



FORWARD TOGETHER

A Monthly Update from the President's Office

September 2026

Dear Crusader Community,

Fall is upon us, and the traditions of a new school year are in full swing. September has been filled with exciting new beginnings and opportunities for our school community to come together, and we are thrilled to have our students back on campus.

I must share how incredibly impressed I am by our students, both new and returning. They are kind and thoughtful young people, and their genuine care for one another is one of the most wonderful things to witness. I am so grateful to see our students look out for one another and help create an environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and included.

On that note, we want everyone to have the opportunity to experience all the wonderful things Austin has to offer. We are getting ready to enter our very busy admissions season and would love our current families to be a part of the excitement and opportunity. From Mass mobs at several local parishes, Open House, and our Parish Connections program, we would appreciate your support! Please keep an eye out for our enhanced advertising program, including a billboard on Hall Road, as well as new, dynamic social media and video content.

Our Building on a Legacy Gala is just around the corner and it's shaping up to be a very special evening. Gala commitment forms were due at the end of August, so if you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible. The payment for your commitment isn't due until October 16, but the form helps us plan for tables, favors, and seating. I want to offer a sincere thank you to our amazing Gala Committee! We have a wonderful and dedicated group working tirelessly to bring you a memorable event, and I am deeply grateful for their hard work. We just published a [WISH LIST](#) for items needed for raffle baskets. If you donate an item through the list, this will count toward your volunteer service hour commitment for the value of the donation.

We are also kicking off our first-ever Alumni Board. This is open to Crusader and Friar alumni who are interested in deepening and strengthening the connection between our school and our graduates. There is an informational meeting on Thursday, October 15, in the library at 6:00 PM for anyone who would like to learn more.

Finally, we are excited to share that we expect our Sacred Heart of Jesus statue to arrive in late October. Stay tuned, as we will be planning a special dedication event to celebrate this beautiful addition to our school. We have received so many wonderful compliments on our new entrance, and we remain incredibly grateful to our generous benefactors who helped make it possible to bring the vibrancy and spirit of our school to the very entrance of our community.

Know that my door is always open. Great communication between our staff and families is at the heart of who we are, and it is what will continue to help our school grow and thrive. You are such an important part of the fabric of our school, and we are incredibly grateful that you choose Austin each and every day. If we can help support or enhance your students' experience in any way, we're just a phone call, visit or email away!

Looking forward to seeing you on campus soon.

In the spirit of Austin,

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