Dear Parents,

That nice warm Saturday we had in late February brought back some great memories. It would have been a day just like that when my Dad would announce that it was time for what he called “spring cleaning.” Once we heard those words it was practically impossible to contain our excitement. At our home it meant the groundhog was wrong—winter was over! It was time to rescue the porch furniture from hibernation, hang the Flexible Flyers in the garage rafters and get the grill ready for duty. There were windows to be opened and cleaned, screens to install and garden hoses to hook up. It was a holiday for our family, one where everyone pitched in with anticipation of all that was to come. Soon the lilacs would be in bloom, grass would green-up and we’d all have an extra little bounce in our step.

At Elder something similar happens as the third quarter comes to a close. Spring sports are gearing up, practice for the Seton-Elder musical is underway, and freshmen/sophomore dances are being planned as well as the junior-senior prom. As our seniors finalize plans for their next leg of life’s journey, our counselors are assisting the Class of 2020 to schedule their classes. Life happens in the blink of an eye if you aren’t watching carefully. The old saying about taking time to “smell the roses” is good advice, for it is the small, everyday things that add meaning to our lives. I want to take a moment to thank you for partnering with our staff for your son’s high school experience. Your faith in us is deeply appreciated. God bless & Altiora!

Tom Otten ‘64
Principal

TUITION PLANS 2016/2017
Elder’s annual information packet and plan enrollment form describing our Tuition Payment Program for next school year will be mailed to each student’s parent the week of March 28th. We would appreciate completed plans be returned by April 30th to the Main Office. Tuition for the 2016-2017 school year will be $11,000.00 per student. This includes the annual cost of the Tablet–PC. Thank you for choosing Elder to partner with you in providing your son’s education. We greatly appreciate the commitment and sacrifice you make to provide him with an Elder education.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Many colleges sponsor one to two week summer academic and career programs for high school students. These provide great opportunities to explore a possible career choice, take a college level course and to experience college & campus life. Some that may be of interest at a reasonable cost include:

Ohio Business Week – Ohio Dominican University - $350
Pharmacy Summer Camp – University of Toledo- $400
Kings Island Amusement Park Education/Engineering/Leadership Days - $30-40 Programs begin late April – May.
Jump Start (Forensic Science/Criminal Justice/Pre-Med) - Xavier University - $2350
Summer Camp in Computer Science – 
University of Cincinnati - $300 
MD Camp 2016 – The Ohio State University - $700 
For a more complete list, please visit Naviance & look for Enrichment Programs. Please contact Mrs. Lind if you would like any additional information.

ELDER BAND HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL CAKE WALK – FUN FAMILY EVENT! 
Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 5th the Elder Band will host its fifth annual Cake Walk from 7-10 pm in the Elder High School Wrestling Gym. A “Cake Walk” is musical chairs, with a twist! This is a fun event for the entire family. In addition to music by various student groups, as well as the cake walk, there will also be split-the-pot, basket raffles, and food. Jesse and Amanda from B105 are the MCs for the evening! Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for high school students, and $1 for grade school students. Come on out for a great night of music and family fun!

April, the month of dances, quickly approaches…

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM 2016
This year’s prom will take place Saturday, April 2, from 8:30 -11:30 at the Newport Syndicate. Tickets will go on sale during the lunch periods starting Wednesday, March 23, and will remain on sale through Friday, April 1. The cost this year will be $50.00 per couple. Directions to the Syndicate will be available in the main office. Questions about this year’s prom can be directed to Mr. Dave Reiring at reiringdm@elderhs.net, or at 921-3744 ext. 2023. Please be advised that the breathalyzer will be used randomly again this year at prom.

Sophomore Dance 2016
The Sophomore Dance this year will be held Friday, April 9th, from 8-11 PM in Elder’s cafeteria. The cost will be $10 per couple, and tickets will go on sale Tuesday, March 29. This will be a semi-formal dance, which means dress shirt, dress pants and ties for the guys, and dresses or skirts for the girls.

Freshman Dance 2016
The Freshman Dance this year will be held Friday, April 22, from 8-11 PM in Elder’s cafeteria. The cost will be $10 per couple, and tickets will go on sale Monday, April 18. More details will be provided in the upcoming April newsletter.

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 financial aid office at the college where the student has applied or the Guidance Office at Elder.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS: There are still a number of college scholarship opportunities for the class of 2016. Please check the SCHOLARSHIP section in Naviance for scholarships for which you may be eligible. Be sure to check application deadlines and requirements. See Ms. Lind or your counselor for more information. DON’T FORGET TO BRING A COPY OF SCHOLARSHIP LETTERS TO YOUR COUNSELOR!

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

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(*This test will be administered to all juniors at Elder during the school day. Registration will be handled internally).

Registration forms and practice tests are available on the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and ACT (www.actstudent.org) websites and in the Guidance
Office. Elder is a test center for the May 7th SAT. Elder’s High School Code is 360990.

Juniors and Seniors who have not passed the OGT will take the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) the week of March 14th-18th.

(Spring blood drive)
ELDER HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT BLOOD DRIVE

Elder High School will host the Spring Hoxworth blood drive on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016. 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--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 15th.

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 Mrs. Jenny Boles, RN – School Nurse or Mr. Kurt Ruffing – Assistant Principal.

Thank you for your support.

ALUMNI SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Calling all alumni... even you too, current seniors! Registrations are now being accepted for the 2016 Elder Alumni Softball League! Season runs from April 10th through mid-July. Contact Matt Panzeca '04 with questions or to register at (513) 226-0476. Registration deadline: March 31st.

ALUMNI AWARDS
Our annual Alumni Awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 9th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Schaeper Center. This year, the Alumni Association recognizes the following for their contributions to the Elder community and beyond: Ed Adams ’56, Pete Ellerhorst ’79, Steve Spencer, Rev. Jim Walsh ’59, and the Hank Mueller EVSF/Elder Eleven Committee. Please RSVP by March 4th to the Alumni Office at 921-3744 or ioriat@elderhs.net. This is a free event. Business casual attire suggested. Nominations for future Alumni Awards are always welcome!

40TH ANNUAL SPORTS STAG
The Alumni Association proudly welcomes Xavier University’s Men’s Head Basketball Coach CHRIS MACK as its featured speaker for this year’s Sports Stag on Thursday, April 21st. Elder ’72 grad and sports radio personality Chick Ludwig will emcee the event. General admission $60.00; VIP admission $135.00. Tickets can be purchased at Brogan Oil (4210 Glenway Ave.) or via the Alumni Office. A ticket order form with more details is included in this newsletter.

FAMILY WALK
Lace up those walking shoes and join us on Sunday, April 3rd, at 1:00 P.M for the 7th Annual Elder Family Walk! Cost is $10/walker (max. $50/family) and includes a picnic in The Pit, a Walk t-shirt, fun, games, and more! Proceeds benefit Elder High School and a select neighborhood charity. A registration form is included in this newsletter or one can be downloaded at www.elderhs.org/alumni under Alumni Events. Call the Alumni Office with any questions at 921-3744.
ALUMNI GOLF OUTING SIGN-UPS
Sign-ups for the 2016 Alumni Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, April 2nd, at 10:00 A.M. in the Schaeper Center. Aston Oaks and Hidden Valley golf clubs will once again host this enjoyable outing on Friday, June 3rd. Cost is $125/golfer ($500/foursome) and includes lunch and two drink tickets in addition to dinner and reception at Aston Oaks. This event will sell out. Mark your calendars now!

EBA GOLF OUTING
The Elder Businessmen’s Association will host its 16th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, May 13th, at Grand Oak Golf Course. This is an important fundraising event to assist graduating seniors in continuing their education. A registration form is included in this newsletter or one can be downloaded at www.elderhs.org/alumni under Alumni Events.

Elder Summer School – 2016
First-Time Credit Courses
In order to give more flexibility in scheduling classes in the freshman through senior years, Elder will offer three first-time credit courses this summer.
Courses offered are:

**Health:**
- on-line course
- Current grades 8, 9, 10, & 11; $290

**Physical Education:**
- June 13th – July 15th, 10:30 A.M. – 1:05 P.M.
- Current grades 8, 9, 10, & 11; $290

**Physics:**
- June 6th – July 15th, 7:45 A.M. – 1:05 P.M.
- Current grades 10 & 11; $750

Health (1/2 credit) and Physical Education (1/4 credit) are equivalent to a one-semester course. Physics (1 credit) is equivalent to a year-long course.

Health is an on-line course and students will work at their own pace and on their own time providing they complete assignments by due dates. Students will meet at Elder for approximately one hour on either Friday, June 3rd or Monday, June 13th at 7:45 A.M. to meet the teacher and obtain class information and the textbook. Students will also meet at Elder for approximately one hour on Friday, July 15th to take the final test and return the textbook. Students must have access to email and a computer to complete this course. The Physical Education course requires the student to pay a minimal fee and make arrangements for transportation to an off-campus site due to a few activities (examples: bowling, golf, putt-putt, etc.).

The **Physics** course is a 6-week course, June 6th through July 15th offered to current 10th & 11th graders.

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

Registration starts Monday, March 14th. 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 www.ElderHS.org.

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If you have any questions regarding these courses, please contact Mr. Kurt Ruffing (921-3744 or RuffingKD@ElderHS.net).

**Parents of Current 11th Graders**

Parents of current 11th graders, beginning with the start of 2016-2017 school year, all students entering the 12th grade are required to be immunized against meningococcal disease with 2 doses of the MCV4 vaccine. This requirement is set forth by the Ohio Department of Health and must be met prior to attending the first day of school. The documentation must list month/day/year that each dose was administered. Therefore, please send or fax (921-8123) a copy of your son’s immunization record to my attention, Jenny Boles RN, no later than June 2, 2016. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.
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Come on out for a night of great music and family FUN!!

**Jesse and Amanda from B105 will be the MCs for the evening!!!**

Musical chairs with a TWIST!!
This is a GREAT family event!!! The kids LOVE it!!

Elder High School Wrestling Gym
Saturday, March 5
7-10 p.m.

Admission: $3/Adults
$2/High School Students
$1/Grade School Students

Food!! Raffles!! Split the Pot!!
Music by the Various Elder High School Bands and
Elder/Seton Grade School Band!!!
And CAKE of course!!!!
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Elder Band. Come in to the Chipotle at 5555 Glenway Ave in Cincinnati on **Tuesday, March 8th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Elder Band.
16th ANNUAL ELDER BUSINESSMEN’S ASSOCIATION GOLF CLASSIC

An important scholarship fundraising event
to assist graduating seniors in continuing their education

Friday, May 13, 2016, at Noon
GRAND OAK GOLF COURSE

4-Person Scramble Raffle Prizes! Shotgun Start
Women Welcome Dinner Included

$75 per golfer... $300 per team of four

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Please mail completed entry form with check(s) payable to ELDER HIGH SCHOOL to:

Elder High School
c/o Alumni Office
3900 Vincent Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45205

Questions? Call Frank Panzeca at (513) 241-3111 (day) or (513) 451-0458 (evening)

FAX completed entry form with credit card information (above) to:

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL
ATTN: Alumni Office
(513) 921-8123 – fax #
This 5K Walk through “Elder Country” is a fundraiser for the Elder High School General Scholarship Fund. And just like the students’ annual Walk for Others held each fall, the Elder Family Walk continues the tradition of benefitting other local charities like Pregnancy Center West, Santa Maria Community Services, the Price Hill Historical Society, and the Holy Family Food Pantry. This year, a donation will be made to Price Hill Will, a comprehensive community development corporation serving East, West, and Lower Price Hill.

7th Annual Elder Family Walk!

Cost: $10 per walker (max. $50 per family)

Includes:

- Picnic in The Pit following the Walk!
- Commemorative Walk t-shirt!
- Fun, games, face painting and more!
- Please bring an item to donate to the Holy Family Food Pantry!

Event held rain or shine!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 23, 2016

Please detach and mail-in your completed registration form and check payable to Elder High School. Thank you!

NAME: ____________________________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________________________
____________________________________________________________
EMAIL: ________________________________________________
PHONE: ________________________________________________

Please indicate the # of shirts needed in each size:

ADULT: S ____ / M ____ / L ____ / XL ____ / XXL ____
YOUTH: S ____ / M ____ / L ____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED........................ $_______________

Make checks payable to: ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

Mail payment and registration to:
Elder High School
ATTN: Alumni Office
3900 Vincent Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45205
The Elder High School Alumni Association proudly welcomes Xavier University’s Men’s Head Basketball Coach CHRI$ MACK as our featured speaker and sports radio personality CHICK LUDWIG ’72 as our emcee! Mack has led Xavier to the NCAA Tournament five times in six seasons at the helm, and he is the first head coach in team history to lead the Muskies to three Sweet 16 appearances. He stands second on Xavier’s all-time win list behind Pete Gillen, whom Chris played for at Xavier from 1991 to 1993.

$60 General Admission / $135 Patron Ticket / Tables of 8 Available!

Pricing includes all drinks, snacks, dinner, and program. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Dinner and program at 7:00. A cocktail party for general admission ticket holders will be held in the cafeteria. Patron ticket holders are invited to a special VIP cocktail party hosted by Principal Tom Otten in the Schaeper Center with Chris Mack, Chick Ludwig, and many other sports figures and celebrities in attendance! All proceeds from the Stag are donated to the Elder Faculty & Staff in appreciation for all they do for the young men of Elder High School.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW BY APRIL 8, 2016!

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:
Elder High School
ATTN: Alumni Sports Stag
3900 Vincent Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45205

Questions? Call the Alumni Office at (513) 921-3744. Thank you!

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED (payable to “Elder High School”)
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