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Michelle Brief, Principal

Erin Viau, Headmaster

The Crusader: A “Brief Viau”

25-26 Week 9 10/24/25

A Few “Brief” Notes from the Principal:

Hello Crusader Families!

Sorry this week's edition of *The Crusader: A “Brief Viau”* is late. We had a very productive Professional Development Day on Friday with our Staff, which led to the postponement of our weekly communication. On Friday the Staff was blessed with training from Father Ryan Ford on our new Religious curriculum and Safe Environment lessons. In the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning grade and age appropriate lessons on how to stay safe from predators. If you do not want your child to participate in these lessons, please reach out to your child's teacher. When your child's teacher teaches these lessons, then your child will come to the office to do other work, but please keep in mind that these lessons are age and grade appropriate and also approved by the Diocese of Marquette. The Staff also had time to collaborate with each other, received some Classical training from our very own Headmaster, Mrs. Viau, Google Training from Mr. Derkos, and we started our yearlong spiritual professional development through Franciscan at Home.

I'd like to give a friendly reminder that school **starts** at 8:10am at the Grade School for Middle School students and 8:15am for PreK-5th grade students. Please have your students to school no later than these start times so they can head to class with their peers. Also as a reminder for High School students, school starts at 7:45am.

We have been working hard on improving our communication with parents and thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr. Derkos, we now have a texting communication tool set up through FACTS. It will work very similar to how you receive emails currently, but if it's a short message that we can blast out faster through text, we will. It is limited in characters, so please still continue to check your email for longer messages or messages with attachments, such as *The Crusader: A “Brief Viau”*. We will roll out a text test on Tuesday morning. We will



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email instructions on what to do if you do not receive the test text message. Thanks again to Mr. Derkos for his work on this!

As Parent Teacher Conferences are approaching, I'd like to remind parents to first reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns before coming to Mrs. Viau or I. If you have tried working with the teacher and you are still having concerns, then please reach out to one of us. If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of the schools, please reach out directly to Mrs. Viau or myself so that we can help you. Reaching out directly to us ensures that we hear your concerns correctly rather than the information accidentally getting lost in translation or misconstrued through third parties.

Finally this week is a reminder that students should not be texting teachers, coaches, or any staff member. As part of VIRTUS and Safe Environment, if your child needs to contact one of our teachers outside of school hours, they should be doing it through email or through parents. When emailing, they should also include a parent so that there isn't any one-on-one outside communication between students and staff. Our Coaches will be working with Mr. Derkos on an app communication so that everyone can be aware of events while making sure we are keeping our students and staff safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

God bless you, *Mrs. Brief* 😊

A "Viau" from the Headmaster:

Hello Crusader Family!

We had another productive week at the high school. Our Juniors and Seniors took their SAT on Tuesday and the Seniors took the CLT on Wednesday. Since the end of the first quarter is coming quickly, students are working diligently to catch up on missed work. If you know that your student needs to make things up, please remind them to get these things done by the end of this week.

I do have a friendly reminder this week. The staff at the high school will be looking closely at uniforms each day. Please make sure that your student is wearing all appropriate uniform items, including black shoes for both



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men and women. Part of being a Holy Name High School - A Chesterton Academy student is to follow this code. Thank you for helping us with this!

As we look ahead, our Christmas program (band and choir concert) is set for December 9th. This year's concert will be in the evening. For the high school students, this is not optional. It is part of their grade and their participation will serve as their final exam. If they have a job, please remind them to make arrangements to take this evening off as it is a mandatory school function.

Coming up, our high school students that will be taking part in the Rome Pilgrimage this March will be providing concessions and having a bake sale at the All Saints Festival this Saturday. We are looking for baked goods so if you're able to donate, please send them with your student to school on Friday. The rest of the high school students will be creating and working in the "Martyr museum" at the All Saints Festival. We could use a few parents to help with this so if anyone is interested, please let me know!

Have a Blessed Week!

Mrs. Viau

Other Exciting News, Important Information, and Reminders:

- Picture Retake Day will be this Thursday, October 30th at approximately 10am!!
- Popcorn Day for October will be this Thursday, October 30th! For just \$1 you can get a bag of popcorn! Please see the flyer attached to this week's communication email for more information.
- Attached to this week's communication is information for a new Service Club! This is a collaborative, optional, student-led activity open to all CCD HS students and HNHS students. If you're interested or have questions, please join us this Thursday at 4:30pm in the Multipurpose room for an informational meeting or reach out to Mrs. Jane Arts at jarts@holynamecrusaders.com or 906-786-7550 x202.



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- The All Saints Day Festival will be held this Saturday, November 1st! Volunteers are needed!! Please sign up to help on our website at <https://www.holynamecrusaders.com/volunteer/> . Please see the flyer that is attached to this week's communication email for more exciting information! Also see the note of gratitude from Bay Area Pregnancy regarding the donation of diapers and baby wipes!
- Our Middle School Boys Basketball Team will have their first game this Thursday, October 30th at Home vs. Stephenson at 6pm! Please come support our Crusaders!
- Please join us for our first Annual Joyful Carol Service sponsored by the Student Life Committee on Saturday, December 13, 2025 and Friday, December 19, 2025! We will meet at the HNHS - A Chesterton Academy at 5:30pm. Caroling booklets and a map will be provided. We will be caroling for local shut-ins and nursing facilities. Please dress warmly! RSVP to Katie DeGrand at 906-280-6763 by December 1st.
- Please see the attachment to the weekly communication to Save the Date for our Christmas Program! Our students have been working really hard and can't wait to perform for you.

A Look Ahead:

- Monday, October 27th - White Army in the Chapel at 3:30pm
- Thursday, October 30th - All Schools Mass at 8:45am in the Multipurpose Room at the Grade School
- Thursday, October 30th - Picture Retake Day!
- Thursday, October 30th - Popcorn Day!
- Thursday, October 30th - Service Club Meeting in the Multi at 4:30pm
- Thursday, October 30th - Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. Stephenson at 6pm
- Friday, October 31st - End of Quarter 1
- Friday, October 31st - Middle School Fieldtrip
- Saturday, November 1st - All Saints Festival 6-8pm