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## Principal's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Although it is now my second year as principal, I continue to be amazed daily by the variety of events that continually reflect the vibrant community we have here at Brebeuf College School. Whether it is in academics, athletics, co-curricular activities, or faith formation, it is clear that Brebeuf continues to be a school with a difference. It is not surprising that many of the local alumni and staff send their sons to this school.

An important factor that makes Brebeuf stand out from most schools is the enthusiastic and generous support of our alumni. We are thankful for the thousands of dollars raised over the years. In order to ensure that Brebeuf remains at the forefront of Catholic education, we need to invest continually in technology, which is used to benefit all students. We appreciate the Alumni Association setting a goal of raising \$50,000 for much-needed equipment.

Alumni generosity is not just financial. Many alumni provide work opportunities for students involved in our growing cooperative education programme. Others mentor students in our Alumni Speaker Series. Some actively coach our teams or donate computer equipment. They attend our concerts, plays, and the Communion Breakfast. Our alumni demonstrate how they live the best ideal of a Brebeuf education, to be "men for others" through the work they do in their communities and by giving back to their alma mater and to the next generation of Brebeufians.

As our patron, St. Jean de Brebeuf, wrote in Canada's first Christmas carol, "The holy Child of Earth and Heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy". May the Christ Child be with you and your families this Christmas and in the New Year. I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming Brebeuf Alumni events.

God bless,

Anthony Azzopardi Principal

### **Brebeuf Website**

The Alumni Association maintains a web site, email and business directory to help alumni stay in contact with the school and each other. Help us grow the email directory by sending your email address to

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Add your business to the Alumni Business Directory at www.brebeufalumni.org/business.php Visit www.brebeufalumni.org or the school site

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# Alumni Update

On behalf of the Brebeuf Alumni Association I am pleased to announce several exciting new initiatives involving our alumni.

First, the Alumni Association is formally launching the "Brebeuf Technology Fund" to generate \$50,000.00 in financial support so that Brebeuf College can continue to provide an excellent academic experience for its students. The monies raised through the technology fund will help to purchase state of the art items such as computers, laptops, and smartboards. The alumni have been very generous in supporting Brebeuf in our previous fundraising campaigns and we are confident that our graduates will join us this new fundraising initiative. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed pledge card and send in your tax receiptable contribution today.

While we would certainly welcome your financial support, the school is also interested in receiving donations of computer products and other high-tech learning aids. If you have such products available (e.g. computer monitors, keyboards, laptops, etc) please contact <a href="Principal Anthony">Principal Anthony</a> Azzopardi at anthony.azzopardi@tcdsb.org

Second, the Alumni Association is encouraging all grad classes to consider holding a reunion when their year reaches a milestone, such as a 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th anniversary. Please see further details on page 3 as to how we can help your class plan these events.

Many thanks to the numerous alumni members who volunteer their time, talent and energy to help maintain Brebeuf as a "school with a difference". Special thanks to the tireless efforts of the Alumni Association executive:

- Michael Da Costa '92
- Bryon Di Sera '81
- Michael Flint '89
- Peter Gillespie '85
- Andrew Munro '82
- Jonathan Page '93
- Marc Vittorio '01
- Steve White '81

Merry Christmas to all alumni and their families and best wishes for 2010.

Frank MacGrath '82 Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

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### **Brebeuf News**

#### New Alumni On Staff

Scott (Ascot) Waithe '91 is a full-time student supervisor and also helps coach our junior basketball team. Scott was given Brebeuf's "Man for Others" award in June. Scott is also a DJ, hosting a show on Flow 93.5. Scott joins 11 other alumni on staff, representing almost 20% of the total faculty.

### Retirements / Staff Changes

Mr. Tony Bellisario, Vice-Principal since 2004, has been appointed Principal of James Cardinal McGuigan H.S. He will be missed. Elvis says "Thank you, thank you very much!"

<u>Joe DiFonzo</u> retired in June after 32 years of teaching including the last 5 years at Brebeuf. Besides teaching religion and physical education, Joe was also a volleyball coach, weightroom supervisor, and moderator of the youth ministry group.

<u>Marianne Loranger</u> arrived at Brebeuf in 2004 to teach religion and has now transferred to become head of theology and chaplain at Neil McNeil.

#### **Former Staff**

<u>Paul Kortenaar</u> is now a civil servant working at the Ontario Science Centre. "It really suits me," he adds.

<u>Tom Sullivan</u> one of Brebeut's founding teachers and a former VP, Tom has been making news lately in his battles with the TDSB to make the grade school report cards easier to understand and more specific in their language.

<u>Fr. Jim Webb S.J</u> is now the Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in English Canada.

### **Student Achievements**

- Brebeuf raised \$6000 for the Brother Maher Fund for Africa, which supports St Charles School in Yendi, Ghana.
- In the University of Waterloo's math contests, <u>Young Jin Lee</u>
   <u>'10</u> had the highest score in the TCDSB in the Canadian
   Open Math Challenge and <u>Kevin Corso '12</u> scored a
   remarkable 139 out of 150 on the Cayley Mathematics
   Contest and ranked first in the TCDSB for this event.
- Kiwanis Music Festival: The Stage Band and saxophone quintet won silver, the clarinet trio won gold, and the flute trio won silver. In the Music Fest Canada Regional Competition, our senior stage band took home the silver.

#### **Sports Highlights**

- Track and Field Bantam team finished 2nd overall with 13 of 17 Bantams finishing in the Top 8; Marc Rasing set 3 TDCAA records in Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump. The Track Team finished 5th Overall.
- Badminton Brebeuf won all five TDCAA titles this year, including the League title with for the 18th time in the last 21 years. The Badminton team has dominated the TCAA -21 straight overall titles, 13 consecutive Senior and 11 consecutive Junior titles.
- Table Tennis, 10 overall TDCAA titles in the last 11 years, and the 5th straight TDCAA Senior title
- Soccer: reached the OFSAA tournament
- Swimming: overall TCAA Boys & Midget Boys Champions



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### Mike Daoust `67 To Retire

It is very hard to imagine Brebeuf College without Mike Daoust '67. Since the opening day of the school in September, 1963, and with the exception of five years at university, Mike has been an integral part of our school's history for more than forty years. As both a student and then as a teacher Mike has spent more years at Brebeuf than any other individual.

Mike passed the entrance examinations set by Father Bob Meagher SJ, the school's first principal, and formed part of the school's first Grade 10 class in 1963-64. After graduation in 1967, Mike returned to 211 Steeles Avenue in 1972 as a teacher of mathematics and became the first alumnus to return to work at his alma mater. Upon the retirement of Lou Puccini in 1996, Mike took over as head of the mathematics department. Never a teacher to accept mediocrity, Mike has always worked hard to help struggling students, and runs an after school math tutoring club. He also works hard with



students to prepare them to enter math contests. His efforts have always paid off and Brebeuf continues to rank as one of the top math schools in Canada. In addition, Mike was instrumental in creating the Nation system for intramural sports in the early 1980's.

After thirty-seven years of teaching, all at Brebeuf, Mike will retire in January, 2010. The school will honour Mike for his many outstanding contributions to the Brebeuf community with a Mass and luncheon to be held at Brebeuf on Sunday February 7th. 11:00 AM Mass and 12:00 Noon Lunch. Lunch & gift: \$50.00; Gift only: \$20.00.

RSVP to mario.dethomasis@tcdsb.org

### **Alumni Chapters & Reunions**

- Brebeuf Alumni live in many different cities outside of the GTA. If you're interested in starting a Brebeuf Alumni Chapter in your area, we'd be glad to help! Some possible locations are: Ottawa, New York, London, Hong Kong, Vancouver, Calgary. Please contact Michael Da Costa '92 at michael.dacosta@rogers.com
- Interested in planning a reunion or get together for your grad class? The Alumni Association can help by providing mailing lists, email addresses and contract information.
   Please contact either Frank MacGrath '82 fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or Michael Da Costa '92 at michael.dacosta@rogers.com
- Class of '80 grads from Brebeuf and St. Joe's are planning a 30th reunion in the spring of 2010. This event is open to



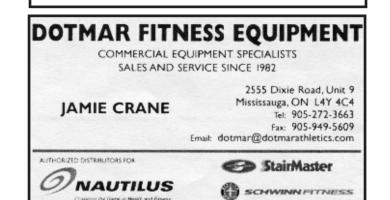


- all other alumni years. If you are interested in assisting with the preparation, would like to participate in the entertainment or would simply like to attend, please contact either <a href="Mark Lavigne">Mark Lavigne</a> (mark.lavigne@sympatico.ca) or <a href="Susan Duggan">Susan Duggan</a> (susanduggan@rogers.com).
- St. Joseph's Morrow Park is trying to re-establish contact with many of its alumnae as SJMP celebrates its 50th year of operation. Brebeuf alumni who have email contacts for SJMP alumnae should contact simpalumnae@gmail.com.
- •The Class of '85 will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2010. 1985 grads interested in learning more about plans for their 25th anniversary reunion should contact Peter Gillespie '85 at 416-250-5520 ext 291 or peter.gillespie@freedom55financial.com



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## Alumni Pub Night - April 25, 2009



















Photos courtesy of Roman Turlo.

A severe storm and power failures across the city could not keep 200 alumni, staff, and former staff from returning to Brebeuf for the Bi-Annual Reunion on April 25th.

The evening started with a Mass of Remembrance for deceased alumni and staff celebrated by <u>Fr. J. Winston Rye S.J.</u>, former Rector and Principal. Following Mass, a special ceremony recognized the 25th Anniversary of the school's association with the Presentation Brothers and in particular, the outstanding contributions of <u>Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M.</u> (chaplain).

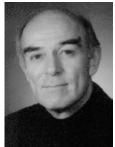
Alumni then gathered in the school's atrium and had a chance to reminisce with former classmates and teachers in a "pub-like" atmosphere. The food was catered by <u>Daniel Johnson '92</u>, Vice-President of En Ville Catering. Alumni who had not been to the school's new building had a chance to tour around and be "wowed" by the changes that have taken place over the years. Staff and former staff in attendance included: <u>Mark Burke</u>, <u>Mike Daoust '67</u>, <u>Sergio DeMiglio</u>, <u>Roman Turlo</u>, <u>Mike Speckert '79</u>, <u>Fr. Winston Rye</u>, <u>Br. Henry Spencer</u>, and <u>Mike Da Costa '92</u>.

Many alumni traveled a great distance to join their fellow classmates, including <u>Steven Spiegelmann '79</u> who came all the way from Red Deer, Alberta. <u>Luc Alicandro '79</u> was the envy of every grad present – Luc showed up wearing his Redmen football jacket and it still fits him perfectly – 30 years later!

Thanks to all of the organizers and volunteers. We hope to see everybody at the next reunion in 2011.

# In 2009 we mourned the loss of three extraordinary former Brebeuf staff members:

Please see the stories on pages 5 & 9.



Buzz Massie



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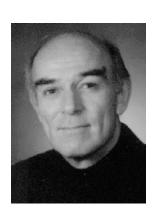
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### Jesuit Provincial's Dinner

All alumni are invited to attend the annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner on April 14, 2010 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. Among the Jesuits to be honoured that evening for their fifty years of service to the Society of Jesus is Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. Former Brebeuf Principal (1979-1984). For ticket information please contact the Jesuit Development Office at 416-481-9154 or <a href="mailto:creation-right

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## Fr. Brian 'Buzz' Massie, S.J. 1943-2009



**Fr. Brian Massie, S.J.** died on May 3, 2009 after a lengthy illness. Known as "Buzz" to his friends, Fr. Massie served in communities as diverse as Brebeuf, Camp Ekon in Muskoka, St. Peter Claver Parish in the slums of Kingston, Jamaica and St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Winnipeg. Many alumni were greatly influenced by Buzz Massie - several alumni sent in their memories of a great friend and teacher:

Paul MacDonald '75 writes: Buzz was a remarkable friend and inspiration for youth. I had the privilege of spending 9 summers at Camp Ekon, which was founded by Buzz in 1971. My first summer, I was a camper. Thereafter, with Buzz's attention and support, I progressed from kitchen boy, assistant counselor, counselor, canoeing director, program director and finally to assistant director. Buzz had an amazing ability to connect with campers and camp staff. Ekon is said to be a Huron term for "He who carries the heavy load". Buzz did definitely carry the heavy load. But more importantly, he always demonstrated that all of us need to "look out for the little guy."

Paul Bar '79 writes: I was privileged to attend Buzz's ordination as he was a family friend. Eventually I felt privileged to know him as a personal friend and guide. Many afternoons, students would drop into his guidance office just to talk about stuff. There was no topic off limits for you to approach him with. He related very easily with students and he had no airs about him. The office was cozy to say the least - just a furnished janitor's storage room/ closet with room for two chairs. Buzz would delegate very easily to staff at the Camp. This allowed the staff to grow as individuals, be creative and take on much more responsibility than they might have thought they could handle. Buzz just knew you could do the job and allowed you do it. He loved the kids and he loved the camp experience. He was artistic and loved making pottery on the wheel, one of his places to truly relax. He celebrated a wonderful mass during the summer down at the beach at Ekon for campers, staff and cottagers. Buzz had a gift when sharing his sermons. I know I am not alone when I tell you that his sermons were some of the most thoughtful, provoking, intelligent lectures you might hear.

John Bar '75 writes: I knew Buzz from working at Camp Ekon for seven summers. One thing you quickly found out about Buzz is that he was a great communicator. Whether it was an audience of one or saying Mass for the multitudes, the guy could really connect. He certainly connected with me when I interviewed for a job at camp. Father Toppings arranged for me to meet with a young seminarian who was launching a new camp in Muskoka. That's when I met Buzz. Foregoing the formal sit-down interview style, Buzz suggested we go just "shoot the breeze". My interview consisted of walking around the grounds of Regis College simply having a conversation. I remember Buzz was funny, charismatic and had a candid, no-b.s. approach to things. This did not jibe with a 14-year-old kid's preconceptions of what a priest was. He seemed neither pious nor priestly, just a regular guy who put you at ease. One thing Buzz would do is push people to move outside their comfort zone. At camp, it was a tradition to have a singsong after dinner. My first summer at camp, I was working in the kitchen when he pulled me out to lead the campers and staff in a song. It was a terrifying prospect to stand in front of the entire camp like that but it's not like I had a choice. Somehow I survived the experience. Actually, I enjoyed it. It was good for the confidence. Buzz did that sort of thing with the staff and we were all better for it. He saw possibilities in people and supported (and sometimes cajoled) them to develop their talents. The staff at Ekon knew we had something pretty special there and we had Buzz to thank for it.

Alan Vigneux '81 writes: I met Buzz in 1971. I was a nine year old camper the inaugural summer of Ekon. At fourteen I was part of the camp staff. Buzz was one of my teachers at Brebeuf and married my wife and I. Other than my parents, Buzz has had the most influence in the development of the person that I am. Buzz is my foundation. He taught me to "watch out for the little guy", patience, perseverance, to listen and trust. Buzz was a friend, a teacher, my second father, an older brother, a mentor and spiritual counselor. His legacy lives on through Ekon and those people that were fortunate enough to be part of his life. I will treasure the memories and watch out for the little guy.

Steve White '81 writes: I can't remember when I first met Fr. Massie but I do recall my very first impressions of the man. He was a priest like none I had ever met before. He wore civilian clothes (not the black cassock or collar), he drove an upscale car and wore an expensive watch (not the typical attributes of a vow of poverty) and his demeanor was more like "one of the guys" than that of a more distant and revered individual, as I had always been taught to regard a priest. I recall thinking this was the most "irreverent reverend" I had ever met. At Brebeuf, I got to know Brian Massie a little better. He was the Guidance Counselor when I was on Student Council in the late 70's. He had a great way of communicating with the students if he called you by your last name, you knew he liked you; if he called you by your first name you knew he cared about you. I felt fortunate because he called me by both. He was never condescending or overpowering but instead could get his point across in such a manner that you thought it was your own idea.

My most memorable experience with "Buzz", it took some getting used to, to call a priest by a nickname, was in the summer of 1979. Buzz took the Student Council executive to his family cottage for a retreat. The objective was to plan for the upcoming school year and set priorities for the Student Council activities. During that time, Fr. Massie celebrated mass - just him and four guys in the living room of the family cottage. It was a unique and highly moving experience. For the first time in my life, I truly felt a part of the mass celebration. We were all an important part of that mass. But I also got to see what a truly religious man he was. I realized he did not need the collar or the cassock to be revered. If ever there was a man who could successfully reach people in their times of need and despair, it was Brian Massie. He was a very effective communicator; a wise man; a humble man; a giving and caring man; and above all a very religious and pious man. He was a great pillar of the Brebeuf Community.

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### Where Are They Now?

Our first Alumni Speaker Series took place in the Library on Tuesday, May 26th with a visit from two successful Brebeufians, <u>Greg</u> Shea '79 and <u>Dr. Kieran Moore '79</u>. Both men shared their experiences and gave advice to a new generation of Brebeufians.

Greg Shea is the President of Research in Motion (RIM) for China, and came into the role after a career in teaching (including teaching science at Brebeuf) and serving as a Canadian diplomat. He credits his education at Brebeuf and its motto, Studio Gradum Faciant, with giving him a firm foundation for future study and learning.

Kieran Moore is a medical doctor, emergency room physician, and Professor of Medicine at Queen's University in Kingston. Dr. Moore also sits on the admission committee for Queen's Medical School and will hopefully return in the fall for a special presentation for aspiring doctors.

Our alumni are always willing to give back and mentor our students. We hope to have at least one Alumni Speaker Series presentation per month in the next academic year.

<u>George Azar '92</u> is a math teacher at St Therese of Lisieux High School in Maple.

<u>Dario Battista '87 is</u> President of BelpacCapri Insurance Brokers and isure.ca

Anthony Campaniaris '03 graduated from Ryerson Hospitality School in 2007 and is now the Assistant General Manager of the Toronto Hilton Hotel.

<u>Jorge Ceron '01</u> is a Registered Dental Hygienist. He was married in 2008 and his best man was Alex Kolandjian '01.

<u>Pat Clancy '05</u> finished his Honours B.A. at Queen's University and is now taking his MBA at Ryerson.

**Barry Columb '83** is the President of President's Choice Financial.

<u>Derrick Chow '03</u> is a professional illustrator whose work appears in many mainstream Canadian publications.

William Crean '89 is a lawyer and living back in Ireland.

<u>Bill Dempster '93</u> lives in Ottawa and is a lawyer with the federal government.

<u>Joe Ferraro '92</u> is a Crown Counsel with the Ministry of Labour.

<u>Chris George '90</u> teaches at Selwyn House School in Montreal, where he can cheer for the Habs (boo) and coach the debating teams.

Alan Grozelle '89 is a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School in downtown Toronto.

Wojciech Gryc '04 received an M.Sc. in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing at Oxford. He is completing an M.Sc. in the Social Science of the Internet at Oxford and will be join McKinsey & Company in 2010.

**Brendan Kennedy '03** is a reporter for the Toronto Star.

<u>Peter Krevs '08</u> is in the Canadian Forces reserves and at the same time studying Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University of Guelph.

Derek Ku '99 has moved to Chicago to pursue his MBA at Northwestern. He spent the past five years in California working in marketing in the tech industry and completing his Master's degree at Stanford. He is engaged to Vikki, a Torontonian he met while on the west coast, and they plan to marry in 2010.

<u>Eric Lapajne '01</u> has a degree in IT from York and is a network service technician for Ontera in Timmins.

Paul Lee '96 works for Nestle Canada.

**Terry Leon '69** is the President of Leon's Furniture Inc.

<u>Joe Loiero '02</u> is an Associate Producer in the Investigative Content Unit for CBC News. He graduated in 2009 with a Master's in Journalism from Ryerson. He is the captain of the third Toronto Irish Rugby team.

<u>Pier Lombardi '89</u> writes that he has been living in Chile since 1994. He married Alejandra in 2001 and they have two sons, Franco and Bruno. He runs an agricultural supply store and a farm that sell olives and tomatoes. He notes that "Our olives reach the Canadian Market through a distributor near Brampton named "Oliver Olives" or "Sardo`s".

<u>John MacDonald '88</u> is CEO of NTT Vertex, an IT services firm.

<u>**Paul MacDonald '75**</u> is a Partner in Litigation and Dispute Resolution at McMillan LLP in Toronto.

<u>Daron Mardirossian '09</u> is studying business management at Ryerson.

**John McGouran '80** lives is Stoufville and is a firefighter with the Toronto Fire Dept. John is married to a Morrow Park grad (Nicole Fernandes) and they have 2 daughters. John plays guitar and sings part-time and is known to enjoy a good Guinness.

**Barry McInerney '81** is now based in Chicago as the CEO of Harris Investments, BMO's US Investment arm.

<u>Chris Medina '92</u> is a senior account executive with NCI, dealing in IT security and network sales.

**Father Edward Murphy '78** is the pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Markham.

Kaspar Ng '03 is a pharmacist at St. Joseph's Health Centre.

Mark Oulahen '01 is a real estate salesperson with The Oulahen Team, working with his brother Jeff Oulahen '98 and father Paul '75

**Jeff Pollock '04** completed his BBA at York and is now in law school at the University of Windsor.

<u>Filko Prugo '92</u> took his LLB from Osgoode Hall and is now married and practising law in Manhattan.

Philip Sayce '95 has performed with guitar legend Jeff Healey, The Allman Brothers Band, Robert Cray, Gary Moore, Johnny Winter, B.B. King, and to sold out shows around the world. In 2003 Phil joined Melissa Etheridge and her band Alumni B Page 7

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We invite all alumni to send in news and notes on classmates and themselves. Please email those details to <u>brebeufalumni@yahoo.com</u>

and performed together at The Grammy Awards in 2005, and at The Academy Awards in 2007. Phil released "Peace Machine" independently in 2005, and has been composing material with a number of songwriters for a solo release.

**Andre Semeniuk '92** is married and living in Burlington and is a mortgage planner with Mortgage Architects.

<u>Eric "Superguard" Sin '07</u> is currently in his 3rd year at University of Toronto Scarborough doing a Specialist in Political Science and Major in English.

<u>David Tran '04</u> graduated from McMaster University and is now working in product development for Telus.

**Emanuel Raul Tusca '04** will graduate from Osgoode Hall law school in 2011 and in 2008 completed his B.A. (Hons) at U of T. Emanuel adds "I continue to maintain strong friendships with many fellow former Brebeuf students. The Brebeuf community is still strong in my life."

<u>John Whyte '99</u> is a Real Estate agent with Century 21, mainly concentrating in the North York area.

<u>Charles Yanni '02</u> finished his degree in chemistry and biology at the University of Toledo and is now studying for his medicine degree at Ross University.

**Andrea Zanini '00** is a game designer with Ubisoft in Montreal.



L-R: Fr. W. Rye S.J. (former principal); Br. H. Spencer F.P.M. (chaplain); Scott Waithe '91 with "Man for Others Award"; Principal Anthony Azzopardi. Taken at Brebeuf Closing Mass, June 2009

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The Alumni Association is actively recruiting new members of the Executive to help plan future alumni events and serve as year representatives. If you are interested in getting more actively involved in the Alumni Association, please contact Frank MacGrath '82 at fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or Michael Da Costa '92 at michael.dacosta@rogers.com

Brebeuf will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Presentation Brothers in Canada and their 25th Anniversary at Brebeuf with a Mass and Reception on the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, May 5th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. W. Rye SJ, celebrant. Further details will be posted on the alumni website.

Dr. Paul J. Steiner, D.D.S. Class of '77 Family Dentist

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### **Alumni Sports & Events**

Alumni Hockev Tournament: Team 2005 Overdrive led by captain Kieran Kennedy won their second consecutive Alumni Hockey Tournament. Team '80 lead by Greg Loffree went through their round robin division to reach the championship game vs. 05 by defeating each of the other teams in the "Experienced Division" (teams 79, 89 and 90). In the championship, the 25 year spread between the two teams turned out too tough for '80 to overcome. The "Youth Division" consisting of Teams 05, 08, 09 and 92 was reminiscent in its playing style of the teams from the early years, reminding some of the early years when teams 75, 79 and 78 dominated with aggressive play. A first in the event's 28 year history, father and sons captained different teams. Dennis Tobin '79 was captain of Team 79 and Brent Tobin '07 and Jamie Tobin '09 were co-captains of Team 09. Next year Team 05 will be looking to "three-peat". The tournament is scheduled on May 28-29, 2010 at Chesswood.

Please watch the website www.brebeufalumnihockey.com

Alumni Floor Hockey: Any alumni interested in participating in the Alumni Floor Hockey tournament in February, 2010 should contact Michael Da Costa '92 at michael.dacosta@rogers.com. We are searching for a convenor for this tournament. All volunteers are welcome!





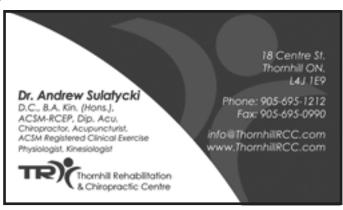
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Alumni Golf Tournament: Bryon Di Sera '81 reclaimed individual low gross honours at the 2009 Alumni Golf tournament, firing a sizzling 73 at Sleepy Hollow to outdistance the field. Stiff competition among foursomes representing 1975/76, 1979 and 2005 bested the defending team champs from 1988. The 2010 tournament will be held on Thursday, July 15th at Sleepy Hollow. Please contact Frank MacGrath '82 at fmacgrath@gtigolf.com for registration details.



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### In Memoriam

### **JOHN ANTHONY ZSOLT '82**

By Rodger Madden '82 and Drew Munro '82

Tragically, John passed away on his 46th birthday, March 1, 2009 doing what he loved, snowboarding. After grade 12 at Brebeuf John attended grade 13 at Neuchatel in Switzerland. After his year of schooling and travelling Europe, John attended the University of Manitoba to study architecture, then obtained his Masters of Architecture from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS), a part of Dalhousie University. An architect, entrepreneur, and founder of Space Database Inc., John was a gifted painter, and designer and builder of beautiful homes. His company, Space Database Inc., specializes in the efficient use of space and layout for commercial landlords.

John played football at Brebeuf, loved to water ski, run around around in his sea flea at the family cottage, snow ski, snowboard, and sail. Accomplished in all of his passions, John had an extreme love for the outdoors. His yacht, the Oxygen – O2 – was moored on Georgian Bay near his rustic chalet school house that he meticulously restored, including the original school bell, which he hoisted by crane back into its rebuilt spire. It was here that John, his family and friends, enjoyed the many activities of winter and summer.

John left his wife Heather Reid, daughters Jillian and Haley and brothers Andrew '75 and Tom '77 far too soon. Having known John well, and spent many days on the ski hill with him, and on the water, we can attest to his ardent loyalty. He had a natural ability to make you laugh, and truly enjoy the moment. John never forgot who his friends were and was always there to support them in their time of need. John's funeral was held on March 5, 2009 at St. Joan of Arc Church. The service and reception were exceedingly well attended, including many friends from Brebeuf. Numerous stories were told, and the reception went well into the night. John, you are dearly missed; however; one day we shall meet again.

### Alumni Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the following graduates who were recipients of the 2009 Alumni awards:

- Kelly Clancy '09 Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship
- Zachary Lawrence '09 Father St. Clair Monaghan S.J. Alumni Scholarship
- Adam Craig '09 Jim Morris '77 Memorial Journalism Award
- <u>Roman Izquierdo '09</u> Michael Tomaszek '82 Memorial Music Award
- <u>Peter Kenny '09 and Marlouie Gamino '09</u> The Robert Shannon '69 Alumni Bursary

John Murphy '81, Head of Guidance, reports that there were 190 graduates in the class of 09; 140 students have gone on to university this fall and 40 are attending college. The remaining 10 grads took a year off from their studies or have returned to Brebeuf to complete additional courses.

# The Brebeuf Community mourns the passing of the following individuals in 2009.

#### Alumni:

- <u>Miguel Casar '02</u> passed away in February, 2008. Mike Da Costa remembers Miguel, he was a loveable student: always smiling, friendly, genuine, humble, polite, and hardworking. Miguel was a pleasure to teach. He had many friends and it's a tragic loss to them and his family that he is no longer with us.
- <u>Brian Terry '77</u>, brother of Paul '72, brother-in-law of Mark Dominico '84 and uncle of Matthew Dominico '13
- John Zsolt '82, brother of Andrew Zsolt '75 and Tom Zsolt '77
- <u>Patrick Wren '81</u>, bother of Paul '73, Mike '75, Peter '76 and John '83

#### Staff & Former Staff:

- Fr. Brian "Buzz" Massie, S.J., See article on page 5.
- Emanuel Bernard, former staff, and father of David Bernard '95, was a popular French teacher from 1981 to his retirement in 1996. Mike Da Costa notes: "He was always prepared, had high standards, and knew how to make class fun. We used to love his humour and write down all the funny things he said and publish them in The B. "I will squeeze you like a lemon!", "Just because you wear glasses doesn't mean you're the prime minister!". He had a zest for life that was infectious. I`ll never forget that when our course was over in June, he invited the whole class to his house for a barbecue. I`ll never forget him
- Tony Tersigni passed away in Janaury, 2009. He was Brebeuf's head caretaker from 1963 to 1991 and had actually been involved in the construction of the original building. As Brother Henry Spencer remarks: "Tony was 82 years of age. He was a good and loyal Brebeuf employee, honest, trustworthy and deligent. He sure was a devoted servant who always kept the school 'spic and span', in so far as he could help it. I had a great respect for the man. Generations of Brebeufians owe him a debt of gratitude. May he rest in peace."

### Relatives of Alumni & Staff:

- Lloyd Smith, father of Shawn Smith '84
- Bob Black, father of Bryan Black '75
- •Alan Fujiwara, father of Paul '79 and Peter '80
- <u>Laura Kenny</u>, mother of Adrian '99, Nicholas '04, Trevor '06, Peter '09.
- •Leon Argamasilla-Bacardi, father of Leon '84.
- Warren Leonard, father of Greg '70, Edward '74, and Jeff '76.
- •Mr. DiPede, father of Gino DiPede '68.
- •Stefan Balazic, father of Joe Balazic (former staff).
- Mr. Tanudjaya, the father of Alvin Tanudjaya '07.
- Andrew Zsolt, father of Andrew '75, Tom '77, and John '82
- Ralph Sinopoli, father of Joe Sinopoli '88.
- <u>Joseph Nadon</u>, brother of Steve '89, Matthew '91, Chris' 93, Michael '95 and David '96.
- •<u>Tom Leon</u>, father of Jerry '68, Robert '72, and Tom '73, Chris '80
- Salvatore Colonna, father of Mario Colonna '92.

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