



THE RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – JULY 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

Derek Chen



As always, these last few months have been a sprint to the finish, jam-packed with exciting events and activities. A few highlights include the exciting Inside Ride, Multicultural Days, Koffeehaus, Club Brebeuf, Spring Arts Festival,

“Meat” and Greet BBQ, the year’s final Town Hall, Student Council elections, the school’s first Autism Awareness event, a Mental Health Awareness speaker, a book drive for Indigenous communities, and the EQAO Math Test. Our students participated in numerous trips, retreats, and events celebrating our faith including Reconciliation, praying of the rosary, and school liturgies. For a third year, Brebeuf also co-hosted the TCDSB Asian-Canadian Heritage Month Mass and Culture Exposé with St. Joseph Morrow Park. At our Closing Mass, we paid tribute to Br. Henry, who was awarded the Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers by the Governor General’s Office. We also presented a cheque to ShareLife for the funds that students and staff raised for the Archdiocese’s charity over the past two years. Before the end of the school year, the Gardening Club planted a pollinator garden in the front yard and installed a bench and planted some trees directly in front of the school. The results of our Eco-Schools certification application were released, and we were ecstatic to find out that the school had achieved Gold certification, thanks to the leadership of the Eco-Club!

Our athletics program continued to be very strong, with a fantastic showing by a number of our teams, including a member of our Track and Field team competing at OFSAA. The year was capped by another successful Athletic Banquet, where MVPs, MIPs, and Athletes of the Year were recognized.

The year ended with another wonderful joint Prom with our sister school, St. Joseph Morrow Park, and a beautiful Graduation Mass and Breakfast. All of our graduates were honoured at the graduation ceremony that featured guest speaker, Brebeuf alumnus and former Brebeuf teacher, John MacDonald; Valedictorian, TCDSB Student Trustee and multiple award winner, Joel Ndongmi; and Salutatorian Ryan Rajasooriar. Congratulations to the Class of 2019; to Matthew Vidov, winner of the Father J. Winston Rye S.J. Award and the Governor-General’s Medal for the highest academic standing in both Gr.11 and 12; to Joshua Belluz for signing with the Villanova University Wildcats in Philadelphia on a full soccer scholarship next year; and to all award winners! Graduates, you are now officially alumni. Please keep in touch, and remember to join the incredible Brebeuf Alumni Association, to whom we owe much gratitude.

A huge thank you to Parent Council (CSPC) Chair Mario Duran, Vice Chair Cristina Martins, and the rest of the CSPC for their on-going support. A huge thanks for organizing the annual Used Uniform Sale, as well.

Congratulations to six retirees on staff – Mr. Spano, Ms. Johnston, Ms. Orlando, Ms. Pieroni, Mr. Rogers, and Ms. Zuccaro. A special thanks to Mr. Spano for his work on the administrative team these past three years with

me, and five years in total with Brebeuf College. We wish all of them the best. They will be missed.

Thank you to Mr. Da Costa for putting together all of our newsletters this year. Of course, our appreciation is also extended to Trustee Maria Rizzo for her continued support of the Brebeuf community.

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!

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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 17th Century. Its aim is to share much of the good news coming from the school.

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Dina Orlando



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Michael Rogers '81

MEN FOR OTHERS

RETIREES

Brebeuf bids a special farewell to six retirees and thanks them for their many years of service to our school community.



Anne Johnston



Walter Spano



Susan Zuccaro

INDIGENOUS BOOK DRIVE



Brebeuf's Gifted students collected children's books during the first week of May. Led by Grade 11 student Anthony Di Nicolo, they exceeded their expectations and collected over 1000 books, which will be sent to an indigenous community in Northern Ontario. A class competition ensued, with Mr. Martinez's students coming out on top. Thanks to all who donated.

AUTISM AWARENESS FUNDRAISER

By Sebastian Wakefield

On May 24, Brebeuf students Aryan Tabiban and Peter Natsias organized the Autism Awareness fundraiser held during lunch and after school. This fundraiser included hot dog sales run by Mr. Bayley's business leadership class and two very competitive indoor soccer games. As one of the hot dog chefs, I can say that the job was no piece of cake. We spent numerous hours in the blazing sun overtop a scorching hot grill trying to cook every hot dog to perfection while pressured by the surplus of students waiting in line for their food. Although, once the DDME students arrived to get their hot dogs with huge, merry smiles across their faces, it seemed like a very small price to pay. Since there were quite a few burnt hot dogs throughout the day, Mr. Bayley's class was permitted to eat the discarded dogs while on the job. Even though this may have hindered some of the

fundraiser profits, we were still able to bring in over \$1500! This personally came as a surprise to me, as I know most of the class ate at least three hot dogs each.

The soccer games after school were also a hit, especially the game with Brebeuf and St. Joseph's teachers versus the grade 12 Brebeuf students. Both teams were putting their all into the game and had their eyes solely on winning. I could tell it was getting competitive once I heard some trash talk from a few players on the student team who were surprised with the physicality of the teachers; clearly there was no mercy when it came to teachers vs. students.

My hat goes off to both Aryan and Peter who dedicated themselves relentlessly for many weeks to making this fundraiser run smoothly and for their hospitality towards autism awareness. As Aryan stated: "It isn't just something to put on my resume; this fundraiser was simply a good thing to do. I got a chance to do something for someone other myself, for those truly in need."

BROTHER HENRY HONOURED



The Brebeuf community celebrated the recent announcement that Brother Henry Spencer, our chaplain, had been given the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by the Governor-General. It was presented to Brother at a special ceremony following the final school mass on

June 8. Brother has been officially retired since 1998, but comes to Brebeuf daily as a volunteer to lead a morning communion service, say the prayer over the PA system, plan retreats and sacraments, and mentor students and staff. He also volunteers at Sunnybrook Hospital and the Out of the Cold programme for the homeless, among many other pursuits. He is a Man for Others and we are proud of his achievement and this recognition.

SCHOOL NEWS

MATH UPDATE

By Brad Ryan

ECO SCHOOL DISTINCTION



After less than one year, Brebeuf has earned the coveted Gold Eco School standard for its efforts to promote sound environmental policies at the school. The Eco Club, led by Ms. Johnston, had

hoped to earn the silver standard and was thrilled to be recognized for going the next mile to get gold.

ESSAY WINNER



Andre Martins was the winner of the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business Professionals' Portuguese Heritage Essay Contest. His essay was on the topic: "How has my Portuguese heritage been an influence in my life?". He won \$250.00. Congratulations!

Enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 Brebeuf Advanced Placement Mathematics Programme is strong, thus the programme 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 mid-eighties or better class averages.

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 and many grade 12 students wrote this difficult and challenging 2.5 hour exam. Congratulations goes to Mark Baula, who scored an exceptional 73/100, Anthony Di Liddo who scored a 69/100 and Iman Khademagha who scored a 69/100 as well. Our team score of 211/300 is the best score we have obtained in the last 10 years and places Brebeuf as one of the higher ranking schools in all of Canada who wrote this contest. My sincere congratulations to the excellent students that I have been fortunate enough to teach this year at Brebeuf College.

KOFFEE HAUS



The atrium was alive with the sound of music in early May as students and staff showed off their musical and artistic talent at the semi-annual Koffee Haus. It was exciting to celebrate the talents that students develop both at school and in the community.

MULTICULTURAL DAY



Brebeuf celebrates its diverse student and staff population every year at the Multicultural Day fair. Everyone has the opportunity to share in the food that various cultures share. Fifteen different cultures were represented this year.



MEDICAL SCHOOL



Chris Tarzi from the class of 2016 was recently accepted to the medical school at the University of Ottawa after only third year! This is an extraordinary accomplishment and reflects some of the academic success our graduates experience at university and college. Congratulations Chris!

THE B NEWSPAPER



Students published their second issue of the school's newspaper, *The B*. Copies can be picked up in the main office or the library. *The B* has been the student voice of Brebeuf since 1963.

STUDENT TRUSTEE TERM ENDS



Joel Ndongmi recently completed his final year of a two year term as one of the Student Trustees for the TCDSB. Joel represented the students' voice at board meetings and served with distinction. He represented Brebeuf well and showed the quality of student leadership that marks our school.



GRADUATION 2019



Brebeuf's fifty-third Graduation Exercises took place on Thursday, June 27 at the Brighton Convention Centre. The Guest Speaker was Mr. John MacDonald '82 (former staff). Following the presentation of diplomas, many awards were given to deserving students. Over \$10,000 in prizes were awarded. The ceremony ended with the Valedictory Address by Joel Ndongmi.



Joel Ndongmi gives the Valedictory address



Brotherhood and Men for Others

On June 26, there was a special Mass for Graduates in the gym celebrated by Father Winston Rye, S.J., former principal.

Following Mass, all students and staff gathered for a delicious Breakfast in the atrium. Some prizes were awarded, including the ever popular "Graduate Most Likely to Become..." distinctions.



GRADE 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

Drama	Marcus Sorrell & Sean Espiritu
Music	Kyung Been Cho, Sang Hoon Lee, Joel Ndongmi
Media Studies	William Conway
Visual Arts	Maximos Lontok
Accounting	Grayson Mcmanus
International Business	Justin Nguyen & James O'Neil
Business Leadership	Dominic Guzzo & Ethan Mckinley
World History	Miguel Ilustre
Economics	Alister Lobo
Law	Miguel Ilustre
English (College)	Ding Hung Ha
English (University)	Brendan Lobo & Matthew Vidov
Extended French	Joel Ndongmi
French Award	John Hanna
Learning Strategies	Christian Hayrabedian
Religion	Matthew Vidov & Brendan Lobo
Challenge And Change	Miguel Ilustre, Sonny Mann, Andrew Omazic
Philosophy	Michael Kirwin
Computer Science	Matthew Vidov
Literacy	Marl Nafarrete
College Mathematics	Dinh Hung Ha
Mathematics Tech.	Hoseong Lee
Calculus & Vectors (U)	Julian Sanchez
Calculus & Vectors (AP)	Iman Khademngha
Data Management	Matthew Vidov
Mathematics (W)	Joshua Wettlaufer
Advanced Functions (U)	Hyunsu Cho
Advanced Functions (AP)	Dennis O'Brien
Fitness	Melvin Ancheta & Marcus Salonga
Physical Education	Eric Aghazarian
Kinesiology	Anthony Di Liddo & Iman Khademagha
Biology	Iman Khademagha
Chemistry	John Hanna
Physics (College)	Luis Alvarez Guerron
Physics (University)	Julian Sanchez
Physics (Enriched)	Matthew Vidov
Computer Engineering	Brendan Lobo
Communications Tech.	Eric Tanguilig
Digital Imagery	Ken Capati
Healthcare	David Molano



GRADUATION AWARDS

The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award	Sonny Mann
The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship	Michael Kirwin
The Lou Puccini Scholarship	Sam Loria
The Gerry Tanner Award	Brendan Lobo
The Michael Thompson Award	Michael Long
The Brebeuf Benefactors' Award	Rodrigo Yabut
The Michael Brown Memorial Award	Ben Park
The Brother Lawrence Maher, F.P.M. Award	Brendan Lobo
The Catholic Student Award	Alexandru Mezmer
The Governor-General's Award	Matthew Vidov
The Joe Will Award	Roberto Del Grosso
The Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship	Andrew Omazic & Joel Ndongmi
The Man for Others Award	Aryan Tabiban
The Father Winston Rye, S.J. Award	Matthew Vidov
The Martin Foy '82 Award	Do Young Lee
The Marcus McInerney Scholarship	Aidan Cooke
The Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Most Improvement	Alister Lobo

GRADUATE'S PERSPECTIVE

By Andrew Omazic

The Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Sports
Leadership
Andrew Omazic

The Presentation Brothers' Award
Marcello Burlo & William Conway

The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Award
John Hanna

The Visual Arts Award
William Conway

The Theatre Brebeuf Award
Sean Espiritu & Marcus Sorrell

Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award
Aidan Cooke

Lieutenant-Governor's Award
Mina Kaseb

Michael Daoust '67 Mathematics Award
Iman Khademagha

TSU OECTA Award
Joel Ndongmi

Excellence in Science Award
Iman Khademagha

Harknett Music Award
Matteo Risi

Fintan Kilbride Award
Joel Ndongmi

Joe Younder Debating Award
Michael Kirwin

Jim Morris '77 Journalism Award
Michael Kirwin



About four years ago I made the choice to come to Brebeuf College school. I had other high schools that were much closer to my house, that my friends were going too, but from the moment I walked into Brebeuf's open house I knew that this was the school that I wanted to spend my high school years in. Looking back at this decision, it turned out

to be so much better than I ever could have imagined. I will be graduating in just a few weeks and I can honestly say throughout my 4 years here, I have loved this school and everything about it.

I came to this school alone, not knowing anyone but my brother who was one year older. Since I first started in the grade 9 summer school transition program, I felt a warm welcome from all the teachers and my peers. I found it very easy to make friends quickly, and these friendships have lasted my whole high school career. I went from knowing nobody at the school, to feeling like I know everybody. The friendships I made here will last me a lifetime. When I first heard of the brotherhood here I didn't believe in it, and I thought it was just something that people said, that I didn't fully understand. I have realized over my time here that the brotherhood is not only real, but is a strong feeling throughout the building. I came to the school with one brother by birth, and I am leaving it with a thousand by choice.

The academics were always exceptional. In every class I felt like I had the resources to succeed and do the best I could. All of my teachers were excellent, teaching me many lessons I can apply to my life, inside and outside the classroom. I couldn't



be more pleased with how my academic life turned out here.

But high school is so much more than just the academics. Yes, that is a big focus, and Brebeuf has a lot to offer in that sense, but it also has so many other things that made the school so special for me. I created so many memories here that will stick with me forever.

Going to Muskoka Woods and Camp Olympia leadership retreats were both great ways to make new friends and memories. Participating in the athletic programs such as rugby and hockey were amazing opportunities. Bonding with your friends in sports, is like nothing else. When I was in grade 10 our rugby team won the junior championship as huge under dogs against the first-place team. In grade 11 I was a part of the team that won Brebeuf's first senior hockey finals and went to OFFSA. Going to Algonquin provincial park was another amazing trip for me, where my friends and I hiked over 30km. These are just a few examples of what made my time here great. I will never forget these experiences and they will always be a part of the best memories of my life, and it is because of Brebeuf.

What makes Brebeuf great isn't just how nice of a physical school it is. What makes it so great are the teachers and people here. There are so many exceptional teachers who are not only good at teaching, but do so much more for the school and community, by participating in clubs, sport teams, leadership events, trips and more. These teachers are what make Brebeuf the best it can be. This school has so many teachers here committed to making sure our school is a great place, and they continue to do an excellent job in doing so.

I feel like Brebeuf has helped me shape the man I am becoming. Brebeuf has developed my character and skills in many aspects which I am grateful for.

Now that my time here is coming to an end I can only look back at it with a smile. Whenever anyone asks me how I felt towards my school I always have a positive response. It is hard for me to put into words what this school means to me. My advice for

any students at the school is to get involved with as many things as you can. The more you put into the school the more you get out of it. Brebeuf will be with me forever and I also hope to stay involved with the school.

ALUMNI

PUB NIGHT SUCCESS



Over one hundred Old Boys returned to their alma mater on May 11 for the annual Pub Night Reunion. It was a fun night for all and shows the bonds of Brebeuf brotherhood. Silent and live auctions raised funds for the association and the graduation scholarships it delivers to students.

ALUMNUS RECOGNIZED



Congratulations to Parag Shah '00 for being named one of the Top 40 Under 40 Business Leaders in Canada!

PARENT COUNCIL

BREBEUF ANNUAL USED UNIFORM SALE

**FRIDAY JULY 5, 2019
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
BREBEUF CAFETERIA**

Brebeuf's Parent Council (CSPC) runs the used uniform sale as its main fundraiser. All money raised is used to fund school activities to improve the students' high school experiences.

SPORTS



**By Brad Chin Yu '98
Athletic Director**

The 2018-19 year in Brebeuf Athletics was another memorable journey. Thank you to all of our Student-Athletes for their dedication and for representing Brebeuf so well this year. Special thanks goes to our coaches for their extraordinary commitment to the success of our students - in the classroom and through the avenue of athletics. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated by the Brebeuf community!

2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

Varsity Hockey Champions
Jr Table Tennis Champions
Sr Table Tennis Champions
Brebeuf Football Programme Returns

2018-19 BREBEUF ATHLETICS TROPHIES AND MEDALS

Badminton Coaches: Mr. Marinic and Ms. Bava
Bantam MVP - Ivan Mendoza
Bantam MIP - Dennis Lachica
Jr MVP - Martin Datu
Jr MIP - Sher Marvin Umayam
Jr MIP - King Jhasper Martinez
Sr MVP - Erik Nguyen
Sr MIP - Eiron

Basebal Coaches: Mr. Solarski, Mr. Chin You, Mr. Vittorio
MVP- Grayson McManus

Jr Basketbal Coaches: Mr. Sottile and Mr. Ferguson
MVPs - Ryan Dimaculangan and Domenic Ferguson

Sr Basketbal Coaches: Mr. Pagnanelli and Mr. Wright
MVP - Bosco Tumabilt
MIP - Robyn Tavas

Cross Country Coach: Mr. Breglia
Junior MVP - Alex Macalalad
Senior MVP - Aries Hospedales-Alexander

Flag Football Coach: Ms. Seguin
MVP - Brian Green

Sr Football Coaches: Mr. Engel and Mr. Warren
Offensive MVP - Julio Bolahood
Defensive MVP - Joshua Sanelli
Frank MacGrath SR Leadership Award - Nate Panganiban

Jr Football Coaches: Mr. Engel and Mr. Warren
Offensive MVP - Luka Stoikos
Defensive MVP - Stephen Emiliani

Frank MacGrath SR Leadership Award - Mark Guillen

Golf Coach: Mr. Chin You

MVP- Anthony Di Liddo

Varsity Hockey Coaches: Mr. Vittorio, Mr. Chin You, Mr.

Debicki, Ms. Seguin, Mr. Sciortino

MVP - Jacob Knock

Sr Hockey Coaches: Mr. Chin You, Mr. Solarski, Mr.

Vittorio

MVP- Michael Long

Joe Sinopoi Hockey Award - Andrew Omazic

Rugby Coach: Mr. Engel

Senior MVP - Miguel Dela Cruz

Junior MVP - Danai Mafuse

Jr Soccer Coach: Mr. Debicki, Mr. Marinic, Mr. Latino

MVP - Gino Lucente

MIP Matthew Coletta

MIP Sergio Garcia

Sr Soccer Coaches: Mr. Aquino, Mr. Sabatini, Mr.

Debicki

MVP - Joshua Belluz

Leadership and Discipline Award: Nick Bosnyak

Indoor Soccer Coaches: Mr. Aquino, Mr. Sabatini, Mr.

Debicki

MVP - Alex Amoroso

Leadership & Discipline Award - Josh Sanelli

Swimming Coaches: Ms. Shannon, Mrs. McTernan

MVP - Jesse Barnabe

Table Tennis Coaches: Ms. Chung and Mrs. Savelli

Jr MVP - Philip Abdalla

Sr MVP - Jeremiah Linezo

Tennis Coach: Mr. D'Angelo

Sr MVP - Abner Bernard

Track and Field Coach: Mr. Breglia

Midget MVP: Justin Meniano

Junior MVP: Karl Mondonedi

Senior MVP: Shaian Esnaashari

Sr. Volleyball Coaches: Mr. Pagnanelli, Ms. Prendi

MVP: Jeremie Gelera

MIP - Harry Fatukasi

Jr. Volleyball Coaches: Ms. Prendi, Mr. Sciortino

MVP - Matthew London

MIP - Seyed Voradi

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

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Rookie of the Year

Frenz Alonzo

Junior Athlete of the Year

Luka Stoikos

Senior Athlete of the Year

Joshua Belluz



Joshua Belluz (centre) receives the Senior Athlete of the Year trophy

NEW LEADERSHIP AWARD



A new award for leadership in the school's football programme has been created in honour of Frank MacGrath '82, the chairman of the alumni association. This was inaugurated in recognition of the leadership Frank showed in supporting the fundraising for the newly created football team. Over \$30,000 was raised. The winners was Mark Guillen.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2018-2019

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	Joel Ndongmi Student Trustee	416-512-3417

*Have a Safe &
Happy
Summer
Holiday!*