



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Christian Brothers Academy Parent News From the Principal...

Dear CBA Community,

When the new semester commenced, our students, faculty, and staff celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic schools throughout the United States play in providing an education for young people. As a Catholic school, CBA is proud of our educational commitment to developing the whole person that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in our students. Given our rich Lasallian tradition and diverse accomplishments, we indeed had much to celebrate!

Seniors Griffin Ferrigan and Liza Magley were the featured speakers at our Accepted Students reception. Both students chronicled what CBA has meant to them. Liza joined many of her friends from Immaculate Conception. Griffin was the only student in his seventh grade class to attend CBA from his local middle school. While the circumstances of these enormously talented students were quite different, it was interesting to hear how similar their experiences at CBA have been. In revealing their insights and experiences, I am quite certain that our guests were inspired.

In January, one of Syracuse's most beloved and well-known priests, Fr. Joe Champlin, passed away after a long battle with cancer. During his extraordinary career, he established the Guardian Angel Society in an effort to assist children from diverse backgrounds with their education. To commemorate this dedicated pastor, lecturer, and author, the Board of Trustees recently established scholarships in his name to be offered to two students entering Christian Brothers Academy at the start of the 2008-2009 academic year. Candidates must possess the character, sense of service, and Christian values that exemplified Fr. Champlin's remarkable life.

The Corvette raffle and Lasallian auction are the two major fundraisers at CBA. Both of these activities are enormous undertakings and I am very grateful to the parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, alums, and friends

of the school who once again made the raffle an enormous success. With plans underway for the auction, *Syracuse City Lights*, I hope that you will join us on Saturday, March 29 for what is certain to be a delightful evening. The proceeds of the raffle and auction financially assist many of the school's yearly operations. Know that your kind and generous support is appreciated.

As part of our speaker series for parents, CBA will host Marianne and Marc Angelillo, the parents of Matthew Angelillo who was tragically killed in Skaneateles in 2004. The Angelillos will share with us their story of loss and devastation from the irrevocable consequences of poor choices. I believe that their messages regarding accountability, responsibility, and potential consequences are important for all of us. Please make a point to attend this presentation and discussion on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM.

May this holy season of Lent be a time of prayerful reconciliation and peace. And may this be a time where you experience the presence of God in a deep and meaningful way. *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

HONORS NIGHT 2008

CBA's Annual Scholastic Honors Night will be held on **Thursday, March 27, 2008 (please note this is a date change from our calendar)**. Please join us to recognize those students who have obtained academic honors during the first semester. The awards for General Excellence for the school year 2006-2007 and special Junior awards will also be presented during the ceremony. The evening will conclude with the induction of the 2008 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. Judy Killion.

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

ADMISSIONS

OUR SHADOWING STARS

Thank you to your sons and daughters who graciously hosted over 140 prospective students in February! We are always proud and happy to show off our school!

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Families enrolling new students for September 2008 may send in the registration materials and deposit at any time. In-person New Student Registration will be held on Wednesday, March 12th in the cafeteria from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Welcome to all our new siblings entering the Class of 2014!

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Athletic Department would like to thank all the athletes and their parents for making the winter sports season such a great success. Over 260 students participated on a CBA interscholastic team during the winter season..

Spring sports tryouts for Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will begin on March 10th and the Junior High tryouts begin on March 31st. Check the daily bulletin (available online at cbasyracuse.org) for times and locations.

During the spring season we offer the following programs:

MODIFIED

These programs are for junior high (7th and 8th Grade) students. Practices are normally held immediately after school and are usually finished by 5:30 at the latest. There are rarely practices or games scheduled on weekends, although some weekend contests may be necessary.

Girls Track
Boys Track
Baseball
Softball
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse

JUNIOR VARSITY

These programs are primarily made up of students in the ninth and tenth grade along with exceptionally talented 8th graders. Practice times fluctuate depending on the season. Weekend practices and games are not uncommon.

Baseball
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Softball

VARSITY

These programs are made up primarily of students in the eleventh and twelfth grades along with exceptionally talented underclassmen. Practice times will fluctuate depending on the season. Games and practices on weekends are a necessity.

Baseball
Boys Golf
Girls Golf
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Tennis
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Outdoor Track
Girls Outdoor Track
Softball

ATHLETICS

In order to be allowed to try out for a team, your child must have a valid physical (within one calendar year) on file in the health office and a completed Interval Health Form signed by the parents and the nurse.

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRY OUT UNLESS HE OR SHE HAS A VALID PHYSICAL AND SIGNED INTERVAL HEALTH FORM ON FILE!

Health forms are available in the main office and the health office or can be found online at our website.

Spring sports schedules are now available online.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

LENT AT CBA

On Ash Wednesday, our peer ministers led a prayer service that included the Stations of the Cross, distribution of ashes, and a presentation by Gabriel Bol Deng. Gabriel is one of the lost boys of Sudan. In addition to his graduate work at Le Moyne College, he is working to build a school in Southern Sudan under the project name "Hope for Ariang". CBA is proud to dedicate our Lenten collection to Gabriel's school.

9TH GRADE SERVICE RETREAT was held February 14th and 15th. Placement was found for over 110 ninth graders and peer ministers at city pre-school and elementary programs, the Salvation Army's daycare and senior lunch program, the Refugee Resettlement program, St. Lucy's and the SPCA. Following time spent working at the sites, students returned to CBA for the final hour and discussed the events of the day. Ninth graders reported a very positive experience and said they found the face of God in the clients and workers who serve each day.

SOPHOMORE RETREAT is scheduled for April 9th and 10th at Christ the King Retreat House and is open to the entire sophomore class. Registration materials will arrive home in Mid-March.

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNUAL RETREAT will be held on March 28th, also at Christ the King Retreat House. A team of faculty are working diligently to create a day of prayer, calm, and community building.

BOYS' OVERNIGHT RETREAT will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 & 19 at White Eagle Conference Center on Lake Moraine, north of Hamilton, NY. This retreat is open to Junior and Senior Boys. The date has been carefully chosen so that winter and spring athletes will be able to attend. Games will not have started. Parent letters and registration materials should have arrived by the time you receive this newsletter. We strongly encourage you to send your son to this retreat which may become one of the most important memories of his high school experience!

CBA'S ANNUAL FATHER-DAUGHTER COMMUNION BREAKFAST is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a catered breakfast. Registration materials will be mailed home in April. This tradition has grown in popularity with each year. Reserve your space early!

DEVELOPMENT

17TH ANNUAL CORVETTE RAFFLE ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

Ticket sales for the 17th Corvette Raffle were extremely high again this year, thanks to the wonderful support of our parents, trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. The winner of the 1967 Marlboro Maroon Corvette Convertible is Bob Wilmott of Oswego, NY; second prize of \$1,000 went to Dave Angilillo of Douglas, WY, and Bob Dyche of Batawa, Ontario, won the third place prize of \$500. We are extremely grateful to Raffle Chairs, Susan and Rick Barry and Stacy and Mike Capella; the Grade Captains; and all the parents who worked hundreds of hours at the mall. THANK YOU ALL!

2008 LASALLIAN AUCTION: SATURDAY MARCH 29TH BEGINNING AT 6 P.M.

Everyone should have received their invitation to this year's auction: *Syracuse City Lights*. Last year's event was sold out, so return your reservation right away! Check the CBA website as the event gets closer for more information, including special featured items for the live and silent auction. There is still time to become a sponsor of the event, donate an item, or purchase an advertisement in the program. We still need volunteers to set up, work the night of the auction, and clean up. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact the CBA Development Office at 446-5960 ext. 1293.

DEVELOPMENT

ALUMNI NEWS

Thank you to all the 7th grade parents who have sent in their forms for the Grandparents Luncheon on May 22 at 11 AM. If you haven't already done so, please send the addresses of your seventh grader's grandparents to the Development Office so we can send them an invitation.

Other important alumni dates to circle on your calendar:

May 2- Fourth Annual Carsky Run
June 27-29- All-Alumni Reunion
June 30- Alumni Association School's Out Golf Scramble

See the alumni section on the CBA website for photos of recent events, and more. Contact Helen Kelley at 446-5960 ext 1122, or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org for more information.

FINANCE

CBA TUITION -FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

7 th & 8 th Grade Tuition	\$7,675 & \$215 fees	\$7,890
High School Tuition	\$8,000 & \$215 fees	\$8,215

(fees include activity fee \$65, technology fee \$85, lab fee \$65)

REMINDER:

Tuition Balances for the 2007-2008 School Year must be paid in full by **April 30, 2008**.

GUIDANCE

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN 9TH – 11TH GRADE:

Sign up for SAT II Subject Test (Biology, Chemistry, World History, Languages, Math)

* For any student who has a strong interest in the subject matter, is achieving grades at the mastery level (at least 85%), and is motivated to put in the time and effort required to prepare for this test that is above and beyond normal classroom instruction.

SAT II

May 3, 2008

June 7, 2008

Deadline to Register

April 1, 2008

May 16, 2008

*Choose a site close to your home or CBA.

Please Note: – **CBA is a testing site for the May 3rd date only.** This may be too early to take the Subject Test since they will not have completed all of the coursework yet. Waiting for the June 7th date will allow for more instruction time.

Students should register on-line at: www.collegeboard.com or if they prefer to use the paper registration form, they may pick it up in Guidance.

SPRING COLLEGE FAIRS

April will offer two great chances for students to attend a college fair and meet with college admission representatives.

***Sunday, April 6, 2008** the National College Fair will be held at the On Center in Syracuse from 1:00-4:00pm. Over 200 colleges from around the country will be present. We will give the students a list of attendees once we receive it. Students in grades 10 and 11 are encouraged to attend.

***Friday, April 11, 2008** the Jesuit College Tour will be at CBA from Noon-1:00pm outside of the main gymnasium. There will be approximately 16 colleges in attendance and students in grades 9-11 will have the opportunity to speak with the college admission representatives. We will give the students information about each college and their majors prior to the event.

JUNIORS

*Don't forget to register for the spring SAT and ACT exams. The deadline for the **April 12th ACT** exam is March 7th and the deadline for the **May 3rd SAT** exam is April 1st. If you are planning on taking any **SAT II exams on June 7th**, please complete your registration by May 6th. The deadline for registering for **June 14th ACT** exam is May 9th. If you have difficulty with registering or have any questions, please see your counselor.

*You have all done a great job preparing for college visits and tours! Friday, March 28th you do not have classes at CBA, so it would be a great time to visit one of the New York State colleges on your list. If you need help setting up a tour or interview, see your counselor for some ideas.

GUIDANCE

*You should be contacting the college admissions offices if you are planning to make visits during the April spring break. Don't forget to keep a journal of your impressions of each school you visit, ask great questions that pertain to your interests and take a copy of your unofficial transcript with you if you have an interview scheduled. Stop by to see your counselor before spring break if you need help organizing your list of questions.

SOPHOMORES

*Please plan to attend both spring college fairs. This is a great time for you to start looking at colleges and gathering information about their majors, special programs and athletics.

*Sign up for SAT II (subject tests) if you are doing well in the class or have an aptitude for the topic (Biology, Chemistry, and World History). If you are accelerated in math and doing well, you may want to take the Math 1C subject test. Speak with your counselor if you are not sure which tests to take and if you have questions about how to register for the exam(s).

FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS:

*All Financial Aid Forms should be filed by now with FAFSA or the CSS Profile.

*Please bring in your college acceptance and scholarship letters.

*Don't forget the deadline to deposit at your college choice is by May 1st. Congrats to those who have already decided.

*Make sure you finish up with your college visits before you make a final decision, even re-visit to be sure.

*Any course failures this year must be made up in summer school.

*Final transcripts will be sent to your college choice and the NCAA Clearinghouse once you graduate.

The responsibility you showed as a class during the whole college application process was definitely the best in years. Finish up strongly and enjoy your last few months as a Brother. Congratulations on a job well done this year!

Mark your Calendars!

As part of our Parent Speaker Series CBA is privileged to welcome guest speakers,
Marianne & Marc Angelillo
Monday, April 7, 2008 DeLaSalle Hall - 7 PM
Please plan to attend this vital discussion!

JR. HIGH ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADE NYS ASSESSMENTS 2008

- March 6 & 7 – Math
- April 3 – Science Part I (performance lab)
- May 6 – Science Part II (written)
- Week of May 19 French and Spanish Oral Exams
- June 3 & 4 – Social Studies
- June 20 – Earth Science Regents Exam (administered only to 8th graders taking Earth Science)
- June 23 – French & Spanish Proficiency Exam (administered to all 8th graders)

It is very important that all 8th graders attend school on these dates. Please do not plan appointments or out of school activities that may cause your child to be absent. Science Part I (performance lab) will be administered during your child's regular science class that will be extended to accommodate the time needed to complete the test. Math, Science Part II, and Social Studies will be administered during the first three class periods of the day. The French and Spanish oral exams are scheduled on a specific date and time by the individual teachers during the week of May 19th.

8TH GRADE CELEBRATORY MASS

CBA will host a celebratory mass in honor of our current 8th grade class who will be advancing to the high school in June. The mass will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21, at CBA. Please mark your calendars.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT SENATE

The senate has been very busy planning social activities for the 7th and 8th graders. Everyone enjoyed a snowy and cold snow tubing party in February. The highlight was the faculty tub race and the hot chocolate served in the lodge. In March we are back inside with our roller skating party, open gym basketball and ping pong games. The 7th and 8th graders showed their support for the CBA LaSallian Auction by bringing items for our "ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE" baskets for the silent auction. THANKS to all who helped with donations. Our final event, and often the highlight of the year, will be our annual Junior High Talent Show. This is scheduled for Friday, May 9.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION

This is a reminder that Application for Transportation forms to private/parochial schools for the 2008-2009 school year must be submitted to school districts by **April 1, 2008** in accordance with New York State Education Law. *Requests for Transportation to non-public schools received after the above deadline will not be eligible to receive Transportation for the 2007-2008 school year.*

PICKING STUDENTS UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

Parents are asked to temporarily park in a manner that does not interfere with busing or impairs others from entering our parking lots. Parents are not to wait for their children on the front circle or in the front parking lot at the end of the day as this area is reserved for school/Centro buses picking up students. Also when pulling into the student parking lot, park only along the lower field or in the pull off area on the right as you enter. Do **NOT** park along the left curb or right curb area, behind the pull off area, as this blocks other cars trying to pull into our parking lot from Randall Road. Your cooperation is needed for safety reasons!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April**—Senior/Parent Information Packet with details about final exams and graduation mailed home
- May** – Due date for college admission forms. These forms will be distributed during April in Economics class. All students final college decisions will be printed in the graduation program
- May** – Due date for completion of community service requirements for graduation
- May 5-9; May 12-16** – Advanced Placement Exams. Schedule will be included in April Senior/Parent Information Packet
- May 13 and May 16** – **Mandatory** graduation rehearsals. Please do not schedule any appointments on either day.
- May 16th** Senior Ball, Senior Breakfast, and last day of classes for Seniors. Forms for Seniors attending the Senior Ball and Guest Forms will be available for Seniors three weeks prior to the event and must be turned in to Mr. Mitchell no later than one week prior to the event.

- May 19-21** Senior Exams – Schedule will be in April Senior/Parent newsletter
- May 31** Baccalaureate Mass – 7pm – Immaculate Conception Church
- June 1** Graduation – Temple Adath Yeshurun – 11AM

JUNIOR PARENTS – You should have received packets from Parker Stone II photography regarding senior portraits. They are our official photographer, and you are encouraged to use them. Using them also streamlines the process for year-book and senior class composite photo.

CELL PHONE POSSESSION/USE – Students are not allowed to have their cell phones on during the school day. It is troubling when parents call or text message their students during the school day. It is also troubling when students ignore this policy. Not only is cell phone use a distraction and interruption to the educational process but presents real safety concerns when students use their phone to take pictures or videos in school. For these reasons teachers and administrators will confiscate cell phones when their use is during the school day or inappropriate.

JUNIOR PROM – FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH – Forms for students and Guest forms will be available three weeks prior to the event and must be turned in no later than Monday, April 21st to Mr. Mitchell.

BROTHER'S SCHEDULE/LOCKDOWN DRILL

Recently CBA had a test of one of our emergency plans called a Brother's Schedule. This drill is designed to keep students safe within their classroom if certain types of events occurred including medical emergency that required the halls to be cleared; mechanical failure, certain types of weather conditions, intruder in the building, etc. Part of the plan is to be able to account for the safety of all students and staff. Students responded excellently to this drill. Testing of our emergency plan, other than a fire drill, is required by the New York State Education Department. Also schools are required to have twelve fire drills per school year.

BOOK FAIR

CBA will be hosting a Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Sunday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. When you present one of our vouchers, a percentage of your purchase will benefit our school library. Student groups will be performing at various times throughout the day. Vouchers are available in the main office or may be printed from the school web site at www.cbasyracuse.org.

Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.

You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support:

Jr. Prom Post Prom Party

When: Sunday, March 9th from 8-10 am

Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 3189 Erie Blvd. East, Dewitt

Menu includes: 3 flapjacks, 2 strips of bacon, syrup & butter. Juice and coffee with free drink refills

Servers will be from the Junior Class

Tickets are \$5.00

(advance sale only—limited seating available)

Ticket Reservation

Return this form to CBA Main Office by **Wednesday, March 5th**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of tickets _____ X \$5.00 each = Total \$ enclosed _____

E-mail address _____ to receive e-tickets

Checks made payable to Parent Club – once payment is received your e-ticket(s) will be sent. Print your ticket(s) and present at the restaurant. No e-mail address?? Send reservation and payment to CBA and we will contact you. If you have any questions contact Maureen Lasda at 492-4133

CBA Drama Dept. presents Disney's



April 4th & 5th, 2008

@ Nottingham High School

For ticket information or to place an ad in the program,

please call CBA at 446-5960

or email lfeldmeth@cbasyracuse.org.

LUNCHEON MENU

MARCH, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Macaroni & Cheese Side of Chili And Vegetable Medley	4 Gyro with Tabouleh Salad	5 Chicken Parmesan with Side of Pasta and Smothered Green Beans	6 Shepherd's Pie with Biscuits	7 Cheese Calzones with Ratatouille
10 Monte Cristo Rice Pilaf and Sliced Peaches	11 Chicken Quesadillas with Corn and Black Bean Salad	12 Meatloaf with Gravy Scalloped Potatoes and Buttered Peas	13 Chicken and Dumplings	14 Pasta Primavera with Garlic Bread
17 Corned Beef and Cabbage	18 Nachos Grande	19 Spaghetti & Meatballs with Tossed Salad and Dinner Roll	20 EASTER RECESS	21 EASTER RECESS
24 EASTER RECESS	25 Chicken Enchiladas with Refried Beans and Tomatoes	26 Ravioli with Garlic Knot and Italian Zucchini	27 BBQ Pork Sandwich with Baked Beans and Corn	28 STAFF DAY NO CLASSES
31 Italian Grinder with Lettuce & Tomato and Chips				

APRIL, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Taco Salads	2 Stuffed Pizza Sticks with Marinara and Tossed Salad	3 BBQ Beef with Sweet Potato and Green Beans	4 Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes and Baked Squash
7 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup	8 Beef & Bean Burrito with Mexican Rice	9 Chicken & Broccoli Fettuccine Alfredo with Dinner Roll	10 Beef Stroganoff Parslied Egg Noodles and Roast Vegetables	11 Ham and Cheddar Melt with Tater Tots and Apple Sauce
14 SPRING BREAK	15 SPRING BREAK	15 SPRING BREAK	17 SPRING BREAK	18 SPRING BREAK
21 Meatball Sub and Vegetable Medley	22 Soft Chicken Tacos with Salsa And Refried Beans	23 Buffalo Chicken Sandwich with O'Brien Potatoes and Sliced Peaches	24 BBQ Pork Sandwich with Baked Beans and Corn	25 Chicken and Biscuits
28 Philly Cheese steak With Peppers and Onions and Chips	29 Chicken Patty Club With Lettuce & Tomato and Au gratin Potatoes	30 French Dip au jus with Rice and Broccoli		

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April, 2008

Fri.	4	First Friday Mass (Optional) Spring Musical
Sat.	5	Spring Musical
Mon.	7	Booster Club Meeting Founders Week Begins
Wed.	9	10th Grade Retreat Parents Club Meeting 7:15 PM Newsletter Deadline
Thurs.	10	10th Grade Retreat
Mon.	14	Spring Break—No Classes
Fri.	18	“ “
Fri.	25	Junior Prom/Post Prom Party

May, 2008

Thurs.	1	Ascension Liturgy Spring Concert
Fri.	2	First Friday Mass (Optional) Br. Basilian Track Meet
Sat.	3	SAT at CBA
Sun.	4	Father/Daughter Mass
Mon.	5	Board of Trustees Mtg./Dinner Booster Club Meeting Advanced Placement Exams
Mon.	5-	
Fri.	16	
Wed.	7	Parents Club Meeting 7:15 PM
Thurs.	8	Art Show
Fri.	9	Jr. High Talent Show
Sat.	10	NHS Blood Drive
Thurs.	15	St. LaSalle Liturgy
Fri.	16	Senior Ball
Mon.	19-	Senior Exams
Wed.	21	
Thurs.	22	8th Grade Picnic
Mon.	26	Memorial Day - No Classes
Fri.	30 -	Jubilee Reunion
Sat.	31	
Sat.	31	Baccalaureate Mass 7:00 PM