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Dear Future Crusader,

My name is David Hayek. I'm a sophomore at Bishop McDevitt High School. In my freshman year I took all academic classes except for my language course, Honors Spanish. Last year allowed me to get a feel for high school and what I'm capable of achieving. In my current sophomore year, I decided to take certain classes that would challenge my knowledge and abilities even further. My grades from last year and this year have been good. The classes I struggled with were Biology and History. What helped me was getting a tutor for Biology to better understand the subject. For History, I compared notes with friends to get things I may have missed. This helped my grades more than I ever thought possible and gradually eased me into better note-taking and comprehension skills. McDevitt's structure is like a family. The teachers want you to succeed, achieve your goals in the future, and are ready to help.

There are many activities at McDevitt that you can choose. I'm in the Future Business Leaders of America or FBLA, Pro-Life, Christian Service, and Spanish Club. There are a variety of clubs and sports to join. I recommend doing what you enjoy and interests you the most. If you like to help in the community, Christian Service Club is a great choice. For business, FBLA covers most of that field very well. If you like theater, McDevitt has a big school musical every year. There are language clubs such as French and Spanish Club that give you an experience of their cultures. The Pro-Life Club is an ideal way to support the life of every person in different activities throughout the year. Poetry Club is where you can share your stories, songs, and poetry to an audience. If there is a club you want and McDevitt doesn't have, get some friends to create a new club. McDevitt's sports include football, swimming, basketball, soccer, baseball, and others. These are great ways to get involved in the McD family.

Catholicity is the core of Bishop McDevitt. Our school revolves around faith and virtues and lives that out everyday. We pray each morning before school, before each class, and after lunch. We have mass once every month and on feast days. Praying and singing is a big way to participate in the mass. Clubs like the Pro-Life and Christian Service Clubs are excellent ways to continue the faith beyond school walls. Once a week homerooms collect money for the missions. Not much needs to be given, but every penny counts. The money is sent to help others around the world, which is a unique way to help those we can't reach easily. Prayer, mass, and the missions are great reminders of what McDevitt is all about. I have attended Catholic school all of my life and believe that it does make you a better person. McDevitt strengthens your faith and reminds you to love God and all others. Whether you're Catholic or not, attending Catholic school surrounds you with people that care as a family. You're encouraged to treat others with kindness and respect and do your best in all that you do.

My final advice to you would be to never underestimate yourself. Don't take a class that you think will be easy. Challenge your knowledge and abilities. Never wait until the night before a test to study. Don't be scared to ask questions. If you see that you need help in a class, get it as soon as possible. McDevitt is a new atmosphere for all, but there is nothing to worry about. I learned my way around quickly with the help of teachers and friends. Upper classmen are nothing to fear. They're friendly and help with schoolwork, directions, and any other questions you have about McDevitt. Don't be lazy. Get involved with the school's activities. It is the best way to meet new friends. To make it simple, come to Bishop McDevitt. You won't regret it.

Sincerely,

David Hayek