

# Elder High School



## February 2018 Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Catholic, faith, tradition, spirit, loyalty, alumni, compassion, service, family, unity, pride, and Altiora are just a few of the qualities that define the Elder experience. Elder is a place for young men from all communities to grow, not only intellectually, but also physically, spiritually, culturally, and socially. We are a comprehensive, college-prep Catholic high school that offers a place for all students to express their individuality and make their high school experience unique. While on the topic of unique experiences...

During the week of January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is, "*Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*" During this week, there will be a plethora of events that take place to celebrate the reason for our existence – proclaiming the good news of Jesus. Our celebration will actually kickoff on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> with a career day. Numerous alums will return to their alma mater to share their occupational knowledge and experiences with our students. An all-school mass will be celebrated on Wednesday of that week in which five different languages – English, Latin, French, German, and Spanish – will be spoken! Other events that will occur, to name a few will be: grade school colors day; Skyline Chili lunch; winter sports pep rally; and a crazy hat, tie, shirt, shoe, pants, socks day.

Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>, but this year it is also Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and a day of fasting. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important days in the liturgical calendar and occurs 46 days before Easter. Mass will be held

during school and all students will have the opportunity to receive ashes. The ashes, made from blessed palm branches symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to the person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We are blessed that as a Catholic school, together we have the opportunity to celebrate our faith. I would like to thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and for allowing your son to acquire the unique Elder experience.

God bless and Altiora,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kurt".

Kurt Ruffing '81  
Principal

### NO SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

Thanks to the FUNdraising efforts of the students, faculty, & staff, we surpassed our school goal for the car raffle! As a reward, the entire school will enjoy a **FREE DAY on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, the day after the Super Bowl. So mark your calendars now and thank you for your support of this wonderful cause in which all proceeds directly benefit our tuition assistance program!

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT STUDENTS

If you are currently a freshman, sophomore or junior, and have a cumulative GPA of 85 or greater at the end of the first semester 2017-2018 academic year, you are eligible to apply for an

Altiora/Droder Scholarship. Applications are available at [www.elderhs.net](http://www.elderhs.net) Completed applications must be returned to the Admissions Office by **Wednesday, February 21, 2018, by 8:00 AM.** No late applications will be accepted.

### **WALK FOR OTHERS – MARCH 22**

Every year since 1975, the students, faculty, and staff of Elder have taken to the streets of the west side to walk for others. This year's Walk will take place on Thursday, March 22. Our school goal is to raise \$70,000 with 75% of the funds going toward our tuition assistance program and 25% donated to other local charities. Sponsorship cards will be distributed to every student during homeroom later this month, and students are encouraged to solicit donations from family, friends, and neighbors (not just from mom and dad).

**PLEASE NOTE...Each student who receives tuition assistance from Elder is required to raise a minimum of \$40.00 toward our goal. Failure to do so will result in the loss of financial aid.**

If our school goal of \$70,000 is met, then any student who has brought in a minimum of \$40.00 will be eligible to enjoy an all-school FREE DAY on Tuesday, April 3! Collection dates will be March 1, March 8, and March 15. Your support of your son as he walks for others is most appreciated!

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

#### **Alumni Awards**

Elder's Alumni Association annually recognizes graduates and active supporters of the school through the presentation of five alumni awards. The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 P.M. in the Schaeper Center. It is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to 921-3422 or [ioriat@elderhs.net](mailto:ioriat@elderhs.net) by March 2 if you plan to attend. Congratulations to this year's award winners!

Dan Aug '62 and Mark '81 & Missy Meinhardt – Christian Leadership  
Chris Felix '86 – Cultural Enrichment  
Dick McCoy – Athletic Excellence

Bill Nolan '70 – Spirit  
Lou Terhar '67 - Professional Distinction

#### **Alumni Softball League**

Team are now being accepted for the 2018 Elder Alumni Softball League! Registration deadline is March 31, with Opening Day on April 15. *As our soon-to-be newest alumni, members of Elder's senior class are eligible to enter a team, too!* For more information or to register, email [ElderAlumniSoftball@yahoo.com](mailto:ElderAlumniSoftball@yahoo.com) or call Joe Lind '04 at (513) 265-8233.

#### **Alumni Golf Outing Sign-ups**

Saturday, March 3, 9:00 A.M. in the Schaeper Center Music Room – enter via Glenway side of building. Cost is \$125 per person / \$500 per foursome and includes lunch, drink tickets, 18 holes of golf with cart at Hidden Valley or Aston Oaks, giveaways, and dinner at Aston Oaks on June 1, 2018. The outing is presented by Sport Clips. See back of newsletter for sign-up and hole sponsorship forms. **NEW THIS YEAR...Participants may only register one foursome at a time at sign-ups.**

### **SPIRIT STORE NEWS**

Spirit Store Hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday	1:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday	10:30am - 1:00pm
Tuesday Evenings	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday	12:00pm - 3:30pm

All proceeds from the Spirit Store go towards scholarship and financial aid for another young man to attend Elder High School. Please check the website for upcoming items and events. You can shop Elder Spirit Store **ONLINE** anytime at [www.shopelderhs.org](http://www.shopelderhs.org).

### **SENIOR BABY ADS FOR YEAR BOOK**

#### **ATTENTION:**

#### **PARENTS OF SENIOR CLASS**

We are selling "Baby Ads" for seniors for the yearbook. You can download the form at [www.elderhs.net](http://www.elderhs.net) on the left side of the quicklaunch at the bottom.

The baby ads run \$55.00. Start thinking of a good baby picture (a 4x6 worked well last year) and a few words of congratulations to display in the yearbook!

**Deadline is February 28, 2018.** No ads will be accepted after that date.

Please contact Kathy Hirth at 921-3401 if you have any questions.

### **SENIOR ACCEPTANCE & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

In order to receive proper recognition in the Graduation Program and any other announcements, please give a copy of your acceptance letters, scholarship letters, and honors program invites to Mrs. Lind or your counselor. Even if students are not going to be going to a particular school we still want ALL the good news! If you'd like to scan them and send through email please send to Mrs. Lind (lindeo@elderhs.net)

### **CREDITS**

Students must earn the appropriate number of credits or they may be asked to withdraw from Elder for the following school year.

**Minimum credits earned during the school year:**

Freshmen 3.75 credits  
Sophomores 3.75 credits  
Juniors 4.5 credits

**Minimum to advance to the next grade:**

Freshmen 5.75 credits  
Sophomores 11.5 credits  
Juniors 18 credits  
Seniors 24 cumulative credits to graduate in 2018

### **ACT & SAT INFORMATION**

Juniors are encouraged to take the ACT and/or SAT in the Spring. Elder will be offering a FREE ACT test for JUNIORS ONLY on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the test will be done at school prior to the testing date. The May SAT will be administered at Elder. In order to register for both test please visit the following links:

ACT – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

SAT – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### **Performing Arts Series Guest Concert**

The PanVibe Quartet, a local jazz combo, will be showcased at this year's Elder Steel Drum Winter Concert. The quartet features world-class

musicians Chris Tanner (steel drum) and Rusty Burge (vibraphone). Come join in from the cold and enjoy the sounds of the Caribbean, featuring music by the Elder Steel Drum Band and the PanVibe Quartet. The performance will take place **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Seton Auditorium.** All tickets are \$5, and will be available at the door. We hope to see you there!

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

In order to give students more flexibility in scheduling classes, Elder will offer two first-time credit courses this summer.

Courses offered are:

**Health:** This is an **online course** open to students currently in grades 8-11. Students may work at their own pace provided they submit completed assignments by the due dates. Students will meet at Elder for approximately one hour on **Monday, June 11 at 7:45am** to meet the teacher and obtain class information and the textbook. Students will also meet at Elder for approximately one hour on **Friday, June 29 at 7:45am** to take the final test and return the textbook. Students must have access to email and a computer to complete this course.

**Fee for the course is \$300.**

**Physical Education:** The Physical Education (PE) course is open to students currently in grades 8-11. The PE course may require students to make arrangements for transportation to off-campus sites and pay a minimal additional fee for a few activities. The majority of the activities will take place on Elder's campus. **The course will meet daily from 7:45am-11:30am June 11-June 29. Fee for the course is \$300.**

Students who successfully pass these courses would receive high school credit. The acceptance of the credit is determined by the individual high school.

Registration starts Monday, March 19. Students interested in taking one of these courses should submit a completed registration form and the tuition fee to the main office. Summer school information including the registration form and course descriptions may be obtained from the student's counselor, the main office, or online at elderhs.org.

If you have any questions regarding these courses, please contact Dr. Patrick Tucker (921-3744 or [tuckerpc@elderhs.net](mailto:tuckerpc@elderhs.net)).

### **FREE Tax Preparation and E-Filings at Elder**

Free tax preparation is available at Elder's Schaeper Center again in 2018 (**by appointment only**) to households earning less than \$54,000 a year. Make your appointment now with the West Side VITA/EITC Tax Preparation Program. Call **513-235-3835**, for an appointment on a Saturday morning – Feb 11, 17, 24, Mar 3 and 10.

### **To all Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior families,**

ACEO is offering an information meeting for the 2018 Reds Season. This is a great opportunity for students and family members to earn funds while working Reds game. You would be working with other ACEO members in the concession stands at Great American Ball Park during their events. ACEO sends quarterly payments to your school that can be applied towards your tuition, pay to play, etc. ACEO currently has open enrollment until February 17th, if interested please find the attached flyer for more information.

### **IRISH CABARET**

Make your reservations early for the Irish Cabaret on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for complete details and the reservation form.

# February 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week Bell #1 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131) 7:00pm Freshmen Father/Son	2 Bell #2/Pep Rally	3 OMEA Solo & Ensemble Compet.
4	5 Car Raffle Reward-School Closed	6 Bell #1	7 1:50pm Early Dismissal for Soph, Juniors & Bell #2- Freshmen meet with Advisors 7:00am Pancake Breakfast	8 Bell #1 5:30pm Sports Stag (Schaeper Center, Cafeteria & 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	9 Bell #1	10
11	12 Bell #1	13 Bell #1	14 Bell #3	15 Kairos Bell #1 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	16 Bell #1 4:00pm Kairos Closing (SCMPR)	17 8:00pm Glee Club Service Cabaret- Benefiting Ollie Schmitt Foundation (St. William )
18	19 President's Day- School Closed	20 Bell #1	21 Bell #2- Sophomores meet with Advisors Early dismissal for Freshmen, Juniors & Seniors	22 Bell #1 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131) 7:00pm Steel Drum Concert/Guest Concert (Seton	23 Bell #1	24
25	26 Bell #1	27 Bell #1	28 1:50pm Early Dismissal/Faculty Meeting Bell #2	Mar 1	2	3

# March 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	<b>Mar 1</b> Bell #1 6:00pm ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (RM 124) 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131) 7:00pm Seton-Elder	2 Bell #1	3 10:00am Rm124 ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (Rm 124)
4	5 Kairos	6 Kairos	7 4:00pm Kairos Closing (SCMPR)	8 6:00pm ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (RM 124) 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	9 Blood Drive	10
11	12	13	14 1:50pm Early Dismissal/Faculty Meeting Bell #2 7:00am Pancake Breakfast	15 6:00pm ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (RM 124) 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	16 End of 3rd Quarter 8:00pm Glee Club Irish Cabaret (St. William)	17 10:00am Rm124 ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (Rm 124) 8:00pm Irish Cabaret (St. William)
18	19	20 ACT at Elder for Juniors	21 Bell #3	22 Walk for Others 6:00pm ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (RM 124) 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	23 Faculty/Staff In Service	24 10:00am Rm124 ACT Torchprep Bootcamp (Rm 124)
25	26	27	28 Bell#2- 1:50pm Early Dismissal/Faculty Meeting	29 6:30pm Yearbook Meeting (S131)	30 Easter Break	31 To Apr 2 →

# ACEO Scholarship Information Meeting

## For the 2018 Reds Season!

Welcome to the new folks who want to find out more about our program. We are having a mandatory meeting for ALL new members to ACEO. We have scheduled 1 meeting in January and 2 in February.

*Our open enrollment will close on February 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6:30 PM -- *Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior*  
**Location:** Plagge Hall at St. Simon Parish  
(Rapid Run Rd and Pontius)

OR

**Date:** Thursday, February 1st  
**Time:** 6:30 PM -- *Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior*  
**Location:** Plagge Hall at St. Simon Parish  
(Rapid Run Rd and Pontius)

OR

**Date:** Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:30 AM -- *Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior*  
**Location:** Plagge Hall at St. Simon Parish  
(Rapid Run Rd and Pontius)

### Everyone is welcome!!!

Here are high level details of what is required. Please look over this and if you would like more details about the program please attend one of the listed meetings.

- You must be at least 16 years of age to work the Reds games.
- You will be required to attend 5-hour training class at Great American Ball Park before you can work. Details will be discussed at the meeting.
- You must commit to working at least 12 games for the season.
- You must be able to work in a concession stand (work on a register, pour beer, grill, setup, cleanup, etc).
- You will be at the ball park for approximately 7-8 hours and you will be on your feet this entire time without breaks. Report time is about 3 hours prior to game time and you must stay until after the game (including rain delays and extra innings)
- ALL minors (16-18) must be accompanied by a parent at this meeting.
- *Anyone who wants to work with ACEO MUST attend one of these meetings.*

We have found that the most successful members are those who come to the meetings and get the information first hand. So this meeting is **mandatory** if you plan on working!

Please contact Jennifer Burns at [stalsreds@fuse.net](mailto:stalsreds@fuse.net) with questions.





# IRISH CABARET



Presented by  
Elder Vocal Ensemble  
Elder Singing Panthers  
Starlight Band  
Guest Soloists

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**8:00 PM**



At  
Father Reardon Hall  
Undercroft of St Williams Church  
A NO smoking facility  
Handicap Accessible -- W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance  
**\$20 per person**  
Includes beer, soft drinks, pretzels & chips  
Bring your own hors d'oeuvres, if you wish

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> ONLY**- St. William Church will have a Fish Fry. You can purchase a fish fry dinner to eat at the show on that night either in the cafeteria or your reserved seat in the hall. Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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### Reservation Order Form

Mail to:

**Kim Kelley**, 3900 Vincent Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45205

Questions, phone/e-mail **Kim Kelley** at [513-921-3451/kelleykc@elderhs.net](mailto:kimkelley@elderhs.net)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets at \$20 each for

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations **will not** be held without payment.  
Make checks payable to Elder Glee Club  
**NO REFUNDS**

