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As usual, life at Elder continues to thrive as the third quarter comes to a close later this month. The winter sports season is in its waning weeks and the spring sports are gearing up. Practice for the Elder-Seton musical *Anything Goes* is underway and spring dances are being planned. The annual Walk for Others will take place on March 22nd which is also the birthdate of Archbishop William Henry Elder (1819-1904) whom our school is named after. Please encourage your son to reach out to neighbors and family members to solicit donations for the walk. The school goal is \$70,000 with 80% of the money collected will benefit Elder’s tuition assistance program and the remaining 20% will be donated to local charities. As our seniors finalize plans for their next phase of life, our counselors are assisting the underclassmen as well as the members of the Class of 2022, Elder’s 100th class to schedule their courses for next school year.

On February 14 we celebrated Ash Wednesday, which marked the beginning of the Lenten season. During this time, we are provided the opportunity to reflect upon and examine the role Christ plays in our lives. During Lent, then, our Catholic faith calls us to not only offer a sacrifice but also take time to help others in need. Indeed, we are called to use the gifts and talents God gave us to make a difference in both our immediate community and the global community. To be sure, it is a call we must heed, and we at Elder pride ourselves on the variety of ways our students and staff serve the Cincinnati community in particular.

Few people, however, embodied this call to serve as selflessly as Mr. Mark Klusman. In recognition of Mr. Klusman’s tireless devotion to serving others, on March 15, the City of Cincinnati will hold a secondary street renaming ceremony to honor our beloved former teacher: Vincent Avenue will be renamed Mark Klusman Way. The passage of the resolution to rename the street will occur at the city council meeting on March 14, and we are thrilled to have this permanent sign—both literal and figurative—of our teacher, our colleague, our friend, our example of the well-lived life. However, while we focus on Elder’s immediate surroundings with the renaming of Vincent Avenue, Mr. Tom Reiring, Development Director, and I will be spending time on Elder turf miles away from Cincinnati.

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Speaking of students, life at Elder thrives in many ways as the third quarter comes to a close later this month. First, the winter sports season is in its waning weeks, and the spring sports season continues to gain momentum. Also, practice for the Elder-Seton musical, *Anything Goes*, is underway, and spring dances are being planned. Additionally, the annual Walk for Others will take place on March 22, which is also the birthdate of our school’s namesake, Archbishop William Henry Elder (1819-1904). Please encourage your son to reach out to neighbors and family members to solicit donations for our Walk. The school goal is \$70,000; 80% of the money collected will benefit Elder’s tuition assistance program, and the remaining 20% will be donated to local charities. Last, as our seniors finalize plans for the next phase of their lives, our counselors and teachers are assisting the underclassmen as well as the members of the Class of 2022, Elder’s 100th class, to schedule their courses for next school year. There’s no doubt that we are firing on all cylinders.