



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Michelle Brief, Principal

Erin Viau, Headmaster

The Crusader: A "Brief Viau"

25-26 Week 5 9/26/25

A Few "Brief" Notes from the Principal:

Hello Crusader Families!

I was blessed with another "first" this week - Grandparents' Day - and what an amazing event it was! Mass was beautifully said by Father Tim and Deacon Bob, followed by amazing performances by our Holy Name students, and a very nice gathering in the Multi for refreshments afterwards. We are blessed to have such amazing Grandparents and Special People who support our students and our Holy Name school. A BIG thank you goes out to Mrs. Jane Arts, Director of Alumni & Advancement, for all of the hard work and dedication she put into making this event so special! Also, thank you to Mrs. Ellis, our Music & Choir Teacher, for preparing our Grade School students with songs and handbell performances. It's amazing how talented they are after only five weeks of school! I can't wait to see more of their performances as the year goes on!

Hopefully you were able to see the Saint Carlos Acutis display during Grandparents' Day, but if you missed it, Father Ryan Ford will be joining us at Mass this coming Thursday, October 2nd, and will be giving age appropriate presentations regarding the Saint Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle display to our students afterwards. If you would like to hear one of his presentations and view the display, he will be presenting to Kindergarten - 3rd Grade students from 10:00-10:30am, 4th - 8th Grade from 10:35-11:05am, and High School students from 11:10-11:50am.

The Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi falls on a Saturday this year, so we will have our annual Blessing of the Pets on Friday, October 3rd at 2:45pm on the playground field area. If you have a pet that you would like Deacon Bob to bless, please bring them to the playground field for 2:45pm. Please do not bring animals into the



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school. We have several students and staff that are allergic and/or nervous around pets, so **please keep the pets outside**. Students may leave after the Blessing as long as parents inform their child's teacher.

This year is off to such a great start and time has flown so fast, that believe it or not, today marks the halfway point for the First Quarter! Please be sure to check your child's grades on a regular basis in FACTS. Not only can you keep an eye on your child's grades, but you can also see if they are missing any assignments. It's much easier to keep grades up than trying to bring grades up once they fall to an undesirable level. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s) and/or attend Parent Teacher Conferences on November 6th.

Last, but certainly not least this week, I'm excited to announce that Mrs. Bobbi Farley is joining our Holy Name Staff as a Lunch Duty Aide! Mrs. Farley will be helping Ms. Connie during lunch as well as delivering lunch to our High School students. Watch for her bio on our Facebook page as we celebrate and welcome a new staff member each week!

Thank you for another great week and may God bless you,

Mrs. Brief 😊

A "Viau" from the Headmaster:

Happy Friday, Crusader Family! We had a great week again at the High School! Quite a few merit points were given this week and, I'm happy to report, no demerits have been issued up to this date! That being said, uniform policies are going to be heavily enforced going forward. All of the high school students are very aware of what those are and have been reminded. We will issue demerits if there is a uniform violation. In the lead for points this week is House Ambrose! Athanasius is in second place, Chrysostom third and Augustine close behind in fourth place.



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I've been working on getting our students registered for standardized testing. The CLT Exam (Classic Learning Test) will be on October 22 for seniors. This will be done in school. Juniors will take this test on February 19th and Sophomores and Freshmen will take the test on April 22. SAT's are currently being scheduled.

High School Bowl will be starting in October. Mrs. Surrell has offered to coach the team again this year and will be meeting with those interested and holding "tryouts" on Monday, September 29, during lunch. The first competition will be held on October 10 at NMU.

Did you know that the high school has a Student Life Committee? The next open meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 at the High School. If you would like to get involved with other parents and students that want to help make our high school the best it can be by planning fun events and helping students succeed, please plan to attend!

Coming up, our high school students will be having a bonfire at Mrs. Nyquist's home on October 25th. She'll provide chili and the students have a sign up sheet to contribute snacks. What can be better than a fall bonfire with friends?

The "Viau" from my desk looks exciting! The weather looks beautiful for the weekend and our high school students are currently enjoying snacks from Home and School and milkshakes donated by our own amazing custodian, Mr. Dave!

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Mrs. Viau

Other Exciting News, Important Information, and Reminders:

- Thank you to Home and School for providing a yummy Snack Day for all of our Grade School and High School students! They will be providing another Snack Day on October 17th.



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- If you're looking to get your hands on our new, "The Shirt," you're in luck! Attached to this week's communication email, you will find an order form for not only a "The Shirt" tshirt, but also a hoodie, crew neck, or long sleeve shirt! Orders and payments are due to the office by Friday, October 10th.
- Popcorn Days are back! Our first Popcorn day of the year will be on Tuesday, September 30th! For just \$1 students can enjoy a bag of popcorn! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new smaller playground equipment such as quality sandtoys toys, outdoor balls, sleds, playground equipment storage containers, etc. for the Grade School and pingpong balls or paddles, pool sticks or chalk, or other fun items for the Lyceum at the High School. Please see the flyer attached to this week's communication email for more information.
- If you're interested in volunteering for field trips, classroom parties, or any school event, please remember that all volunteers and staff members must be VIRTUS trained. It can sometimes take up to 14 days for compliance to be returned to us, so please do not wait until the last minute to take the training. The training can be done online and the directions are attached to this week's communication email.
- Next week we will be headed into the 6th week of school! Uniforms that were ordered have hopefully arrived. Therefore, the dress code will be enforced without any leniency at both buildings.
- The October Lunch Menu is attached to this week's communication email. A HUGE thank you to Ms. Connie for providing our students with an amazing lunch everyday! We are very blessed to have Ms. Connie at Holy Name!

A Look Ahead:

- Monday, 9/29 - White Army in the Chapel at 3:30pm
- Tuesday, 9/30 - Popcorn Day!
- Thursday, 10/2 - All School Mass in the Multi at 8:45am
- Thursday, 10/2 - High School Cross Country Meet at Escanaba County Club at 3:30pm
- Friday, 10/3 - Blessing of the Pets on the Grade School playground field at 2:45pm