



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Michelle Brief, Principal

Erin Viau, Headmaster

The Crusader: A “Brief Viau”

25-26 Week 6 10/3/25

A Few “Brief” Notes from the Principal:

Hello Crusader Families!

During this sixth week of school, *The Daily Press* has started their Student of the Week program which we are excited to be participating in. We are proud to announce that our first Student of the Month is eleventh grade student, Abrielle Chouinard! Abrielle's teachers had wonderful things to say about her leadership skills, compassion, and positive attitude. Look for Abrielle's article in Saturday's edition of *The Daily Press* to learn more about what an amazing student and person she is. If you miss Saturday's paper, we will also share it on our Facebook page. Congratulations Abrielle on a well deserved award!

As I mentioned last week, we are halfway through the first quarter and I encourage you to check FACTS for your child's grades so that you're not surprised at the end of the Quarter. If you're not sure how to access your child's grades, I have attached an instructional sheet to this week's communication email. If after reading through the instructional sheet you are still having difficulty getting into FACTS, please reach out to Mrs. LaMarche in the Grade School Office. If you have any questions or concerns with your child's grades, assignments, etc., I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher and have a conversation with them. You can do this via email, phone, or in person during their Prep Period. Most of our staff emails are the first letter of their first name followed by their last name @holynamecrusaders.com. For example, mine is mbrief@holynamecrusaders.com. If you need assistance with a teacher's name, please reach out to Mrs. Viau or myself and we will get you connected with the teacher.



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A friendly reminder that hair color is part of our uniform policy. Hair color should be a natural color that does not cause any distractions. I have had several students ask me recently if they can dye their hair blue or bleach it white, and my answer to them is no, because that is not a natural hair color and it causes a distraction to others.

Finally, I just experienced my first "Blessing of the Pets" and what a fantastic experience it was! So many friendly pets, happy families, and smiling children; what more could you ask for?! Even my dog, Max, was able to join in the fun and the blessing. It was a wonderful ending to a wonderful week!

God bless you,

Mrs. Brief 😊

A "Viau" from the Headmaster:

Happy Friday, Crusader Family! How is it already the beginning of October? The six weeks with these high school students has flown by. They continue to amaze me with their hard work and dedication to their classes. Most importantly, their commitment to growing in their faith is what inspires me most. All of our students were given the opportunity this week to listen to Fr. Ryan Ford's presentation on St. Carlo Acutis and to look at the display of Eucharistic miracles that St. Carlo created. This modern day saint is one that they can relate to and they listened intently to Fr. Ryan speak about St. Carlo's life. This display is now at the high school and parents and family members are welcome to come and see it anytime during school hours. Believe me when I say how amazing this display is. Our God is so powerful and this display shows us just how truly blessed we are to have the Eucharist.

Fun things are coming next week at the High School; it's homecoming week! Dress up days for students should follow the school dress code. (NOTE: This is JUST for the high school)

Dress up days are:

Monday: Jersey (Jerzy) Day!

Tuesday: Music Day! Freshmen-country, Sophomores-Jazz, Juniors-Rap/Hip Hop, Seniors-Rock/Indie



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Wednesday: Barbie vs. Ken (pink or blue or dress as Barbie or Ken)

Thursday: Spirit day! Blue, Yellow, Green! Show School Spirit!

Friday: PJ Day (Appropriate Pj's or onesies)

Best Dressed of the week will win a prize!

Our high school quiz bowl team has been chosen and will be coached by Mrs. Samantha Surrell. Their first match will be Friday, October 10 at NMU! The team consists of Jerzy Raiche, Sophia Richardson and Phineas Burrows. The alternates are Eadi Diebolt and Evelyn Trottier.

Three of our high school girls were on the Gladstone tennis team this year and their season just wrapped up. Congratulations to Taylor Hastings, Eadi Diebolt and Finley Diebolt! Our Cross Country team is still running hard and has three meets left!

Last but not least, Juniors and Seniors will be taking the SAT during the week of October 20th. Once that date is solidified, I will pass that along.

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Mrs. Viau

Other Exciting News, Important Information, and Reminders:

- We are excited that AJ the Illusionist and Mr. Bob Lenz with Lifest will be putting on a show for us on Monday, October 6th! For our Elementary students, AJ the Illusionist will put on an animated program regarding bullying, self-worth, dignity, courage, and respect. For our Middle and High School students, AJ will open for Mr. Bob Lenz who will then present life skills to face and overcome challenges. Bob will also talk about bullying, self-harm, suicide, and substance abuse. The Elementary program will be about 45 minutes long and the MS/HS program will be about an hour. High school students will walk over to join us at the Grade School. This is certain to be a fun, educational, Christian experience, but if you do not want your child to participate, please let your child's teacher know by noon on Monday, October 6th.



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A Look Ahead:

- Monday, October 6th - Lifest performances
- Monday, October 6th - White Army 3:30pm at the Grade School
- Monday, October 6th - High School Cross Country Meet in Norway at 4:30pm
- Monday, October 6th - Girls Basketball Game in Bark River at 6pm
- Tuesday, October 7th - Girls Basketball Game at Home vs North Central at 6pm
- Wednesday, October 8th - Home & School Meeting 5:30pm in the Grade School Conference Room
- Wednesday, October 8th - Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Stephenson at 6pm
- Thursday, October 9th - All School Mass at 8:45am in the Grade School Multipurpose Room
- Friday, October 10th - Crusader Friday! Holy Name tops with uniform bottoms