



ST. MICHAEL *the* ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Guardian Parents,

Happy September! As many districts begin school this week, we are grateful to have eight days behind us and are optimistic about the upcoming weeks. Each day is a blessing as we navigate the unknown and pray for the health of our school community. The students have been amazing! Morning check in is running smoothly and students are getting better at completing the Sway App prior to 7:30am each morning. Teachers have the cleaning and sanitizing procedures down and we relentlessly pray that we are able to continue in-person learning for our students.

Typically, we would have invited our parents in for a Back to School Parent Information Night to meet our teachers, but as with much that was planned, we have had to pivot and make alternate plans. Later this month we will share teacher created videos discussing curriculum for parents to view at your convenience. If you have questions or wish to connect with your child's teachers, please feel free to do so. We are here to partner with you.

Each day we are in school is a blessing! This is also true for the extra-curricular activities that connect our students. We have had two weeks of athletic competitions plus auditions for our fall play, *Radium Girls*. I am very grateful for the efforts of Mrs. Kroening, Mr. Glasgow and the coaches to ensure that these opportunities are available for our students.

Last year, the Catholic Schools Office implemented the Signs of Suicide Program (SOS). This program's goals are:

- To provide an educational opportunity for students, faculty and parents to better understand depression and suicide and to be able to communicate with one another using a common language.
- To help explain that suicide is preventable tragedy that often occurs as a result of untreated depression.
- To provide students, parents and faculty training on how to identify series depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or a friend.
- To impress on youth that they can help themselves or a friend by taking the simple step of talking to a trusted adult about their concerns.

A letter and video from our Social Worker, Mrs. Burns, was sent on Tuesday, September 8. Please take time to watch the video and read the letter outlining the program. **We will alter our schedule to implement the screenings starting the week of September 14.** This is a proven, nationwide program that we are blessed to have available for our community.

Homecoming Week is scheduled for September 21-25. Unfortunately, due to the current guidelines, we are unable to host traditional Homecoming Week activities including the Homecoming Dance and Powder Puff football game. We are working on creating other activities for a fun-filled week for the students. **Our first annual Guardian Stride will be held on Friday, September 25, with a noon dismissal for our students.** This is a tradition brought forward from the past from one of our Legacy schools. Additional Homecoming Week details will be forthcoming in a separate communication.

Thank you for your trust and confidence these past few weeks. We appreciate your continued prayers as we continue to **pivot and pray** each day as we tackle the Covid challenges in order to provide an excellent in-person learning experience.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Jodi Briggs
Principal