

# Elder High School



## August 2018 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. 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:

- Staff training for the new Student Information System (SIS) – Blackbaud – that will affect many departments at Elder, including: academics, admissions, billing, development, etc.
- Revamped the school website ([www.ElderHS.org](http://www.ElderHS.org)) and it is now integrated with the new SIS.
- New glass and shades in the windows on the north side of the school building.
- Pressure washed all of the concrete seating in the Pit.
- The Fieldhouse wood floor was removed and we are currently in the process of replacing it. The floor buckled from storm water backup in March.
- Over 700 campers participated in our summer athletic camps!
- Two summer college essay writing classes offered to our students.

### FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES (alpha order):

- Mr. Corey Amodio is the new IT Help Desk Technician.
- Mr. Nathan Brown ('07), will join our English department and is the current Elder freshman baseball coach. Nathan has taught at CPS Academy of World Languages the past 4 years.
- Mrs. Colleen Davis is the new Administrative Assistant for the Development Office.
- Mr. Ron Ehler has joined our Campus Security team. Ron is a retired Cincinnati police officer.
- Mr. Brian Hiles ('03) is the new Director of Admissions. Brian has been employed by the Hearing Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati the last two years.
- Mr. Craig James ('93) will be the new webmaster and social media coordinator and continue to teach two English courses.
- Mr. Al Kovacic will take over as our Campus Minister and teach religion courses. Al has taught at Seton H.S. the last 10 years.
- Mr. Andy Listerman will transition from Business teacher to College & Career Coordinator.
- Mr. PJ Meyer ('14) is the Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coordinator. PJ recently graduated from Wilmington College.
- Mr. Dan Mohs ('10) is will join our math department. Dan has taught at North College Hill H.S. the last three years.
- Mrs. Mindy Roy will be our new Business teacher. Mindy has taught at Covington Holmes H.S. and a few other schools the last ten years.

- Mr. Scott Schaerer ('90) will join our religion department. Scott has taught at Our Lady of Visitation the last six years.
- Mr. Matt Wahlert will teach in the social studies department after having taught at St. Henry H.S. the last 17 years.
- Many teachers participated in professional development courses/workshops and traveled the world this summer. More information will be provided in the September Newsletter.

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

### **ACE Test Prep for the ACT**

@ Elder High School & NOW ALSO Mount Saint Joseph University

**CONTACT:** Mr. Brett Currin - [currinbj@elderhs.net](mailto:currinbj@elderhs.net)

**WHEN:** 6:30 – 9:00 PM on Tuesday & Thursday nights (EHS) Monday & Wednesday nights (MSJU)

**WHO:** Open to Elder, Seton, Mercy & McAuley students (EHS), any HS student (MSJU)

**WHY:** We've worked with over 400 students on the west-side for the past 5 years. ACE students have an improvement average of 3.02! High quality prep from our team of local HS teachers.

For more details and our full schedule:  
<http://acetheact.wixsite.com/act-website>

### **New Website!**

Have you noticed a difference in our website? We hope so! Check out the new [www.elderhs.org](http://www.elderhs.org) and let us know what you think! We're still building more pages and adding content, but if you notice a

bug or have an idea for something we could include, then send us a note at [info@elderhs.net](mailto:info@elderhs.net).

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

All parents are invited to attend the Meet-the-Teacher Night on Wednesday, September 5. The program will run from 7:00pm-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.

### **ALUMNI NEWS!**

#### **August Class Reunions**

The classes of 1953 and 1961 will host reunion gatherings on the evening of August 24. Several other class reunions are planned for this fall. For more information, see page 25 of the most recent *The PRIDE* magazine, visit [www.elderhs.org/reunion](http://www.elderhs.org/reunion), or call the Alumni Office at (513) 921-3411.

#### **Alumni Soccer Match, August 4**

It's BACK! And this time, alumni of Elder's soccer program will take on the varsity team in what's sure to be a titanic match-up. Kickoff is at 3:00 P.M. at the Panther Athletic Complex. Alumni who would like to play should RSVP to [espelagekj@elderhs.net](mailto:espelagekj@elderhs.net).

#### **Tom & Bonnie Otten Alumni Family Picnic, August 10**

We hope to see you at Stricker's Grove on Friday, August 10 for our annual picnic! Admission is just \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and includes dinner, all the rides, entertainment by Elder's Glee Club and Steel Drum Band, and more! Gates open at 5:30 P.M.

#### **Alumni Cross Country Race, August 11**

The Annual Greg Weber Alumni Race will take place at 9:00 A.M. at Rapid Run Park. All are welcome. Alumni of Elder's cross country program are invited to participate or to just come out to cheer on the runners.

### Alumni Family Walk, September 3

Continue the tradition of giving back to others! This is a fun, family-friendly day for the entire Elder community that benefits the students of Elder and a select local charity. Visit [www.elderhs.org](http://www.elderhs.org) for registration information!



Buy a chance to win a 2018 Mazda CX-5 Grand Touring AWD. The value of the Mazda is \$33,615. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, October 13, 2018. This is an amazing donation and we are very grateful to our anonymous donor for this generous gift to support Elder High School! Raffle tickets are \$50 each or 6 tickets for \$200. We are asking students to sell two tickets. There are incentives for the students to sell tickets. You can read car specifications, terms and conditions and purchase tickets online by going to [www.elderhs.org/elderama](http://www.elderhs.org/elderama) or you can mail a check into Elder High School. 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 2018

The 33rd Elderama Auction will be Saturday, October 13. 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 5<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 28<sup>th</sup>. Ring samples will be placed on display in the Main Hall at Elder from August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup> (Parents Night.) Ring orders can be placed with Mr. Tanner on September 5<sup>th</sup> at lunchtime, in the evening at Parents Night or any time after that in Mr. Flaherty's office at Elder.

### FRESHMEN ID CARDS

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.

### SUMMER READING

The library still has a few copies of the summer reading book *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aiden and Nate Powell available for \$8. If you need one, please email our library at [ehslibrary@elderhs.net](mailto:ehslibrary@elderhs.net) to make arrangements with Ms. Williams-Mitchell or Mrs. Kelley to pick up your copy.

### Elder Band Mattress Sale Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

The **Elder Band Mattress Sale** is FINALLY here! Have you been looking for a new mattress (or two)? Come to the **Schaeper Center Multi-Purpose Room** for a Showroom of name-brand mattresses available at a significant discount over the mattress stores! All purchases go to support the Elder Band and this year will help them offset the costs of transportation to New York! See attached flyer for more details.

**Showroom/Sale Hours: 10am-5pm  
on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Tom & Bonnie Otten**

**ELDER ALUMNI  
FAMILY PICNIC!**

**Friday, August 10, 2018**

**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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**When:** Saturday, August 25

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

**Where:** Elder High School

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



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