



# NEWSLETTER



February—March 2003

## CBA Prepares for Middle States

Dear Parents and Friends of CBA Students:

Happy New Year! I'm hoping that the holidays went well for you and your families. Even though we all look forward to a restful vacation and to spending time with family and friends, there is comfort in being back with the friends and family of the CBA community.

I can't think of a busier time of the school year—everything that needs to be completed academically, in order for the first semester to end and the second semester to begin, is in and of itself, unnerving. Add to that, extracurricular commitments and involvements and somehow we're back on the

fast track in a short time. How fortunate we are to have these challenges.

On a more serious note, many of you may be aware through Parents Club, your students, or the teachers, that Christian Brothers Academy is involved in an accreditation process known simply as "Middle States." The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is an accrediting commission that serves institutions providing secondary education, including middle school.

Accreditation encourages and facilitates school improvement. It fosters excellence and ongoing improvement in a school. The question is not *if* we want a better school, but

*how* we will ensure continuous school improvement. *Accreditation for Growth* is a long process in which staff, students, parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and members of the Board of Trustees have, thus far, devoted a significant amount of time. Our goal is to be prepared for the Accreditation for Growth Visitation Team visit on November 17, 18, and 19, 2003 by completing various tasks relative to school improvement and student performance.

I will keep you informed of our progress, but feel free to call me with any further questions and/or concerns at 446-5960 ext 1227.

As we continue through this school year, let us remember the words of St. John Baptist de La Salle:

*Since it is God's work you are doing, do it with enthusiasm.*

*Show as much creativity and inventiveness as you can,*

*Never losing sight of the fact that you are ministers of Jesus Christ.*

I thank you for everything that you do for CBA and its students without questions and at a moment's notice. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated. Know that we can't do it without you. Once again, the very best to you in the New Year.

## Honors Night 2003

Please join us for **Scholastic Honors Night** on **Thursday, March 13, 2003**. The ceremony will recognize those students who have obtained academic honors during the first semester. In addition, the General Excellence Awards and special academic awards will be presented. The ceremony will conclude with the induction of the newest members of the Lasallian

Chapter of the National Honor Society

The ceremony will begin at **7:00 p.m. at Temple Adath Yeshurun**, 450 Kimber Road, up the hill from CBA. Please be advised that this is a dignified occasion. Students must be dressed appropriately for the ceremony (**dress code attire or better, please**).

All students receiving honors or an award are asked to sign-in upon their arrival. Registration tables will be set-up in the main lobby prior to the ceremony. Students may begin to register at 6:15 p.m.

**The honors list will be posted in the main office on February 24, 2003.** If you feel there is any discrepancy, please contact your child's

Students earn honors based on their Semester grades. Averages are not rounded to obtain Honors.

**First Honors:** 93 semester GPA with no course semester average lower than 85.

**Second Honors:** 90 semester GPA with no course semester average lower than 80.

**Third Honors:** 87 semester GPA with no course semester average lower than 75.

## Mid-Term Exam Schedule

### In-Class Exams or Projects:

Religion 7-12  
 Writing 7,9  
 Health 7,9,11  
 Art 7,10  
 Music 8,10  
 Computer 8  
 Advanced Computer Science  
 Current Affairs/Public Speaking  
 Creative Writing  
 Journalism

10:45 a.m.

Geography 9,10  
 American History  
 American Gov't.  
 Math 9-AB Honors  
 and Math 10-AB  
 Regents, CBA  
 mid-term exam  
 Electives—Latin  
 Anatomy, Micro-  
 soft Office, AP  
 European History  
 Marketing, Intro  
 to Business, Psych

### Thursday, January 30

Make up day for any student who is absent during exams or who has a conflict (i.e., if a student has two science exams scheduled at the same time.)

### Friday, January 31


Grading Day/Emergency Snow Day

### Monday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Spanish 7,8,I,II,III  
 IV, and AP  
 French 7,8,I,II,III,  
 IV  
 10:45 a.m. Math (except for  
 students taking  
 the Math A  
 Regents Exam  
 1:00 p.m. Math A Regents  
 Exam  
 Math 9-AB Honors  
 Math 10-AB  
 Regents

### Wednesday, January 29

8:30 a.m. English 7,8,9,10  
 English 11,  
 (Regents,Honors,  
 and AP Language)  
 English 12  
 (Regents, Honors,  
 and AP Language)  
 10:45 a.m. General Science  
 for 7th and 8th  
 Earth Science 8,9  
 Biology 9,10 & AP  
 Chemistry 10, 11  
 and AP  
 Physics 11, 12, AP  
 Environmental  
 Science

 If there is a snow day during exam week, all local (CBA) exams will be postponed by one day (i.e., if Monday is a snow day, then all exams scheduled for Monday will be given on Tuesday, Tuesdays on Wednesday, etc.)

The Math A Regents Exam **cannot** be postponed to another day during exam week. It would be re-scheduled to June.

If your child is ill for any exam, please call Mrs. Bush at x1234.

### Tuesday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Social Studies 7,8  
 Global History &

## Junior High Students Exploring Career Interests

During the month of March both the 7th and 8th graders will be introduced to a unit on career exploration. Mr. Scullion will be going into the classroom and discussing with the students their interests, values, and the importance of exploring careers as 7th and 8th graders. This is an extremely exciting time for our junior high students as endless career opportunities await them.

The 7th graders will be introduced to a workbook called the *Career Game EXPLORER Edition*. The workbook is designed to help students identify

their interests. In addition, it allows each student to take a good look at themselves and determine what makes them happy, what is most important to them, and helps to identify the people they most admire. The exercises that will be covered will help link each student's interest with a specific career.



The 8th graders will conduct an interactive project involving *Careers on the Internet*. Students will be asked to research various careers in order to determine the outlook for specific jobs, the amount of formal education needed, starting salary, and major job responsibilities.

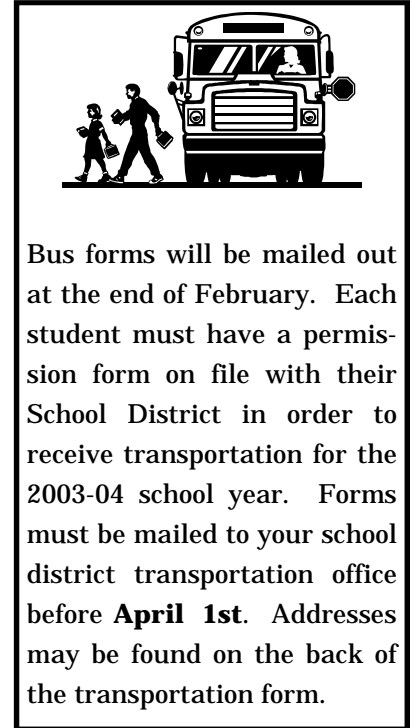
It is never too early to begin thinking about the future. Exploring careers is not only fun and interesting, but it can give each student a sense of direction. During the high school years, the concepts of career exploration will be expanded.

# COME TO CBA FOR A DAY

Interested 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may come to CBA for a half-day visitation on February 4, 11, 13, 26 and 27; and March 4 and 6. On the day arranged they will shadow a CBA student through a half day of classes (8:30 to 11:45 AM) with lunch provided. This gives the interested student a chance to experience time at CBA while getting acquainted with our campus, classes and some of our teachers. Please call the Admissions Office at 446-5960, Ext. 1132 or Mrs. Demers in the Main Office at 446-5960, Ext. 1223 to make an appointment.

## SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND PLACEMENT EXAM

CBA will be holding its Spring Open House on Wednesday, March 26 from 5 to 7:30 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to view the facilities and classrooms. The Spring Placement Exam for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who were not able to take the November Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to Noon. Pre-registration is required by **March 14<sup>th</sup>** Please contact the Admissions Office for further information.



Bus forms will be mailed out at the end of February. Each student must have a permission form on file with their School District in order to receive transportation for the 2003-04 school year. Forms must be mailed to your school district transportation office before **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Addresses may be found on the back of the transportation form.

## WEB NEWS

The CBA website is currently being redesigned. The old website will remain in place until the new site is ready. The new site will be more user friendly and have a more modern look. In addition, the new website will allow you to print off individual pages rather than the current system that requires you to copy the page into a word document.

The current website has several links that may prove useful to parents and students. In addition,

- The web address for Sister Maryann Argus is [www.cbasyracuse.org/smamathosf](http://www.cbasyracuse.org/smamathosf)
- Carmen Lovecchio's website address is

[lovecc1@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:lovecc1@twcnny.rr.com) or may be reached through the links section of the CBA website. Mr. Lovecchio's site has several links to help students prepare for the Math A and B Regents Exams.

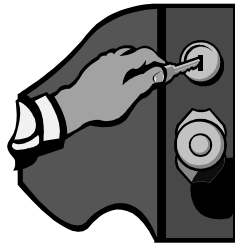
- Mr. Albani's website may be accessed through the CBA links section.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

In a continuing effort to keep our school safe, the following security measures are now in effect:

CBA's main door is unlocked from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only. All other perimeter doors are locked all day, allowing just one entrance to the building for greater security.

The academic wing is locked at 3:30



p.m. to minimize problems with after school supervision in the hallways. Students who are not working directly with a teacher, club, or group must leave the academic wing

by 3:30. Please plan ahead and bring all necessary books and supplies home or to practice with you.

Visitors who enter the building must sign in and out in the Main Office or the Development Office. All visitors are asked to wear an identification badge. Our staff will direct anyone without a badge to the nearest office to sign in.

# High School Student Senate

The High School Student Senate has been very busy planning several different activities for high school students. On October 31st, the Student Senate hosted a Halloween party for the children of the Cathedral school with funds raised from the Senior Buddy Day Auction. All Senate members attended the Party and served as hosts to the more than 60 children and parents in attendance. The Senate students served Halloween treats and played several games with the children.

On December 14th, the Student Senate held the annual winter semi-formal dance in CBA's gym. The gym was transformed into a winter wonderland, decorated with white lights, a forest of trees and a

delightful balloon fountain. High school students had a great time dancing and watching videos on the giant screen. Students felt it was "the best semi-formal ever." A special thank you to everyone who helped with the semi-formal.

Student Senate members were instrumental in the most recent change at CBA —Senior t-shirts. Each Friday, the seniors have permission to wear their class t-shirt. This is the first time such a privilege has been given to the seniors.

Student Senate members are busy planning a class trip for sometime in the spring.

## High School Student Senate Executive Council

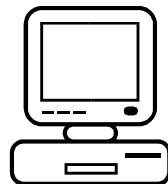
Kelly Croglia	President
Stan Germain	Vice-President
Chris Paulus	Vice-President Communications
Sara Catanzarita	Vice-President Student Affairs
Erica LaGrow	Vice-President Public Relations
Catherine Pietrafesa	Secretary
Peter Marciano	Treasurer

## Class Presidents

Tom Maher	Senior Class
RJ Mosley	Junior Class
Nick Ashenburg	Sophomore Class

# AROUND THE SCHOOL

**THE UNDERGROUND,** CBA's literary magazine is accepting submissions from students and faculty from January 10th through March 10th. Submissions of poetry, short fiction, essays, photography, and art are welcomed and should be given to Mr. Benware in Room 302 or Caitlin Gucker-Kanter in homeroom 206. Please encourage your son or daughter to share their talents.



Any student in grades 7 to 12 interested in being a part of the Computer Club should sign up with Mr. DeSalvo. The next meeting is January 22nd in Room 110.

## "Arsenic and Old Lace"

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Arsenic and Old Lace." Christian Brothers Academy student-run presentation of Tim Kesselring's timeless play was delightful. This classic comedy of two old aunts who perform mercy killings of lonely old gentlemen was well received and evoked choruses of laughter from a capacity crowd. The CBA Student Senate produced this year's play for the first time, and by all indications, it won't be the last.

The play was directed by Kelly Bayne and Katie Caliva served as stage man-

ager. The old aunts were played, with ease, by Marissa Mulder and Robin Michalak. Mike Drescher was cast as the crazy nephew, while Tom Magnarelli portrayed the nephew convicted of murder who was fleeing the police. Ivan Anamaria played the nephew's sidekick. Peter Marciano took on the starring role of Mortimer Brewster, the voice of reason amid the insanity and Sara Drescher played his girlfriend, Elaine.

It was indeed a memorable performance by all and will be a hard act to follow.

## FINANCIAL AID

The CBA Financial Aid applications will be mailed to all families who received aid for the 2002-03 academic year. Please call the Finance Office only if you **DO NOT** receive an application by March 1, 2003. CBA aid is based on many variables, such as income, liquid assets, number of children in parochial school and in college. We strongly urge families to apply if you feel you may qualify. Remember **you must apply to receive aid.** Please call the Finance Office for an application. The deadline for completed applications for aid is **MARCH 31.** The processing fee is \$15-20



# CLUB NEWS

## BOOSTER CLUB



Men's **OVER 35** pickup basketball games every Sunday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Main Gym. Admission is \$3.00 per person.

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If you are interested in purchasing hats, shirts, coats, etc., please contact Mark Grenga at 437-4285. There is still a large inventory available for speedy delivery.

February-March **SUPER SALE** on purple crew neck sweatshirts. Sale price is \$20.00

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The Booster Club **TENT** is available for your graduation party and any other event. Call Tony Brigandi at 491-3460 to reserve a date. Hurry, the dates are filling fast.

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### UPCOMING Booster Club EVENTS

Feb 10	Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria
March 6	High School Winter Sports Awards 7 p.m.
March 10	Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

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The Booster Club is looking for volunteers. If you are interested please attend one of our meetings or call David Venditti at 449-3211. The strength of the Club is solely dependent on the number of volunteers. We need your help!

## PARENTS CLUB

### BOTTLE DRIVE

A HUGE thank you to all the Juniors who participated in the January 11th bottle drive. More than 11,325 bottles and cans were sorted and \$566.25 was raised for the After-Prom Party. A special thanks to all the parents who stayed to help, those that brought their bottles and cans, and Mr. DeSalvo and Br. John Loehr for helping set-up for the event. CBA's special Juniors were:

Andrew Alcott	Kelly Bilello
Kathleen Chanatry	Morgan Donovan
Elizabeth DeJoseph	Emily Esposito
Kim Gildemeyer	Mike Hennigan
Javee Javier	Jordan Jeong
Tom LaClair	Jessica Lawless
Kay Leopold	Dan Mannion
Joe Marano	Paul Vavonese
Catherine Pietrafesa	

THANK YOU!

### MOTHER'S CUPBOARD

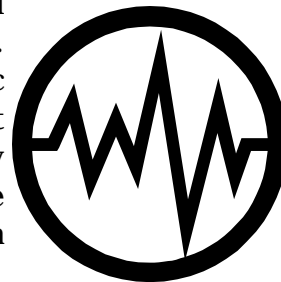
Thank you to all who volunteer for Mother's Cupboard. Since September, we have had only one day without coverage. Sign up sheets are in the main office on the bulletin board above the mailboxes. Next time you are in the building feel free to sign up. If you wish to have a special date, perhaps a child's birthday, just e-mail Silvia at [KearneySilvia@att.net](mailto:KearneySilvia@att.net) and we will try to oblige.

Mother's Cupboard isn't just milk and candy. There are many CBA logo clothing items (hooded sweatshirts for \$40, crew neck sweatshirts for \$25, long sleeve t-shirts for \$18, short sleeve t-shirts for \$12, shorts for \$16 and duffel bags for \$25) as well as funky feather boas (\$10) and jersey tabs (\$5) in school colors. Stop in and see the new items and sign up for a day or two. We can always use your help and your suggestions.

## AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Thanks to the generosity of the Booster Club, Parents Club, and the CBA Student Senate, five (5) automatic external defibrillators (AED's) have been purchased. All five defibrillators have been delivered and at present 8 faculty and staff have been certified in CPR and the use of AED's. At the end of January, 19 more faculty and staff will be trained in the use of AED's.

The defibrillators, which were mandated by New York State Law, will be placed outside the main gymnasium, in the Fine Arts Wing, at Alibrandi Stadium, and at the St. Denis fields. Mr. Randy Kinn, CBA Athletic Trainer, will be given an AED that will remain portable. If you have any questions about the device, please call Mrs. Bush, R.N., at extension 1234.



## SENIOR SERVICE HOURS

Dear Senior Parents:

As the first semester draws to a close and we begin to look toward your student's final semester, I want to take the opportunity to remind you of their Christian service hours.

While I am very aware that you are all encouraging our young people to participate in service, I am not receiving confirmation of this service as quickly as we have in the past. I am certain that this is due mostly to the fact that the seniors have either not picked up the forms from me or that they are waiting to have them signed. It is my sincere hope that a majority of our seniors have begun or completed their hours and are not choosing to wait until the last minute. If this is the case and I can help encourage your child in any way, please don't hesitate to call. We have many opportunities out there!

On June 1, 2003 I want to be certain that each and every member of the class of 2003 can enjoy graduation without this requirement holding them back. Your cooperation is key as we work together during this final semester.

Thank you for all that you have contributed to this community. And, as always, thank you for sharing the gift of your child with us. We are a better school because of your choice!

Peace and all good things-

Chris Mominey  
Director of Campus Ministry

The 11th annual CBA co-ed Basketball Camp for ages 8-16 will be held Feb 17-21, 2003. For additional information contact Camp Director, Mr. Gary Barnaba (446-5960), or go to the website at [www.cbasyracuse.org](http://www.cbasyracuse.org)



## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

### *Seventh Grade Retreats Will Begin New Semester*

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be participating in their retreat on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The retreats will take place at Christ the King Retreat House and, as always, will be conducted by members of the junior and senior Peer Ministry program. We hope that all of our seventh graders welcome this opportunity and that it adds to their experience at CBA as they continue their first year with us.

### *Come and Pray With Us! Ash Wednesday Assembly - March 5, 2003*

We invite all of our parents and families to begin the season of Lent with the student body on Wednesday, March 5, 2003. An 8:30 am prayer service led by Mr. Mominey and several of the Peer Ministers will highlight this very important day on the Church calendar. Join us in the gym as we pray, reflect and worship together to mark the start of the 40 day journey to Christ's death and resurrection.

### *Final Chance for Junior and Senior Boys...*

The last boys overnight retreat will take place on March 19-20, 2003. All junior and senior boys are invited to attend the March retreat which will be held at Thornfield Conference Center in Cazenovia. The overnight retreat program, now in its third year, has proven to be quite successful and has received very positive feedback from our students. Led by a team of seniors and faculty, the retreat is a time to reflect seriously on the issues of teen life and to enter into a dialogue with God, one another and self. This is a unique opportunity and students are encouraged to take advantage of it either as a participant or a leader. We thank God for this program and for CBA's support of it in the past. Please encourage your sons to attend!

### *Adult Community Will Gather for Retreat on March 21<sup>st</sup>*

The faculty, staff and administration of CBA will gather for a retreat on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 at Christ the King Retreat House. Campus Ministry is still in the midst of planning this day of prayer and reflection. We ask for your continued prayers for all of us that minister to the young people of CBA each day. Our hope is that this day will allow us to continue to build strong relationships with one another and call us to a new appreciation for the mission and vision of Saint John Baptist DeLaSalle.

### *Finally...A Big Thank You!!!*

Campus Ministry would like to thank all of our moms and sons that took time on December 15<sup>th</sup> to attend our Mother-Son Communion Breakfast. With almost 250 people attending we are convinced that this is a worthy event and one which will continue in years to come. A special thanks to Mrs. Sharon Michalak and Mrs. Pati Tobia for their countless hours of work behind the scenes to make this day a special one for our moms. Thanks also goes out to the Peer Ministers, Student Senate, Mr. DeSalvo, our maintenance staff, Mr. Caraher and the chorus, Fr. Mike, our presider, and to Liz Ayers, our keynote speaker. We are blessed by all of your gifts and talents! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

# Lasallian Youth Group

December was a busy and productive month for the Peer Ministry Office of Social Justice and Lasallian Leaders. From December 2d to the 18<sup>th</sup>, students were busy organizing and working on our "Adopt-a-Family" program. Working through Catholic Charities, CBA took 16 needy families of 6-8 people and provided food and Christmas requests for them. The students organized and ran this program, and the tremendous response we received is a testament to their hard work. For the second year, it took a moving van to get all the provisions down to Catholic Charities.

These students also organized two "Giving Trees" at school. People were

requested to take an ornament and provide the items requested on the ornament. The items collected were used for the Christmas party held by our students for the children of Cathedral School. The party was held on December 19 at Cathedral School. The children were treated to a pizza party, crafts, decorating cookies and games. Our student magician, Chris Geiss, entertained the students with balloon animals. There was also a visit from Santa (our own Mr. Mominney). The children were thrilled, and our CBA students had a great time bringing some joy and laughter

Looking forward, our Lasallian students are conducting a **Book Drive**

.to provide books to emergency shelters and schools in need. Do a little early spring cleaning and donate new or gently used grade-school-age books. The Drive is being conducted February 3-12.

Many thanks to all parents, homeroom teachers, faculty, staff and administration for your support of our programs. Thank you especially to the Dellas family, who generously helped out with the pizza party, and to HSBC Bank Trust Department, who provided a grant to support these programs.

## SENIOR HIGH GUIDANCE

The senior high guidance counselors will be in the junior and sophomore classes in early February to discuss course offerings for the 2003-04 academic year. Parents should discuss and review their child's choices, keeping in mind future college plans. Course selection forms need to be signed by both the student and a parent and then returned to the Guidance office before they can be entered for scheduling. Students will be meeting with their counselor to discuss their choice(s) before finalizing their schedule.

**National College Fair** at the On-Center in Syracuse is Sunday,

March 30th from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, March 31st from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be over 250 colleges present along with topic appropriate workshops. Students will receive information in their homerooms in March. Sophomores and juniors should try to attend this event so they can talk with admissions representatives and gather information for their college search.

During February and March the senior high counselors will be visiting classes to conduct career guidance units. Students will have the opportunity to take interest inventories, research potential careers,

Discuss the importance of work satisfaction by matching their talents and interests to career choices, and participate in a job shadowing experience if they wish. Counselors will also be meeting with students individually to discuss possible career choices and how to make appropriate college plans.



### College Talk

All students in grades 9 to 11 and their parents are invited to a "College Talk" on Tuesday, **March 25, 2003** at 7:00 p.m. in De La Salle Hall (LGI). Mr. Tom Muench, Admissions Counselor at Le Moyne College will discuss the application process, what admissions counselors look for, how to plan for college, the types of questions to ask, the college interview, resume builders, and the real ins and outs of the college application process. It is never too early to begin planning for the future. Please mark the date on your calendar—you don't want to miss it!

The Principal's Newsletter took on a new look for the 2002-2003 Academic Year. We are interested in hearing your comments and suggestions regarding the newsletter. Please feel free to call Jane at 446-5960 extension 1122 and offer any comments you may have.

The Newsletter is always in search of items for each issue. The newsletter is published every two months and the deadline for the April-May edition will be **March 14, 2003**. Please feel free to send in items on club activity, classroom activity, and student's accomplishments. Faculty, staff, and parents are encouraged to submit items.

## CBA Students Visit United Arab Emirates

On Tuesday, January 7th a group of 11th grade Advanced Placement English students had the opportunity to experience just how small our world has become. Thanks to the technology of video-conferencing, they were able to discuss culture, religion, and tolerance with a class of college women from Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates. The video-conference project was initiated by Professor Frank Marra, a Syracuse native who teaches Communications at Zayed University, an all-women's college in Abu Dhabi. His students are working to improve their public relations skills by educating American high school students about their country and culture, while also learning more about

American life. The project has received notice from the United States State Department. A staff member from the United States Ambassador's Office was present for this initial teleconference.

Despite the barriers of unmovable microphones and a slight time delay, CBA's student's overwhelmingly felt the experience was fascinating and a valuable learning experience. In the words of Junior,



Anna Kotlarz, "The conference...was amazing. Even though these students were thousands of miles away it felt very personal." She goes on to say that "This type of communication should become more widespread, and our ability to set up meetings such as these could only help the world become more united, false judgments to become corrected, and new friend and open minds to develop." Each of the students involved expressed the desire to continue the dialogue, and time permitting, Professor Marra expects to have funding from Zayed University for several more teleconferences between his Students and ours in the spring.

## Scholarship Opportunities

The following is a list of scholarships received in the CBA Guidance Office during the 2002-03 school year. Scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office and students are encouraged to check periodically.

**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship**—Latino students who have a history of performing public service oriented activities, proof of acceptance into an accredited community college, financial need, U.S. citizenship, and good wiring skills. Postmark by April 15th.

**John J. Lorenzen Memorial Scholarship**—Students who wish to pursue a career in the Automotive Aftermarket Industry. Scholarship is for \$1500 and deadline is June 15, 2003.

**New York State Credit Union Scholarship**—For credit union members only and deadline is February 3rd.

**Zonta Club of Syracuse & Zonta International**—2 scholarships are available. The first is for women who perform outstanding community service and who display humanitarian principles. The second is for women entering careers or seeking leadership positions in social government and volunteer organizations. Deadline is Feb 28th.

**National Society of Professional Engineers**—Very competitive scholarships for seniors pursuing engineering degrees. March 20th deadline.

**International Center of Syracuse—Betty Wiles Scholars**—Onondaga County high school seniors with an interest in international relations or study should apply for this \$200 scholarship with a deadline of March 15th.

**Women United—Peg McSweeney Scholarship**—Must be a Valley resident with an 80-90 average who services the community. Deadline is March 29th.

**American Society of Military Comptrollers Scholarships**—A \$200 scholarship from the local chapter and a \$1,000 from the national chapter. Deadline is February 28th.

**Price Chopper / Golub Foundation Scholarships**—Must plan to attend a four year college or university in NY, MA, PA, VT, CT or NH. Deadline is March 15th.

# CBA in the News

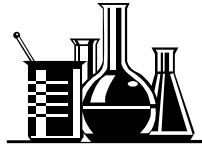
**David Greenky** will be traveling to Israel for two months with the Ramah Program as a youth ambassador. Dave was selected from a large number of entrants and participated in a very competitive selection process. Along with his regular classes at the USY High School, Dave will be studying the history of Israel and have classes in Judaism and Hebrew. He will be traveling through the country to many holy sites when not in class. The purpose of the program is to help students of Jewish descent absorb the culture of Israel and become more knowledgeable about their heritage and religion.

If you had the opportunity to tune into the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day you may have seen some familiar faces. **Kelly Nicolli** and **Stephanie Pelligra** were cheerleaders at the Citrus Bowl. Kelly and Stephanie were chosen as All-American cheerleaders and were awarded the opportunity to travel to Disney World and cheer at the Citrus Bowl. They were among 150 cheerleaders from across the country who participated.

**Jenna Carlson** has been accepted by Rotary International as an exchange student for next year. Jenna will be leaving in August to spend her senior year in France. Congratulations, Jenna!

**Stephanie Pelligra** has been named head coach for the Special

Olympics ice skating team. Stephanie will be responsible for choosing coaches, scheduling and planning practices, and making sure the children are being prepared for competition. This is a program that Stephanie presented to the Special Olympics committee and has received approval to start immediately. Stephanie has been a volunteer with Special Olympics throughout her high school career and plans on continuing her volunteer work while in college.



Junior, **Dan Mannion** and Sophomore, **Molly Kelly** spent part of their Christmas vacation job shadowing at Upstate Medical University. Both are interested in the medical field and hope to return to Upstate and shadow in Pediatrics or with a Physician's Assistant.

A special thank you to **Mrs. Sue Tormey** who has been instrumental in helping place our students in job shadowing opportunities through the County Executive's Office.

Congratulations to **Kay Leopold** who scored a perfect 800 on the verbal section of the PSAT taken in October. She also received a perfect

800 on the SAT II Writing Test which she took in December. **Tom Maher** scored a perfect 800 on the verbal portion of the SAT and **Alyssa Pizzolanti** recently earned a perfect (36) ACT Social Studies Reading score.

**Tom Maher** has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Herff-Jones, Inc. funds the PLA program. One hundred and fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

**Max Greenky** has been selected as CBA's newest representative to Youth Leadership Greater Syracuse. He joins current representatives **Catherine Pietrafesa**, **Melanie George**, and **Stephanie Pelligra**. Max went through an extensive interview process before being appointed to this organization. Youth Leadership requires a 3 year commitment where students gain more responsibility each year.

Congratulations to senior, **Luke Barrett** who received honorable mention in the 2003 Verizon Scholastic Art Competition. Luke's photograph, "Reflect" was chosen from over 5,000 entries. Luke prepared the photo as part of Ms. McGinty's photography class.

## Auction Committee Prepares for Party-Gras

The 14th annual Lasallian Dinner and Auction will be held on March 22, 2003. The committee, hard at work since August, is putting the finishing touches on what is sure to be a memorable evening.

The "Party" begins at 6:00 p.m. with

the Silent Auction. A brief awards ceremony will commence at 8 p.m. with Todd Benware receiving the Lasallian Educator of the Year Award. The Purple and Gold Award presented by the Alumni Association will be given to J. David Dickinson '55 and Peter Vercillo.

Dinner, catered by Julie's Place, Home of Karen's Catering will be sure to please everyone's palate. The Live Auction will begin at 9 p.m. There is something for everyone. It is a wonderful night to rekindle old friendships and make new friends. Invitations will be mailed in early February

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### **SPRING SPORTS**

All Varsity and Junior Varsity Spring sports practices will begin

March 10, 2003. In order to practice or play a spring sport a current physical examination **MUST** be on file in the Health Office. In addition, a Health History Interval Form **MUST** be completed by the parent before a student may participate in any sport.

Health Interval Forms may be obtained from the coaches or from the Health Office. If you have any questions, please call the Mrs. Bush in the Health Office at 446-5960 extension 1234.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 3-11	Book Drive
Feb 5 & 6	7th Grade Retreats
Feb 10	Report Card Day
Feb 11	New Student Registration 4-6:30 p.m.
Feb 12	Parent Conference 1-4 and 5-7 1/2 day NOON Dismissal
Feb 17-21	Winter Break NO School
March 3-7	Intramural Basketball Tournament
March 5	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
March 6	Winter Sports Awards 7:00 p.m.
March 10	JV/Varsity Spring Sports Begin
March 12	Parent's Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 13	Honors Night at 7:00 p.m.
March 14	End of Marking Period #4
March 19 & 20	Boys Overnight Retreat
March 22	Lasallian Dinner & Auction
March 24	Report Card Day