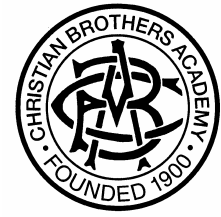




NEWSLETTER



Christian Brothers Academy Parent News

June/July 2003

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends of CBA,

At the time of this publication Christian Brothers Academy will have celebrated its 102nd commencement—a 2003 graduating class of 126 fine young Christian ladies and gentlemen. Another class of which CBA can be most proud. I would like to congratulate each of our graduates and their families.

You may be aware that I will be leaving CBA at the end of this school year. I am sad as I will miss much about the CBA community, in particular the students who I have been blessed to know. Without a doubt, I (and Mr. Greiner) have greatly enjoyed my tenure at CBA. Brother Thomas Zoppo,

FSC, who has been at CBA in prior years, will be joining the CBA Syracuse family as its new Principal.

Recent time away has afforded Mr. Greiner and me the chance to reflect on the past two years. We discussed what it is that makes CBA so special and we both agree, without question, that it is YOU the parents of CBA students. You are there for the CBA community, lending your continual support and strength. You are the underpinning force behind the accomplishments we celebrate, and have celebrated, together on more than one occasion.

In our 68 collective years in education, we have yet to experience, in one place, as much parental support of and fervor for their children as we have experienced at

CBA. Their success is a direct reflection of your value for and interest in your students' lives—the importance of family and God.

Finally, I would especially like to thank those parents who have offered words of encouragement and support—and wisdom—during my time at CBA. I appreciate the kind regards that so many of you have personally extended to me. The very best to each of you. Please keep me in your prayers. God Bless.

Mrs. Rosann Greiner,
Principal

CBA Journalism Class teams with News Channel 9, University Hospital

On April 28, 2003, the CBA journalism class had the opportunity to participate in a program called "Let's Not Meet By Accident" through University Hospital and WIXT News Channel 9. Students experienced and learned about what goes on in the trauma room of a hospital after being involved in a car accident due to drunk driving or simply reckless driving.

In addition to this, they learned about the various ways reporters and photographers film and interview people for newscasts

or television shows. University Hospital and News Channel 9 teamed up to tape and conduct this program to serve as a community service project. Ultimately they wanted to make viewers aware of the dangers and consequences of reckless driving, mainly targeting teenage drivers.

Students from the journalism class were the actual participants for the taping of this program by News Channel 9. Students such as Pete Callahan and Brady O'Malley participated as volunteers for demon-

strations while other students such as Justin Arsenault and Courtney Marx volunteered to be interviewed.

This News Channel 9 production will air sometime between the end of May and beginning of June on ABC. The production will last a half an hour, showcasing the journalism students as participants in the "Let's Not Meet By Accident" program. Check your local listings for the date and air time and support the CBA journalism class by watching.



BOXTOPS

We are still accepting labels and boxtops for the athletic programs. Please drop them off at the front desk anytime!

Thanks for your participation.

Coach Gary Barnaba's Basketball Camp: 11th Annual



Once again, "Mr. B" will offer the Annual CBA co-ed basketball camps. There will be two GREAT sessions!

July 7—10 and July 14—17, 9 AM to 3 PM each day, ages 8—16. Contact Director Gary Barnaba for information or a brochure at 446-5960 Ext 1506 (work) or 446-9635 (home) or visit the CBA website at www.CBASyracuse.org.



News about YOU....

The following Juniors deserve congratulations for Perfect ACT scores:

Dustin Getz	Perfect ACT Science
Kay Leopold	Perfect ACT Science and Social Studies
Justin Noia	Perfect ACT Social Studies
Matt Rayo	Perfect ACT Science

Senior **Brittany Mazur** has been awarded the Ithaca College Leadership Scholarship worth a value of \$24,000, a \$500 award from Zonta International and she is a finalist for the National Grid/Niagara Mohawk Scholarship.

Sophomores **Mary Kate Hannon**, **Lauren Logan** and **Liz Whyland** recently spent the day job shadowing with Nick Pirro '57 in the Office of the County Executive.

CBA students did extremely well in a recent competition at Syracuse Stage on Tuesday April 13th. **Jourdan Beardsley's** play, "Fallen Illusion" finished in the first tier of 3 plays selected as the best overall. **Robin Michalak** with "Some Things Never Change" and **Marissa Mulder** with "The Way Home" were awarded two out of the four total Honorable Mentions. Out of 130 plays submitted for the competition and 7 final selections, CBA students were given 3 awards. An outstanding result.

Junior **Ashley DeMaio-Zacharek** was featured in the Catholic Sun's annual Sports Awards issue on May 29. She was chosen as Female Regional Athlete of the Year for the Western Region.

Jenna Carlson will be spending her senior year in France as a Rotary Exchange Student.

Sophomore **Joe Gualteri** will be spending his junior year in Germany with AFS.

The Syracuse Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors selected **Brittany Mazur '03** as Outstanding Teenager of the Year for Onondaga County. Brittany received a plaque and a \$200 savings bond. The award has been presented for the last 8 years and honors teenagers who excel in service to their respective community.

The following CBA juniors were invited to participate in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program based on their 2002 PSAT/NMSQT scores. They are among 50,000 students chosen from over one million nationwide:

Caroline Barrett, Elizabeth Buckel, Krista Koch, Sarah Krisch, Nicholas Lazipone, Kay Leopold, Brandon Noia, Justin Noia, Matthew Rayo and Christopher Wilson.

Parking Update

An announcement was made in April that any current 10th or 11th grade student that were interested in student parking for the 2003-2004 school year should see Mrs. Liebowitz in the Main Office for a Student Parking Request Form. All forms must be turned in to Mrs. Liebowitz by Friday, June 6. Please keep in mind that parking spaces will be given out on a first come, first serve basis with priority going to seniors.

The National Achievement Program, devoted to honoring academically able Black American high school students has identified **Melanie George '04** as a high performer based on her PSAT/NMSQT score. Melanie will participate in the 2004 National Achievement Program.

The New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship is awarded to one exceptional senior from every high school in New York State. Each winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship for college. Winners are chosen for their citizenship, community service participation and leadership skills. CBA's recipient this year is **Christopher Geiss** who will be studying engineering at RIT this fall.

The Eastwood American Legion Post 1276 scholarship award winners for 2003 are **Matthew Whyland** and **Brittany Mazur**.

Eighth grader **Nicole Krenitsky** will move to Boston this summer to study with the Boston Ballet. The intensive ballet session will concentrate on technique, partnering, jazz, character and development. Nicole most recently performed at CBA as Lorraine in 42nd Street.

These and many other awards will be acknowledged at Commencement 2003 which will take place on Sunday June 1 at

3rd Annual Parent-Child Golf Tournament:



Golf Sponsors: Thanks!

A final thank you to those parents and corporate sponsors who bought flags for this year's event:

1. The Harris Family
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16. Germain and Germain Law Offices
17. LAX World
18. Mike Bristol Sports
19. R&R Janitorial
20. Majewski's Auto Body
21. Wagner-Hickok Insurance Agency
22. Learn As You Grow Child Care Centers
23. Waste Management
24. Inside High School Sports Show

The CBA Sports Booster Club held its Third Annual Parent-Child Golf Tournament this past Sunday on a beautiful 70 degrees day (isn't it always 70 and sunny in Syracuse in the spring?).

This year's event was highlighted with the presentation of an award to our Most Outstanding Golfer – R.J. Mosley. R.J.'s winning achievement was being closest to the pin on both of the closest to the pin holes. According to his father, Rich, "those were the only two shots he hit all day", but it was good enough to win the MOG award. Other individual winners were:

1. Long drive daughter – Grace Barnard
2. Long drive son – Joe Battaglia
3. Adult Long drive – Bob Ashenburg
4. Closest to the pin (adult) Hole #7 – Dave Venditti 7'4"
5. Closest to the pin (adult #15) – Frank Suits, Jr. 11'2"
6. Closest to the pin (#2 & #11) – R.J. Mosley 18'3" & 22'10"

As for the team event, in first place with a score of 64 were Greg and Peter Salerno and James and Jim Chapman. Second place went to Mark and Luke Coe and Jim and Robert Meade with a score of 65. In third place with 66 were R.J. and Rich Mosley and Mike and Michael Hennigan.

The Radisson Greens Golf Course staff did a terrific job as always preparing the course and food afterwards. A special thank you to our photographer Julie Venditti and on site volunteers Nicole Venditti and Kelcey and Dianne Harris. Brother Gabe is preparing the final tally, but we believe we raised over \$3,000 for the benefit of the sports programs of CBA. The tournament is a great way to have some fun with your children and support CBA sports. We hope to see more CBA parents and children next year.

Tell Us What You Think

CBA's Parent Newsletter is an important communication tool. If you have comments or suggestions or information to share with the CBA community, please call the Development Office 446-5960 X1140.

CBA Booster Club Appreciation Night Dinner

The CBA Booster Club would like to show its appreciation to the many volunteers who help make our many programs so successful. An invitation is extended to all of you who have volunteered at our sporting events by working the concession stand, 50/50 raffle, gate, etc. and our various other programs like the Ziti Dinner, Sports Awards, Parent-Child Golf Outing, etc.

Please come to dinner on Monday June 16 at 6:00 PM in the CBA Cafeteria. RSVP to Buddy Wleklinski at 446-5960 ext 1123 by June 9th. Booster Club meeting to follow the dinner.



Wleklinski named Section III Coach of the Year

CBA varsity boys basketball coach, Buddy Wleklinski '75, has been named Section III co-coach of the year by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York. This season Wleklinski led the Brothers to the OHSL Colonial American Division championship and the Section III Class A title. The team finished with a overall record of 20 – 6 and advanced to the NYSPHSAA Tournament Final Four.

Over the last eight seasons, he has guided the Brothers to an amazing 160 – 29 record which included six OHSL league championships, five trips to the sectional finals with two championships. His teams have twice advanced to the State Final Four and won the Class C state championship in 1997. He was chosen as Central New York coach of the year in 1997 and New York State coach of the year in 1998 to go along with this year's honor.

Wleklinski has also been elected as President of the Onondaga High School League for the 2003 –2004 school year. Appointed as Athletic Director in 1989, he has been actively involved on several league and sectional committees and has been a member of the league's executive committee for the last several years. In 2001, he was presented with the OHSL Service Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the league. He becomes the first private school athletic director to hold this office in the forty-one school league which encompasses most public and private high schools in the Central New York area.



Another Banner year for CBA Athletic Teams

The 2002 – 2003 year was a very successful one for CBA Athletics. Over 610 of the school's 740 students participated in at least one of our fifty-six programs that encompass twenty-six varsity sports. Of that number, over 210 of the school's junior high students took part on an interscholastic team.

CBA athletes distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as on the field of play. Twenty-two of our teams qualified for the State Scholar Athlete Award, which is given 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. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our student athletes.

In interscholastic competition, our success was unparalleled. Our teams won league championships in Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming, Football, Boys Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Golf and Sectional championships in Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming, Girls Tennis, Football, Boys Gymnastics, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball with the spring championships still to be contested. We are very proud of all of our athletes and their accomplishments and would like to thank the parents of these student athletes for their support throughout the year.

High School Spring Sports Awards Night

On Thursday June 5th at 7:00PM in the Callahan Gym, the CBA Booster Club will sponsor its' annual Spring Sports Awards Night. All JV and Varsity spring sports athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend this event. The program lasts for about 90 minutes and all athletes receive their participation certificates and pins. We ask that all athletes come dressed appropriately for the occasion.



Step Up to the Plate by Ed Street '03

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Read at the CBA School mass held on Thursday May 15, the feast of St. John Baptist de LaSalle and the last school mass for seniors

I pick up my bat
And head for the plate.
Squaring my feet,
It's time to wait.

Stretching out forward,
He's leaning quite low,
Silently pondering
What pitch he should throw.

Staring, glaring,
He looks at me coldly,
Not knowing if
I'll swing at it boldly.

One strike already,
I missed the last one.
I swung for it all
And came up with none.

Finally, deciding,
He stands back up straight,
I shake in my cleats,
Not knowing my fate.

He winds up quite fast,
And hurls the white ball.
It spins at me quick,
And I swing for the wall.

A swing and a miss,
How embarrassed am I,
Trying to hide it
A tear drops from my eye.

The crowd laughs at me
To them no attention I pay.
My coach shouts encouragement
And just tells me to play.

Determined now,
I go through it once more
Step to the plate,
To open a closed door.

This is the last time,
My last and final try.
I am so very nervous,
I think I might die.

That is no matter
Now I'm focused on my goal.
Nothing can stop me
From getting out of this hole.

Peering at him,
He scowls right back,
Trying to manipulate
The confidence I lack.

Little does he know,
I'm as determined as ever
To make him look silly
In his great endeavor.

He throws his secret pitch,
I've seen it before,
A slider with a hook,
Time to even the score.

It seems so perfect,
Just heading right for me.
I wind up and swing,
Fueled by passion and glory.

I connect with the ball
With all of my might.
Oh yes I've hit it!
Now it's in flight.

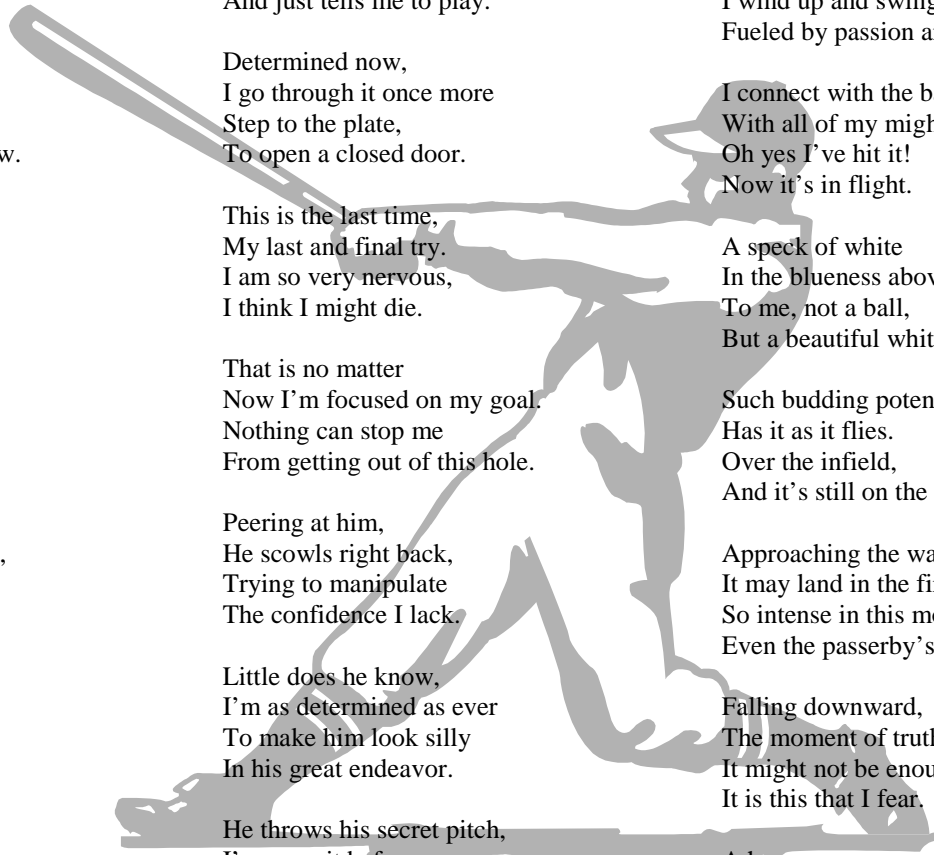
A speck of white
In the blueness above,
To me, not a ball,
But a beautiful white dove.

Such budding potential
Has it as it flies.
Over the infield,
And it's still on the rise!

Approaching the wall,
It may land in the first row,
So intense in this moment,
Even the passerby's know!

Falling downward,
The moment of truth is near.
It might not be enough,
It is this that I fear.

A homerun or an out,
Will be the answer to this test.
Now I just wait and stare,
Knowing I've done my best.



High School Fall Sports Practices begin on August 18th

All CBA junior varsity and varsity fall sports will begin practice on Monday, August 18. Exact times and locations will be included in mailings later in the summer and listed on the school's website in early July. In order to be eligible to participate, a student must have a current physical on file in the CBA health office (within one year of the first day of practice) and have returned a completed interval health form to the school office before the first day of practice. Any student failing to have either of these forms will not be allowed to practice until the appropriate paperwork has been filed. Interval forms are available in the main office but should not be returned until August 1. Junior high fall sports will begin when school starts in September.

Attention Recreation Teams: Important CBA Policy Reminder

The CBA athletic department and administration would like to thank all of the parents that help to organize teams in recreation leagues outside the scope of our interscholastic programs. These activities are a benefit to our athletes and are appreciated by our community. We ask, however, that when entering teams that are not sponsored by the school into recreation leagues, please refrain from using the Christian Brothers Academy name unless the team is directly supervised by one of the school's coaches or employees. Any team using the CBA name will be expected to follow all school policies concerning eligibility, medical releases, etc. Again, we appreciate all of the effort involved in organizing these programs and hopefully you understand our concern of the use of the CBA name. If you have any questions, please call Buddy Wleklinski at 446 - 5960 x 83.

CBA's Concert Choir Hits High Note

CBA's Concert Choir under the direction of Mr. Robert Caraher, won 1st place in the Mixed Chorus category at the Darien Lakes Music Festival on Sunday May 18th. This is the 3rd time in the past 5 years that the group has come away with a 1st place trophy. In addition, the group was also crowned Grand Champion this year for ALL competing choruses. The 15 member vocal group is already looking forward to next year, but will have to replace 7 graduating seniors who will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to all the singers!

Consider the Possibilities...Science in Costa Rica!

Earth Science teacher Bill Duda is looking for "takers" for an 8 day trip to Costa Rica during February break 2004. The approximate cost will be \$2000 per student which will include airfare, room and board for the entire stay.

The trip, awaiting final approval by new Principal Brother Thomas Zoppo, is sponsored by the Education Foundation and must be booked soon. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Duda by June 10 at 437-0384.

A Blessing for Our Graduates The Class of 2003

The following was offered by Bishop Thomas Costello at the Class of 2003 Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday May 31...

May the light of your soul guide you.
 May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.
 May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.
 May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.
 May your work never weary you.
 May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.
 May you be present in what you do.
 May you never become lost in the bland absences.
 May the day never burden.
 May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities, and promises.
 May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
 May you go into the night blessed, sheltered, and protected.
 May your soul calm, console and renew you.

-From ANAM CARA, John O'Donohue

CBA Summer Sizzle! Check it out...

(Catalogs will be mailed next week)

ACADEMICS:

- "Big Blue Earth in Review" by Bill Duda offered July 7-10 and July 14-17
- "Smart Start Study Skills" by Mike Marciano offered July 21-24
- "Computer and Science Research" by Erica Gerber and Linda Rohrig offered August 11-15

ART MUSIC DANCE ENRICHMENT:

- "Cartoon School!" by Joe Glisson offered July 28—August 1
- "Techniques in Watercolor" by Caryl McGinty offered July 7—11

- "Journalism Workshop" by Tere Panaigua offered August 11-15
- "Dancin' Feet" by Christina Nicoletti offered July 1,2,3
- "Jazz Band" by Darryl Pugh offered July 7-10
- "Marriage and Family Life" by Joe Assaf offered July 29,30 or August 19,20

SPORTS CAMPS:

- *Basketball* by Gary Barnaba offered July 7-10 and 14-17
- *Football* by Joe Casamento offered July 29-31
- *Junior Rugby* by Dave Sebast offered June 25,26,27

- *Speed and Conditioning* offered by Mike Gerber (evenings 6-7PM) OR Cory Parker (mornings 8-9AM)
- *Girls Lacrosse* by Erica Gerber offered June 30-July 3
- *Boys Lacrosse* by Jon McCoy offered July 21-25
- *Co-ed Cross Country* by Theresa Trudell offered August 11-15
- *Co-ed Tennis* by Brian Haynes offered August 4,6,8
- *Co-ed Golf* by John Passonno and Jim Merithew offered July 14,15,16
- *Co-ed Soccer* by Joe Papaleo offered August 4-8
- *Co-ed Cheerleading* by Judy Tornabene offered July 11

CBA Honor Society Annual Blood Drive was May 1

The CBA Chapter of the National Honor society sponsored their annual blood drive on Thursday May 1. Prior to the drive, a representative of the American Red Cross made a presentation to the senior classes.

A total of 40 units of blood was collected which surpassed the goal of 35 units. There

were 37 first time donors. A total of 120 patients were helped by the generosity of the CBA drive.

The Red Cross citation reads, "On behalf of hospital patients in your community, thank you for your commitment to the New York-Penn Region Blood program. As a dedicated

blood drive sponsor, your leadership in the coming months will help prevent blood shortages...Together we can save lives."

Many thanks to all who participated!

Guidance Corner

Final Exams—Friend or Foe?

Being organized is one of the best strategies for doing well on your final exams. Hopefully, you have kept all of your assignments and tests in a folder so you can use them to review for your exams.

Don't hesitate to ask your teacher for review sheets or copies of past quizzes you may have misplaced.

Start setting aside time to review for each subject. When you encounter a topic you need some help with, make an appointment with your

teacher so you can re-learn the material.

If your teacher is offering review sessions after school, try to clear your calendar so you can attend. If you like to study with friends, set up study groups now before your calendar fills up.

Using study guides like Barron's Review are great tools to use at home to test your knowledge for Regents' exams.

Remember, your final exam counts

1/4 of your 2nd semester grade. It's a great way to improve a grade you're not happy with and want to improve.

If you finish your exam before your time is up, review your answers and check all of your calculations. Make sure you filled in your answers correctly on your answer sheet before you hand it in to the proctor.

Use your time wisely, prepare for your exams and you'll do a great job!

Summer School Sign-ups

All students who do not pass a course during the academic year, must make it up during the summer before returning to CBA.

Students can either attend a summer school course or receive private tutoring. This year some local school districts have either eliminated or greatly reduced their summer school activities.

If you know you failed a course or a Regents' exam, please call your counselor right away to make arrangements for the summer.

Summer school sign-ups at CBA will be offered with your counselor throughout the month of June. Your counselor will help you with all the necessary paperwork, whether you are using a private tutor or going to

your home school district for a make-up course or if you want to re-take a Regents' exam.

Please stay in close contact with your counselor to find out what options you have for this summer.

Other Guidance News...

Mrs. Hallett in the Guidance Office, will send all senior final transcripts to the school you have specified. If your college choice should happen to change, please alert Mrs. Hallett right away so she can send your transcript to your new choice for college.

If you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse, we will send your final transcript by the end of June. If you did not turn in your authorization form to the Guidance Office, please bring it in so we can send your final transcript

to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Seniors: if you have any questions or additional instructions, about your final transcript, please call Mrs. Hallett or your counselor.

The Guidance Counselors will be in their offices through the month of June to help all students with end of the year plans and summer school sign-ups. All the counselors will be back in the Guidance Office on Monday, August 25th. Have a great summer!





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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 Marking Period ends
June 11-24 Final exams

SUMMER VACATION—summer camps at CBA!

September 3 New Student (gr 8-12) Orientation
September 4 7th grade Orientation
September 5 All grades report—Opening Mass
September 18 Back to school night

October 3 Homecoming Pep Rally and Dance
October 4 Corvette Raffle begins
October 6 Board of Trustees meeting
October 22 Booster Club Ziti Supper
October 26 Open House

November 2 Alumni Memorial Mass
November 8 & 15 Entrance Exams