



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2008

Christian Brothers Academy Parent News From the Principal...

Dear CBA Community,

Since our founding in 1900, all of us at Christian Brothers Academy have taken special pride in the academic accomplishments of our students. A special display in the main corridor, "Excellence in Action," recognizes our past Valedictorians and Salutatorians, especially those who graduated since the school relocated from the original Willow Street site to our present one on Randall Road. It provides a daily reminder to our current students of the continuous need to strive for personal excellence. I am grateful to our parents, alums, and friends who were responsible for the commissioning and installation of this prominent commemoration.

A recent *Education Week* article reported on a current study by the National Endowment of the Arts who found that young people are reading less in their free time than a generation ago, "a statistic that bodes poorly for their academic performance, future job prospects, civic participation, and even social well-being." It came on the heels of a *Newsweek* feature story, "The Future of Reading." In our own quest to develop better recreational readers, all our junior high students will be assigned to a weekly "Reading for Enjoyment" class. Students will be required to spend the period reading a novel of their own choosing. Homework will not be permitted. Our library will continue to update its fiction and non-fiction selections intended for young readers.

Congratulations and thanks are offered to senior Mia Legg who was presented with a Youth Community Service Award by the Mental Health Association of Onondaga County; to juniors James Domachowske, James Gavigan, Brett Keegan, Matt Kirkman and Hersh Sangani whose video entry was a semifinalist in Channel 9's safe driving contest; senior Matthew Croglia who was nominated for a Principal's Leadership Award, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals; Mrs. Vicki Mannion who represented CBA at the annual Huether Lasallian Conference in St. Louis, MO; seniors Julie Daniel, Daniele Mackowsky, and Ryan McCreary who were recipients of Youth Appreciation Awards by the Cicero-North

Syracuse Optimist Club; Mr. Robert Caraher and the members of the CBA Select Chorus who performed at the Everson Museum's annual Holiday Festival of Trees; Mr. Frank Sacco and the members of the National Honor Society for organizing a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Lucy's Church Food Pantry; freshman Ryan Van Patten who participated in the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis; the seventh graders who read their original short stories to kindergarten and first graders at LeMoynes Elementary School; the students, parents, and staff who helped with our Christmas decorations; the cast, crew, and production team of "And Then There Were None", the parents and teachers who assisted them and seventh graders Cole Speidel and Matthew Engel and eighth grader Gabrielle George who will represent CBA in the upcoming *Post Standard* spelling bee.

Particular congratulations are extended to the sixth graders who will receive their letters of acceptance to CBA this week. A special reception will be held for them and their families on Monday, January 21. We look forward to having the CBA Class of 2014 join us in the fall.

May 2008 bring good health, peace, and God's blessings to you and your families. Continue to keep all of us at CBA in your daily prayers.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Br. Thomas Zoppo, FSC,
Principal

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The midterm exams are scheduled for January 22-25. Please plan ahead when scheduling appointments to avoid that week.

2008 Midterm Exam Calendar

Tuesday, January 22

8:15 Math including Calculus and AP Calculus

10:30 English including AP Language,
AP Literature

* Buses leave CBA at 12:45 PM

Wednesday, January 23

8:15 Social Studies including AP Government

10:30 Science, including AP Biology, AP Physics,
and AP Chemistry

* Buses leave CBA at 12:45 PM

Thursday, January 24

8:15 Religion

10:30 Electives for Juniors & Seniors
(AP Statistics, Comparative World Issues,
Marketing, Anatomy&Physiology,
Psychology)

12:30 **Math A Regent Exam - Geometry students
only (no buses after the regents)**

* Buses leave CBA at 10:30 AM

Friday, January 25

8:15 World Language, Law, AP European History,
Advanced Wellness

* Buses leave CBA at 10:30 AM

Monday, January 28

Grading Day – No School

**** Please note: Writing 7&9, Health 7&9, Music
8&10, Computer 8, Music Writing, and Integrated
Computer will have midterm exams in class prior
to the formal exam week.**

8th Grade New York State Assessments

January 2008

English Language Arts Exam

Tuesday, January 15 and Wednesday, January 16

Important Exam Information:

- In the event of a snow day, all exams will be postponed one day. For example, if we have a snow day on Tuesday, the Tuesday exams will be held on Wednesday. We will hold exams on Monday, January 28 in the event of a snow day during the week.
- Teachers will announce the specific room assignments for midterm exams in class. The room assignments will also be posted in the main hallway each morning.
- Students should bring all books and study materials home on Thursday, January 17 – just in case school is cancelled on Friday. It is better to be prepared!
- Breakfast and Lunch will not be served during exam week. Students may go to the cafeteria between exams for a drink or snack.
- **Students must be in dress code during exam week. Boys must be clean shaven.**
- **Juniors and Seniors Only:** If you have an exam conflict (two exams scheduled in one time slot) please see Mrs. Killion to get testing arrangements.
- **Geometry Students Only:** The Math A Regents exam will be given even if CBA is closed for weather. The TV will read: “CBA Closed – Regents exams will be given.” If we have an **extreme** weather emergency and the roads are not passable, the TV will read: “CBA Closed – No Regents Exams.”

**Please see your teachers or Mrs. Killion if you
have any questions. Good luck!**

ADMISSIONS

Letters of admission decisions will be mailed on January 3rd. The reception for newly accepted seventh graders will be on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to welcoming the CBA class of 2014!

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

This fall was another very successful one for our athletic program. Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer, and Girls Swimming won three league championships. Girls Tennis won a sectional championship and several individuals distinguished themselves as being some of the best athletes in Central New York.

Sophomore Lianna Artessa won the overall individual tennis championship for the second year in a row, which qualified her for the state tournament. Senior M.E. Lapham was selected as the CNY player of the year in soccer. Seniors Jamie Carrick and L.J. Papaleo were also included as first team All-CNY soccer selections. Senior cross country runner Jack Kelley was an All-CNY pick and represented CBA in the State Cross Country Championships.

Our athletes also performed well in the classroom with each of our teams being recognized as a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team, an award earned when a required number of varsity team members achieve a composite average of 90% or greater on report card grades earned during a sports season.

Four seniors made formal commitments to play Division I lacrosse next year. M.E. Lapham to the University of Connecticut, Matt Germain and Griffin Ferrigan to St. Joseph's University (PA) and Brittany Brigandi to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Sarah Paulus also signed her letter of intent to play basketball at Fairfield University and Kaley Pfol signed her letter of intent to swim at Niagara University. Congratulations to these athletes for their hard work and success.

All winter sports schedules are available online at www.cbasyracuse.org. To hear a list of the contests scheduled each day, call 446 – 5960 x 82. We try to have all cancellations and modifications to the schedule available on that line by 2:00PM each day.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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There is a Senior High Lasallian meeting on **January 3** after school to finalize plans for a January service event and to plan for Lent.

Winter athletes are invited to attend the **First Friday Mass on January 4th**. Mass begins at 7:30 AM in the chapel.

There will be a Jr. High Lasallian meeting on Wednesday, **January 9** after school. A guest speaker will be joining us. We will also be planning a service event at that time for later in the month. 7th and 8th grade students may join the group at any time.

January 22-25 – A prayer service will be offered each morning in the chapel at 7:50 AM during the exam week.

Ash Wednesday is **February 6th** this year. CBA will have a full school assembly for a Lenten prayer service and distribution of ashes.

Parents will receive information about the Ninth grade service retreat in February. Nine graders will have the opportunity to participate in a Service retreat at local agencies on February 14 and 15.

Seniors are invited to complete their service hours at St. John the Evangelist on Tuesdays or the Samaritan Center when scheduled. See Mrs. Finlay for details.

DEVELOPMENT

CORVETTE RAFFLE NEARS THE END!

Thank you to everyone who has helped sell tickets for the Classic Corvette Raffle. Please return your sold and unsold tickets to the main office by Friday, January 11th.

2008 LASALLIAN AUCTION

This year's Auction, *Syracuse City Lights* will be held on Saturday, March 29th. At 6:00 PM. Invitations will be mailed shortly. To volunteer your time or to make a donation to the auction, please contact Brian Hayes in the CBA Development Office at bhayes@cbasyracuse.org or 446-5960 ext. 1293.

GUIDANCE

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

- ◆ The FAFSA information packets can be picked up in the Guidance office. The information packet has a helpful "tips" sheet along with a worksheet for completing the FAFSA form on-line. **SUNY is sponsoring a free, hands-on, financial aid day on Saturday, February 2nd at OCC and ESF.** You can register at www.suny.ed.edu or by calling either school's financial aid office.

GUIDANCE

SENIORS

- ◆ All remaining applications must be completed well before the designated deadlines.

JUNIORS AND PARENTS

- ◆ Meetings will be scheduled for juniors and their parents to formally prepare for the college application process. If it is necessary to reschedule this meeting, please contact the Guidance Office at your earliest convenience. *Remember that an unplanned school closing will change the date of the appointment.*
- ◆ Students can register for the SAT's, ACT's and SAT II's online at www.collegeboard.com. Please refer to the information that was distributed in class earlier.

SOPHOMORES

- ◆ PLAN test scores were sent home along with information about the test and several upcoming events.
- ◆ Students planning to take the SAT II Subject Tests in June should discuss the application process with their counselor. The deadline to register for the test is **May 6th**. Registering for the test online is recommended to better ensure your preferred test location.
- ◆ All sophomores and their parents should plan to attend the The National College Fair on **Sunday, April 6th**, from 1:00PM until 4:00PM at the OnCenter.

MIDTERM PREPARATION

Studying for cumulative exams is a "big assignment" that should take several days. Do not wait for the night before to cram for these tests. To study effectively, you need to:

- **Review.** Divide materials into logical sections, then read them over as a memory refresher.
- **Memorize.** While reviewing, decide what could be on the test. Use flash cards (or another method) to study this information.
- **Make a practice test.** Ask questions the way they might appear on the test. Study until they can be answered confidently.
- **Look at old tests.** Learn from past mistakes, such as not reading instructions carefully, and notice what was done correctly.
- **Review test-taking tips.** For example, start by scanning the test and choosing a working pace. Then answer the easiest questions first.

- **Relax.** Get a good night's sleep before the test and eat a healthy breakfast. Take a few deep breaths and think positive thoughts.

~The Parent Institute

HTG – COMING SOON!!

Hot Topics for Girl's (HTG) will begin in the second semester for the 7th grade girls. HTG was developed in response to an ever increasing need for discussions about popularity, cliques, bullying, societal pressures, etc. It will take place during academic prep and will meet 1 time per cycle. Look for a letter with a more detailed explanation of this group. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Burrows, Junior High School Counselor @ ext. 1264.

HEALTH CARE CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS:

If you are interested in exploring careers in health care, then this is for you. The M.A.S.H. Camp at Community General Hospital allows you to participate in hands-on activities with real professionals in real health settings. Registration forms are in the Guidance office or you may check out their website at www.cnyahec.org/mash.asp

JR. HIGH ACTIVITIES

CBA'S 7TH GRADERS TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO COLONIAL DAYS

On January 10 the entire 7th grade will travel back in time to the days of the colonists. Everyone will dress in period clothing to celebrate this day as the culmination of a lengthy English/Social Studies project. During the morning hours all students will have the opportunity to share with their classmates through group presentations. Student groups will cover a wide span of colonial activities including holding mock trials, preparing colonial foods, modeling colonial fashions, displaying period dioramas, etc. The afternoon will be filled with demonstrations from a variety of artisans from our local CNY community. We are expecting a quilter, a broom maker, a spinner, a weaver, a woodworker, and a blacksmith. This should be a great day for the 7th grade.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

BUSING:

There will be no bus transportation on **Wednesday, Jan 2nd** for the following school districts: Cazenovia, East Syracuse Minoa, Fayetteville-Manlius and Solway.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

INCLEMENT WEATHER

On days when weather conditions require additional travel time, student drivers should leave early enough to safely arrive at school in time for homeroom. In the event it becomes necessary to close school or delay opening, announcements will be made on WSYR Newsradio 570 and television stations 3, 6, 9, and 10. *In the event that the Syracuse City Schools are closed and CBA is open, transportation will be provided.*

STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

All families are reminded that student drop-off before 8:10 AM and pick-up at dismissal are in the designated areas in the main parking lot. During these times, the area in front of the school is reserved for school buses. Please remember that New York State law requires that a vehicle must come to a complete stop while a school bus's red lights are flashing regardless of location. The local police have issued violation tickets to individuals in the CBA lots in the past. For safety reasons, please maintain a prudent speed when driving through the parking lots.

PROCEDURE FOR EARLY DISMISSALS

In the case of an early dismissal, please provide a note stating the time, reason and who will be picking up your child. Ask your child to bring this note to the nurse's office **before homeroom** for a pass which will allow them to sign out and meet you in the main office. If a student has his or her own transportation to or from school, the note must say that he or she will be driving. Please do **not** phone in a request for early dismissal. If possible, please schedule appointments after dismissal. Thank you.

MESSAGES

Unless an emergency arises, we are unable to interrupt classes to deliver messages, books, lunches, clothing, etc. If your child knows that you will be leaving things in the office for them, they should stop in the office on the way to lunch. Thank you for your understanding.

HIGH SCHOOL DANCES/PROMS

Junior Prom – 4/25 at Renaissance Hotel, **Dinner included**, 7-11pm. Students attending must be at dinner/dance by 7:30pm. Dress Code – appropriate Prom attire.

Senior Prom – 5/16 at Landmark Theatre, **No Dinner**, 8-11:30pm. Students attending must be at dance by 8:30pm. Dress Code – appropriate Prom attire.

To attend a dance, CBA students, must complete and return to Mr. Mitchell a Parent Permission/Information form -at least one week prior to the event.

Current CBA Students can request to bring a non CBA student guest by completing the appropriate form and returning to Mr. Mitchell at least one week prior to the event. Guests must be a current HS student and present a picture ID card when checking in at the dance. Guests must arrive at the dance with their CBA host student. CBA students are responsible for their guest's behavior at the dance.

Students/Guests are expected to remain at the dance/prom until the event concludes. Only current grade 9-12 students are eligible to attend a high school dance.

WANTED: USED ENGLISH BOOKS

Each year students are required to purchase several novels that are required reading for English class. The titles are the same each year for each grade.

CBA Parents Club will be holding a semi-annual drive to collect these books once they are no longer needed. In-coming students will be given the opportunity to purchase these "gently used" books during the book pick up in August.

Shortly after mid-terms, teachers will remind the students to bring their completed books to class for donation. Collection boxes will be placed in each of the English classrooms.

If you have any questions about the book resale, please call Marilyn Potega at 425-5232.

CREDIT UNION SERVICES

All parents are reminded that all students at CBA are eligible to be members of the ESM-NS Federal Credit Union. With student membership all family members also become eligible. If you are interested in learning more about the Credit Union you can call the East Syracuse Office (located at 7200 Kirkville Road) at 656-8220, or the North Syracuse Office (located at 651 Centerville Place) at 458-0439.

MASTERMINDS TEAM STARTS SECOND SEASON ON A WINNING NOTE

CBA's trivia challenge team, which came in second in our league last year in its inaugural year, is continuing its winning ways, with victories in its first four matches. Competing against students from other local schools, students are quizzed on general knowledge in a fast-paced, fun competition. This team is the perfect fit. Interested students are always welcome to attend practice or come observe a match. We are especially interested in any current sophomores or juniors who might want to join the team for next year's competition.

Attention 7th Grade Parents!!
7th Grade Grandparents Luncheon

CBA will be hosting our 4th Annual Grandparents Luncheon on **Thursday, May 22, 2008**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our 7th grade students to honor and celebrate their grandparents. We will be sending out a formal invitation this spring, but need your help to collect their addresses.

Please detach and mail

Student(s) name(s) _____

Grandparent Name _____ CBA Alum? Y/N

Address _____

Email _____

Grandparent Name _____ CBA Alum? Y/N

Address _____

Email _____

Grandparent Name _____ CBA Alum? Y/N

Address _____

Email _____

Would you like to help? Please check off all that apply:

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

- Planning Committee Donate a Dessert
 Decorations & Set up Serving & Cleanup

Please return to: **Helen Kelley, CBA Development Office, 6245 Randall Road, Syracuse, NY 13214 or email hkelley@cbasyracuse.org**. Questions?? Call Helen at 446-5960 ext 1122.

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CBA Drama Dept. presents:



*April 4th & 5th, 2008
@ Nottingham High School
For ticket information or to place
an ad in the program,
call CBA @ 446-5960*

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LUNCHEON MENU

JANUARY, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 NEWS YEARS DAY NO CLASSES	2 Chicken Parmesan with Side of Pasta and Smothered Green Beans	3 Meat Loaf with Gravy Scalloped Potatoes and buttered Peas	4 Monte Cristo Rice Pilaf and Sliced Peaches
7 Macaroni & Cheese Side of Chili & Vegetable Medley	8 Chicken Quesadillas with Corn and Black Bean Salad	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs with Tossed Salad with Dinner Roll	10 Chicken and Biscuits	11 Fried Fish with Potato Wedges and Coleslaw
14 Philly Cheese Steak With Onions & Peppers and Chips	15 Chicken Enchiladas with Refried Beans and Tomatoes	16 Cheese Calzones with Ratatouille	17 Bacon Cheeseburger with Spiral Fries and Applesauce	18 Clam Boats with Potato Salad and Cheesy Broccoli
21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	22 EXAMS	23 EXAMS	24 EXAMS	25 EXAMS

FEbruary, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 STAFF DAY NO CLASSES	29 Nachos Grande	30 Cheese Ravioli with Garlic Knots & Italian Zucchini	31 BBQ Pork Sandwich with Baked Beans and Corn	1 Chicken & Rice Casserole With Glazed Carrots
4 Beef Stroganoff with Parsalied Egg Noodles & Roasted Vegetables	5 Taco Salads	6 (Ash Wednesday) Stuffed Pizza Sticks with Marinara and Tossed Salad	7 Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes & Baked Squash	8 Vegetable Lasagna with Garlic Bread
11 Buffalo Chicken Sandwich with O'Brien Potatoes & Sliced Peaches	12 Beef & Bean Burrito with Mexican Rice	13 Chicken & Broccoli Fettucine Alfredo with Dinner Roll	14 Beef Cheddar Melt with Sweet Potatoes and Green Beans	15 Spaghetti Pie with Sautéed Spinach
18 WINTER RECESS	19 WINTER RECESS	20 WINTER RECESS	21 WINTER RECESS	22 WINTER RECESS
25 Chicken Patty Club with Lettuce & Tomato & Au Gratin Potatoes	26 Soft Chicken Tacos with Salsa & Refried Beans	27 Meatball Sub with Chips & Vegeta- ble Medley	28 Roast Pork with Stuffing and Baked Apples	29 Spinach Pasta Roll Ups with Dinner Roll

PLEASE NOTE: VEGETARIAN MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February, 2008

Fri.	1	First Friday Mass (Optional)
Mon.	4	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed.	6	Ash Wednesday
Thurs.	7	Parent Conferences 4-7 pm
Mon.	11	Booster Club Meeting
Wed.	13	Parent Club Meeting 7:15 pm
Thurs.	14	9th. Grade Retreat Jr. High Valentine Crush Sale
Fri.	15	9th. Grade Retreat
Mon.	18 -	Winter Recess, No Classes
Fri.	22	Winter Recess, No Classes
Thurs.	28	Multicultural Assembly

March, 2008

Fri.	7	First Friday Mass (Optional)
Sat.	8	Jr. High Roller Skating Party
Mon.	10	Booster Club Meeting
Mon.	10 -	Intramural Basketball
Fri.	14	“ “
Wed.	12	New Student Registration 4-7 pm
Tues.	18	Boys Overnight Retreat
Wed.	19	“ “ “
Thurs.	20	Easter Recess - No Classes
Mon.	24	“ “ “
Thurs.	27	Honors Night 7:00 pm
Fri.	28	Staff Retreat - No Classes
Sat.	29	Lasallian Auction 6:00 pm