



# The RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – VOLUME 9, ISSUE 2 – FEBRUARY, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 14	St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 15	Northern Spirit Games
Feb. 16	Report Cards distributed Gr. 10 Parent Information Night
Feb. 17	P.A. Day (no classes)
Feb. 20	Family Day (no classes)
Feb. 21	MusicFest
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday service TCDSB Gifted Conference
Feb. 23	Casual Day
Feb. 25	Jesuit Dinner Theatre at 6 pm
Mar. 1	Course Option Sheets due
Mar. 2	First Friday Mass at 8 am
Mar. 6	Grade 8 Registration
Mar. 8	Early Assessments mailed
Mar. 12-16	March Break (no classes)
Mar. 27	Sacrament of Confession
Mar. 28	Late Start schedule
Mar. 29	EQAO Literacy Test
Apr. 5	Holy Thursday
Apr. 6	Good Friday (no classes)
Apr. 9	Easter Monday (no classes)
Apr. 12	Report Cards distributed
Apr. 13	School Dance

## BREBEUF NEWS

You can get all the latest Brebeuf news on the school's website ([www.brebeufcollege.ca](http://www.brebeufcollege.ca)), on facebook ("Brebeuf College School"), and on twitter (@BrebeufCollege).



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM



The students of Brebeuf College School hosted their annual Social Justice Symposium at the University of St. Michael's College on December 8. Over 250 students and teachers from across Toronto came to learn more about the conference's theme: "Keen to Be Green: Ecological Justice." This topic was partly inspired by the Presentation Brothers' environmental message discussed at their recent Chapter.

**Keith Rodrigues**, Co-President of the school's Social Justice Club, remarks: "In today's rapidly developing world, the environment is usually the least of everyone's concerns. As a Catholic teenager in Canada, I felt that ecological injustice is a pressing issue of this century."

Following Mass in the historic St. Basil's Church, students heard from two speakers with poignant messages of the need to take the environment seriously. Sister Mary Mallany IBVM, a Loretto Sister, spoke of the faith imperative in caring for creation,



the Church's encyclicals dealing with the environment and equality, and the ways youth can promote justice through involvement with the Earth Charter movement. Students then watched a CBC documentary on the

Alberta oil sands, which are a major source of pollution in Canada and a contributor to global warming.

Bruce Cox, the Executive Director of Greenpeace Canada, spoke next about his organization's efforts to bring attention to environmental transgressions around the world and to debunk those who challenge the reality of climate change. Both speakers criticized the Canadian government's recent decision to revoke the Kyoto Protocol.

This was Brebeuf's eighth Symposium, which over the years has dealt with such social justice issues as homelessness, aboriginal rights, refugees, and the right to life. The event is organized by approximately twenty students in the school's Social Justice club. Over the course of the school year, they will undertake a number of projects to highlight justice issues and give students ways of being involved in finding solutions.

In the end, Rodrigues hopes that the most recent Social Justice Symposium has empowered Toronto high school students to be true stewards of the environment. He notes that "In keeping with St. James' ideas, 'Faith without works is dead,' I hope that students have taken the initiative to do their part in saving the planet for generations to come."



## PRAYERS



Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Mrs. Maria Teresa Cavaiola RIP**, mother of **Mr. Anthony Cavaiola** (staff).

**Mrs. Donna Marie Fraser RIP**, mother of **Mrs. Marie Houghton** (CSAC) and grandmother of **Spencer** (Gr. 12).

**Father Ernest Tyler S.J.** RIP, former staff.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Ms. Tobin Walsh** is the interim Pathways Resource Teacher at the TCDSB. She is being replaced by **Mr. Raphael Loh '03**, whom we welcome back to Brebeuf!

**Ms. Belinda Manery**, who gave birth to a baby boy.

**Mr. Anthony Joaquim**, whose wife gave birth to a baby boy.

**Han Sol Kim**, Grade 10, was the winner of the **Jesuits 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Canada poster contest**, which was co-sponsored by the Society of Jesus and Brebeuf College. Open to students from six schools across Canada, Han's entry was chosen by the Jesuits as the best poster to help celebrate this important anniversary. His prize was \$250. Congratulations to Han Sol and his teacher, **Mrs. Pieroni**.

### *The Relations*

*The Relations* is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School. It takes its name from the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf S.J. and his Jesuit confreres sent home to their superiors in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. It is published four times per year to inform the Brebeuf community of the many good things occurring at our school.

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# MEN FOR OTHERS

## BROTHER MARTIN VISITS



**Brother Martin Kenneally FPM**, the Congregation Leader of the Presentation Brothers from Cork, Ireland,

visited Brebeuf on Monday, January 23. He spoke to a group of students about the love that God has for each one of us and the work of the Brothers. He also thanked the Brebeuf community for its generosity in supporting the Brothers' schools in Ghana. After school he had a chance to speak to some of the staff.

## VOCATIONS DAY



On November 21, the Feast of Our Lady of the Presentation, Brebeuf held its annual Vocations Day for Grade 10 students. The main speaker was **Father Len Altilia S.J.**, the Director of Vocations for the Jesuits in English Canada.

The purpose of this tradition is to teach students to ponder their vocation from God. While in the past most Catholics understood "vocation" to mean a call to the life of a priest, nun, or brother, the real

meaning is for all Christians to ask where God is calling them in life.

Following the presentation in the Theatre, Fr. Len visited the Grade 10 classes to answer any questions the students may have had.

Brebeuf is happy to co-operate with the Jesuits, Presentation Brothers, and Archdiocese of Toronto in their promotion of vocations.

## GHANA CATALOGUE SUCCESS

The Brebeuf community raised an astounding **\$4000** for the Ghanaian schools of the Presentation



Brothers through its recent "Ghana Christmas Gift Catalogue" fundraiser. Donors could "buy" gifts to help students in Ghana to attend school. For instance, a uniform costs \$5, but even this small amount is sometimes enough to prevent a student from attending school. For those of us who live in such a wealthy country as Canada, the generosity of supporting our brothers and sisters in Ghana showed the true meaning of giving at Christmas.

The catalogue can be viewed at [www.brebeufalumni.org/ghana](http://www.brebeufalumni.org/ghana) and donations are still gratefully accepted. We thank all of our benefactors:

Laura Barreiro; In honour of Margaret Belanger; David Breglia; Joseph Brisbois; Daniele Capozzi '93; Mary Capuano-Mantenuto; Edward Chartel; In honour of Linda and Bill Dabydeen; Anne & Renato Da Costa; M. Da Costa '92; Berta Dias; Teresa DiPaolo; Anselm D'Souza; Sandra D'Souza & Family; John Garufi; Raphael Loh '03; Michael Manning; Bill Margou; Tony Miceli; Silvana Marino; Sheila McMillan; Michael McSharry; Kristan McTernan; John Murphy '81; Janice & Steve Pigeon; Monika Rasciauskas; Father Eric Rodrigues '95; Michael Rogers '81; Myrtle Rogers; Cynthia & Rick Rychlewski; Rob Sabatini; The Staff of St. Paschal Baylon C.S.; Rob Sedran; In honour of Brother Henry Spencer; Tom & Joan Sullivan; Karen Wiltshire; Joseph Younder

## BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

The Angel Foundation for Learning is sponsoring a breakfast programme at the school to ensure that no student is starting the school day without a healthy meal. It takes place in the Presentation Brothers' Chaplaincy Centre each morning.

## ORDER OF ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF



The Alumni Association is sponsoring a new way of recognizing excellence in members of the Brebeuf Community called **The Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf**. It will honour those teachers, students, benefactors, and alumni who have demonstrated the "Man for Others" principle and service to the Brebeuf community and beyond.

Nomination forms are available at [www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org) and the deadline to submit them is February 24. A special dinner to celebrate the first inductees of the Order and to raise funds for the school will take place in May.

# SCHOOL LIFE

## INTRODUCING HOMEWORK HELP

**Homework Help** provides free, online real-time help to our students taking Grade 7 to 10 Mathematics. It allows them to get help after school hours, when teachers or parents are unavailable to help. It can help students with answering homework questions, reviewing material from previous grades, and studying for tests, exams or the EQAO tests. But remember – it is "homework help" not "homework do" – the tutors are there to support the students and work through questions to help them be more confident learners and better understand the math.

The Tutor Chat Rooms are open five nights a week, for four hours each night, and can be accessed as much or

as little as needed. Besides the chat rooms, there are other tools available on the website as well.

Anyone can create a guest account and have access to all parts of the website, except the ability to ask questions of the tutors. Students can create an anonymous account using their OEN (Ontario Education Number).

Homework Help Website

<http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 – 9:30 pm

## JESUIT DINNER THEATRE



A Jesuit Dinner Theatre Celebrating 400 years of Jesuit presence and ministry in Canada will take place at Brebeuf on Saturday, 25 February 2012 from 6pm to 9. Enjoy an evening of songs, poetry, and the dramatic arts performed by Brebeuf students and Jesuit scholastics. Among the various performances, it will feature six skits written by Phil Bedard (a professional comedian and also an alumnus of Loyola, Montreal), portraying certain aspects of Jesuit history. Dinner will be provided.

Admission is free, though free-will offerings will be accepted in support of Brebeuf's Kairos Retreat Programme and to cover the costs of this event. Please RSVP to Fr. Len Altília at [altilia@jesuits.ca](mailto:altilia@jesuits.ca) by Feb 22.



## BREBEUF FUNDRAISING CALENDARS

It's not too late to get your 2012 Brebeuf calendar! They are now \$5 each and can be purchased from Mrs. Lavery in the Co-op office or from Mr. Da Costa in the library.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Music Department has grown considerably and is looking for more instruments. If you or anyone you know have any to spare, please contact Mr. Dan Found at [Daniel.found@tcdsb.org](mailto:Daniel.found@tcdsb.org).

## SPIRIT WEAR

Student Council has been selling Brebeuf jackets, scarves, ballcaps, toques, and sweaters. It is amazing to see so many students showing their Brebeuf pride in the community!

## TCDSB ELEMENTARY GIFTED DEBATE

On Friday, February 3, Brebeuf was happy to host the annual TCDSB Elementary Gifted debate. Over 500 students and teachers from gifted centres across the city descended on Brebeuf to demonstrate their skills in public speaking and logic. This is the fifth time our school has hosted this prestigious event. Brebeuf students, fresh from their examinations, were among the judges and volunteers for the day.

## TOP HOMEROOM

Mr. DiMauro's Grade 9 homeroom class in Semester One had the best totals for three class competitions: the used clothing drive; the Can-Aid drive; and best attendance. This is all the more amazing since the class had only 12 students it! Well done!



## CLUB BREBEUF

The annual Club Brebeuf fundraiser saw students and staff show off their singing and musical talents to raise \$2000 for Megan's Walk, a charity which helps children with cancer.

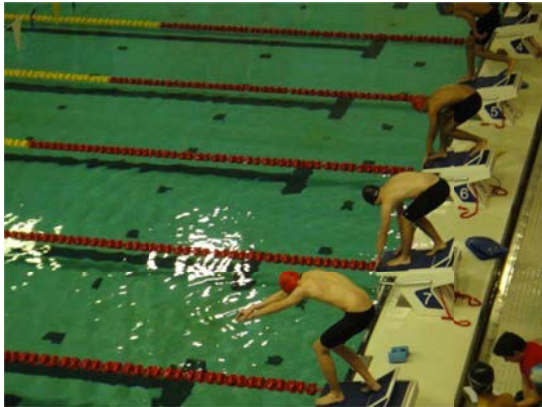


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# SPORTS

## AQUA BULLS

By Mr. D. Jackson



The Aqua-Bulls are back! After a one season hiatus, the Swim Team has returned to its winning ways. On Wednesday, February 8, Brebeuf's Senior Team (known as Seal Team 6) hit the water and won the TDCAA Senior Boys title, Brebeuf's first and thus far only championship in the 2011-2012 athletic season and the team's 16th title since 2005. Brebeuf's four-man Midget team finished third, while our Open squad also finished third, leading Brebeuf's combined team to third place overall, this despite having no Junior Team this year.

Outstanding competitors on the day were **Alex Mierzynski**, who earned gold in his 3 individual events and with his relay partners, **Miguel Buccio**, **Brandon Lee** and **Jamie Barletta** won gold in the Open Freestyle and silver in the Medley Relay.

Senior swimmer, **Kevin Chiu**, won two silver and a bronze and along with his relay partners, **Martin Jurak**, **Brandon Chin** and **Ethan Skinner** won gold in both the Senior Freestyle and Medley Relays. Our Midget freestyle relay team of **Michael Wong**, **Christian Bertani**, **Kiana** aka Special K and **Paul Lavado** took silver.

Brebeuf will send eight swimmers to OFSAA's in March. Thanks to Captain **Michael McKernan**, lifeguard, **Kevin Eriksen** and **Coaches Ms. James** and **Ms. Shannon**. Special honours to "Seal Commander" **Spencer Houghton** who in spite of disliking his mission assignment, earned nine points in two top twelve finishes.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### SENIOR

Brebeuf 64, Etienne Brule 52  
Brebeuf 64, Yeshivat 59  
Community Hebrew 24, Brebeuf 71  
Mary Ward 43, Brebeuf 58  
Brebeuf 64, Cardinal Newman 51  
Neil McNeil 47, Brebeuf 85  
St. Patrick's 49, Brebeuf 60  
Brebeuf 54, Crawford 42  
Brebeuf 44, Libermann 42  
Brebeuf 54, Charbonnel 53



*The Senior Basketball Bulls are UNDEFEATED so far!*

### JUNIOR

Brebeuf 38, Jean Vanier 56  
Pope John Paul II 74, Brebeuf 29  
Senator O'Connor 57, Brebeuf 36  
Brebeuf 21, Yeshivat 23  
Community Hebrew 29, Brebeuf 37  
Mary Ward 44, Brebeuf 37  
Brebeuf 51, Cardinal Newman 63  
Neil McNeil 50, Brebeuf 47  
Brebeuf 39, St. Patrick's 39  
Brebeuf 25, Mother Teresa 74  
Brebeuf 38, Crawford 46  
Brebeuf 56, Libermann 66

## HOCKEY

### SENIOR

Brebeuf 2, Newman 3  
Brebeuf 5, Senator O'Connor 1  
Brebeuf 1, Michael Power 4  
Brebeuf 0, Community Hebrew 2  
Brebeuf 2, Newman 3  
Brebeuf 6, Neil McNeil 0  
Brebeuf 1, Michael Power 2  
Brebeuf 6, Neil McNeil 2  
Brebeuf 6, Senator O'Connor 2  
Brebeuf 0, CHAT 2

### JUNIOR

Brebeuf 3, Neil McNeil 7  
Brebeuf 1, Sir Oliver Mowat 5  
Brebeuf 7, Chaminade 3  
Brebeuf 5, Fr. Redmond 1  
Brebeuf 1, Michael Power 1  
Brebeuf 5, Neil McNeil 4  
Brebeuf 1, Newman 2  
Brebeuf 2, Mowat 5  
Brebeuf 1, Bishop Allen 2  
Brebeuf 3, Cardinal Newman 3