



NEWSLETTER



Christian Brothers Academy Parent News

March-April 2004

From the Principal...

Even though Saturdays at the school tend to be filled with an assortment of activities whether it's a Forensics tournament or the usual host of athletic events and practices, I usually like to use the day to get caught up with my paper work. The Saturday before exams was no exception, but the day was especially active. The recent collection of cold and snowy days forced havoc on the plans and routines of students, teachers, and administrators. From the moment I arrived in the morning, teachers were observed completing their final preparations for the following week, and students availed themselves of some of the remaining tutoring opportunities before that dreaded exam. After finishing individual and small group tutorials in the morning, the Math Department held a topical review for the freshmen and sophomores preparing to take Monday's Math A Regents. The number of students who opted to come to school on a Saturday to participate in the review was impressive, occupying five classrooms on the third floor. The activities of the day were a vivid demonstration of the generosity and commitment of the faculty and the determination of the students.

After lending a hand with illustrating the intricacies of graphing a parabola, I was privileged to be able to announce the winner of the Corvette raffle. Earlier in the day, the Jazz Band entertained those who made final ticket purchases. The raffle has become a hugely successful tradition at CBA. This year's 1962 light blue vehicle understandably attracted a great deal of attention, and we managed to sell a record number of tickets. The success of this monumental undertaking is due solely to the time and efforts of many individuals who orchestrated all of the numerous details. Together, parents, alums, faculty, staff, and friends of CBA spent literally thousands of hours at the Carousel Mall selling tickets. The entire undertaking is truly a remarkable accomplishment, one that is envied by many. I am truly grateful to everyone that had a hand in this year's raffle.

Earlier this year, I acknowledged eleven of our seniors who were recognized as National Merit Scholars. Each of the three Semifinalists in the 2004 Merit Scholarship Program, Caroline Barrett, Kay Leopold, and Justin Noia, are among the national Finalists now in progress. In addition, Kay has been selected as a candidate for the highly prestigious United States Presidential Scholars Program. The entire CBA community rejoices in the successes of these wonderful students who are part of our very distinguished senior class.

The endless stream of snowflakes this season has us wishing for an early spring. Friends thoughtfully sent a vibrantly colored Azalea plant as a reminder of things to come. It is a sharp contrast to the deep bank of snow outside my office. Continued warm wishes to each of you as the new semester unfolds.

Sincerely,

Brother Thomas Zoppo, FSC
Principal

Important Changes:

Spring Musical
April 2 & 3

Boys' Junior Overnight Retreat
March 15 & 16

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Exam Schedule

2004 AP Exam Schedule

Exam	Date	Time
<i>Mandatory Pre-Administration Sessions:</i>		
	Thursday, April 29	7:30 AM
English Language	Monday, May 3	8:00 AM
Computer Science Spanish Language	Tuesday, May 4	8:00 AM
Calculus	Wednesday, May 5	8:00 AM
English Literature	Thursday, May 6	8:00 AM
US History European History	Friday, May 7	8:00 AM 12:00 PM
Biology	Monday, May 10	8:00 AM
Physics	Monday, May 10	12:00 PM

From the Finance Office Financial Aid Applications

The CBA Financial Aid applications will be automatically mailed to all families who received aid for the 2003-04 school year. Applications were mailed on February 11, 2004. Please call the Finance Office if you **DO NOT** receive an application by March 1st, 2004. CBA aid is based on many variables including income, liquid assets, and number of children attending parochial schools or children in college. We strongly urge families to apply if you feel you may qualify. **You must apply to receive aid.** Please call the Finance Office for an application. The deadline for completed applications for aid is **March 31, 2004**. There is a processing fee of \$19.

2004-2005 School Year Tuition

The Board of Trustees met recently to review the school's budget and set tuition and fees for the 2004-05 academic year. Recognizing the costs related to maintaining a high quality, comprehensive educational program along with the financial constraints faced by many families, tuition will increase 2.25% above the current academic year.

7th and 8th grade tuition: \$6,800 + \$180 fees
High School tuition: \$7,100 + \$180 fees

*Fees include: Activity - \$50
Technology - \$80
Laboratory - \$50

Br. Thomas and several members of the Board of Trustees will discuss highlights of the school's budget and the new tuition structure at the next Parent Club meeting on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:15 PM.

Substitute Nurses Needed

The Health Office is looking for currently licensed Registered Nurses who are certified in CPR and AED (automatic external defibrillator) to substitute at CBA. Please call Pat Bush, School Nurse, at 446-5960 Ext. 1234 between 9 am and 3 pm if you are interested, have any questions regarding duties and hours, or to schedule a visit to the health office.





CBA Spring Musical 2004



The CBA Drama Department will present the annual Spring Musical, Footloose, on Friday, April 2, 2004, and Saturday, April 3, 2004, at 7:00 pm, at the Henninger High School auditorium.

Auditions were held in mid-December and rehearsals have already begun for what promises to be a great evening of singing/dancing musical comedy at its best.

Tickets are \$6.00 for all seats and will be available in mid-March from any cast member or by calling the main office.



Honors Night 2004

Please join us for **CBA's Scholastic Honors Night on Thursday, March 18, 2004**. This special event is intended to recognize and celebrate those students who have obtained academic honors during the first semester. The awards for General Excellence and individual academic achievements will also be presented during the ceremony. The evening will conclude with the induction of the newest members of the LaSallian Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The program will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, at **Temple Adath Yeshurun**, located at 450 Kimber Road, up the hill from CBA. Please be advised that this is a formal occasion. Students should be in dress code or better attire for the ceremony.

All students receiving honors are asked to check-in upon their arrival. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Temple lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hanson, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

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

- **Honors:** 90 semester GPA with no course semester average below 80
 - **High Honors:** 93 semester GPA with no course semester average below 85
- The honors list will be posted after February break.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbooks can still be purchased. The cost is \$45. Please send checks to the Finance Office. They should be marked Yearbook with their child's name on the check.

Around Campus....

Campus Ministry News

LASALLIAN SUMMER SERVICE GATHERING JULY 18 – 23, 2004

The annual Lasallian student gathering is an opportunity for our students to experience service and fun with students from many other Christian Brothers' schools in the region. This year we go to Providence, R.I., from July 18-23. A variety of service opportunities are included for 3 days, with a day of various recreational activities planned as well. Past experience has proven this program to be a great opportunity for the students to meet other students, enjoy service, and learn leadership skills.

This gathering is aimed primarily at students entering Junior and Senior year, although 10th grade students would enjoy it as well. The cost of the trip, including transportation, meals and room, is approximately \$300 dollars. Recreational activities may be extra. Full details and registration forms will be available in April, although you may sign up now in Campus Ministry and reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit. Due to transportation limitations, we need to restrict the number of students attending, so sign up soon!

For more information, contact Mrs. Finlay in Campus Ministry (ext. 1128).

Bus Information

Bus forms for the 2004-2005 school year will be mailed home by March 1st. Forms must be filled out and mailed to your School District Transportation Department by April 1, 2004. Addresses of the districts are on the back of the form.

Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Assembly
February 25th 8:30 am in the gym
All parents are welcome to attend!

Junior Boys Overnight Retreat
"Steps to Resurrection" March 15th and 16th
White Eagle Conference Center
*Please note that this is a date change from the original calendar

Faculty and Staff Retreat Day
March 26th
Stella Maris Retreat House
Skaneateles, NY

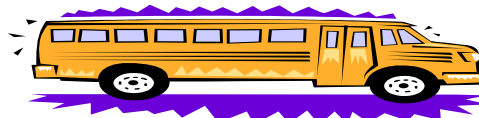
Yearbook Photographer

CBA has once again selected Parker Stone II Photography to be the official studio for the **Class of 2005** and their yearbook.

Parker Stone creates beautiful senior portraits while capturing the student's personality and interests. Students may choose from the traditional in-studio portrait session or an outdoor setting to best display their individuality!

Call Parker Stone Photography II at 463-0577 to schedule your appointment. Take advantage of the great spring specials and discounts being offered, including a **FREE** traditional portrait session. CBA seniors, you have **NOTHING TO LOSE** and great portraits to gain!

Schedule your all-important senior portrait session today by calling Parker Stone II Photography at 463-0577.



Campus Ministry News

Jr. High Lasallian

A reminder that meetings are on the first Thursday of the month after school. There will be a service trip planned for March and May. Sign up for these at the meetings. New members are always welcome.

Lasallian Leadership Teams (High school)

Those members who have not yet worked on a service project have been assigned to one for the spring. You will be notified.

Senior Service

A final senior service retreat is planned for April 21st. Details will be announced in March. Seniors, your required service hours must be complete by May 1st. This includes the required essay. See Mrs. Finlay for service opportunities.

JUNIORS: If you want to work at an area hospital in the summer for your senior service hours, you must contact the hospital now. See Mrs. Finlay for opportunities.

CBA LENTEN MISSION

STEPS TO RESURRECTION

Our school-wide Lenten Mission will focus this year on a collection to benefit Resurrection School. This school, run by the Christian Brothers for the past 9 years, is located in Harlem, at 151st St., New York City. It is a grade school (K-8) providing education, discipline, and caring for 210 students. Brother Michael Farrell, principal of Resurrection, taught at CBA from 1963-1970, and some of you may remember him.

The presence of Christian Brothers at Resurrection exemplifies the mission of St. LaSalle to bring education to the poor. We hope our efforts can provide assistance to them in this mission.

Each homeroom is being asked to make a pledge to raise \$150 over the six week period from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) to April 7. This represents about one dollar per student per week. We are encouraging students to give up that Cookiewich or a couple of candy bars to make this Lenten Mission a success. The faculty and staff will likewise participate.

Some of our students will be visiting Resurrection School in March, and they will share their experience with the school.

Thank you for your continued support for our efforts to teach our students the importance of reaching out to those in need.

EASTER GIVING TREE

An Easter Giving Tree will be located in the Main Office from Feb. 25 until April 5. The items requested on the tree are supplies for the annual Easter Egg Hunt we hold for at-risk pre-school children. Last year, the parental support we received was overwhelming and enabled our students to provide Easter baskets and an Egg Hunt for over 50 children at the Salvation Army. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Senior High News

Congratulations!!

Congratulations are in order for senior Kay Leopold who has been identified as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. She is being recognized for her exceptional academic achievement and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Annually, up to 141 students are chosen from among all the outstanding graduating high school seniors to become Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for seniors. Kay will go through the application process and if selected, will be invited to Washington, DC, in June to participate in National Recognition Week, culminating with the presentation to the students during a White House ceremony. Congratulations, Kay! We're proud of you!

ESM-NS Federal Credit Union

Attention to parents of our high school students. Your sons and daughters are eligible to join the ESM-NS Federal Credit Union. As members they are eligible for many financial services. Once students become members, all of their family members are eligible to become members too. Senior members are eligible to apply for scholarships, student accounts, student visas, and other financial services that will benefit them as they go off to school. For more information please call the Credit Union : East Office - 656-8220 / North Office - 458-0439



AP Biology Class Field Trip



The two Advanced Placement Biology classes were given the opportunity to perform two of the required A.P. labs at the Life Learning Center at the University of Rochester. On February 3rd they performed a DNA fingerprinting lab. They first cut the DNA into fragments by using restriction enzymes and then separated it by electrophoresis. On February 10th they performed a genetic transformation lab which gave them experience in genetic engineering. Thirty four students, a principal, parent chaperones and Mrs. Anderson attended these two day labs-workshops. They were introduced to what it is like working in a college lab. This enables them to be well prepared for college and was a great learning experience.

Scholarships 2003-2004

The following is a list of local scholarships received in the CBA Guidance Office, so far, for the 2003-2004 school year. As scholarship applications are received from the various organizations, they are made available to students in the Scholarship folder, which is maintained in the Guidance Office. Students are encouraged to check periodically to keep updated on the applications that are coming in.

NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) Free Enterprise Scholars Award

This scholarship is available for seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as starting your own business or participation in Junior Achievement. The application must be postmarked by Mar. 31, 2004.

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

Student must be a member of a credit union. Forms are available at the credit unions.

****NOTE: Many credit unions sponsor different scholarships so check yours to see what is available.**

ST. CAMILLUS VOLUNTEERS CARING FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for current or former volunteers at St. Camillus who have completed a minimum of 50 hours service. Postmarked by May 31, 2004.

TAU BETA SIGMA SERVICE AWARD ETA ALPHA CHAPTER AT Syr. Univ.

The application is for both male and female band members and is due by March 19, 2004.

BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors who demonstrate commitment to and involvement in volunteer community service.

JOHN J. LORENZEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who wish to pursue a career in the Automotive Aftermarket Industry. The scholarship is worth \$1000. Deadline June 15, 2004.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF SYRACUSE AWARD

Students with continuing interest in international relations or studies may apply.

SYRACUSE WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION GIRL'S SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,200 scholarship renewable up to four years. Financial need, academics, and active participation in golf are considered. See Guidance for application; the deadline is March 31, 2004.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are for those entering financial/resource management studies (ie: business, economics, computer science, accounting).

LT. PATRICK KELLY CONNOR USN SCHOLARSHIP - FIRST CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

This scholarship is for seniors who are entering a service academy or plan to enroll in the ROTC program at college. Deadline to submit May 1, 2004.

PRICE CHOPPER EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP

Juniors and seniors who work for Price Chopper, maintain a 2.0 grade point average, and have a good review from the store manager. Deadline June 1, 2004.

Attn Juniors: Drexel University Screenwriting & Playwriting Program Scholarship

Write a ten-page screenplay and submit it by April 1.

*It is **your responsibility** to inquire at the colleges you apply to and the communities you live in for any particular scholarships you may be eligible for. All scholarship applications will be sent through the Guidance Office so we can enclose transcripts, recommendations, and look them over for accuracy, etc.

Senior Parents

Graduation is only a couple of months away! There are several dates in the coming weeks you need to be aware of.



- April** Senior/Parent Information Packet with details about exams and graduation will be mailed home. Order forms for the senior memory video and video of the graduation ceremony will be attached.
- April 2** Due date for picture collection for creation of the senior memory video showcasing the entire senior class. The video will be shown at the Temple just before the graduation ceremony. Please send or bring baby pictures, senior pictures, and candid shots to the CBA main office, c/o Br. Ulysses, by April 2.
- May 1** *Due date for college decision forms.* Forms will be distributed in Economics class some time in April and must be returned to the guidance office by May 1. All students' final college decisions will be printed in the graduation program.
- May 3-10** Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. AP Exam schedule will be included in April mailing.
- May 11, 14** Mandatory graduation rehearsal will be held both mornings at 8:20 a.m. Please do not schedule any appointments on these days.
- May 14** *Due date for completion of community service requirement for graduation.* Students must submit proper documentation to Mr. Mominey, Senior Community Service Coordinator.
- May 14** The senior class will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. to prepare for their Senior Ball. The Senior Ball will be held from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the Landmark Theatre in downtown Syracuse.
- May 14** *Seniors' last day of school!!* The senior breakfast will be held during the graduation practice at CBA.
- May 17-20** Senior Exams. Final exam schedule will be included in the April mailing.
- June 5** Our Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Sunday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Immaculate Conception. The Parents' Club will host a reception for the graduates following the mass at the church.
- June 6** The Graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m., at the Temple Adath Yeshuran.

Middle School News

Empower Update

CBA's Empower Program for 8th grade girls is up and running! The girls have been meeting during their lunch periods one time a week since the beginning of November and will complete the curriculum as of March 2. The sessions are well attended with 48 girls enrolled! Mrs. Mary Pat Suits and Mrs. Beth Bernar-done, formally trained Empower Educators, facilitate Empower's *Owning Up Curriculum*. The Middle School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Barber, and a guidance counselor, Miss Gina Burrows, also attend each session. Issues that concern parents and students are included in the curriculum. Discussion topics include the following: cliques, peer pressure, setting boundaries with friends, communication skills, relationships with the opposite sex, definitions of beauty as dictated by society, sexual harassment, support network for dealing with typical teenage issues, and the power of apologies.

When asked to respond anonymously, some of the 8th grade girls said the following about the program:

I think this program really gets the idea across that there are problems among people our age. They need to be addressed and this program gives us the opportunity to do that freely without worrying about whether or not everyone else will find out.

Empower has helped me change my attitude towards people and situations.

I have learned to not care what others say about me and fight for what's right.

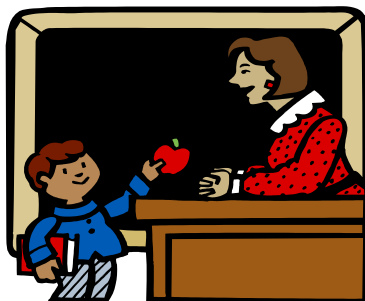
I have learned that it is okay to be my own person and that I shouldn't always try and be something else.

This program helps girls fight cliques and discover who they are.

Empower has been a fun way to get together with different kinds of people and confidentially share our feelings.

I look forward to going to Empower, and I can express what I feel about something without having to worry what other people think.

I have learned so much from this program, how other people feel inside when they are put down, excluded,



Middle School News

Post Standard Spelling Bee

CBA is very proud to have three 8th grade students advance to the third round of the Post Standard Spelling Bee to be held on March 20.

Congratulations to Leah Bongiovanni, Zach Goebel, and James Mather! We wish you luck as you advance to Round 3!

The 8th Grade End-of-the-Year Movin'-Up Celebration!

As you look outside at all the snow and ice , I know it's hard to believe, but the annual 8th grade picnic will be upon us in only a couple of months. Every year we try to recognize the hard work and determination our 8th graders have put forth by celebrating the end of Junior High , and this year will be no different!

This year we have planned an all day picnic for **May 28th at Long Branch Park in Liverpool**. The day will be filled with lots of fun activities, contests, games , sports, and a delicious catered breakfast and lunch. **Registration and permission slips will be passed out in homeroom in early May.**

Any parent who is interested in chaperoning the event, please call Mr. Scullion to inquire. More details will follow as we get closer to the actual day.

Spring Musical

The Middle School is also very pleased to have approximately 20 students performing in the upcoming spring musical. All middle school students and families are encouraged to attend and support your classmates for what is sure to be a pleasurable evening.



Corvette Raffle and LaSallian Auction Update

Corvette Raffle

Joe Luty of Minoa, New York, claimed the 1962 Corvette on Thursday, January 29. The \$1000 second prize winner was Eileen Holt of Lumberton, New Jersey, and the \$500 third prize winner was Bill Doren of Marcellus, New York. Shawn and Patricia Forney, parents of 10th grader Matthew, won the \$100 Carousel Center gift certificate. They were chosen from among more than 200 parents, faculty, and staff who turned in their corvette raffle ticket money by January 5. Income from the raffle was \$219,001—a record year!

We extend our sincere *thanks* to all those parents who sold raffle tickets and volunteered at the Carousel Center. We couldn't have had such a successful fundraiser without you.

LaSallian Auction

Watch for your invitation to the LaSallian Dinner and Auction, *The Wine Country*, to be held on Saturday, March 27. We anticipate a large crowd this year, so please send your reservation in on time. We are excited to offer a raffle trip to the Silverado Resort in the heart of Napa Valley, California. Raffle tickets are available *only* at the auction.



Hope to see you there!

Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN)

The New York State Catholic Bishops, in collaboration with the NYS Catholic Conference, has established a Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN) to help support the needs of private Catholic schools like CBA. They are providing, on their website, an electronic advocacy system that makes it easier for those supporting Catholic schools to get their voices heard by their legislators.

All parents are strongly urged to go to the NYCC website, <http://www.nyscatholicconference.org/pages/home/home.asp>. Once you click on the "Take Action" link, you will see a variety of topics including the education issues. Click the issues tab and a position paper will appear. Upon registration, your name and address will appear in the letter. You are able to personalize the letter if you wish. The letter can be sent electronically or by U.S. Mail.

Important issues presently being addressed include reimbursement for mandated services, extending the 15-mile transportation limit to 25 miles, and technology hardware.

For more information on this very important initiative, feel free to contact Br. Thomas.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Wed 3 Parents Club Meeting 7:15 pm
Thu 4 Sports Awards
Fri 12 End Marking Period #4
Mon 15 Booster Club Meeting 7:00 pm
Mon 15
-Tue 16 Boys Overnight Retreat
Thu 18 Honors Night 7:00 pm
Fri 19 **No School**—Faculty In-Service
Mon 22 Report Card Day
Fri 27 Lasallian Auction

APRIL

Thu 1-Fri 2 8th Grade Retreats
Fri 2-Sat 3 Spring Musical
Thu 8
- Fri 16 Spring Break-**No School**
Wed 21 Senior Service Retreat
Fri 30 End Marking Period #5
Br. Basillian Track Meet