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Dear CCHS Families,

I want to introduce to you a program called the Franciscan High School Advantage Program through Franciscan University of Steubenville. This program is a way to earn college credit at a price that is significantly discounted at \$150/credit hour. Usually it is approximately \$1000 per credit hour. This effort was initiated in 2022 with credits that can be transferrable to other colleges if the college accepts Franciscan University credits. There are two ways that credit can be earned.

The first option is dual enrollment classes. These classes are online classes and have a professor who teaches them. **You pay Franciscan University directly for all of them at the price is \$150/credit hour.** There are too many dual enrollment classes to list. So please go to the Franciscan University website and look at the list for classes. Unfortunately, the deadline has passed for this fall semester, but next semester is still open. Make sure to apply to Franciscan University, get a student email, and an I.D. number this semester so that you can apply for next semester.

The second option is called a “partnership” option. There are 7 partnership classes this year. In these classes, you will take your regular high school class with the high school teacher. You will sign up by September 30 and take a midterm test at the beginning of January. You have the advantage of dropping the class if you do not do well on the midterm. If you keep the class, you will take a final at the beginning of May and this grade will go on your Franciscan transcript. The high school teacher will give you a grade for your high school transcript. This year’s classes are: Christian Moral Principles, Philosophy of the Human Person, Introductory Studies in Latin II, Chemistry (4 credits), Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (4 credits), and General Physics. Like the first option, **you pay \$150/credit hour directly to Franciscan University.** Along with these classes, you will have a study guide, extra study, and videos to watch in order to succeed on the midterm and final.

We will have a meeting with Mr. Tom Costello (information below) on Wednesday, September 3 from 7-7:30 p.m. in Lanman Hall for anyone who needs more information about these opportunities. Chesterton Students have a few different options and will have a separate letter. You can also email me to get more information.

Sincerely in Christ,

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