

# THE RELATIONS

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## BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – JULY 2017

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### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

**Mr. Derek Chen**

This last quarter of the school year has been no different than the rest of the school year – extremely busy! It has been jam-packed with exciting events and activities that you will see described in this newsletter. However, a few that I would like to highlight are the incredible Inside Ride, Multicultural Week, the Canada 150/Multicultural Week Pep Rally, Theatre Brebeuf's BLT, and the Spring Arts Festival. Brebeuf also hosted various events, including Camp Olympia, the joint TCDSB and Toronto Police Service Asian-Canadian Heritage Month Mass and Culture Exposé, and the "So You Think You Can DJ" competition, where our Brebeuf team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Of course, we also had numerous trips, retreats, and events celebrating our faith including a 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtues Ceremony, Reconciliation, saying of the rosary, and school liturgies.

A huge thank you to Parent Council (CSPC) Chair Rosanna Del Grosso and the rest of the CSPC for organizing two events that did so much for the school community – holding the CSPC BBQ and hosting the speaker Dr. Wiggers. Thanks to the CSPC for organizing the annual Used Uniform Sale, as well.

The year ended with a wonderful celebration of our graduates at the Graduation Mass and Breakfast, followed by an incredible graduation ceremony that featured the guest speaker Marc Kielburger (Brebeuf Class of '95). Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and the award winners! You are now officially alumni – please come back and visit.

Finally, on behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. See you back in September!

### BREBEUFIAN CHOSEN AS STUDENT TRUSTEE



Joel Ndongmi, a Grade 11 student at Brebeuf, will be one of two new Student Trustees at the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Joel will represent thousands of students at the board level. This is the first time one of our boys has been

given the honour.

Aside from being an Honour Roll student, Joel is involved in the Intermediate Jazz Band, serves on the music council, represented Brebeuf at the Sears Drama Festival and is on volleyball team.

Born in Pisa, Italy, he moved to Canada at age 7. His first language is French, and he writes prayers in that language for the morning announcements every Thursday. Joel participated in a number of student leadership events, including the Voices that Challenge Conference 2017 and the TYC Summit-Youth Week.

As a Student Trustee, Joel told the board he wants to "reinforce the communication between student councils and the Board and inform more students about the many leadership opportunities at the Board. He also hopes to promote community involvement through extracurricular activities and encourage environmental awareness through the Ontario EcoSchool Program."

Congratulations, Joel! We know you will do Brebeuf proud!

*The Relations* is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School. It is named for the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf and his Jesuit confreres sent home to France in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Its aim is to share much of the good news coming from the school.

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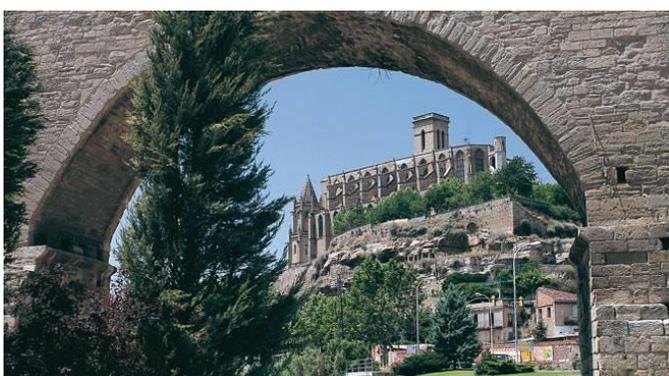
## MEN FOR OTHERS

### PERU SERVICE TRIP



Following in the success of this year's trip to Ghana, Brebeuf is sponsoring a service and leadership trip to Peru for March 7-18, 2018. Students can earn two credits. For more information, please contact Michael Rogers -- [michael.rogers@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.rogers@tcdsb.org) -- and see [www.adventurelearningexperiences.com](http://www.adventurelearningexperiences.com)

### SPAIN PILGRIMAGE



Pilgrimages to Rome have become part of the Brebeuf spiritual programme. For a change and to connect with our Jesuit roots, Brebeuf will be having a pilgrimage to

Spain next March Break. Contact Robert Gregoris – [Robert.gregoris@tcdsb.org](mailto:Robert.gregoris@tcdsb.org) – for information.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PROM 2017



Brebeuf's Graduating Class and their dates enjoyed a classy evening at the Prom on June 9. It was held for the first time at the Liberty Grand on the waterfront. Thanks to Mrs. Risi and her team for organizing.

### RETIREMENTS

Two long-time teachers retire this year: **John Murphy '81** (Head of Guidance) and **Rosemary Lavery** (Co-Op). To honour both for their years of service, awards have been named after them. The Rosemary Lavery Award is for excellence in Grade 12 Accounting and the John Murphy Award will go to the Grade 11 student who has made the most improvement in his studies. We thank them for their service and dedication and wish both all the best in this new phase of life!



## GOOD-BYES

Brebeuf thanks and bids good-bye to three teachers:

**Ana Rodrigues**, who will become head of Guidance at St. Mary's Catholic Academy;

**Christina Zammit**, who will teach in the MEDD programme at Msgr. Johnson CSS;

**Andrei Mera '01**, who will teach at Bishop Allen Academy.

We also thank and send best wishes to four long-term occasional teachers who joined the staff this year:

**Amanda Pulla, Alice Franco, Marc Vittorio, and Milena D'Amico.**

## MARC KIELBURGER '95



**Marc Kielburger, Brebeuf Class of 1995, and co-founder of Me to We and Free the Children, was the Guest Speaker at the Fifty-First Graduation Exercises.**

## MULTICULTURAL WEEK



Brebeuf continued its annual celebration of its diverse student body in late April with a Multicultural Week. One of the highlights for many was the day when students and staff could sample cuisine from over 15 pavilions in the atrium.

## CAMP OLYMPIA

The development of leaders is a hallmark of Brebeuf. In mid-May, our school hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Camp Olympia Leadership Camp for TCDSB students in Muskoka. Over 300 attended to learn more about being effective leaders. A core team of Brebeuf seniors organized and led every facet of the weekend, and another group of Brebeufians attended as participants with eight other schools. Special thanks to Ms. Zeppieri and Mr. Rogers for their role as moderators.



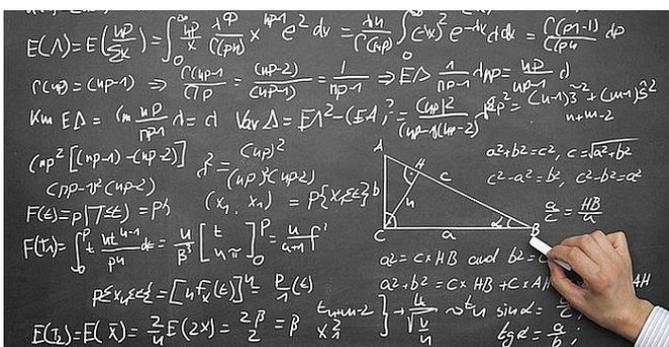
**Brebeuf's Core Team of Leaders**



The Brebeuf delegation showing off their school spirit!

## MATHEMATICS UPDATE

By Brad Ryan, Head of Mathematics



Enriched Mathematics at Brebeuf continues to be a well subscribed programme for the 2017-2018 school year. There will be one grade 9, two grade 10, one grade 11, one grade 12 Advanced Functions and one grade 12 Calculus classes that will be taught at the Enriched level. The all-important grade 11 - grade 12 Advanced Functions class that will occur in the grade 11 year are the students who will write the AP-Calculus Exam in May, 2018. They will be some of the only grade 11 students worldwide that write the exam while in grade 11. There are currently 32 signed up for this class and I have strong expectations for them.

Congratulations to John Kattukudiyil a grade 11 student who scored the top mark for Brebeuf College in the Grade 12 Euclid Waterloo Mathematics Contest.

This year's grade 11 students will get their result for AP-Calculus in July. I am expecting many perfect scores from this excellent group.

I wish all of my Mathematics students a restful and fun Summer and look forward to working with them again in September.

## CANADA 150



The Dominion of Canada was created 150 years ago, and Brebeuf marked the milestone with a special assembly in April. It was the first time in years that the whole student body and faculty were together in one space! A series of presentations, games, and performances were enjoyed by all. It helped to spark patriotism and Brebeuf spirit at the same time.

## ALUMNI PUB NIGHT

Over 130 alumni, staff, and former staff gathered in the atrium on May 5 to celebrate bonds of friendship. This annual event helps to reconnect Old Boys with their alma mater and is a tangible sign of the special place that Brebeuf plays in the lives of students, past and present.

### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2017-2018

Wards		
1.	Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2.	Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3.	Sal Piccininni	416-512-3403
4.	Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
5.	Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6.	Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair	416-512-3406
7.	Michael Del Grande	416-512-3407
8.	Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9.	Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10.	Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11.	Angela Kennedy, Chair	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford Rhea Carlisle	416-512-3412
	Student Trustees	416-512-3413
	Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee	416-512-3417

## GRADE 12 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Advanced Functions (Enriched):	Joseph Bargas, Yviel Casillejos, John Kattukudiyil
Advanced Functions:	Carlo Cunanan & Ari Derohanesian
Biology:	Carlo Cunanan
Business Leadership:	Ryan Ciacoi-Pop, Michael Fitzpatrick Elijah Mourillon
Calculus (Enriched):	Alexander Demopoulos
Calculus and Vectors:	Antonio Alberga
Challenge and Change:	Steve Segal
Chemistry:	Daniel Gaspar
Communications Technology:	JP Magbanua, Alessandro Coletta
Computer Engineering:	Soreen Caraan
Computer Science :	Andrew Vidov
Data Management:	Alexander Demopoulos
Drama:	Matthew Astill
Economics:	Alexander Demopoulos, Nicholas Karpouzis
English (College):	Giancarlo Filicetti
English (Enriched):	Joseph Moolecherry
English (University):	Daniel Gaspar
Exercise Science :	Nikko Garingalao
Fitness:	Jonathan Ghazal
International Business:	Matteo Bruzzese, Mikyu Kim, John Simo, Patrick Alido, Matteo Chow
Jacques Carron French Award:	Daniel Gaspar & James Silva
Law	Nicholas Karpouzis, Elijah Mourillon
Learning Strategies:	Angelo Ines
Literacy:	Christopher Antonipillai
Mathematics (College):	Valeriy Goloviznin
Media Studies in the Arts:	Joseph Mastromatteo Nikko Garingalao, Alexander Demopoulos
Philosophy:	Artemis Ghatavi
Physical Education:	Diomar Landicho
Physics:	George Beri
R. Lavery Accounting Award:	Alexander Demopoulos
Religion :	Nicholas Karpouzis,
Thomas Butash Music Award:	Ari Derohanesian
Visual Arts:	Stephen Smolej
World History:	Matthew Astill, Joseph Moolecherry
World Issues:	Ari Derohanesian, Nicholas Karpouzis, Raffi Tahmasian

## GRADUATION AWARDS

**Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Most Improvement** is a new award honouring a former Brebeuf student and teacher who passed away this year. He was a true "Man for Others". This award, which is generously sponsored by the Loh family, is presented to the student who has made the most academic improvement between Grades 9 and 12.  
-- **Jamie Vopni**

**Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Sports Leadership** is also a new award to honour Raphael Loh and funded by the Loh family. It is for a student who has shown tremendous leadership in the Brebeuf athletic programme. – **Bryce Jones George**

**The Michael Thompson '69 Award** is named in honour of Michael Thompson, an Honour Student and Athlete of the Year. It is given to the graduating student who best combines academics, athletics, and good sportsmanship. This award is generously funded by the Thompson Family. – **Nicholas Karpouzis**

**The Gerry Tanner Award** is named for the mother of Brett Tanner '81. This award assists with university finances and it recognizes a graduating student who has contributed to school life at Brebeuf. – **Patrick Alido**

**The Martin Foy '82 Scholarship** is named in memory of Martin Foy, Class of 1982. It is awarded to a graduating student in the Specialist High Skills Major Programme in Information and Communication Technology. Similar to Martin, the recipient has demonstrated outstanding effort, determination, perseverance, and integrity in completing the course expectations in the specialist programme and has been accepted to a post-secondary institute. This is generously funded by the Foy family and friends of Martin. – **Adrian Valenzuela**

**The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award**, donated by the class of 1993, is presented to a graduating student who displays an interest and active participation in all aspects of student life: academics, sports, the arts, and social activities. This award celebrates the contribution of Mr. E.J. Barry (1963-1996) to the Brebeuf community. This award is generously funded by George Macri '69.  
-- **Matthew Astill**

**The O’Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated a commitment to his peers and dedication to academic excellence. This award is in recognition of Mr. Neil Gazeley, who was Brebeuf’s first Vice-Principal (1963-1991). This award is generously funded by George Macri ‘69. – **Masis Kevorkian**

**The Lou Puccini Scholarship**, named for a former math teacher, is given to the graduating student who has been diligent, persevered in his studies, and overcome various challenges. This award is generously funded by George Macri. – **Lanz Pinlac & Angelo Ines**

**The Presentation Brothers’ Award** is presented to a student who has demonstrated personal and academic growth and development. This award is generously funded by the Presentation Brothers.  
– **John Mazzilli & Elijah Mourillon**

**The Brebeuf Benefactors’ Award** is presented to an individual who has contributed his talents to the betterment of Brebeuf. – **James Silva**

**The Michael Brown Memorial Award** is dedicated to a former Brebeufian and is given to the graduating student who best exemplifies school loyalty and generous cooperation. – **Michael Ross**

**The Brother Lawrence Maher, F.P.M. Award**, named after a former Brebeuf principal (1984-1996), is presented to the student who has shown a commitment to spirituality within the school community, has embraced many aspects of school life, has shown a willingness to help students, and who will pursue further education. – **Artemis Ghatavi & Nicholas Ghazal**

**The Joe Will Award** is presented to a student who has made a significant contribution to the quality of school life and whose character and accomplishments exemplify the school’s mission.  
-- **Ari Derohanesian & JP Magbanua**

**The Peter Knopfel ’81 Memorial Scholarship** is dedicated to the memory of Peter Knopfel, a 1981 graduate. The Alumni Association and

the Knopfel family award this scholarship to the graduate who has demonstrated academic and social achievement through his strong sense of commitment.  
-- **Daniel Gaspar & Anthony Yacub**

**The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Award** is presented by the Alumni Association to a student who has demonstrated strong academic ability, has actively participated in a variety of extracurricular events, and has expressed a desire for involvement in alumni affairs.  
-- **Noah Ennis**

**The Man for Others Award** is given to the graduating student who best exemplifies the school’s mission of forming “Men for Others”.  
-- **Julian Stanislaus & Terence Bernard**

**The Catholic Student Award** is awarded to the student who has shown outstanding commitment to the Catholic mission of Brebeuf. – **Soren Caraan**

**The Visual Arts Award** is presented to a student who has dedicated his time and talents to many Brebeuf Community projects. This award is dedicated to the memory of Mark Agcaoili ‘92. – **Ivan Valenzuela**

**The Theatre Brebeuf Award** is presented to the graduating student who has greatly contributed to the theatre programme.  
-- **JP Magbanua & Matthew Astill**

**Michael Tomaszek ’82 Music Award** is sponsored by the Alumni Association and recognizes a graduating student who has contributed significantly to the music programme. – **Joseph Moolecherry**

**Bob Shannon ’68 Bursary** is named for an alumnus of the Class of 1968. It is awarded to a graduating student who has overcome challenges and who will attend a post-secondary institution.  
– **Luca Bruzzese & Christian Galluzzo**

**Toronto Secondary Unit (OECTA) Award** is given to a student for demonstrating social and political responsibility by participating in school or community activities that promote social justice and foster Catholic values. – **Adrian Valenzuela**

**The Lieutenant-Governor's Award** is presented to a graduating student for outstanding community service.

– **Matthew Cunha**

**The Michael Daoust '67 Mathematics Award** is awarded to a graduating student for overall excellence in mathematics. It is named for Michael Daoust, an alumnus, teacher, and department head from 1967 to 2010. – **James Silva & Alexander Demopoulos**

**The Father J. Winston Rye S.J. Award**, named for a former Principal (1979-1984), is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic average in his Grade 12 subjects at Brebeuf.

-- **Alexander Demopoulos**

**The Governor-General's Medal** is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic standing in both Grade 11 and 12. -- **Alexander Demopoulos**

## PARENT COUNCIL

Happy Canada Day everyone! As we close out the 2016/17 school year, we do so reflecting on what we have accomplished as a community and as a nation. What is there not to be proud of? Many of Brebeuf's accomplishments are noted throughout this newsletter and Parent Council would like to add on to it. This year Parent Council conducted two parent surveys, provided \$5,000 to pay for safety pads in the gym, and held our very first community BBQ.

In addition, Parent Council also financially supported:

- Dr Richard Wigger's presentation on post-secondary jobs;
- Salesian and Kairos retreats;
- CPSC magnets for grade 9 parents;
- Transportation for team events;
- Refreshments for curriculum night, registration night, grade 9 orientation, and;
- March of Life donation (requested by student council).

Thank you for supporting our events. If you are interested in joining Parent Council, forms have been included your son's report card package. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2017. Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone. Again, Happy Canada Day!

# SPORTS



## BREBEUF COLLEGE ATHLETICS

By **Brad Chin You**, Athletic Director



**Athletic Banquet 2017**

The Brebeuf Athletics year ended with a couple of major accomplishments. First, the Junior Rugby team won the TDCAA Championship, beating previously undefeated, Neil McNeil, in the final. Congrats to the boys and coaches Engel and Wright for their perseverance! Secondly, the TDCAA Sr Tennis Doubles Champions, Michael Ross and Christopher Brooks, competed in OFSAA and won Bronze! Both are truly outstanding feats and fitting to finish the year.



**Rugby Champs!**

Once again, a BIG thank you to all of our coaches who make Brebeuf Athletics a success. Special thanks to community coach Chris Mikes, and Long Term Occasional teacher-coaches Mr. Vittorio, Mr. Couto, and Ms. Pulla for all of their time and efforts for our community. We wish them all the best and hope to have them back again next year.

As always, we celebrated the year with our annual Athletics banquet. Thank you to Ms. Zeppieri, Mrs. McTernan, and Mr. A. Sabatini for helping to organize this great event. Below are the MVPs for the 2016-17 year.

Special congratulations goes to the following Athletes of the Year:

**Rookie of the Year**  
Swinburne Thomas

**Junior Athlete of the Year**  
Michael Long

**Senior Athlete of the Year**  
Michael Ross

## SPORTS MVPs

**Badminton**  
Ivan Valenzuela  
Gordon Vuong  
Eiron Pascua

**Baseball**  
Michael Ross

**Basketball**  
Robin Tavas  
Neil Paras  
Brendan Ocampo  
Robert Ocampo

**Cross Country**  
Chris Smolej  
Shaian Eshnahari  
Stephen Smolej

**Flag Football**  
Jhalani Stephenson

**Golf**  
Matteo D'Ambrosio



**Hockey**  
Colin McNeil  
Grayson McManus  
Joe Sinopoli Award: Alexander Smith

**Rugby**  
Alvin Estrella  
Danai Mafuse

**Soccer**  
Julio Bolahood  
Nick Karpouzis  
Oliver Wales

**Swimming**  
Bryce Jones-George  
David Danielyan

**Table Tennis**  
John Hanna  
Ao (Dino) Li

**Tennis**  
Michael Ross  
Christopher Brooks

**Track and Field**  
Swinburn Thomas  
Eric Almeron  
Bryce Jones-George  
Aiden D'Souza

**Volleyball**  
Michael Long  
Jeremie Geler  
Stephane Fong  
Michael Ross  
Ryan Jiminez

We look forward to another great year in 2017-18!



Congratulations to Mr. Michael Aquino '93 for receiving the CCAA Coaching Excellence Award.