Christian Brothers Academy Parent News

Winter Edition 2014
Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC

Dear Parents and Friends of CBA,

It’s hard to believe that we celebrated Christmas and the beginning of the New Year a month ago! As we look back on the past month, it is my hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and a terrific start to the New Year of 2014. Even though we associate the “spirit” of Christmas within the time frame of the Christmas holidays, it is important that we take time to keep that spirit of love for others, giving of ourselves, being of service to those in need and maintaining the peace of Christ in our hearts throughout the year. We usually associate the “New Year” with the opportunity to have a new beginning as evidenced in our New Year’s resolutions. Perhaps a resolution that we can revisit throughout the year is to keep the “spirit” of Christmas alive in our hearts 365 days a year.

As you read over this winter edition of the Parent Newsletter, our semester exams will be in progress. I’m confident that you will be supportive of your children’s preparation for exams by their attentiveness to studying, getting a good night’s sleep and coming to school prepared to do their very best in the exams. Also contained in the newsletter is information with regard to CBA’s many programs and activities in which your sons and daughters are involved. Please take some time to read this information and take note of important dates as listed.

CBA’s website has been recently reformatted with a new look to it. I invite you to take some time to visit the website at: www.cbasyracuse.org and become familiar with all of the information provided therein. Of special note is the parent’s and student’s “toolbox” containing various links, forms, and other information that is both useful and important for everyone involved at CBA. Please be sure to visit our website on a regular basis in order to be kept up-to-date with the latest happenings at our school.

I would like to give a special word of thanks and appreciation to our CBA families and friends who helped make our annual “Corvette Raffle” a great success! This year’s total amount of income from the raffle exceeded recent past raffles and will enable us to provide financial assistance to the families of our students in need. This annual raffle is CBA’s major fundraiser in addition to the Lasallian Auction and Dinner scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 12, 2014. As a private school, we rely on the generosity and participation of our parents, alumni and friends in supporting these fundraisers which enable us to address the needs of our school community not covered by tuition. I certainly hope to see many of our parents on April 12th for what promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening here at CBA.

The week of January 26 – February 1, 2014 is the 40th anniversary of “National Catholic Schools Week”. Since our semester exams will take place during this designated week to highlight Catholic Schools, CBA will begin the second semester of classes with a special Mass on February 3rd at which time we will celebrate our identity as a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition. The theme for 2014 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” These are integral components of a Catholic education and the measures by which any Catholic school can be judged. We here at CBA can be justifiably proud of the fact that our school community excels in all three components of a Catholic school.

I hope to see you here at CBA on many occasions! Please stop by my office when you are in the school as it’s a great opportunity for me to get to know better the parents of our students. God bless you and thank you for entrusting your children to our care here at CBA!

Sincerely,

Brother Joseph Jozwiak, FSC

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The midterm exams are scheduled for January 27-30. Please plan ahead when scheduling appointments to avoid that week.

2014 MIDTERM EXAM CALENDAR

Monday, January 27
8:15  Math including AP Calculus & Calculus
10:30 English including AP English Language & AP English Literature

*Buses leave CBA at 12:45 PM (JD, Tully, Fabius-Pompey pick up will be 2:35)

Tuesday, January 28
8:15  Social Studies including AP Government
10:30 Religion

*Buses leave CBA at 12:45 PM (JD, Tully, Fabius-Pompey pick up will be 2:35 PM)

Wednesday, January 29
10:30 Electives: AP Biology, Sociology, Intro. to Law, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Statistics

*Buses leave CBA at 10:30 PM (JD, Tully, Fabius-Pompey pick up will be 2:35 PM)

Thursday, January 30
8:15  Science 7-11 Electives: Physics 12, AP Physics C, Business Today
10:30 Electives: Psychology, AP Chemistry, Human Relations & Leadership, AP European History

*Buses leave CBA at 10:30 PM (JD, Tully, Fabius-Pompey pick up will be 2:35 PM)

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on: Thursday, February 13, 2014 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM.

IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION:

- We hope the weather will be on our side so the schedule will go as planned. In the event of a snow day, all exams will be postponed one day. If we have a snow day on Monday, the Monday exams will be held on Tuesday. The Tuesday’s exams will be on Wednesday and so on. We will use Friday as a testing day.

- Teachers will announce the specific room assignments for midterms in class. The room assignments will also be posted in the main hallway each morning.

- Students should bring all books and study materials home by Thursday, January 23rd just in case school is cancelled on Friday, January 24th. It is better to be prepared!

- Lunch will not be served during exam week. Mother’s Cupboard will be open between exams and after the last exam for a drink or snack.

- Students must be in dress code during exam week. Boys must be clean shaven.

- Juniors & Seniors Only: If you have an exam conflict (two exams scheduled in one time slot) see Mrs. Killion ASAP for testing arrangements.

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

In 2011, CBA received its accreditation from the Middle States organization, a result of a long process of self-evaluation during which our school focused on goals for the future. The synopsis of the Middle States Visiting Team report can be found on the website under “About Us”. In the spring of 2014, the CBA Middle States Planning Team will be conducting a Mid-Point Review of our goals and objectives, including a short self-evaluation of CBA according to the Middle States Standards. We will be involving students, parents, Board of Directors members, faculty and administration. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Middle States Coordinator, Mrs. Marijane Finlay. The Committee intends to use a future Parent Club meeting to hear from our parents.

ADMISSIONS

Our fall 2013 Open House was a tremendous success, with a record breaking number of visiting families in attendance. 144 public school families, 134 Catholic school families, and 21 non-public school families took a "step into their future" by visiting our school. A gracious thank you to all of our student ambassadors who volunteered, and for our CBA families who continue to spread the "good word" about our school community and what it means to be a CBA Brother.
ATHLETICS

This fall was another very successful one for our athletic program. Our boys soccer team was Section III Class A Champions and our football team won the Section III Class AA Championship. In addition, Megan Pierce represented CBA at the state cross country championships and Deshawn Salter was selected by the Syracuse Sports Corporation as the recipient of their Believe to Achieve Award for the top male athlete of the fall season.

Our athletes also performed well in the classroom with each of our eight varsity fall 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.

All winter sports schedules are available online at www.cbsyracuse.org. To hear a list of the contests scheduled each day, call 446 – 5960 x 82. Sometimes there are last minute changes that occur in the time or site of events. We try to have all cancellations and modifications to the schedule available on that line by 2:00 PM each day. We encourage you to check this line every day to confirm the time and site of your child’s athletic contests.

The CBA Booster Club provides great support to our athletic programs. Not only do they raise funds to help supplement the athletic budget, but members help by selling tickets, working concession stands, etc. at all home events. If you are not currently a member and would like more information about the Club and its activities, please call me at 446 - 5960 x 83. Check out our online apparel store by shopping through the link on home page of the CBA website. CBA Booster Club reminds you that CBA apparel items make great gifts. ‘LIKE’ us on: www.facebook.com/cbaapparelstore

ADMISSIONS (CONTINUED)

In the coming weeks we will be hosting our "Brother for a Day" shadow days. Please remember to register all new incoming students by Wednesday, March 19th to secure a seat in the fall 2014 grade levels. Thank you again for your loyal support!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

EXAM WEEK PRAYER SERVICES
Will be held Monday, January 27th– Thursday, January 30th, 2014 in the Chapel at 7:55 a.m. All are welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
Will be celebrated February 7th in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. Fr. Richard Prior will be the celebrant. Everyone is invited! Donuts will be available in Campus Ministry following Mass.

7TH GRADE RETREAT
Will be held February 5th and 6th at Christ the King Retreat Center. Information will be mailed home in early January. Permission forms need to be returned to Mrs. Major, seventh grade Religion teacher.

SENIOR SERVICE
Parents will receive letters in January with the status of their student’s service requirement. Verification sheets are required with the signature of the site supervisor. Seniors: you should be well on your way to finishing up your Senior Service requirement of 32 hours of direct service to people in need. If you have finished, remember to submit your verifications to Campus Ministry. Verifications do not need to be submitted for service performed at Camp Sunshine. Anyone who served at Camp Sunshine must complete 5 hours of direct service at a local site and verification of these hours is required. Everyone must submit an essay. If seniors need help with a site or placement, please see Mrs. Finlay or Mrs. Perkins in Campus Ministry.

LASALLIAN YOUTH:
Lasallians have had service projects and service opportunities each month. Campus Ministry will continue to offer service events throughout the second semester as well. Current Lasallian Youth members should check e-mails for upcoming events. Any high school student wishing to join Lasallian Youth should see Mrs. Finlay. There will be a Lasallian Youth meeting Thursday, January 9th 2:45 – 3:00 in the Campus Ministry Office to discuss upcoming service opportunities. Transportation is provided for the service opps!

SERVICE FAIR:
Peer Ministers in Community Outreach are hosting a Service Fair at CBA on Tuesday, February 4th from 11:00 -2:30 in the Callahan Gym. Representatives from over 25 local organizations will be present to discuss volunteer opportunities with our students. Classes will be invited to visit the fair. Students may also stop in during lunch, study halls, and free periods. All CBA high school students are encouraged to volunteer at least 10 hours in service to others, with seniors required to complete 32 hours of direct service to those in need.
CAMPUS MINISTRY (CONTINUE)

MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION (MVP):
Working in conjunction with educators from Vera House, CBA’s chapter of the nationwide program for creating safe and positive environments is 41 members strong. During the second semester we will be looking to recruit sophomores and juniors who will be trained to work with our younger students. Members of MVP prepare and present segments for the grade level retreats to help students understand important aspects of healthy and safe environments and to help students feel empowered to stand up for themselves and others.

DEVELOPMENT

24th ANNUAL LASALLIAN DINNER AND AUCTION: A Silver Celebration for Our Shining Stars
Save the Date! The 25th Annual Lasallian Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 6 pm. Our theme this year is “A Silver Celebration for Our Shining Stars”. Please join us at the auction for our signature event of the year. If you are interested in lending a hand as a member of our hard working committee or if you would like to donate a silent or live auction item or purchase an ad or sponsorship, please contact Annemarie Mosley at 446-5960 ext. 1132 or amosley@cbasyracuse.org.

School-Wide Gift Gathering Party
Just ONE party this year and EVERYONE is invited! Join us for a casual evening at school in the Callahan Gym on Friday February 7, 6:30-9:30pm. We will enjoy delicious food and drink courtesy of our party sponsors. All you need to bring is an item for bid for the live or silent auction…Look for your invitation soon.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Coming Events:
The Alumni Association meets every month in the school library. Our February meeting takes place on Tuesday February 11th at 6 pm. A light dinner is served. All alumni are welcome to attend!

Recent Alumni events included: the first Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony on November 2, the Alumni Memorial Mass on November 3, the CBA in Boston event on December 12, the CBA Alumni Basketball game on December 29 and the CBA Alumni Hockey game on December 13 honoring the accomplishments of the 80’s teams as well as the 2013 State Champion team. We are looking forward to honoring the 2014 Purple and Gold recipients at the Lasallian Auction on April 12 and the annual Alumni Schools Out Golf Scramble on June 30.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Parents of young alumni (recent college graduates who have settled in to a place of their own - not home), could you please send us news and updated information about your son or daughter including a new address, cell phone number and/or email? THANKS!

For more information contact Helen Kelley at 446-5960 X1122 or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org.

STUDENT NEWS
Please send news about your student’s accomplishments, with photos if possible, to Judy Salamone at jsalamone@cbasyracuse.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE
The CBA website has been revamped… check it out at cbasyracuse.org! Follow us on Twitter (CBA Syracuse) and Facebook (CBA Syracuse). Alumni of the school are encouraged to download the CBA app from EverTrue to stay connected.

Please note: The Christian Brothers Academy Annual Report for 2012-2013 will be published ONLINE this year and will be available in early February on the CBA website.
We look forward to honoring those who have given of their time talent and treasure to maintain the standards of excellence at CBA!

FINANCE

FINANCIAL AID REMINDER!
Please remember that all Financial Aid applications are due by January 31, 2014. Please note you MUST apply each year in order to be considered for Financial Aid. The applications will be available on the CBA website in early January.

GUIDANCE

January 1, 2014 File the FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.gov right after January 1st.
January 23, 2014 College Financial Aid Information Night
January 25, 2014 SAT’s at a local high school
February 8, 2014 Deadline to register for the March 9th SAT (SAT only)
ATTENTION FRESHMEN!
The PLAN test at CBA was a great success! The guidance department would like to thank the parents and students for their hard work and patience during the testing process. All results have been distributed and will be personally reviewed during second semester freshman guidance meetings with Mr. Dopkowski.

As student’s return from their Christmas break, career exploration will begin! This process involves individual counselor meetings, utilization of career exploration computer programs, review of PLAN test results and career “speaker” days where student’s can eat their lunch with professionals in a variety of occupations of interest to them. Please stress the importance of the career exploration process with your child so the college process in the upcoming years can go as smoothly as can be!

Once again, if you haven’t already, there is no better time to reacquaint yourself with NAVIANCE, our college and career exploration program! Remember, you can easily gain access from your home or anywhere that the internet is available! We will be utilizing the NAVIANCE system to begin your career exploration activities in the spring! If you have forgotten your password, please see Mr. Dopkowski for a new registration code.
**JR. HIGH ACTIVITIES**

**SPELLING BEE**
This January, two CBA Junior High students will participate in the semi-final round of The Post Standard/WCNY Spelling Bee. Congratulations to CBA Champions, seventh graders, **Grace Getman** and **Meghan Graber**! We wish you the best of luck in the next round of competition!

**SNOW TUBING**
The Jr. High Student Senate will host their annual Snow Tubing Party at the Four Seasons Golf and Ski Center in Fayetteville on February 1st from 5:30–8:30 pm. Watch for event details and registration information in the morning bulletin.

**8TH GRADE REVERSE CAREER FAIR**
The Fifth Annual 8th Grade Reverse Career Fair, the capstone event of our career exploration and research project, will be held on Friday, February 28. Parents are invited to join us as the "student becomes the teacher" by presenting their favorite career to their classmates and guests. More details and parent invitations will be distributed through all English classes.

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**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

The Syracuse City School District will not be providing transportation on any days they are not in session. This includes weather related closings.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**
Students are reminded to arrive at school by 8:00 am all year long to avoid lateness. This means leaving early enough to safely negotiate weather conditions and traffic. Each day, students need to be in their homerooms prepared for the day by 8:10 am. In the event school must be canceled or delayed, announcements will be made on WSYR Newsradio 570 and television stations 3, 5, 9, and 10. In the event that the Syracuse City Schools are closed and CBA is open, Syracuse City will not provide transportation to CBA.

**STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP**
Drivers 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. Drive up as far as you can to prevent back-ups onto Randall Road. During these times, the area in front of the school is reserved for school buses.

Remember, New York State law requires vehicles 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. Please maintain safe speeds in the parking lots.

**HIGH SCHOOL DANCES/PROMS**
Junior Prom – 5/23 at Doubletree Hotel, Dinner included, 7-11pm. Students attending must be at dinner/dance by 7:30pm. Dress Code – appropriate prom attire.

Senior Ball – 5/16 at Landmark Theatre, No Dinner, 8-11:00pm. Students attending must be at dance by 8:30pm. Dress Code – appropriate prom attire.

Current CBA Students can request to bring a non-CBA student guest by completing a Guest Form and returning it at least one week prior to the event.

A guest 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.

**WISHES FOR THE PHILIPPINES**
CBA’s Parents of Talented Teens (PTT) recently collected $225 at the junior high musical, *Seussical*, through its “Wishes and Kisses” fundraiser. The donation was earmarked to help those affected by the recent typhoon in the Philippines. Funds were donated to Heart to Heart International in honor of PTT Co-President Caroline Calimlim, who is a native of the Philippines. Pictures, left to right, are Seussical cast members Madison Winchell and Danny Cook, PTT Co-President Caroline Calimlim, and cast members Skyler Bertrand and Emma Costello.
DECK THE HALLS
The CBA Select Chorus spread lots of Christmas cheer in December as the group performed at the opening night of Lights on the Lake and also at Big Mike’s Christmas Spectacular at Driver’s Village. The chorus is under the direction of Robert Caraher.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
CBA Drama will present Beauty and the Beast on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, at Nottingham High School. The show is directed by Gene Moretti. Mark your calendar to see our talented CBA students perform this classic musical. PTT will need plenty of volunteers (concessions, set building, etc.) to make the show happen. If you can help, please contact PTT Co-President Caroline Reff at inkwell@twcny.rr.com.

BAKE SALE
The PTT will hold a bake sale on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, to raise funds for the musical, Beauty and the Beast. We will need bakers, volunteers and, of course, plenty of hungry customers! Watch for more information soon.

JUNIOR CLASS TRIP MARCH 13-15 2014
In preparation for our annual trip to DC we are continuing our fund raising efforts. We are trying to hold costs down to make the trip more affordable to all of our junior students.

We will be conducting a bottle drive on February 3rd and 4th so save your bottles and cans. There will be a trailer on site on those days for AM or PM drop off.

The junior class will also be having a bake sale during lunch periods on Tuesday, March 4th. Any junior parent who can help with either baking or selling on that day should contact Mike Marciano or Val Stedman through e-mail. We are very excited about this trip as it is such a great learning and bonding experience for students and faculty.

PARENTS’ CLUB
The Parents’ Club would like to congratulate and thank the Senior class of 2014 on a wonderful fashion Show. Our thanks to all who worked on the show as well as all those who attended. It was a huge success!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
The following music students have been selected by audition for our all-county, area all-state and the Greater Syracuse Youth Orchestra organizations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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CBA DRAMA PRESENTS:

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Time Rice
Book by Linda Wolverton

Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5
Nottingham High School

Tickets Available - Mid-March 2014