concrete in this area as well as near the entrance to the Fieldhouse.
- New “garden” on the stadium field level near the garage of the Fieldhouse. I used to be just dirt/grass and an old tree.
- Exterior directional signage installed throughout the campus.
- Over 700 campers participated in our summer athletic camps!
- Two summer college essay writing classes offered to our students.

### FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES:

- Mr. Kevin Espelage ('91) was named the new Athletic Director, replacing Dave Dabbelt ('66). Kevin was Dave's assistant the last two years (Cincinnati.com article – <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/ohio-high-school/2017/07/14/elder-names-91-graduate-new-athletic-director/471114001/>).
- Mr. Phil Bengal ('01), social studies teacher and assistant basketball coach will be the new Assistant Athletic Director.
- Mr. Jack Anderson was named the new Band Director, replacing Steve Geis ('70). Jack was the Assistant Band Director.
- Trina Niemer (wife of Jeff Niemer, '79) is the new Marketing Director. Trina is also the Annual Fund Director.
- Mr. Joe Pieper (Elder 2013 and U.C. 2017 grad) has been named the Admissions Coordinator. This is a new position at

Elder and Joe will assist Mrs. Maura Korn who is our Admissions Director.

- Many teachers participated in professional development courses/workshops and traveled the world this summer. More information will be provided in the September Newsletter.
- A Campus Security team has been formed and will start August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are three retired Cincinnati Police officers who were hired as members of this team: Mr. Joe Priestle ('74 Elder grad), Mr. Bob Liston ('72 Elder grad), and Ms. Jenny Ernst.

Thank you for choosing Elder and entrusting your son in our care. We are blessed with all the support we receive and for all those whose commitment allows us to offer so much. I look forward to the start of a wonderful school year.

God bless & *Altiora!*

*Kurt '81*

Kurt Ruffing  
Principal

### **SPIRIT STORE SIDEWALK SALE**

*Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm-6pm*

*Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-1pm*

Prices on clearance items slashed to make room for new merchandise with new branding logos. Take an additional 15% off already reduced prices. While the students pick up their schedules, you can pick up something for yourself! See you out on the patio.

### **MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT**

All parents are invited to attend Meet-the-Teacher Night on Wednesday, September 6. The program will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The evening will begin with a brief welcome and introduction in your son's first period classroom followed by a mini-schedule of your son's classes. During the 10-minute classes each teacher will provide a brief outline of his or her plans and expectations for the course.

### **TRACKING YOUR SON'S PROGRESS**

The best method to track your son's progress is by viewing his grades on Netclassroom. Teachers are asked to post grades for assignments within 7 days of the submission of the assignment. Please check frequently and discuss the information with your son.

If a problem arises, please contact the teacher after talking with your son.

### **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR 2018-19**

Families who are interested in applying for financial aid should go to Elder's website, [www.elderhs.org](http://www.elderhs.org), then click on Admissions, then Tuition and Financial Aid. The FACTS aid application link will open on September 1. Please complete the application online with a copy of your 2016 Federal Tax Return and processing fee. **This must be completed by November 3, 2017.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Doug Guenther at 513-921-3744 ext. 3408 or [guentherds@elderhs.net](mailto:guentherds@elderhs.net).

### **ALUMNI NEWS! CLASS REUNIONS**

The following classes will host reunions at home football games this fall. In addition, the Class of 1957 will celebrate its 60-year reunion on September 24, at Aston Oaks. Please visit [www.elderhs.org/alumni](http://www.elderhs.org/alumni) for more information.

- September 1 – 1961 and 2002
- September 23 – 1947, 1972, 1987, 1997 and 2007
- October 6 – 1962, 1977 and 2002
- October 20 – 1982 and 1992

### **ALUMNI EVENTS**

#### **Elder Night at FC Cincinnati, August 5**

Come one, come all! Please join us at UC's Nippert Stadium on Saturday, August 5, as we cheer on FC Cincinnati in its match vs. Orlando City B. Kickoff is at 7:00 P.M. Visit [www.elderhs.org](http://www.elderhs.org) to purchase tickets through our Elder Night group portal!

**Tom & Bonnie Otten Alumni Family Picnic,  
August 11**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Elder Family to Stricker's Grove on Friday, August 11, for our annual picnic! Admission is just \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and includes dinner and all the rides! Gates open at 5:30 P.M. See flyer for details.

### **Alumni Cross Country Race, August 12**

The Annual Greg Weber Alumni Race will take place at 9:00 A.M. at Rapid Run Park on Saturday, August 12th. Alumni of Elder Cross Country are invited to participate or just come out to cheer on the runners!

### **Grandparent & Grandson Mass & Brunch, September 17**

This wonderful legacy event is the perfect way for our grads and their *future* Elder Panthers to celebrate Elder together! Advanced reservations required. See flyer for details.

## **ELDER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BLOOD DRIVE**

Elder High School will host the Spring Hoxworth blood drive on **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Your son is encouraged to consider donating blood at this time.

We would be grateful for your son's service to the community in this life giving event. One blood donation can help save four lives. Hoxworth Blood center will accept persons 16 years and older to donate blood provided they meet all blood donor requirements and have written consent from their parent or legal guardian.

**Anyone 16 years or older who wishes to donate blood will need written consent from their parent or legal guardian.**

**The permission slip form can be downloaded from the Elder High School website--[www.elderhs.net](http://www.elderhs.net)--the link is on the left side column listed as "Blood Drive Permission Slip".**

Please print out the form and sign indicating your permission for your son to give blood. He will need to have the signed form with him when he donates blood on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please remind your son of any medication that he is taking or current medical condition as the

Hoxworth Blood personnel will ask for this information. Please encourage your son to eat a well-balanced meal the night before and after giving blood.

Any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Jenny Boles, RN – School Nurse. Thank you for your support!

## **Car Raffle**



Buy a chance to win a 2017 Honda Accord Loaded 4D Touring V6. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or 6 tickets for \$200. We are asking students to sell two tickets. There is an early bird drawing on August 31 for \$200. There are incentives for the students to sell tickets. One of the many incentives is two diamond seat tickets to the Reds vs. Red Sox game on Sunday, September 24. You can read car specifications, terms and conditions and purchase tickets online by going to [www.elderhs.org/elderama](http://www.elderhs.org/elderama). If you have any questions or need tickets, please contact Mary Beth Meyer at 513-921-3426 or [meyermb@elderhs.net](mailto:meyermb@elderhs.net).

## **Elderama 2017**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Elderama Auction will be Saturday, October 14. Save the date! Get a group together for an evening of fun and entertainment. Please consider attending your parish gift gathering party to be held this summer, donating cash, a gift certificate, vacation home, sporting event tickets or craft item are all items that are needed for the silent auction booths.

If you have any questions call Mary Beth Meyer, in the Elderama Office at 921-3426 or e-mail [meyermb@elderhs.net](mailto:meyermb@elderhs.net).

## RING ORDERS

Sophomores will have the opportunity to place an order for their official Elder High School Class Ring on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The ring is manufactured by Josten's and is available in a variety of price ranges (from \$170 to \$350.) The high end represents gold and the low end a less precious metal. No matter which price range selected, the design is identical. Sophomores will be given a complete packet of information by Mr. Jeff Tanner, the Josten representative, on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Ring samples will be placed on display in the Main Hall at Elder from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup> (Parents Night.) Ring orders can be placed with Mr. Tanner on September 6<sup>th</sup> at lunchtime, in the evening at Parents Night or any time after that in Mr. Flaherty's office at Elder.

## *tech-reach*

Summer is a busy time for everyone. The good weather motivates people to get out and do something. We here at *tech-reach* are no exception to this as summer has been a busy time. This summer we held several youth camps. In June, students from third to ninth grade came in to increase their knowledge of computers and technology. All these *tech-reach* students were wonderful but they were not the only campers we had this summer.

*tech-reach* also hosted the Price Hill Will summer photography camp. A lovely group of students came to learn about digital photography and photo shop. After spending their mornings taking pictures in Price Hill, our young photographers spent their afternoons learning how to modify and exhibit their creations.

*tech-reach* wasn't just filled with kids this summer! Adults got their chance to learn as well. Each Tuesday and Thursday evening we held computer skills classes where adults learned new skills. This year we even had classes in Spanish that were taught by Elder's own Karin Albrecht-Kraeling. Even the Elder faculty and staff were learning this summer in our Advanced Excel course. It has been a wonderful summer here at

*tech-reach* and we're for what the school year will offer.

We are grateful to our funders, particularly The SC Ministry Foundation and The Charles H. Dater Foundation for their support of these programs. Also, we are grateful to the Mt. St. Joseph University for allowing us to participate in their summer employment program. The *tech-reach* Intern, Nicholas Groh, has been a great help to *tech-reach*, the EHS library, IT department, development office, and main office this summer.

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And

Visit our website: [www.tech-reach.org](http://www.tech-reach.org)

## FRESHMEN ID CARDS

Beginning this year, each member of the freshman class will be issued a photo identification card when he enters Elder. Students are not required to display this ID during school hours; however, each student must be in possession of his ID whenever he is in school or attending any school activity. Anyone in authority may ask to see the ID or confiscate it at any time. Any student who loses or damages this card must immediately obtain another at the Main Office. There is a \$10 charge for the replacement.

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Schedule Changes:** PLEASE be sure to see your counselor for any schedule changes. **A student initiated schedule change will cost \$25.00.** The sooner a student makes a change the easier the transition will be to adjust to the student's new schedule.

Upperclassmen – will have until Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to make any changes

Freshman – will have until Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to make any changes

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Financial Aid Workshop for **all** grades. Jodi Eramo,

from Summit College Funding, will be here to present a workshop on “Tackling the Runway Cost of College” This workshop will be held to help educate on the process of filling Financial Aid to get into college. It is never too early to be educated on the importance of filing Financial Aid for college. Both parents and students are encouraged to join. More information will be sent through email once the date gets closer. If you have any questions please feel free to email Mrs. Lind (College Coordinator) [lindeo@elderhs.net](mailto:lindeo@elderhs.net)

### ACT Test Dates

To register visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Dates	Register by:	Late Registration Deadline (with fee)
September 9	August 4	August 5-18
October 28	September 22	September 23- October 6
December 9	November 3	November 4-17
February 10	January 12	January 13-19
April 14	March 9	March 10-23
June 9	May 4	May 5-18
July 14	June 15	June 16-22

### SAT Test Dates

To register please visit: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# July 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# 2ND ANNUAL ELDER HIGH SCHOOL MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

**SAVE  
THE DATE!**



**When:** Saturday, August 26


**Time:** 10:00AM - 5:00PM


**Where:** Elder HS 3900 Vincent Avenue


**Event Link:** [Facebook/ultimatefundraisingsolutions.com](https://www.facebook.com/ultimatefundraisingsolutions.com)



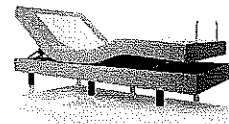
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Adjustable Beds



Pillows

**Tom & Bonnie Otten**

**ELDER ALUMNI  
FAMILY PICNIC!**

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

**Stricker's Grove**

**5:30 – 10:00 PM**

*(rides open at 6:00)*

**Cost: \$5.00 per Person / \$10.00 per Family**

**All Rides & more included!**

**Food and drinks available for purchase.**

**Live entertainment provided by the Seton/Elder  
Steel Drum Band and the Elder Glee Club!**



**Questions? Call the Alumni Office @ 921-3744**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO  
STRICKER'S GROVE. BEER MUST BE PURCHASED ON THE  
PREMISES. COOLERS WILL BE INSPECTED.**

**Due to insurance regulations, please note: Beer sales  
will be under the control of Stricker's Grove.**





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**CARRY ON THE TRADITION!**  
at the  
**GRANDPARENT/GRANDSON  
MASS & BRUNCH**

Sunday, September 17, 2017  
Elder High School - Rev. Jerome A. Schaeper Center  
10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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The Elder Alumni Association cordially invites you to introduce your grandsons and future Panthers to everything that is Elder!

- 10:30 A.M.** Celebrate Mass with fellow alumni and other friends of Elder High School and their grandsons on campus at the Rev. Jerome A. Schaeper Center.
- 11:30 A.M.** Enjoy a catered brunch in the school cafeteria! Afterwards, show your grandson around our newly renovated campus, find your class picture in the halls, or visit our spirit shop!

**COST \$10.00 PER PERSON**

**Reservations required!** Please RSVP by completing the form below and returning it with your payment to the Alumni Office by September 8, 2017.

(please detach and return the form below)

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Name(s) of Grandparent(s) attending..... \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\* Non-Elder grads & Grandmothers welcome! \*\**

Name(s) of Grandson(s) attending..... \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\* Intended for boys ages 14 and younger \*\**

Total # of Attendees..... \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$10.00 per attendee)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(please make check payable to Elder High School)*

Contact Name..... \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number..... \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address..... \_\_\_\_\_