

Elder High School



February 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

What a great time of year to celebrate our Catholic schools and simultaneously distract ourselves from the cold weather and short days. The first week of February is Catholic Schools Week and we will have special activities.

Monday-Feb 1: Grade School Colors Day.

Students and staff are encouraged to dig into the closet to find that old tee-shirt from grade school, then try to squeeze into it for the day. If you can't find an original, go with something in your school colors. Elder's staff will be treated to a complimentary breakfast.

Tuesday-Feb 2: All-school Mass and Skyline "Main Event" Lunch Day. Skyline owners and Elder grads Joe ('72) and John ('77) Lambrinides personally serve their famous 3-ways in Elder's cafeteria at a bargain "Elder" price.

Wednesday-Feb 3: Mass at the Cathedral for all schools. A group of Elder students will represent all of us at this festive Mass.

Thursday-Feb 4: Crazy Apparel Day is every boy's dream. Crazy shoes, socks, ties, shirts, hats, you name it—if it is decent, he can wear it. It is just an opportunity to be creative, self expressive and (for one day) to be goofy. Everyone participates and we all look weird together. The Elder Moms Club will host a complimentary luncheon for all staff.

Friday-Feb 5: This is NOT a Purple Friday. Junior and seniors will attend the Alumni Career Fair featuring over 70 booths with professionals in various fields on hand to answer questions. The underclassmen will attend a special CSI-type

presentation by Mike Trimpe (Elder '76) who is a forensic scientist with Hamilton County.

A reminder that there are no classes on Monday, February 8. The students surpassed their goal for October's *Walk-for-Others* earning a free day of their choice. They chose the day after the Super Bowl.

Altiora!

Tom Otten '64
Principal

SCHEDULING

Scheduling will begin the week of February 16. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will receive information explaining credit requirements and course offerings. During the scheduling period, students will be seeking recommendations from their teachers. The counselors are available to answer any questions.

FINANCIAL AID

The application for financial aid for the 2010/2011 school year is available online at elderhs.org. If you are in need of tuition assistance to send your son to Elder next year, please consider this program. It is the primary source of financial assistance. Applications are due to PSAS by March 1, 2010.

DID YOU KNOW YOUR SON COULD EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE AT ELDER?

Elder High School is proud to have a relationship with several colleges/universities that allows students to earn college credit by taking specific courses here at Elder. Currently, the following courses have been approved with these

institutions: Thomas More College – College Biology, College Psychology, and College Intro. to Education; University of Cincinnati – Physics, AP Chemistry; Xavier University – AP U.S. History.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

Seniors applying for financial aid should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There is a paper version available; however, the preferred method is FAFSA on the Web (www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA on the Web worksheet (on hand in the Guidance Resource Center) should be completed prior to going online. Remember to apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov and check college priority deadline dates. Additional help is available at 1-800-433-3243.

SAT & ACT INFORMATION

Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT in the Spring. The May SAT is administered at Elder. SAT & ACT registration materials are available in the Guidance Resource Center or apply online. Elder’s SAT/ACT code number is 360990.

The test dates and registration deadlines are as follows: REGISTER EARLY!

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SAT March 13	February 4
SAT May 1	March 25
SAT June 5	April 29
ACT April 10	March 5
ACT June 12	May 7

*Visit www.collegeboard.com and click on “Register for the SAT”.

*Visit www.actstudent.org for more information and to register for the test.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In order to receive proper recognition in the Graduation Program and other media releases, please give a copy of your award letter to your counselor whether you plan on using the scholarship or not. Also, continue to update your PrepHQ regarding your financial aid and admission decisions.

CREDITS

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

Minimum earned during school year

Freshmen 3 ½ credits
 Sophomore 3 ½ credits

Minimum to advance to next grade

Freshmen 5 ¼ credits
 Sophomore 10 ½ cumulative credits

Minimum earned during school year

Junior 4 credits

Minimum to advance to next grade

Junior 16 cumulative credits

Senior 22 cumulative credits to graduate

ELDER’S SUMMER 2010

FIRST TIME CREDIT COURSES

In order to give more flexibility in scheduling classes in the freshman through senior years, Elder will offer four first-time credit courses this summer. Classes will be in session from June 21st through July 23rd. Three of the classes are equivalent to a one-semester course (1/2 credit): **Health (on-line)** and **Physical Education** for current 8th, 9th, & 10th graders and **Forensic Science** for current 10th & 11th graders. Students interested in the Forensic Science class must have at least a B average during the regular school year.

A fourth class, **Environmental Science**, June 23rd through July 23rd for current 11th graders with at least a B average, will be offered as a dual credit course (1 credit for high school and credit at many colleges, including 4 semester hours at Thomas More College).

Class times are as follows:

Health (on-line)...7:45am - 10:20am (\$270 fee)

Physical Education...10:30am - 1:05pm (\$270 fee)

Forensic Science...4:00pm- 6:00pm (\$270 fee)

Environmental Science...7:45am-1:05 P.M. (\$750 fee)

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

Early registration will be from March 22nd – May 14th. The decision to offer these courses will be

made May 17th and will be based on the number of students registered. A \$100 registration fee is due at the time of registration (**cash, certified check, or money order ONLY**). This fee will be applied to the cost of the class. If the class is not offered due to lack of student interest, the \$100 fee will be refunded.

If you have any questions regarding these courses, please contact Mr. Kurt Ruffing (921-3744 ext. 3409).

BABYADS-ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

We are now selling Senior Baby Ads. A mailing regarding baby ads went home in December. Ads are all ¼ page and are \$55.00. This would be a great way to personalize your son's yearbook. Deadline is February 26, 2010. If you have any questions please call Kathy Hirth at 921-3744 ext. 3600.

MOM PROM INFO

The 2010 Mom Prom, for junior-seniors and their moms, will be held at Woodlands on Sunday evening, February 14 from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets are \$40/couple and include snacks, dinner, drinks, dance and door prizes. Tickets will be sold at the Main Office during lunch periods February 1-9. If more than one son will be attending, add \$15/son. Plan now for a wonderful evening!

SENIOR PARENTS—

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 25

Something new! This event, always popular with the moms, has been expanded to include the dads. Seniors and their parents will be invited to a dinner on Sunday, April 25 at Woodlands sponsored by the Moms Club and hosted by underclassmen mothers. Look for additional details and costs in a future newsletter.

TEEN READ CONTEST – UPDATE!

The Elder Library's ongoing Teen Read Contest is at the halfway point! A special Early Bird Drawing was held for those who had submitted approved entry forms as of January 18. The winners of a Chipotle gift card were Brad Lane and Cameron Kelley—congratulations Brad and Cameron! This contest began in mid-October

and the drawing for a Grand Prize Package (retail values of at least \$100 in gift cards) will be on Teen Literature Day, April 15, 2010 so students should continue to read and submit those entry forms! Details about the contest can be found on the Elder Announcement page at www.elderhs.net.

CAREER DAY

Career Day, sponsored by the Businessmen's Association, will be held on Friday, February 5. Seniors and Juniors will attend the Career Fair, while freshmen and sophomores will attend a Forensic Science (CSI) presentation given by Golf Coach Mike Trimpe '76.

SPORTS STAG

The 34th Annual Sports Stag will be held at Elder on Wednesday, March 10. The featured speaker will be Thom Brennaman. Tickets went on sale the week of January 25. Call the Alumni office for details.

THE ELDER GLEE CLUB PRESENTS

Irish Cabaret

Friday, March 12 and Saturday March 13
8:00pm – Fr. Reardon Hall

Undercroft of St. William – non-smoking facility
Handicapped accessible-W. 8th Street entrance
\$15/person includes beer, set-ups, chips and pretzels

Bring your own hors d'oeuvres, if you wish

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Bookstore hours are 10:30am-1:00pm on all school days. *Remember!!* Your Elder Spiritwear purchase from the Bookstore benefits the young men of Elder! All \$\$\$ made in the Bookstore goes toward scholarships for young men to attend Elder. Help other young men benefit from your support! Please check the website for upcoming new items and events.

PANTHER OF THE MONTH

Panther of the Month for the month of February is **Jimmie Dugan** '10. For being named Panther of the



Month, he will receive a \$20.00 Elder Supply Store gift certificate.

The Panther of the Month Award recognizes those students who give of themselves for the benefit of others. A real Panther gives back. Congratulations Jimmie!

AFFORDABLE COMPUTER CLASSES

Are available for adults in the evening at Elder's Schaeper Center. For listings of the schedule of classes offered and their description, visit the tech-reach website www.tech-reach.org or the Elder HS website www.elderhs.org (click on "About" then click on "tech-reach" and then www.tech-reach.org). In mid-February, the Spring of 2010 schedule of classes will be posted. For more information call Sr. Nancy Kinross at 921-3744 ext. 3636.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, October 9, 2010 is the date for Elderama '10. Many volunteers are needed for the different committees. Volunteering for Elderama is a great way to get involved and meet new people at Elder High School. If you are interested in getting involved with the auction, please call Marybeth Meyer at 921-3744 ext. 3416.

MOM'S CLUB EVENT

"Cheers to New and Old Friends" Tasting and Chocolate Meeting on Thursday, February 11. The event begins at 7:30pm in the Elder Cafeteria. There will be acoustic entertainment, tasting and chocolate. Only \$15.00 at the door. Come and enjoy a night out with friends. If you have any questions, please email Mickey Buller mbuller@cinci.rr.com.

The next upcoming event will be the Keeneland trip in April, more information to follow.

NEED A BUDDY LAROSA CARD?

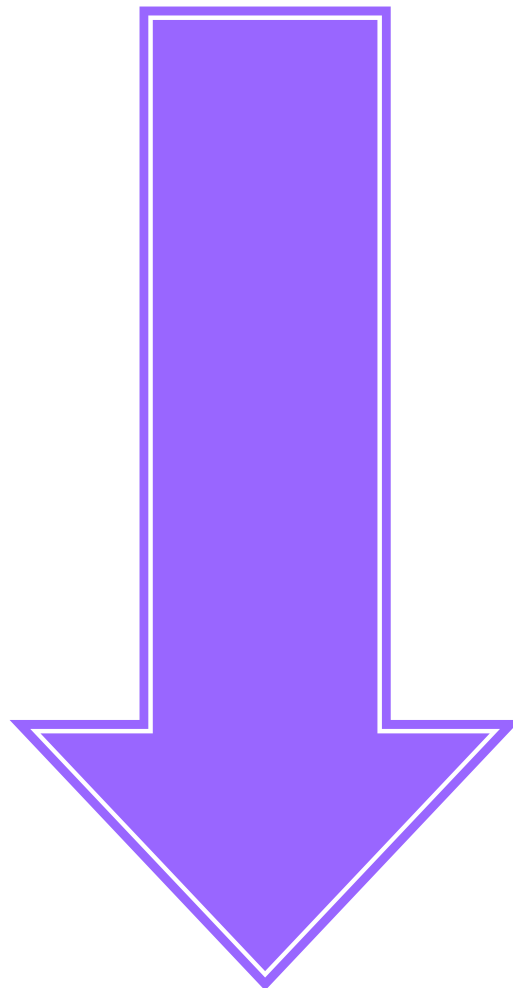
Once again, the Elder Glee Club will be selling the LaRosa Pizza Cards from January 27-February 11. This year, besides the 12 Buy Any Large Pizza-Get One Large Cheese Pizza free, the card includes two Buy One Adult/Get One Adult free to the Cincinnati Zoo. Cost is \$10. You can purchase a card from Glee Club members or through the school office. Proceeds

from this fundraiser go to the boys' individual accounts. Please support Elder's fine Glee Club and enjoy LaRosas pizza! For more information, please call Judy Maurer at 921-2698.

NEW EVENT

Seton Performing-Arts Series Guest Concert
Miami University Men's Glee Club
Saturday, February 20 – 7:30pm
Ticket info is available on the Elder website—
www.elderhs.org.

GLEE CLUB IRISH CABARET RESERVATION FORM



IRISH CABARET
RESERVATION FORM

Tear off and mail to: Joann Franco, 1154
Nancy Lee Lane Cincinnati, Ohio 45238
or call 921-6866.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

_____ TICKETS at \$15.00 each for
_____ Friday, March 12
_____ Saturday, March 13

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

Reservations **will not** be held without
payment.

Make checks payable to Elder Glee Club

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BB=Basketball B=Bowling H=Hockey S=Swimming W=Wrestling	1 Catholic Schools Week Grade School Colors Day	2 Catholic Schools Week Mass Last day for 2 nd semester upperclassmen schedule changes BB-Aiken B-St. Xavier	3	4 Crazy Apparel Day	5 Career Fair BB-LaSalle H-Mason	6 H-Bellbrook/NKY Raiders W-Delaware Hayes Tourn.
7	8 NO SCHOOL Walk for Others Free Day B-Winton Woods	9 Last day for 2 nd semester freshmen schedule changes BB-Carroll	10 Pancake Breakfast Early Dismissal 1:50pm Faculty Meeting	11 Mom's Club, 7:30pm - Cafeteria B-Colerain	12 BB-McNicholas S-Sectionals	13 H-Centerville W-GCL Tourn.
14 Mom Prom, 6-10pm, Woodlands	15 NO SCHOOL	16 Upperclassmen scheduling begins S-Cooper Invitational	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Progress Reports	18 Progress Reports Talent Show, 7pm, Seton	19 BB-Moeller B-Sectionals S-Districts W-Sectionals	20 Miami Men's Chorus Concert, 7:30pm, Seton W-Sectionals
21	22	23	24 Early Dismissal 1:50pm Faculty Meeting	25	26 S-State W-Districts	27 S-State W-Districts
28	1 MARCH	2	3	4 W-State	5 W-State	6 W-State