
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER – MARCH, 2014



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

My congratulations to the winter sports teams, the Chess Team, Pegasus Players and all who participated in school clubs and activities. I extend my appreciation to the faculty, staff, students and parents for surviving the "White Plague." I don't dare to say what next, for fear that my third year as principal could go down in history as the "year of the locusts." Your cooperation and patience during delayed openings as well as your support of the "No Drop-off" Policy is greatly appreciated.

With the close of the third marking period, the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Parents, help your son to end the year on a positive note by encouraging him to maintain his study habits, abide by school regulations and continue his participation in extracurricular activities.

To the parents of seniors: I know that some of your sons have already been accepted into college. Be aware, that as a result, they may have decided to "coast" through the remainder of the school year. Unfortunately, seniors can fail due to negligence and indifference. You will be receiving the official announcement of your son's graduation shortly. Please take the time to read this letter carefully, since it clearly outlines the requirements necessary to receive a CBA diploma. It is my hope that every senior will receive his diploma, on time, at the commencement ceremony in May. Please join us by encouraging your son to fulfill his obligations and continue to act as a "Christian Gentleman."

Especially during this Lenten Season, it is my hope that you take the time to "refill your spiritual coffers" through prayer, penance and generosity to

the poor. I would ask you to remind your sons to be generous in their contributions to our Lenten Mission Collection as it directly benefits our twin school, the Nativity School in Eritrea (Africa).

Have a blessed Easter. It is our prayer that the risen Lord will bring you peace and happiness.

God Bless,

Principal Peter Santanello



MOTHERS' CLUB - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where is the time going, its March already, we turned our clocks ahead and lost an hour of sleep. Seems like all we have been doing is watching the snow fall with this snowy winter. The Mothers' Club has been keeping busy with our 39th Annual Art Show and Sale which was held February 7th, 8th, & 9th. The Friday night Preview Reception, which was catered by Merri Makers, was enjoyed by all. A huge "Thank You" to Doretta Healy, Debbie Digiario, Susan Croken, the entire Art Show committee and volunteers for their time and efforts in making sure it was wonderful for us all to enjoy.

Thank you to alumni moms Kathy Plath and Lorraine Connolly and all the volunteers who helped with the Mothers' Club Alumni Craft Show on Saturday, March 1st. The show is a wonderful one day event which over 100 talented crafters were there. Fun was had by all who attended and worked at the Craft Show.

On Tuesday, March 4th the Mothers Club Retreat was held at the Stella Maris Retreat House in Elberton, it was a wonderful day.

A big "Thank You" to Melanie Arnott for coordinating the Tuition Raffle. The lucky winning tickets were drawn on March 23rd at the Fathers' Club Communion Breakfast. Remember to send in your tickets because you

have to be in it to win it ☺. **First prize** is one FULL YEAR TUITION; **second prize is one HALF YEAR TUITION.**

Details can be found on the [Mothers Club](#) website under Tuition Raffle or contact melaniearnott@yahoo.com. Good Luck!

The CBA Mother/Son Dinner will be held Thursday, April 10th at Addison Park in Aberdeen. Tickets are SOLD OUT! Thank you to Lenore Kingsley, Simone Zuber and their committee for organizing a great evening for us all to enjoy. If you would like to send in a donation for this great event, please contact Lenore or Simone.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Judy Broehl, CBA Mothers Club President

MOTHERS' CLUB – RAFFLE



The Mothers' Club would like to remind you that the Tuition Raffle Drawing will take place at the Father & Son Communion Breakfast on March 23, 2014. First prize is a FULL YEAR TUITION, and second prize is a HALF YEAR TUITION. Details can be found on the Mothers' Club website under Tuition Raffle, or you can contact Melanie Arnott at melaniearnott@yahoo.com.

☘ On behalf of the Mothers' Club, thank you and Good Luck! ☘☘☘



FATHERS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

Are we finished with the winter weather yet? A warm thank you to the school faculty and staff for getting the boys through this past winter. Bernie and his crew did a great job keeping the school grounds as accessible as could be.

As spring approaches, so do the many activities with the Fathers Club. We start off with the 54th Father/Son Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. We will again this year, have a hot breakfast for all that attend. Our Guest Speaker will be Gian Paul Gonzalez. Gian Paul is credited with motivating the NY Giants to a Super Bowl victory in 2012.

Following the Communion Breakfast, The Fathers and Sons will be taking a trip to Yankee Stadium to watch an early season game between the Yankees and the Cubs. Tickets are selling fast and there are a limited number of seats left.

We will be closing out the Father Son events with the 13th Annual Father Son Golf Outing. This event has grown from a few Fathers and Sons playing golf together at the end of the year to a two—course event with over 200 golfers in attendance. New this year will be Charleston Springs Golf Course in Millstone, NJ. This event sells out quickly each year. Be sure to watch for the registration and sign up early.

Closing out the year will be the End of Year BBQ. The end of year BBQ has been growing each year in popularity and has proven to be an enjoyable event for all ages.

As the year ends, the Fathers Club would like to wish congratulations and well wishes to the graduating class of 2014. I am sure that we will all look back on the time our boys have spent at CBA as an enjoyable 4 years.

Please be sure to visit the Fathers Club page on the CBA website to follow upcoming events. The next Fathers Club Meeting will be on April 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Alumni Hall. Following the April meeting, the Fathers Club will be holding our end of year BBQ on Thursday, May 8th.

Regards,

Kevin Golding, CBA Fathers Club President



CBA SAT PREP CLASSES

Attention Sophomores!

CBA's Summer Prep-SAT Session is devoted to getting Sophomores (who will be Juniors in the Fall of 2014) briefed on the basics of proper SAT preparation. Starting early is a key strategy. Applications are available from Mrs. Bracken in the Guidance Office: 732-747-1959, ext. 106

PREP-SAT SUMMER SESSION

Evening classes only, 7PM to 9PM.

Monday, June 16

Wednesday, June 18

Thursday, June 19

Monday, June 23

Wednesday, June 25

Parents and students interested in One-On-One SAT prep instruction should contact the Director of Prep-SAT, Mr. Joseph Fili, 732-747-1959, ext. 364. Students at CBA may also confer with the Assist. Director, Mr. Timothy Dowd. Available instruction slots go quickly. Please plan ahead.

Attention Juniors!

The essay format for the Common Application for Colleges has changed! The application essay is now more important than ever. In June, the CBA Prep-SAT organization is offering a program on how to write a proper college application essay. This will allow Juniors to work on their essay with individually guided instruction. The program will be taught by Dr. Gina Miele of Montclair State. Applications for this class go quickly and students should apply as soon as interested. Applications are available from Mrs. Bracken in the Guidance Office: [732-747-1959](tel:732-747-1959), ext. 106 Those who have questions may contact Mr. Fili at jfili@cbalincroftnj.org or [732-747-1959](tel:732-747-1959), ext. 364.

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Thank you,

Joseph Fili, Director of Prep-SAT
732.747.1959, ext. 364



THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Seniors: Mid-semester transcripts were mailed to all colleges that have already received senior applications. If you have not already done so, bring in letters of acceptance, waitlist, denial and scholarship to the Guidance

Office. If you go on the CBA website under Guidance you will find a complete list of scholarships available. If you are planning on applying for financial aid, you must submit the FAFSA form as soon as possible. Also many private colleges require the CSS PROFILE Form in addition to the FAFSA and their own college form. Please check the individual requirements and deadline dates because they do vary. Applying on-line is strongly recommended. Web-site for FAFSA is www.FAFSA.ed.gov and CSS Profile www.collegeboard.com. Do not forget to register with the Selective Service when you turn 18 years of age. You can do this at the Post Office or go to www.sss.gov If you are planning to compete as an athlete, you must complete the NCAA clearinghouse form for eligibility using their web-site www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Do not forget to request that a transcript be sent from the Guidance Office and SAT's sent from College Board.

Juniors: Any Junior parent who has not met with Mrs. Hayes (ext. 107), Mr. Leonardo (ext.109) or Mr. McCaig (ext. 210) is reminded to call for an appointment. **APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ONLY THROUGH APRIL 11, 2014.**

Juniors are urged to take the SAT twice in Junior year. March 8th (deadline is Feb. 7th) and May 3th (deadline is April 4th). The SAT Subject test should be taken on June 7th (deadline is May 9th).It is also recommended that you consider taking the ACT which is offered on February 8th, April 12th, and June 14th, 2014.

Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association will be hosting a College Fair at Brookdale Community College Collins Arena on Thursday April 24, 2014 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Career Exploration: www.MyPlan.com is an excellent source of information for 748 listed careers It includes descriptions and requirements, a salary calculator, a list of top ten matching industries for each career and other good information. In addition, juniors have used this site in guidance class to take career assessment tests that are matched against all the careers in the database. You might want to check out this very useful site.

Freshman & Sophomores: Hopefully your son has had a successful semester in and out of the classroom. The new semester is an ideal time to review goals for academic and extra-curricular participation at CBA. Remember, homework is more than written assignments teachers give in

class. Encourage your son to develop good study habits through daily review of notes, reading and taking advantage of extra help opportunities when needed.

Summer Programs: Deadline will soon be approaching for many programs. A list (with links) of summer programs is available on CBA's website. We invite you to look at the opportunities available to high school students for summer study, enrichment, community service, and/or travel. Attendance at a summer program may help your son develop interest in college and career planning, leadership and independent living skills, or simply enhance his growth as a student and individual. Applications and information are available through the web or in the Guidance Office.

MOMS IN PRAYER



Moms In Prayer meets every Tuesday in the CBA chapel from 12:30-1:30 PM. We gather each week to pray for our school, our sons, the administration and staff of the academy. Contact Maria Ruby at rubre@verizon.net for further information.

THE ACADEMY STORE

Don't forget to get your last minute items for Mother's Day and Father's Day! Please visit the store and check out the newest and latest CBA merchandise.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 17

Wednesday, March 19
Friday, March 21
Sunday, March 23
Tuesday, April 1

St. Patrick's Day (Holiday) 

Varsity Sports Awards
Third Quarter Ends
Father/Son Communion Breakfast
Third Quarter Marks Official in the Parent Portal

NOTE CHANGES:

<p>Wednesday, April 2 Sunday, April 6</p>	<p>WORLD LANG. HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION SPRING CONCERT</p>
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Thursday, April 10

Friday, April 11
Monday, April 28
Wednesday, April 30
Friday, May 2
Monday, May 5
Friday, May 9
Monday, May 19
Wednesday, May 21
Thursday, May 22
Friday, May 23
Monday, May 26
Thursday, May 29
Tuesday, June 3
Friday, June 6

Mother/Son Dinner

Easter Break Begins at 2:30 PM
Classes Resume
La Salle Liturgy and Academic Awards
Senior Prom – Last Day of Classes for Seniors
Senior/AP Exams Begin
Junior Prom
Varsity Sports Awards
Baccalaureate Liturgy
Graduation
Feast of St. La Salle (Holiday)
Memorial Day (Holiday)
Ascension Thursday/Grandparents' Reception
Exams Begin
Last Day of School

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*St. John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us. Live
Jesus in our hearts – Forever.*