

## the relations

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In 1611, Father Pierre S.J. Biard and Father Enemond Masse S.J. arrived in what is now New Brunswick to begin the mission of the Society of Jesus in Canada. Four hundred years later, Brebeuf College School will join with the Jesuits and many institutions across Canada in celebrating this important anniversary milestone. While the Jesuits no longer administer Brebeuf, we strive to continue their mission of forming "Men for Others" for "The Greater Glory of God".

Brebeuf has always been a school dedicated to "excellence" in faith formation, academics, athletics, and leadership. As an alumnus, I'm proud to see this legacy continue. I hope that you enjoy reading about some of the "excellence" that continues to emanate from our school.

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor

### SENIOR HOCKEY VICTORY!



The Brebeuf Senior Hockey team celebrates their League Title for the best record in the TDCAA on Feb. 10. They now move on to the TDCAA playoffs next week. The team is coached by Mr. D. DiMauro and Mr. B. Chin You '99.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM



Father Jack Costello SJ, Director of the Jesuit Refugee and Migrant Service, was the keynote speaker at Brebeuf's annual Social Justice Symposium on December 10 at St. Michael's College.

Over 200 students and teachers from twenty Catholic high schools across the Archdiocese gathered at the University to hear Father Jack and others speak on the theme of "Welcoming the Stranger: Refugees in Canada". The purpose of this student-organized event is to educate students on issues of social justice and to inspire them to develop a "faith that does justice" and to become "men and women for others".

Father Jack, who is also Chaplain of Toronto's Romero House for refugees, spoke about the reasons people become refugees and the challenges of forced migration and some of the ways that Canada assists them. He encouraged the students to see refugees as people like themselves and deserving of assistance. His colleague at Romero House, Sarah Villiger, then outlined the amazing array of ways that her organization assists refugees in the long process of becoming permanent residents. Students also had a chance to watch the excellent CBC documentary on Romero House, *A Street Called Wanda*, and ask questions.

Perhaps the most inspiring part of the day was when a former refugee, Candy Kuswani, spoke of her difficult experience and the home she found at Romero House. As Costello observes, "To meet Candy in such a direct way was for Sarah and me to share with the students not just words or interpretations but the reality [of forced migration] in one person. This is what we had to givealong with ourselves."

Other speakers at the symposium included: Dr. Mark McGowan, Principal of St. Michael's College; Jenny Cafiso and Ikem Opara of Canadian Jesuits International; Deacon Ron Jenkins from CHALICE; and Luke Stocking from Development and Peace.

As Father Jack recollects: "Personally, I felt joyful around the students. I felt they were fine kids and that little kick in the heart where you sense 'Hey, there really is reason to have hope."

### BREBEUF CALENDAR CORNER

Penny Drive for Ghana
First Term report cards distributed
Guidance Presentation to Parents of
Grade 10 students
Family Day (no classes)
CSAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Casual Day
Math Competitions
Winter Activity Day
Pro-Con Debate at Brebeuf
Course Registration Deadline
+ Ghana Service & Immersion trip
Grade 8 Registration
+ Ash Wednesday
March Break (no classes)
Casual Day
+ Sacrament of Reconciliation
Gr. 10 Literacy Test
+ First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Midterm Report Cards issued
School Dance
Pro-Con Debate at Brebeuf
Euclid Math Competition (Gr. 12)
Parent-Teacher Interviews
P.A. Day (no classes)
+ Holy Thursday
+ Good Friday (no classes)
+ Easter Monday (no classes)
CSAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers...



**Dorotea Liscio RIP**, aunt of **Joseph Liscio**, Vice-Principal.

**Joseph Pope RIP**, father of **Alex Pope**, former Vice-Principal.

Constantin Presvelos RIP, father of Sam and Evan '10 and John '06.

Mary Anne Shanahan RIP, mother of John Shanahan, former Vice-Principal.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Kevin Corso** (Gr. 12) wrote the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge examination and placed in the top 300 out of 9000 students across Canada.

**Mr. Peter Dandeneau** has retired from teaching Religion at Brebeuf since 2000. Prior to his appointment here, he was a long-time teacher at Brother Edmund Rice High School. We wish him a well-deserved retirement!

Former Brebeuf teacher, **His Grace Archbishop Terence Prendergast S.J.**, Archbishop of Ottawa, celebrates fifty years as a Jesuit. The Brebeuf Family extends its warmest congratulations to him on this milestone achievement.

**Mr. Brad Chin You**, social science teacher, and his wife have a new baby girl – Chloe – who was born on Christmas day!

## men for others

### **GHANA SERVICE TRIP 2011**

A group of Brebeuf students and teachers will travel to Ghana in March, 2011 to connect with our Presentation and Jesuit friends and perform volunteer work in schools and parishes.

The group will also be able to experience a safe country in Africa and visit many sites of environmental and historical importance.

"I hope to fully experience the vibrant culture and way of life in Ghana, and to do some needed volunteer work," says **Michael Rychlewski**, one of the participants.

Students will earn a credit in Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC 4U1). We hope this will become a biannual experience and contribute to the "men for others" ethos of our school.

Student Participants: Jaime Addario, Robert Addario, Emmett Britton, Jacob Ennis, Marek Kmiec, Leon Lui, Justin Miceli, Sam Pahad, Daniel Paiva, Keith Rodrigues, & Michael Rychelwski. Staff: Mr. M. Rogers '81, Ms. T. Walsh, Mr. M. Da Costa '92, Br. H. Spencer.

Any parents and friends who would like to advertize in the souvenir programme to help defray the costs for this experience, please contact Mr. Da Costa at <a href="Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org"><u>Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org</u></a> or 416 393 5508.

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### **STAMP OUT POVERTY!**

The Presentation Brothers in Ireland are collecting used postage stamps for their "Stamp Out Poverty" campaign. The used stamps are sold to collectors and proceeds fund their missions in Ghana, Nigeria, Grenada, and St. Lucia. Brebeuf is assisting in this project. Anyone can drop off stamps to the main office and they will be sent to Ireland.

### PENNY DRIVE



The Royal Canadian Mint has estimated that the average Canadian has horded away \$6 in pennies that will never get spent. We are holding a Penny Drive from **February 14-18** to raise money for the Feeding Programmes at the Presentation

Brothers' school in Logre, Ghana. Students are given lunch three days a week, and we hope to raise enough funds to expand it to a daily meal both at that school and the adjacent primary school.

### **KAIROS – GOD'S TIME**

**Kairos 4** will be held May 11-13 at Manresa Retreat Centre in Pickering. Kairos a student-led, Jesuit retreat aimed at Grade 11 students, has proven successful in developing brotherhood and in improving students' relationship with family, friends, and God. See Mr. Gregoris in Chaplaincy for application forms.

### GTO CLOTHING DRIVE

In November, Brebeufians collected 1800 articles of clothing for various homeless shelters and agencies that work with the poor, including St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Out of the Cold programme. Well done!



# SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

### **RUGBY CHAMPIONS!**

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Rugby Sevens teams which both have won gold in the Toronto District Colleges Athletic Association (TDCAA) tournament this year!



### TDCAA STANDINGS

As of February 9, 2011

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Rank

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Jun. Basketball – A	12 8 4 16	5 of 15
Jun. Basketball – B	12 4 8 9	10 of 15
Sen. Basketball	7 4 3 8	5 of 9
Sen. Hockey (East)	10 7 1 2 16	1 of 4
Jun. Hockey	10 9 0 1 19	1 of 7
Non-Contact Hockey	5 1 3 1 3	3 of 4

### WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, February 25, 2011

Skiing \* Hockey \* Bowling \* Dance-a-thon for Ghana (with SJMP) \* Playdium \* Skating \* Royal Ontario Museum \* Art Gallery of Ontario \* Table-Tennis \* Movies \* Volunteering \* University Essay Writing \* & More!

Participate! Don't Hibernate!

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## **ACADEMICS**

### LITERACY TEST

Grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on March 31. Students and parents can see sample questions and get hints on how to answer them at the EOAO website – www.egao.com.

### **HONOUR ROLL PINS**

The school has unveiled new Honour Roll pins. They are now a standard design and shape. Each grade has its own colour and features the school's crest.

Gr. 9 (white); Gr. 10 (red); Gr. 11 (black); Gr. 12 (gold) Students who were unable to attend Academic Awards Night in October can pick up their pins in the library.

### **MATHEMATICS PATHWAYS**

### By Mr. B. Ryan, Head of Mathematics



Dear Parents: You are about to be asked to choose the mathematics courses that your son will take next year and I have compiled a suggested course of action depending for you upon following circumstances. The guidelines as to what I would suggest you should consider in course selection

for your son next year. If you are unsure, please consult with your son's mathematics teacher or Brebeuf guidance counsellors before you make your selection.

85% + → Gr. 10 Enriched (MPM 2DE) Gr. 9 Academic:

60% + → Gr. 10 Academic (MPM 2D1) Below 60% → Gr. 10 App. (MDM 2P1)

60% + → Gr.10 Applied (MDM 2P1) Gr. 9 Applied:

Below 60% → Gr.10 Essentials (MDM 2L1)

85% +→Gr.10 Applied (MDM 2P1) Gr. 9 Essentials:

Below 85% → Gr. 10 Essentials (MDM 2L1)

Gr.10 Academic: 85% + → Gr. 11 Enriched (MCR 3UE)

60% + → Gr. 11 Academic (MCR 3U1) Below 60% → Gr. 11 College (MCF 3M1)

60% + →Gr. 11 Applied (MBF 3C1) Gr. 10 Applied:

Below 60% → Gr. 11 Essentials (MEL 3E1)

Gr. 10 Essentials: 85% + → Gr. 11 Applied (MBF 3C1)

Below 85% → Gr. 11 Essentials (MÉL 3E1)

60% + → Gr. 12 Adv Functions (MHF 4U1) Gr. 11 Academic:

Gr. 12 Calculus (MCV 4U1) Below 60% → Gr. 12 College Tech (MCT 4C1)

60% + → Gr. 12 College Tech (MCT 4C1) → Gr. 12 Data (MDM 4U1) Gr. 11 College

Below 60% → Gr.12 Applied (MAP 4C1)

→Gr.12 Applied (MAP 4C1) Gr.11 Applied

Gr. 11 Essentials →Gr. 12 Essentials (MEL 4E1)

### GRADUATION AWARDS

As our mission statement tells us, Brebeuf "rewards hard work and eager application". A number of Graduation Awards have been established over the years to recognize those students who have distinguished themselves in faith, academics, service, leadership, and commitment to school clubs and programmes. All winners receive plagues and some include monetary awards ranging from \$100 to \$1500.

All Grade 12 students are encouraged to submit an application form for the Awards Committee to use in



considering appropriate winners. Forms are available in Guidance and are due by mid-May.

A description of all awards can be found at <a href="http://www.brebeufalumni.org">http://www.brebeufalumni.org</a> under "School Information".

## **ALUMNI NOTES**

Learn more about the Alumni Association and news in our latest **Alumni B** newsletter. It can be downloaded at http://www.brebeufalumni.org.

Greg Belton '76 was named to the Royal Victorian Order by Her Majesty the Queen for his involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

Sean Moffitt '89 has written a book entitled WikiBrands: Re-inventing Your Company in a Customer-Driven Marketplace. It has received excellent coverage in the press.

Our sister school, St. Joseph's Morrow Park, turns fifty this year! Celebrations will take place at the school and convent April 29, 30 and May 1. Alumnae and friends can contact simp50@gmail.com or 416 393 5516 for more information.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES



Brebeuf Redmen logo (1963-2004)

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