

Elder High School



March 2010 Newsletter

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

Dear Parents,

We have all heard the phrase regarding “the elephant in the room.” It refers to a topic of importance, one which everyone is aware of, but is so sensitive that we avoid bringing it up. Our “elephant”—*safety* in Price Hill.

Safety is one of our basic needs (others are food, shelter, family). You, as parents, should be informed about initiatives in Price Hill concerning safety issues. It has been a few years since my last update on this topic, and so I figured it was time once again.

Safety CAT (Community Action Team): meets in Elder’s Library the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Cincinnati police officers, Hamilton County probation officers, representatives from East, West, and Lower Price Hill, Court Watch, Citizens on Patrol, and neighborhood block clubs, plus any interested person. The Safety CAT is a group which involves its members in activities designed to have a positive presence in the neighborhood—a presence that speaks to ownership and care. Simply, we care what happens in *our* neighborhood.

Good Guy Loitering: Weather permitting, we bring our lawn chairs to hang out on “hot spot” corners, usually on Fridays from 7:30-11:30 PM. The point: this is our neighborhood.

Citizens on Patrol: Trained by Cincinnati Police, these citizens patrol neighborhoods with police radios acting as extra eyes and ears for the sworn officers.

Court Watch: Trained in Elder’s computer labs, citizens track court cases of interest, submit Impact Statements to the court, and even go to court as neighborhood advocates. The purpose: to inform the court that lawbreakers are negatively impacting our neighborhood, and ask for the stiffest penalty. Commit a crime in Price Hill and we will be your worst nightmare.

Tutoring and Adopt-a-Class: Education is the key to a better life. In 2009 many of us tutored fourth graders at Reece E. Price School on Saturdays. The Safety CAT has adopted a class.

Safety Walks: These occur every Thursday. They begin promptly at 6:30 PM, follow a pre-mapped route of several blocks and conclude in about one-hour. We are accompanied by a District 3 police officer. Trash is bagged and notations of observed violations (yards, buildings, safety issues, etc) are reported to proper authorities the next day.

Block Clubs: Bring neighbors together. The voice of many is heard better than the voice of one.

Safe City Project: Deals primarily with issues and initiatives along the Warsaw-Glenway corridor. Meetings are the first Friday of every other month. I am a board member.

District 3 Resource Committee: Meetings rotate to the various neighborhoods within the police district and are held every other month.

Altiora! Strive for the Highest!

Tom Otten '64
Principal

TUITION 2010/2011

Information packets describing the Flexible Tuition Payment Program for next school year will be mailed to each student's parent the week of March 22. Completed plans should be returned by April 30.

ANNUAL FUND PHONE-A-THON

Elder's Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon begins Sunday, February 28 and runs through Thursday, March 11. Students will be calling alumni who have so generously given to the Annual Fund in the past. Money raised through the Annual Fund supports the Financial Assistance program. Your gift, no matter the amount, will be appreciated.

LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available to current freshmen, sophomores and juniors for the 2010-11 school year. To be eligible to apply, students must have earned at least an 85GPA in the first semester of this school year.

Applications are available in the Alumni/Development Office or can be downloaded from the elderhs.org website. Application deadline is March 26, 2010.

PRE-COLLEGE AND SUMMER STUDIES PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Over the summer many colleges and universities will offer educational and experiential residential institutes and camps covering a wide variety of academic interests. These pre-college programs are open to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students who will have the opportunity to experience college life and, in some cases, even earn college credit. If you would like more information about course offerings, fees, and application procedures, please check the Summer Programs section on PrepHQ or contact Mrs. Graham in the Guidance Office.

GUIDANCE NEWS

ATTENTION SENIORS: Families applying for financial aid for college should have already filed the FAFSA. If not, do so immediately as college have financial aid deadlines and some money is given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions concerning financial aid can be directed to the Guidance Office at Elder or the

financial aid office at the college where the student has applied.

ATTENTION JUNIORS: Important testing dates are coming up for college bound juniors. Students are encouraged to take both the SAT and the ACT tests.

TEST	DATE	APPLICATION DEADLINE
SAT	5/1	3/31
SAT	6/5	5/5
ACT	6/12	5/7

Applications and sample tests are available in the Guidance Office or apply online. Elder is a test center for the May 1st SAT. Elder's High School Code is 360990.

ACADEMY AND ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Juniors interested in pursuing a military academy appointment or a ROTC Scholarship should begin the application process this spring. As a first step, students should take the ACT and SAT, authorizing the testing agency to release scores directly to the appropriate scholarship program(s). If you have questions or need to check general eligibility requirements and details of the application process, please contact Mr. Sovern in the Guidance Office or check the Academy/ROTC websites.

SUPER SPLIT THE POT

Remember to send in your Super Split the Pot tickets by Friday, March 5. Drawing to be held Monday, March 8. If you need additional tickets, please call the Main Office at 921-3744.

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BLOOD DRIVE

This will be the second blood drive Elder High School will host during this school year. Encourage your son to consider donating blood at the Spring Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 30. 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 now accept persons 16 years and older to donate blood provided they meet all blood donor requirements and have written consent from the 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 Elder's website www.elderhs.net –link on left side “Blood Drive Permission Slip”.

Please indicate in writing that you give your son permission to give blood. Remind him of any medication he is taking or current medical condition as the Hoxworth personnel will be asking for that information. Thank you for your support.

Please encourage your son to eat a well balanced meal the night before and after giving blood.

Any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Linda Giessler RN, School Nurse or Mr. Kurt Ruffing, Dean of Discipline.

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).

PANTHER OF THE MONTH

Panther of the Month for the month of March is **Alex Schatzman** '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 Alex!



34th ANNUAL SPORTS STAG

The 34th Annual Alumni Sports Stag will be held on Wednesday, March 10. The featured speaker will be Thom Brennaman. Tickets are \$50.00 or \$125.00 for a Patron. Please call the Alumni Office for details.

LIBRARY NEWS

Do you want to see the original text of papal speeches or pastoral letters by bishops? Would you like Catholic news related documentation on topics such as public policy, social justice, liturgy and more? Origins is a documentary service by the Catholic News Services and a link to the OriginsOnline site and database of information is now available on Elder's Library page (follow the Library link under “Academics” off Elder's home page, <http://www.elderhs.org>.) A User Name and Password can be obtained from the Elder Library Staff to access all of the information available in the database.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the date: Elderama Auction is set for Saturday, October 9, 2010. Many volunteers are needed to help with the auction. If you would like to help in any way, please call Mary Beth Meyer at Elder 921-3744 ext. 3416.

ELDER SUPPLY STORE

Elder spiritwear makes a great gift for Confirmation and/or Graduation! We have hats, sweatshirts and t-shirts in a variety of sizes still available. The Supply Store is open from 10:30am-1:00pm Monday through Friday on regular school days. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

AFFORDABLE COMPUTER CLASSES

Are available for adults in the evening at Elder's Schaeper Center. Visit the *tech-reach* website www.tech-reach.org for listings of the classes offered and descriptions. From this site you may print out the schedule with registration form. Classes start March 8 and April 6, 2010. For more information call Sr. Nancy Kinross at 921-3744 ext. 3636.

TIPS FOR PARENTS ON HOSTING TEENAGE PARTIES

We all want our teenagers to have fun sober activities. On the links printed below are tips for parents from the Drug Free Action Alliance on hosting teenage parties. You can be liable if your son has a party with alcohol being provided in your home. Know the law and the facts. Let's keep our children safe and healthy.

Check out the following links for more information:

http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/docs/ParentTips_000.pdf

<http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/documents/LegalHealthandSafetyIssues.pdf>

You can also obtain these documents from Elder's Intranet site by clicking "School Health" on the left side of the screen.

THE ELDER GLEE CLUB PRESENTS:

Irish Cabaret

Friday, March 12 & Saturday, March 13

8:00pm – Fr. Reardon Hall

Undercroft of St. William—No smoking facility

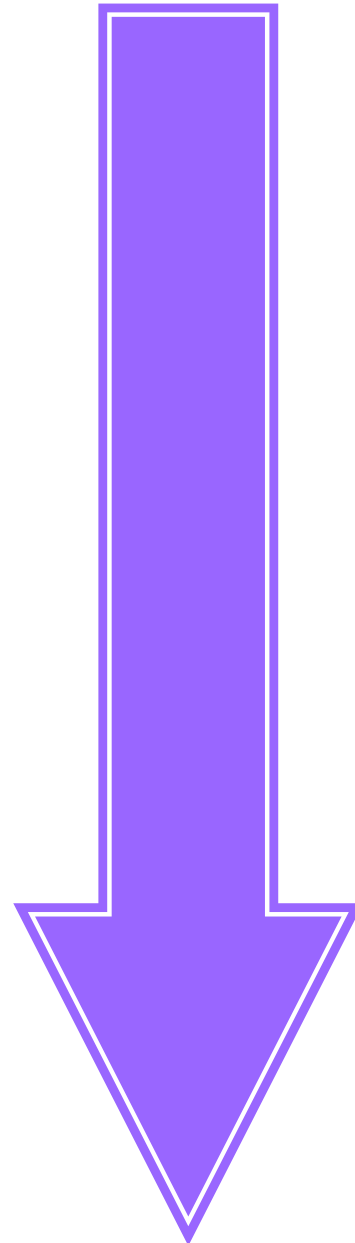
Handicapped accessible-W. 8th Street entrance

\$15/person Includes beer, set-ups, chips & pretzels

Bring your own hors d'oeuvres, if you wish

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B=Baseball L=Lacrosse TF=Track & Field T=Tennis V=Volleyball W=Wrestling	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Pancake Breakfast Early Dismissal 1:50pm Faculty Meeting Kairos	11 Kairos	12 Kairos Glee Club Irish Cabaret, 8pm, St. William	13 Band in St. Patrick's Day Parade Glee Club Irish Cabaret, 8pm, St. William
14 Swimming Banquet- 5:30pm, The Farm Wrestling Banquet- 5:30pm, The Farm	15 Ohio Graduation Test- Sophomores	16 Ohio Graduation Test- Sophomores	17 Ohio Graduation Test- Sophomores	18 Ohio Graduation Test- Sophomores	19 Penance Service Ohio Graduation Test- Sophomores	20 Indoor Drumline & Guard-Milford HS
21 Indoor Drumline & Guard-Simon Kenton HS	22	23	24 Early Dismissal 1:50 Faculty Meeting Hockey Banquet- 6:00pm, Meadows Bowling Banquet- 6:00pm, Meadows	25	26 End of Third Quar L-Lakota East V-St. Charles Tourn.	27 Indoor Drumline & Guard Championships- Ryle HS L-Covington Catholic V-St. Charles Tourn.
28 Basketball Banquet- 5:30pm, The Farm	29 T=Mason	30 Blood Drive T=Lakota West	31 Freshmen Retreat B-LaSalle T-LaSalle V-St. Xavier	1 APRIL Holy Thursday No School	2 Good Friday No School	3 Holy Saturday
4 Easter	5 Easter Monday No School	6 Classes Resume				