

THE RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – APRIL, 2016

ROME EASTER PILGRIMAGE 2016



“The trip was very meaningful because as young Catholics, we learned many new things about our faith and got the opportunity to grow closer to Christ.” - Diego Ardon (Grade 10)

“During the Rome Pilgrimage I grew in my faith and made great friends. I also came to feel closer to God, even after coming home.” - Sonny Mann (Grade 9)

“The recent pilgrimage to Rome was a remarkable, faith-igniting experience for me. This, personally, was a rare opportunity I was privileged to take part in to discover more about myself and my spiritual relationship with God. It was incredibly awe inspiring to learn about the origins of Christianity and the inheritance of living out Christ’s will throughout the ages. This experience added an entirely new dimension to my current spiritual life, giving strong definition to the terms “martyr” and “evangelize”. This pilgrimage was like a wake-up call which rekindled my desire to take up my cross daily and follow Christ. Although I was enduring some challenges prior to coming on this pilgrimage, the realization of what Jesus endured for all of us left a significant impact on me; it compelled me to not fear suffering, but rather to embrace it and allow God to carry you through the pain. Overall this was a true blessing to bond with each of my brothers in Christ and further my relationship with God.” – Nathan Almeida (Grade 12)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Brebeuf Community

Happy Easter!

Welcome to another edition of *The Relations*. It is difficult to imagine that it is already mid-April in our school year! In fact, many of the school efforts over the past while have been geared toward planning for next year. Just prior to March Break, Brebeuf College had its Grade 9 Registration Day and Evening. It was the first opportunity for us to start connecting with our new students and families. We look forward to our Summer Transition Program, Opening Week and our Annual Trip to Muskoka Woods where those important initial connections to peers and the community-at-large will take place. We continue to plan our calendar for next year and are engaged in continuing to keep our dynamic program relevant to all of our students.

The content of this *Relations* no doubt gives you a sense of the spirit of Brebeuf College over the past few months but I want to just highlight my personal reflection on our Pilgrimage to Rome. Like all of the parents, I was updated on a daily basis by Father Thomas Murphy of the day's events and the special reflective elements that impacted the spiritual journey of the boys and staff. As well Ms. Rodrigues regularly sent us pictures of all of the places visited by the pilgrims. Obviously, the highlight was being very close to Pope Francis as he drove by in St. Peter's Square during Holy Week. Although I cannot speak for our pilgrims, being so close to the Holy Father is something they will always remember. Our Pope often speaks from a position that is contrary to popular culture. He challenges us to be aware of the "signs of the times" and to recognize what true and real love and mercy look

like. As Catholics, we are often at odds with what popular culture tells us to be. Being open to God's way and truth and being able to hear it through the static of "the times" is indeed our calling as sinners who still yearn for His Grace. I believe this Pilgrimage has refined the "hearing" of the pilgrims; those who were physically in Rome and those of us who closely followed as "pilgrim contacts". It is my hope that Brebeuf College has been touched by this Grace and will continue to represent a safe harbour contrary to the often unjust values our world can at times represent. God Bless Brebeuf College!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 21	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Apr. 22	Late Start schedule
Apr. 25	Inside Ride fundraiser
Apr. 26	Jesuit Social Justice Day CSPC Meeting at 7pm
Apr. 28	Casual Day
Apr. 28-30	Theatre Brebeuf
May 2-6	Catholic Education Week
May 2	Spring uniform starts
May 3-6	Brebeuf Multicultural Week
May 5	Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice
May 6	First Friday Mass @8 am
May 11	Late Start schedule Letters of concern mailed
May 12-14	March for Life (Ottawa) Camp Olympia Leadership
May 19	Spring Arts Festival
May 23	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 26	Casual Day
May 31	Town Hall / Election Week
June 3	First Friday Mass @8 am Prom (Formal)
June 6	Athletic Banquet
June 9	Closing Mass
June 14-15	EQAO Gr. 9 Math Testing
June 20-24	Examinations
June 28	Graduates' Mass & Breakfast
June 30	Graduation Exercises
July 1	Canada Day

MEN FOR OTHERS

ST. FRANCIS' TABLE



Brebeuf volunteers pictured with Brother John Frampton

Each week students and staff visit the St. Francis' Table shelter on Queen Street in Parkdale to help prepare meals for the homeless and poor. This is an excellent way for students to put their faith into action. It also counts towards the community service hours needed for Graduation. Volunteers can sign up with Ms. Noah or Mr. Guy.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

One of Brebeuf's oldest traditions is the First Friday Mass. This takes place on the first Friday of each month in the school Chapel at 8:00 a.m. The practice at Brebeuf began with the Jesuits in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All students and staff are welcome to attend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows all day for those who wish to spend more time with God.

VICS FASTATHON

Under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Pieroni, one hundred Brebeuf students fasted for a day and raised money for VICS (Volunteer International Christian Service) on Holy Thursday. \$3000 was raised to help send professionals to the Developing World to teach life-changing skills to local people.

CLUB BREBEUF

Brebeuf held its annual "Club Brebeuf" fundraiser in March to raise funds for Meaghan's Walk, an organization dedicated to fighting childhood cancers. Student and staff bands and acts entertained a large crowd in a fun and festive atmosphere. More than \$1500 was raised in total.

GRADE 9 RELIGION CLASSES



Seven Grade 9 religion classes volunteered a day of their time to assist at the Scott Mission in downtown Toronto. This organization serves the homeless and poor of our city. Students assisted with preparing and serving meals and sorting clothing and food. This is an important part of the religion programme and the philosophy of turning our boys into "Men for Others".

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH HONOREES

March

Assefa, Fraol
Beltran, Rei Arn
Cariso, Qen Zenric
De Miglio, Robert
Delos Reyes, Shawn
Dimaapi, Jon Jon
Henry, Orion
Loria, Sam
Mihajlovic, Anthony
Mussungu, Jusuel
Omazic, Lucas
Pielago, Jerode
Risi, Matteo
Saballet, Ivan
Wong, Aiden
Yiadam, Percy

SCHOOL NEWS

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



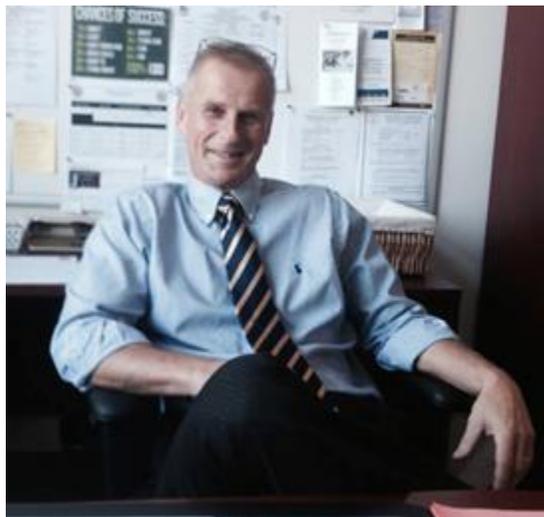
Students and staff in the ME/DD classes celebrating World Autism Day in the atrium.

REPORT CARDS & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

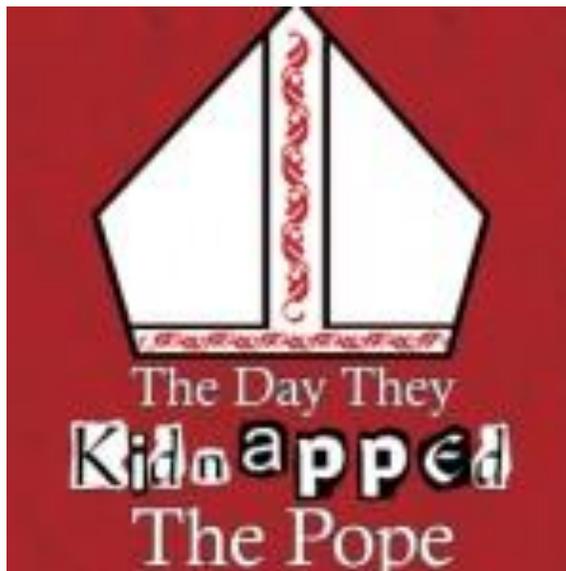
Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, April 19. Please have your son return the request for parent-teacher interview form to his homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 21 from 3:00 to 5:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm. Classes will be dismissed at 2:15pm on this day.

NEW ACTING VICE-PRINCIPAL

Ms. Monica Calligaro is on a leave of absence. Her replacement for the rest of the academic year is Mr. Paul Solarski, who has been a physical education teacher and coach at Brebeuf since 1985. We wish him well in this new role!



THEATRE BREBEUF



Theatre Brebeuf's spring production is a comedy called "The Day They Kidnapped the Pope". The plot is a bizarre, yet captivating one: a Jewish taxi driver mistakenly kidnaps the Pope, and his ransom is one day of world peace. The show is double cast, so major roles are being played on different evenings by different

students from Brebeuf and SJMP. The production runs: Thursday, April 28th; Friday, April 29th; and Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (students) and \$15 (adults). Contact Anna Maria Lo Bianco (director) at lobiana02@tcdsb.org.

METANOIA

MATHEMATICS

Eighteen Math students (sixteen Grade 11 and two Grade 12) will write the Advanced Placement Math Calculus examinations in May. This is the equivalent of a first-year university examination. We wish all of our students well!



Participants pictured with Fr. Bill Ryan, S.J.

BREBEUF NEWS

There are a number of ways to stay connected to what is going on at Brebeuf College.

Facebook

“Brebeuf College School”

Twitter

@brebeufprincip

@brebeufcollege

Webpage

<http://Brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org>

Cynervoice

These phone messages are sent out each Friday.

The B Newspaper

The student voice of the school

Alumni News

www.brebeufalumni.org

GRADUATION 2016

The Graduation Mass and Breakfast will take place for the Class of 2016 on Tuesday, June 28th at 9:00 a.m. the school. The Graduation Exercises will be on Thursday, June 30th at Brighton Convention Centre at 10:00 a.m. Full details can be found on at <http://brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org> under “Special Events”.

Eleven Grade 9 students have attended four sessions of Metanoia (“Transformation”), a new programme run by the Mary Ward Centre at Loretto College in the University of Toronto. Its aim is to teach and inspire about social justice issues. Students from five Catholic high schools learned about such topics as the Earth Charter and Pope Francis’ latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*. We hope this group will promote social justice issues at Brebeuf and beyond.

SEMESTER OR SUMMER IN ITALY

The TCDSB, in partnership with Centro Scuola, is offering a “Semester in Italy” programme. Students are invited to study and live in Sulmona, Italy for a whole semester and earn 4 credits. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to study, live and immerse themselves in the Italian culture. For more information, please contact the Guidance Department at Dante Alighieri Academy at 416 393 5522.

There is also a board-approved summer course in Italy. Courses offered include Grade 12 English and Grade 12 History. See www.romanholiday.ca for more information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Brebeuf Parent Council (CSPC) will again hold the Annual Used Uniform Sale at the end of this school year. If your son has outgrown any of his uniform pieces, please be sure to hold onto them so that you may participate in this event which can generate monies for you and the Parent Council’s initiatives.

GHANA 2017



A Brebeuf student making a new Ghanaian friend during the 2011 Ghana trip

There is the possibility of a leadership and service trip to Ghana in West Africa for March Break, 2017 (subject to board approval). This would be done in conjunction with the Presentation Brothers, who have several schools in Ghana. Besides the valuable life-changing experience, students would also earn credits in Grade 11 Leadership and Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Studies, which is a "University" level course and can be used for university admission. For information, please contact Mr. Rogers in Guidance: Michael.rogers@tcdsb.org or 416 393 5508.

ALUMNI PUB NIGHT



The Alumni Association is hosting a "Pub Night" reunion at the school on Friday, May 6th from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. All alumni, staff, and former staff are welcome. More details can be found at www.brebeufalumni.org.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Justice John McMahon from the Brebeuf Class of 1976 is a judge on the Ontario Superior Court of Justice!

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SPORTS



By Mr. Alex Sabatini, Athletic Director

The 2016 TDCAA Spring season is quickly approaching. Brebeuf College School will field teams in baseball, track and field, rugby 15s, senior soccer, and junior volleyball. If you are interested in trying out for one of these teams, please see the coaches list posted on the Athletics bulletin board to identify who the coaches are. GO BULLS!

Many thanks to all student-athletes and coaches who participated in the TDCAA winter season. We had many good new stories from the winter season, on and off the playing surface. Recent good new stories include the following:

The **Curling Team**, coached by Ms. Lee and Ms. Covello, captured another TDCAA Curling Championship to add to the trophy case. The team consisted of Tyler Abbott, Jerico De Vera, Brendan Lobo, Mark Meehan



and Michael Ross. Great job boys!

The **Junior Basketball** staff composed of Coach Waithe, Mr. Savelli, Mr. Modi, and Ms. Bigoni had another outstanding season finishing with an 8-2 record, second in the TDCAA East division. The Junior Bulls for the second consecutive season returned to the Championship final vs JP II and finished as TDCAA Finalists.



Mr. Chin You and Ms. Shannon have concluded the **TDCAA Table Tennis** season in fantastic fashion. Our Bulls have once again be crowned 2016 Champions! The Jr. Men's Doubles team of John Hanna and Mina Nashed won silver, and Sr. Men's Doubles team of Massimo Larocca and Martin Ly won gold! A great set of coaches and a fantastic group of players!



Coach Shannon and Coach McTernan led our 2016 **Aqua Bulls Swimming** team. The Aqua Bulls once again had a great season highlighted by Bryce Jones George and Armando Morales Pires who represent Brebeuf and the TDCAA at OFSAA Swimming.

The **Badminton** team is coached once again by Mr. Marinic and Ms. Covello. The Bulls have recently concluded their season and are sending two student athletes to OFSAA. Congratulations to the coaches and to Yule De La Cerna and Ethan Luo.

The **Indoor Soccer** team had a fantastic season finishing as 3rd place TDCAA Consolation Champions. The team was very young and with a year of experience under their belt should be a force next season. Thank you to Mr. Aquino, Mr. Sabatini, Mr. Debicki, Mr. Savelli, and to Mr. D'Angelo for extending a hand when required!