



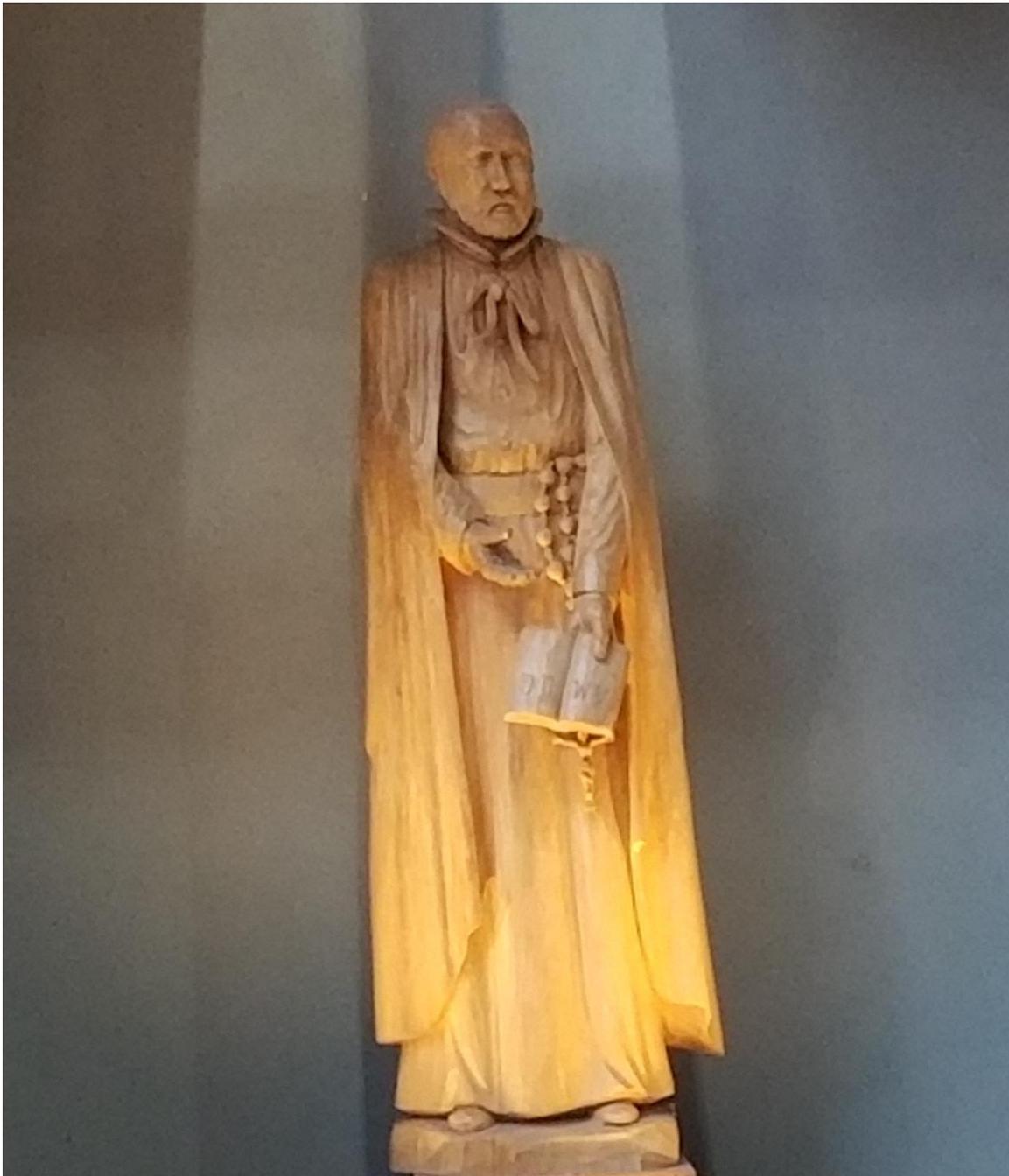
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**BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2019**

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St. Jean de Brebeuf, S.J.

## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

Derek Chen



It has been a wonderful three months since the end of semester one. In that short time, Brebeuf has been fortunate to be on the receiving end of two awards. Firstly, Starbeufs, our school's online coffee service run by Mr. Sabatini's ISP class, was the recipient of one of the Innovative Exemplary Practice Awards given to a number of programs across the school board. Mr. Sabatini and his students accepted the award at a ceremony on April 23. The other award recipient is Daniel Walton, who won the Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students. We congratulate both award winners!

In other great news, we received a generous donation from a Brebeuf alumnus, Mr. Barry McInerney. Mr. McInerney and family have donated \$10,000 to the school. Of the total, \$5,000 will be directed towards "The Marcus McInerney Scholarship", named after the McInerney's son Marcus, and divided into scholarships of \$1,000 for the next five years. The other \$5,000 will be directed towards the establishment of "The Marcus Fund" to assist students in financial need. We are extremely grateful for this donation, and for all of the students that will benefit from it.

Apart from the accolades and donation, Brebeuf has been buzzing with activity. We have had two liturgies (Ash Wednesday mass and a Holy Thursday service),

Lenten Reconciliation, two National Theatre School Drama Festival performances (one of which was invited to perform at Hart House, U of T), a Salesian retreat, a pilgrimage to Rome, a service trip to Ireland, another VICS Fast-a-thon (the 29<sup>th</sup> one!), Town Hall #2 for students, several math competitions, a National Biology Contest, participation and awards in the board's Science Fair, the OSSLT, a Unity Charity Hip Hop assembly about mental health, the annual Inside Ride, a Casual Day to support ShareLife, Club Brebeuf, and the Spring Dance.

We continued our tradition of Winter Activity Day with St. Joseph Morrow Park, and once again, it was a fun day for staff and students from both schools. Inside Ride was another huge success, with participants raising over \$10,000 to support Coast to Coast Against Cancer. Club Brebeuf brought some entertaining acts to the theatre, and this year, students were joined by staff on a few pieces. Mr. Spano looked quite cool playing the bass with our student musicians! The annual VICS Fast-a-thon had over 100 students participating on Holy Thursday, and students again raised money for this worthy cause.

Spirit Week was organized by the Student Council and truly added much spirit to the school. The ever popular inflatable obstacle course was brought in again, and students participated in many other activities including a chess match with Mr. Lamb (who still remains unbeatable). The atrium was again transformed into a carnival for the week, with the smell of cotton candy filling the air.

In athletics, our Varsity Hockey team won its first TDCAA Non-Contact Hockey Championship in the school's history! Our Jr. and Sr. Table Tennis teams won the TDCAA Championships, proudly bringing home the banner. We extend our congratulations to the teams and coaches! Please read about all the other amazing athletic accomplishments in Mr. Chin You's Athletics Update.

Coming up, we have a Casual Day to support the board's charity – The Angel Foundation. Our Student Council will once again be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Koffeehaus. Soon after, a speaker will be in to address mental health with our students. We will then be celebrating Multicultural Days, which will be filled with many activities and includes everyone's favourite day where students and staff can sample foods from different cultures. On May 15, Brebeuf will be joining

St. Joseph Morrow Park once again to host the TCDSB's Asian Canadian Heritage Month Mass and Cultural Exposé at SJMP.

We also look forward to Catholic Education Week, the Spring Arts Festival, Camp Olympia, a final Town Hall for students, the EQAO Math Test, more retreats and excursions, "Meet and Greet" day, a joint prom with SJMP, final exams, and graduation. Once again, thanks to our Catholic School Parent Council for supporting our many events and for their generous donations, including: a water bottle refilling station, planters, table tennis tables, and many other initiatives. We would also like to welcome back our trustee, Ms. Maria Rizzo, to the Brebeuf community.

If you have any feedback for us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing many of you at Parent-Teacher interviews. God bless, and thanks to all parents and community members for your continued support!

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## Brebeuf College School

It is named for the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf and his Jesuit colleagues 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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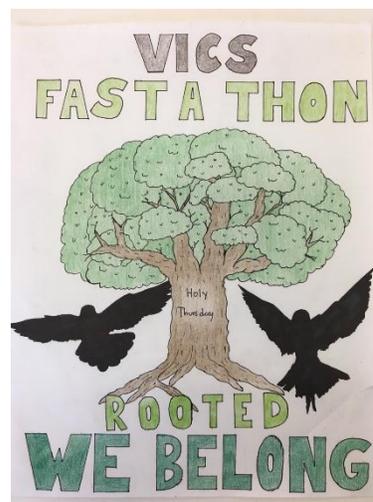
## CALENDAR

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| April 29  | Report Cards distributed  |
| May 2     | Parent-Teacher interviews   |
| May 3     | First Friday Mass<br>Casual Day<br>Late Start schedule                                    |
| May 5     | Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice  |
| May 6- 10 | Catholic Education Week<br>Indigenous Book Drive<br>OYAP Presentation @7pm<br>Koffee Haus |
| May 7     |   |
| May 9     |   |

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| May 10     | Mental Health Day<br>Alumni Pub Night            |
| May 13-15  | Algonquin Park trip                              |
| May 14     | Late Start schedule<br>Letters of Concern mailed |
| May 16     | Spring Arts Festival                             |
| May 20     | Victoria Day (no classes)                        |
| May 22-23  | Multicultural Days                               |
| May 23     | Casual Day                                       |
| May 28     | Late Start schedule<br>CPSC Meeting at 7pm       |
| May 29-30  | SHSM Stratford Trip                              |
| May 30     | Graduation Formal                                |
| June 4     | Election Town Hall                               |
| June 6     | Casual Day                                       |
| June 7     | First Friday Mass at 8am                         |
| June 11    | Athletic Banquet                                 |
| June 12-13 | EQAO Mathematics Exams                           |
| June 18-24 | Examinations                                     |
| June 25    | Exam Review day<br>Grade 8 BBQ                   |
| June 26    | Graduation Mass, Breakfast<br>& Rehearsal        |
| June 27    | Graduation Exercises                             |

## MEN FOR OTHERS

### VICS FASTATHON



The theme of this year's fastathon for VICS (Volunteer International Christian Service) was "Rooted We Belong", and over one hundred students and staff participated. Participants raised thousands of dollars to help send professionals to the developing world to support local priorities

such as education and healthcare. Thanks to Mrs. Pieroni and her team for another fantastic effort this year!

## INSIDE RIDE

Every year the Brebeuf students and staff rally to help fund research for children with cancer as part of the Inside Ride. It's a fun-filled day where participants dress up in costumes and cheer on their team-mates while they pedal away on stationary bicycles. Over \$10,000 was raised this year, and this brings Brebeuf's total for the past seven years to \$100,000! Thanks to all the organizers: Mr. Chin You, Ms. McTernan, Ms. Zepperi, and Ms. Bava and her Grade 11 Leadership class.



## SALESIAN RETREAT



Every year Brebeuf sends students to the Salesian Fathers' Retreat. This experience prepares young people to be people of faith and leaders of others. As Chris Smolej, one of the participants observes: "It was meaningful for a ton of reasons. We all became really close to each other and grew closer to God. We had a blast and met so many new people."

The participants were: Joshua Renzon, Kyle Cabeling, JP Morales, Chris Smolej and Ms. Slegchel.

## CLUB BREBEUF

Brebeuf's tradition of holding a music and talent show in support of Megan's Walk continued this year. Over \$200 was raised to support children with cancer.

## INDIGENOUS BOOK DRIVE

Brebeuf's Gifted students will be collecting children's books during the first week of May. All books will be sent to an Indigenous community in Northern Ontario. Students can bring books to their homeroom classes or drop them off in the library. See Anthony DiNicolo or Mr Da Costa with any questions.



## LOH FAMILY GENEROSITY



**Mr. Chen presenting a plaque to Jenny and Joachim Loh**

Brebeuf is a community with many generous donors. One family that has made a significant contribution to our school and beyond is Jenny and Joachim Loh and their daughter Victoria. In 2017, they lost their son and brother Raphael, a Brebeufian from the class of 2004 and a former teacher in the school. In his memory, they have started two awards for graduates to recognize leaders and athletes. They have also helped to fund the Camp Olympia leadership weekend, a programme close to Raphael's heart. In addition, they have been assisting two young people from the Presentation Brothers' schools in Ghana to attend high school. They are truly a "Family for Others".

## ORDINANDI DINNER



Students from Brebeuf and across the Archdiocese of Toronto have the opportunity on an annual basis to meet those who are about to be ordained to the

priesthood or enter religious orders. A special dinner is held where each person about to be ordained shares his faith journey and vocation story with the audience. Thanks to Ms. Galloway for bringing students to this important vocations-building event.

## HOLY THURSDAY



On Holy Thursday, the Brebeuf community gathered to witness the symbolic re-enacting of Jesus washing the feet of his apostles. The event was celebrated by Father John O'Brien, S.J., who gave an excellent homily on being servant leaders to others.

## SHARELIFE



The Archdiocese of Toronto's official charity is called ShareLife and it supports a wide variety of initiatives across the city. Brebeuf hosted a recent casual day and raised almost \$500 this year.

Michael Penafiel, a Brebeuf alumnus from the Class of 1996 and the current Co-ordinator for Schools and Employee Campaigns for ShareLife, visited the school to personally thank the Brebeuf community for its continued support.

See [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org) for more information.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CAREER DAY



**Mike Murphy '69 with the sr. hockey team**

An annual tradition returned to 211 Steeles Avenue East this year with a Career Day taking place for all Grade 9 and 10 students. Over twenty speakers, most of them Brebeuf alumni, made presentations to highlight their professions with everything from engineering to policing to law represented.

As Ms. Marino, one of the main organizers observed: "The day provided our students with the opportunity to listen to the experiences and career journeys of our guests. This allowed Brebeuf students another avenue to explore many different career options, and to use this information to create a plan moving forward."

One of the most storied presenters was Michael Murphy '69. He is a former NHL player and Maple Leafs hockey coach and the current V.P. of the NHL.

Thanks to Ms. Marino and Ms. Zeppieri of the Guidance Department for their organization.

## GRADUATION

Brebeuf's fifty-third Graduation Exercises will take place on Thursday, June 27. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. John MacDonald '82 (former staff). On June 26, there will be a special Mass and Breakfast for graduates and staff, followed by an important rehearsal.

Complete information can be found at <http://brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org> under "Calendars and Regularly Scheduled Events".

## SCIENCE FAIR



**Lucas Ribeiro and Sean Smolej**

Three Brebeuf Grade 9 students captured bronze medals at the recent Toronto Science Fair. Sean Smolej and Lucas Ribeiro's project was on "Creating Electricity from Mentos and Coke", and Brandon Lau's project focused on GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms).

## VOICES THAT CHALLENGE



Students in Brebeuf's Gifted programme attended the 2019 Voices that Challenge conference at the Catholic Education Centre on April 10. Over 300 students and teachers from across the TCDSB heard guest speakers on the importance of leadership and making a difference in our communities.

## IRELAND LEADERSHIP TRIP

By Matthew Jeong (Grade 11)



This past March break, twelve students and three teachers embarked on a journey to Ireland and I was one of these lucky few. The students included seven from Brebeuf, three from Loretto Abbey,

one from St Joseph Morrow Park and one from Neil McNeil. When I joined this leadership and service group, the only goal I had was to create memories with my friends. But why Ireland? The school trips being offered at the time were Paris, Rome, and Ireland; however my friend and I chose Ireland because out of all the countries English was most commonly used.

Things did not go expected when I learned that there were multiple classes that I had to go to before the trip (Grade 11 Leadership and Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Studies). At first, the classes felt like a chore when I saw the multiple assignments I had to do; however, as time went on, it started to feel more like a group of friends meeting up and I started to be excited about the upcoming classes.

After all the classes were done, it was finally time for the big trip and it sure did not disappoint! The trip had numerous memorable moments that I couldn't possibly fit into this article, therefore I'll include the moments that meant the most to me.

To start off, one memorable moment was when we went to Presentation Brothers' high schools in Bray and Cork. I had the opportunity to meet new people, create new friends and learn so much more about Ireland from those who have lived all their lives in Ireland. In Cork, we were able to interact with Grade 8 Irish students by running an Olympics Day for them and teaching in their classes about Canada. This opportunity taught us about certain character traits the Irish have compared to us in Canada.

Another meaningful moment was also in Cork, where we went to the Presentation Brothers' Retirement Home. The Brothers gave us a warm welcome with tea and snacks, and then they illustrated through thoughtful conversation the true meaning of brotherhood. They truly displayed our motto "Men for Others".

Despite all the experiences the most meaningful for me were the bus rides and spending time in the hotel rooms with my friends. When I joined this journey, I signed up with two of my friends but what I learned is that after spending days nonstop with people you're used to seeing for a only a few hours on weekdays, you discover many things you haven't before. Through the journey, I learned more about my friends and more about myself with them. This whole experience has been a once in a lifetime opportunity and through it, I have grown spiritually and personally.

NOTE: Next year there is a proposal for a similar leadership and service trip to the Caribbean island of Grenada. See Mrs. Marino in Guidance or Mr. Da Costa in Resource (Rm. 222).



**Cavorting in County Kerry, Ireland**



**Matthew Jeong visits with a resident of the Presentation Brothers' SHARE Centre for elderly people in Cork, Ireland**



**At the tomb of Blessed Edmund Rice, Founder of the Presentation Brothers, at Mount Zion in Waterford**



**Canada v. the lads from Presentation College Bray in a friendly international soccer match**



**Presenting the Principal of Colaiste Christ Ri (College of Christ the King), a Presentation Brothers' school in Cork, with a Group of Seven painting**

## MATH UPDATE

By Brad Ryan

Enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 Brebeuf Enriched Mathematics Program is strong, thus the program will continue to be available to students who wish to enhance their mathematics learning and strive for excellence.

This year's 2018-2019 classes have performed very well with most classes having low-eighties or better class averages. The grade 11/12 enriched students are hard at work during the month of April, preparing for the AP-Calculus exam which will be written on May 14. This is a four hour exam in total and is equivalent to a credit in first year university calculus. I have strong expectations for this great class.

The Waterloo Euclid contest was held on April 3 and is for grade 12 students who plan to go to Waterloo. The entire grade 11 enriched class wrote the exam and I again am expecting good results from them.

The 2019 Waterloo results for the Grade 9 ( Pascal ) grade 10 ( Caley ) and Grade 11 ( Fermat ) have been released. Congratulations to Cristian Cuero Valencia who was our top grade 9 student with a score of 123 out of 150, Deven Liscombe who was our top grade 10 student with a score of 132 out of 150, and to Anthony Dinicolo who was our top grade 11 student with a score of 116 out of 150. A score of 100 or better out of 150 on these contests is an excellent achievement and I am quite pleased with the hard work of these students.

## THEATRE DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Martin Trotter (Grade 11) for being recognized with a the District Award for Outstanding Director for his play "In Between" at the National Theatre School Festival! He and Sean Espiritu also got an Award of Excellence for acting!

## STARBEUFS



Students and staff in Brebeuf's Intensive Support Classes have been recognized with a TCDSB Innovative Exemplary Practice Award for their "STARBEUFS" programme.

STARBEUFS is an online, school based coffee work skill experience to help develop job-related talent in an ISP student. It provides ISP students with:

- Work experience
- Literacy/language
- Numeracy/business math
- Social skills
- Leadership/Co-op
- Self confidence

Congratulations to all involved!

## THE B NEWSPAPER



Brebeuf has its own student newspaper – *The B*. Since 1963, it has given students an outlet to write and share both what goes on at the school and their opinions. The most recent issue came out recently and

students are planning a final issue for June. Meetings are held every Tuesday in the library and all are welcome.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

It has been said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. At Brebeuf, we are lucky to have a daily breakfast programme which is free to all students. Thanks to Mr. Wright and his team of Ms. Cautilo, Ms. Galloway, Ms. Delacroix and Ms. Cecatini for organizing this initiative and to the Angel Foundation and to Toronto Public Health for their support.

## ALUMNI



## MCINERNEY DONATION

Barry McInerney '81 and his wife Rose have donated \$10,000 to Brebeuf. Half of the funds will sponsor a scholarship in the name of their son Marcus (<http://www.marcusforchange.org>). The other half will be used by the school to assist students with paying for experiences they might not normally be able to afford, such as Camp Muskoka, field trips, and tournaments. We are blessed to have such generous alumni and friends.

## ALUMNI PUB NIGHT

Once a Brebeufian, always a Brebeufian! Alumni, staff, and former staff will gather at the school for a pub night reunion on Friday, May 10 from 7 p.m. to midnight. There will be a cash bar, silent and live auctions, and a performance by Mysterion the Mentalist (Chris Doyle '93). All proceeds will assist the Alumni Association and the school. Contact Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org for more information.

# PARENT COUNCIL

## BREBEUF ANNUAL USED UNIFORM SALE

*FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019*

Parents, if your son has outgrown any of his uniform pieces, please consider either donating or selling these items on consignment through this sale. If you need to purchase other uniform items for your son for next year, consider coming to the sale to see what's available.

Grade 12 graduates, this is a great way to give back to your alma mater and do some house-cleaning of uniform pieces that you will no longer be needing after graduation!

All monies raised are used to assist various initiatives at Brebeuf, such as Kairos and Salesian retreats, team sponsorships, Muskoka Woods, the Brother Maher Graduation award, and many other programmes that directly benefit all Brebeuf students.

Drop-off dates for used uniform pieces will be as follows:

Tuesday June 25th 8:30am - 9:30am (Exam review morning)

Wednesday June 26th - 8:30am - 9:30am (Grad Mass & Breakfast)

Friday July 5th - 3:00pm - 4:00pm (before Used Uniform sale)

The BREBEUF Uniform Exchange cannot be successful without the help of our wonderful parents and students. Parent or student volunteers are needed for the day of the sale:

If you are able to assist for a couple of hours, or for the duration of the sale, please email Maria Piccione @ jian\_maria@hotmail.com, Trish Berry @ trishberry@sympatico.ca, or Mario Duran @ Mario.duran@rogers.com



### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019

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# SPORTS

By Brad Chin You '98  
Athletic Director



Brebeuf's Varsity Hockey team won its first TDCAA Non-Contact Hockey Championship in school history, beating Cardinal Newman in a thrilling final. The Bulls, down 5-3 with 4 minutes remaining, stormed back to win 6-5 on a goal by Jacob Knock with 25 seconds left in regulation time. Congratulations to the boys and to coaches Mr. Vittorio and Mr. Chin You on a fantastic season!



The Junior and Senior Table Tennis teams also took home the TDCAA Championships! The following won medals:

- Jr Gold medal singles - Philip Abdalla
- Jr Bronze medal doubles - Bruno Trivisan & Matteo Larocca
- Sr Gold medal singles – Jeremiah Lineza

- Sr Silver medal singles – John Hanna
- Sr Silver medal doubles – David Dela Cruz & Cristian Baluyot

With the Junior and Senior titles, the Brebeuf won the Overall TDCAA Table Tennis Championship. Thanks to coaches Ms. Chung and Mrs. Savelli for all of their efforts in bringing back Brebeuf's table tennis dynasty!



Congrats to Mr. Marinic's Badminton team, finishing fifth overall in TDCAA league play. Highlights include:

- Sr Singles Bronze - Bryan Kim going to OFSAA in North Bay
- Sr Doubles Bronze - Eiron Pascua and Erik Nguyen
- Bantams Mixed Doubles Silver - Ivan Mendoza
- Bantam Singles 4th - Dennis Lachica
- Bantam Doubles 4th - Sher Marvin Umayam and Nikko Lagmay

The Jr Volleyball team is off to a solid start, at 2-0 in the regular season. The team has been working hard with coaches Scortino and Prendi in preparation for another great season.

Next up in the spring, we have Baseball, Sr. Soccer, Track and Field, and Rugby getting ready to compete....stay tuned!

