



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The Crusader: A “Brief Viau”

25-26 Week 3 9/12/25

A Few “Brief” Notes from the Principal:

Hello Crusader Families! We had a great first full week of school! We have some pretty tired kiddos - and adults! - but it was a successful, blessed week of learning. Everyone is getting settled into their routines and everything is starting to flow very smoothly. Not only was this a great week for academics, it was a great week for athletics, too! Our 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team won their first game against Stephenson this week! The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team is also playing very strong and both teams are a joy to watch. Our Cross Country Team is also doing a fantastic job and so is the Tennis Team! If you have a chance to check out our Crusaders, I can tell you firsthand that it's a pleasurable experience that you won't forget.

Our Crusader Fridays are also off to a great start. It's so exciting to see students and staff showing off their school pride! Students will be receiving this year's "The Shirt" very soon. You may also have noticed that our Staff is wearing jeans on Friday. We are wearing jeans as a Team Building Mission to support local charities. If Staff would like to wear jeans on a Friday, they have to make a donation to wear them. We then draw names of local charities to donate our money to each month. (If you know of a local charity we could include, please let us know!) We're also hoping that this sets an example for our students to help those less fortunate and in need. Of course we want to share some of the fun with our students, so on the last Friday of every month, students may wear jeans with their Crusader top if they would like - for FREE! 😊 It is not required, so if your student isn't a fan of jeans, they may certainly wear their uniform. Jeans will follow our N.U.T. rules of no holes, no skinny, tight jeans, no words on the buttocks, and they may only be jeans. No sweatpants, pajama pants, leggings, etc., will be allowed.



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It's so wonderful to see so many faces at our All Schools Mass on Thursdays! However, next Thursday, September 18th, we will not have a Mass due to all of our priests being at Convocation. The following Thursday, September 25th, is Grandparent's Day, so we hope you can join us for this beautiful Mass and celebration to follow! Mass starts at 8:45am in the Multipurpose room at Holy Name Gradeschool.

Finally, if you have not filled out the 25-26 Free or Reduced Lunch application yet, please do so and return it by Monday, September 15th. Holy Name Catholic School receives Title money based on these forms, so all families are encouraged to fill out the application form, even if you don't think you will qualify. Lost the form? No worries! I will attach an application form to the "Brief Viau" Newsletter email for your convenience.

Thank you for another great week at Holy Name Catholic School! A week where we celebrated Mother Mary's birthday and remember those that lost their lives 24 years ago on September 11th. Please pray for those who lost their lives, their family members, first responders, or anyone affected by the September 11th or Charlie Kirk tragedies. I will also pray that you all have a wonderful, peaceful weekend.

God bless you,

Mrs. Brief 😊

A "Viau" from the Headmaster:

Happy Friday, Crusader Family! Our first full week at the high school was a great one. Our students are working hard and classes are in full swing. During Opus Hour (something like a study hall), it's been awesome to see them working hard and working together. As I type this, the juniors are quizzing each other for their Philosophy test.

Our House Sorting ceremony took place this week. All of the high school students are placed in one of four houses at the beginning of the school year. Chesterton Academy's house system is drawn from the 1,000 year-old tradition of Christian education exemplified in the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. The Houses provide



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community within the larger school, giving students the opportunity to take ownership, fulfill the call to leadership, and to cultivate the conditions for virtue. Each house is led by a prefect that is nominated by their peers. I can tell you that the students are excited to be sorted and ready to get the household challenges going!

One thing to note, if you previously had a cellphone number to get in touch with me, please use the office phone or email to contact me instead. The number for my direct extension is 906-786-7550 ext. 720. I can also be reached at eviau@holynamecrusaders.com. After today (Friday), the previous cell phone number will no longer be in service.

Overall, the "Viau" from my desk this week has been amazing!

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Mrs. Viau

Other Exciting News, Important Information, and Reminders:

- School Picture Day is Friday, September 19th! Students are allowed to wear their "Sunday Best" clothes for picture day. Please abide by the N.U.T. uniform rules, especially keeping in mind that skirts, dresses, or shorts may not be more than 2 inches above the knee. Friday, September 19th will not be a Crusader Friday so that students may wear their own special Picture Day clothes. Picture Day forms were sent home, however if you need an extra one, forms are available in the Gradeschool office.
- There will not be Adoration on Monday, September 15th, or Mass on Thursday, September 18th.
- There was a misprint on the Lunch Menu for Wednesday, September 17th. Lunch on Wednesday, September 17th will be a Calzone, not cheese pizza. Please make this correction on your lunch menu.



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A Look Ahead:

- September 15th at 3:30pm - Fall Sports Pictures
- September 15th at 3:30pm - White Army in the Chapel
- September 15th at 5:30pm - Home & School Meeting in the HN Gradeschool Library Conference Room
- September 16th at 6:30pm - Girls Basketball Games in Carney
- September 17th at 3:30pm - Cross Country Meet in Stephenson (Banat)
- September 19th - School Pictures
- September 20th at 8:30am - Cross Country Meet in Rapid River
- September 25th at 8:45am - Grandparent's Day Mass and Celebration at HN Gradeschool Multipurpose Rm