

Neil Gazeley Remembered



Brebeuf recently lost one of its "founding fathers". On November 14th at the age of 91, O'Neil Patrick Gazeley passed away.

Working in close collaboration with Brebeuf's first Principal, Fr. Robert Meagher, Neil helped to establish Brebeuf College School in 1963 and served as its first Vice-Principal. At the time of his appointment Neil was the first lay person to serve as a Vice-Principal at a Jesuit high school anywhere in the world.

Over the next 28 years during his lengthy tenure as Vice-Principal, Neil helped transform a brand new school into a leading academic institution. Neil was primarily responsible for establishing many long standing Brebeuf traditions, including helping to create the Brebeuf motto and the school crest and helping to establish Brebeuf's dedication to service, faith and academic excellence.

Neil's steady leadership also helped facilitate the transition of the school administration at Brebeuf from the Jesuit Fathers to the Presentation Brothers in 1984. By the time of his retirement in 1991, Neil had helped transform Brebeuf into one of the best Catholic high schools in Canada.

Since his retirement Neil maintained an active relationship with Brebeuf and was a regular attendee at many school events and alumni reunions over the years, most often accompanied by his close friend and long time teaching colleague E.J. "Jim" Barry.

When word spread of Neil's illness earlier this year, many alumni and former staff took time to reach out to Neil and his family by email and letter. Neil took great comfort in hearing

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Alumni Association Update

2018 was a very eventful year for both Brebeuf College and the Brebeuf Alumni Association. As outlined in more detail in the following pages, the return of football to Brebeuf and the trip to OFSAA by the Senior Hockey team were both largely the result of very strong financial support by many alumni. It is very gratifying to see the continued loyalty and generous support of so many alumni, not only to the athletic programs, but also to the growing number of scholarships awarded by the school each year as well as financial support for key initiatives identified by the school's administration. For those alumni that wish to make a financial contribution please see the details on the last page of the newsletter.

2018 also saw the passing of the one of most significant figures in Brebeuf's history with the death of Neil Gazeley on November 14th. Please read the article on this page about Neil's many contributions to Brebeuf and the beautiful tribute to Neil penned by **Michael Daoust '67**. The Gazeley family was greatly comforted by the outpouring of support from the Brebeuf community and in particular from the many emails, letters and tributes they received from so many alumni about the positive impact that Neil had on so many Brebeufians.

Finally, a note of thanks to two special groups of alumni : on page 12 there is a list of our newsletter advertisers. Nearly all are alumni and many have advertised for well over ten years. We thank them for their continued support and we encourage all alumni to consider using these various businesses should their products or services be of help to you.

Our hard-working Alumni Executive members each volunteer a lot of time and effort throughout the year planning events like the Alumni Pub Night and the Order of Brebeuf induction ceremony. Thanks to the following alumni leaders for their ongoing commitment to Brebeuf :

Michael Da Costa '92

Bryon Di Sera '81

Mike Flint '89

Peter Gillespie '85

Rosemary Lavery (retired staff) **Jonathan Page '93**

Andrew Munro '82

Steve White '81

Marc Vittorio '01

Thanks to all of our alumni for their continued support.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Frank MacGrath '82

Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

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from so many former students and graduates, including more than a few former students whose interactions with "Mr. Gazeley" as students often took place in JUGs (detentions) for some sort of disciplinary reason. All of those alumni shared a very similar sentiment – how much of an impact Neil Gazeley had had on their lives and how much he had influenced Brebeuf College School.

Hundreds of alumni, from the earliest years of Brebeuf and throughout more recent decades attended Neil's visitation and funeral as did numerous current and former staff members.

At the Funeral Mass on November 19th, Fr. Winston Rye, S.J., who worked closely with Neil during his tenure as Principal (1978-84) talked of Neil's service and dedication to Brebeuf and how he exemplified the meaning of being "a man for others". Fittingly, two Brebeuf graduates, Fr. Ian Riswick '77 and Fr. Larry Leger '82 helped to concelebrate the Mass.

When Neil was inducted as the very first member of the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf in 2012, his many contributions to Brebeuf and to Catholic education were summarized as follows : "Many, many people have contributed to Brebeuf's success over the past fifty years but no single individual has had more of a lasting impact on this school than Neil Gazeley".

Some fifty-five years after Neil did so much to help establish Brebeuf and truly "build" our school, it was truly fitting that the Brebeuf community gathered en masse to bid farewell to a man whose example and influence helped shape so many of our lives.

A Celebration

Below is a tribute to Neil from Mike Daoust '67. Mike had visited Neil in early November and here is Mike's reflection that he posted on his blog that day.

As many of you know by now, Neil Gazeley, one of the founders of Brebeuf College, is currently in hospice care in Richmond Hill. When I visited him this morning, I was greeted by his wife Lucille and their daughter Marie. They explained that Neil was comfortable and alert as they escorted me to his room.

What a surprise to find Father Winston Rye and Brother Henry Spencer at his bedside. Neil recognized me immediately and was quick to note that this was a wonderful reunion of all things Brebeuf.

We agreed that the school has played such a significant role in each of our lives as we began to tell stories about the good old days.

I had to remind Neil that he was my Grade 11 English teacher in the Sixties and that when I joined the staff years later, I had to summon all my courage to call him by his first name.

"Mind you," I added, "not as much as it took to call Father Beaudois Don."

"You know Mike," Neil shared. "They're were some Jesuits that commanded so much respect, like Father Toppings, that I never even considered calling them by their first names. When I think of it, we really did have some wonderful staffs back then, so many quality teachers."

My mention of alumnus Mike Gennaro baptizing one of my grandsons next weekend brought the discussion around to Father Len Altilla (Mike's brother-in-law), Paul Bar (studying to be a deacon like Mike) and even Mrs. Bar who once told Father Rye she needed a break after seven sons and serving twenty two years on the Brebeuf Ladies Guild. We all got a chuckle from that one. In fact, our stories filled the room with laughter and joy.

Before I left, Father Rye gave Neil a blessing and then I approached Neil to thank him for his friendship and wisdom over the years.

"Wisdom," he repeated with a smile. "Mike, I'm not wise...I'm a wise cracker."

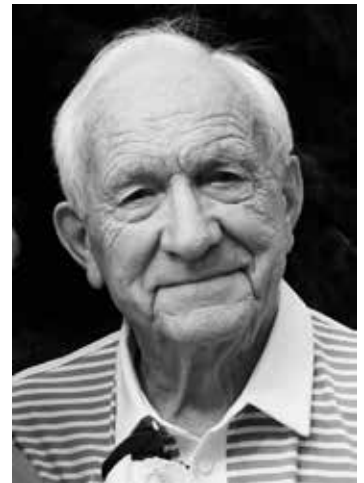
It was so nice to see that Neil's wit is as sharp as ever and that his strong faith is serving him beautifully as he writes his final chapter.

Thank you, good friend, for always being a man for others and for being a guiding light for me.

May God continue to bless you and hold you in the palm of His hand.



Former Brebeuf teaching colleagues Tom Sullivan (far left) and Peter Lee (far right) with Neil Gazeley and Margaret Lato (Bob Lato's wife) at the 2013 Order of Brebeuf induction ceremony where Bob Lato was honoured



Principal's Message by Derek Chen

As always, we have much to celebrate at Brebeuf College, but this year, we saw the return of football to Brebeuf! We are so indebted to our very generous alumni donors, without whose help, we would not have been able to revive the team after 40 years. Of course, we also owe our gratitude to Coach John Engel, who, in the face of many obstacles, persevered to bring back the sport that so many students wanted.

Now, in other news that is not football...

The Toronto Catholic District School Board launched its new three-year pastoral plan: "Rooted in Christ: We Belong, We Believe, We Become". This year, we focus on the theme of belonging, and especially looking at our community to ensure that everyone feels like they belong at Brebeuf, regardless of how they identify. We will soon have a mural painted in our hallways of this year's theme.

The school year started with our annual Gr.9 orientation at Camp Muskoka Woods, which was, once again, a great success. Almost all of our gr.9s participated, along with student leaders in Grades 10-12. Following this, the Student Council organized its third annual Colour Me Beuf Charity Run, as Gr.9 students were splashed with coloured powder as they jogged around the school.

In October, homeroom classes across all grades prayed the rosary, while our grade retreats continued to enrich students' faith journeys. Our Gr.9 Parent Orientation Night, Academic Awards ceremony, and Gr.8 Open House took place with great success. The Kairos Retreat was once again a transformative faith-filled experience for our many retreatants. At the end of the month, Student Council hosted its Halloween dance "Venom".

In November, our Gr.9 students participated in Take Our Kids to Work Day, spending the day with their parents/guardians at work. On the same day, Brebeuf hosted approximately 300 Gr.7 and 8 students from a number of elementary schools for Take Our Kids to Brebeuf Day. The day was a great success! The end of the month saw our annual Used Clothing Drive, where students and staff brought in an incredible 3573 pieces of clothing.

This month, we look forward to the annual Can-Aid campaign (including Kiss-a-Fish), Brebeuf's Christmas Arts Fest, the Salesian Retreat, and our Advent School Mass. At the end of the first week of December, Brebeuf will be co-hosting the first Lessons and Carols for Advent with St. Joseph Morrow Park. The event will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish.

Our athletics program has been incredibly strong (as always!). Our Sr. Volleyball team went undefeated during the season, but lost in the semi-finals. Our Football team had an amazing first year, and our Sr. Hockey and Varsity Non-contact Hockey teams are already off to a fantastic start. Our Sr. Hockey team made it to OFSSA last year, and this year, although still early in the season, remain undefeated.

Finally, due to the recent media coverage regarding hazing, the school has taken some proactive steps to having discussions with our students about the topic, along with raising awareness around bullying. We have met with coaches and their team captains, who will then meet with their respective teams. We have reiterated the zero tolerance policy we have for hazing or bullying, and are asking students to be courageous when it comes to reporting or stopping incidents as bystanders. We have also tied the conversation into our pastoral theme of Belonging, so that all students feel safe and welcome.

Finally, there have been a number of staffing changes at Brebeuf. After many years of service at Brebeuf and the TCDSB, Ms. Sandra Boetto, Mr. Rado Krevs, Mr. John MacDonald, and Mr. Gino Sturino retired, along with Ms. Rosa Renzi, our cafeteria lead and dear member of the Brebeuf family. They will be missed, but we wish them all the best! After only two years at Brebeuf, we said goodbye to VP Mr. Tim McGrenere and welcomed a new VP - Ms. Christine Kim. Christine was a science teacher for a number of years at Fr. John Redmond.

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to extend our blessings to you during this Advent season, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!



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Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each June the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards. Congratulations to the following 2018 recipients:

- The Peter Knopf '81 Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Mastromatteo '18 and **Lucas Omazic '18**
- The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award
Domenic Salituro '18
- Jim Morris '77 Journalism Award - **Joseph Mastromatteo '18**
- The Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award - **Brendan Szeto '18**
- The Gerry Tanner Scholarship - **Dorian Ditomasso '18**
- The Michael Thompson '69 Award - **Tyler Cusimano '18**
- The Martin Foy '82 Memorial Scholarship
Mohammad Tahvili '18
- E.J. Barry Renaissance Award - **Eric Sikich '18**
- O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship - **Tyler Cusimano '18**
- Lou Puccini Scholarship
Michael Condarcu '18 and **Domenic Salituro '18**

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards on an ongoing basis. Special thanks to the Foy, Knopf, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to **Robert Baldauf '82**, **Mark Baker '82**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **Frank MacGrath '82**, **George Macri '69**, **Brett Tanner '81**, **Chris Venneri '82**, **John Warecki '82**, **Ken Yip-Chuck '79**, **Richard Yip-Chuck '82** and **Pat Yip-Chuck '80**.

The Bob Shannon Bursary was established in 2009 in memory of **Robert Shannon '68** through the generous contributions of **Rick Reddick '68** and **Tom Stuart '68**. For the past ten years Rick and Tom have personally funded this bursary and the Alumni Association wishes to thank them for their very generous and long standing support of this award in their classmate's memory. The 2018 recipient of the Bob Shannon Bursary is **Jairo Veloria '18**.

Attention Class of 1970 Alumni

Michael Poole & Chuck Pusateri are planning a 50th Anniversary reunion for the Class of 1970 in the year 2020. Exact date and location TBA but it will take place in the greater Toronto area.

1970's alumni are encouraged to send a note to Michael and Chuck at brebeuf69.70.50th@gmail.com with the address (or general location), phone number and if they are interested in attending. Even if they are unable to attend, a note of hello would be nice.

As always, if anyone knows of someone who knows someone who knows where an alumnus is located it is helpful if the information is forwarded.

School News

Staff Retirements - Brebeuf has bid farewell to many long time and dedicated staff members since June 2018 including:

Donna Bigioni	Sandra Boetto	Italia Creti
Rado Krevs	<u>John MacDonald '82</u>	Greg Parnham
Rosa Renzi	Gino Sturino	

School Trips - Brebeuf is offering two trips this year: a leadership and service trip to Ireland in connection with the Presentation Brothers and an Easter pilgrimage to Rome.

2018 Graduating Class – more than 50% of the class of 2018 were Ontario Scholars. One quarter were inducted to the Blessed Edmund Rice Society for being on the Honour Roll for four years. The Guest Speaker at the Graduation Exercises was **Michael Serapio '89**, a news anchor at CBC News Network.

Sports - Brebeuf had another excellent year in 2017-2018 including the following results :

- Senior Hockey TDCAA Champions and Elite 8 at OFSAA
- Junior Table Tennis TDCAA Champions
- Junior Volleyball TDCAA Champions
- Varsity Badminton OFSAA Silver Medalists, Mixed Doubles
- Junior Rugby Silver Medalists

Brebeuf's Advanced Placement continues to succeed and grow, offering students exposure to university-level material while still in high school. Next year, Grade 8 students will apply into the programme with the opportunity to take pre-AP courses in English, math, science, and geography.

Career Day - Brebeuf is resurrecting Career Day for Grade 10 students. We have been overwhelmed with alumni volunteers and currently have 50 speakers for February 13. This is a great way to connect our alumni with the current students. Contact Silvana Marino at Silvana.marino@tcdsb.org for more info.

Math Update – in May, 2018 Mr. Ryan's Grade 11 Mathematics class wrote the AP Calculus Exam. This is a test that is almost exclusively written by specially trained Grade 12 students across North America and is very difficult. If a student does well on it (3, 4, or 5 out of 5), they gain exemption from first year University Calculus at most Universities in North America and also gain preferential status in their applications to University. Of the 24 -Grade 11 students that wrote it: 5 students got a 5 out of 5 - Perfect or First Class University Standing; 5 students got a 4 out of 5 - Second Class University Standing; 6 students got a 3 out of 5 - Third Class University Standing. This is 16 out of 24 GRADE 11 Mathematics Students that have met or in most cases exceeded the performance of MOST first year University students in Calculus.

Bullying - Brebeuf remains a safe place for students. In a recent survey, fewer than 1% report ever having been bullied and we aim to eliminate it completely at all times.

Stay connected to what is going on at Brebeuf College.

Facebook: Brebeuf College School Alumni Association

Twitter: @TCDSB_DCHEN and @brebeufcollege

Webpage: <http://brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org>

Alumni News: <http://www.brebeufalumni.org>

Alumni Pub Night

Friday, May 11th, 2018



**Please join us Friday, May 10th, 2019
at Brebeuf for the next
Alumni Pub Night and Auction**

1) 1987 alumni (left to right) Tony Long, Craig Stevenson, Rob Woo, Jude Andrew, Paul Foster. Tony's son Michael '19 was a member of the Brebeuf senior hockey team. **2)** 1993 Alumni (left to right) Kristian Borg-Olivier '93, Shane Copp '92, Jonathan Page '93, Bill Dempster '93, Dave Keaveney '93, Michael Koor '93, Edward Sabbat '93, Mysterion (Chris Doyle '93) and Victor Chan '93. **3)** Members of the championship 2018 Brebeuf Senior Hockey team were honoured at this event. **4)** Chris Doyle '93, better known as "Mysterion", wowed the pub night audience with his mind blowing abilities at mind reading and magic. Chris was assisted by Steffi Kay, his partner in the Sentimentalists. **5)** Steve White '81, pub night emcee auctioned off a Brebeuf jersey signed by the team members. Assisting is Marc Vittorio '01, Brebeuf staff member and assistant hockey coach.

Football Returns to Brebeuf - Go Bulls!

Editor's note : Varsity football returned to Brebeuf in the fall of 2018 thanks to the very generous financial support of many alumni and to the leadership and vision of Head Coach John Engel. Below is a recap of the 2018 season as submitted by Coach Engel.

Our first year of football exceeded even my highest expectations. In the weeks leading up to school I was absolutely terrified that after all this work, time and money we were going to end up with 20 guys out on the field. We had 114 guys at our meeting the first day of school!! Over the next few weeks of practice, those numbers were whittled down considerably but we entered our first games in October with 37 players at Senior and 33 players at Junior fully registered and paid in full.

We filled out our coaching staff with Brad Warren (Brebeuf staff) and two community coaches (Tim Hughes and Michael Roberts). There were also a number of former students like Jerome Adams who helped out throughout the year. These coaches did a great job even though we were spread pretty thin between both teams.

Our Junior Team was very competitive. We had the best defense in our league in terms of points against and we won a regular season game vs. Lawrence Park. The team was competitive in all of their games and the coach of the league champs told me that we gave them the toughest game they faced all year. Our Senior Team was competitive in most of their games. They took a lot of pride in the fact that they were new to the game but still making big plays and having some small victories inside of the losses.

I have been coaching a long time at many levels of football but I have never had an experience like this one. The pride that these young men showed and the amount that they learned over a two month period was simply astounding. Practice attendance was phenomenal, the best I have ever had in youth football and the kids were eager to compete, especially during "tough time" (an adaption of Oklahoma). Those guys would have practiced until 7pm every night if we had let them.

The football community and our school staff were so supportive and proud of our boys. There have been multiple teachers, referees and other coaches who have approached

me with stories of how our boys' behaviour and character were impressive to them. After a home game here, a visiting team wore their cleats into the school and tracked mud through our hallways. I came into the school to find our boys already with brooms in hand cleaning up the mess. The character in these young men is certainly indicative of the rich history and tradition of Brebeuf College.

Our off season regimen has begun with the weight room open daily after school. We will be conducting a 2 week spring camp in early May and training camp will start a week earlier prior to next season. We will be able to set up multiple exhibition games before our season begins next year to add to the amount of games our kids get under their belts. I hope that you have the chance to visit us and meet our players and staff at some juncture.

Thank you for all of your continued support!! God Bless and Go Bulls!!

John Engel



2018 Senior Brebeuf Bulls Football team



John Engel presenting Brother Henry Spencer with his "birthday present" – a Brebeuf Bulls jersey!



Junior Bulls celebrate their win over Lawrence Park

Brebeuf Varsity Hockey Team Reaches OFSAA

Brebeuf's Senior Hockey team won its first TDCAA Senior Hockey Championship in school history, beating Neil McNeil 4-2 in a close final. The Bulls finished their season undefeated, and went on to challenge the 15 top high school hockey teams from across the province in St. Catharines for the OFSAA Championships from March 20-23.

At the OFSAA Championships, Brebeuf turned heads with their skill and determination - beating #10 ranked St. Mary's College from Sault Ste. Marie 3-1; losing their first game of the year to #3 ranked Holy Trinity (eventual Bronze medalists) from Oakville 5-4; and battling to a 1-1 tie in a critical game against #5 ranked St. Theresa of Lisieux (2017 Silver medalists), which pushed the team into the Elite 8 at OFSAA. Unfortunately, the Bulls lost the quarter-final game to the host team, Dennis Morris Reds, 3-1. One step away from the Final 4 is an incredible accomplishment to add to the team's unbeaten regular season and Senior TDCAA championship. Congratulations to all the boys and coaches **Bradley Chin You '97**, Paul Solarski, **Marc Vittorio '01**, and Robert Sabatini on a fantastic season! Well done to all players and coaches for reaching such an important milestone in Brebeuf's storied sports history.

Through the generosity of the Alumni Association and various alumni donors more than \$8300 was raised to help offset the cost of the trip to OFSAA. Special thanks to **Pat Morris '79**, **Blair McArthur '80** and **George Longo '86** for their very generous leadership gifts and to the following alumni for their financial support :

Bryan Black '75, **Stephen Chan '94**, **Paul Clancy '79**, **Greg Curran '81**, **Claudio Gorizzan '79**, **Paul Fujiwara '79**, **Steve Kahnert '68**, **Bob Lato '68**, **Edwin Leung '01**, **George Macri '69**, **Chris Moran '96**, **Michael Rowe '86**, **Mike Williams '67**, **Michael Wren '75**, **Ken Yip-Chuck '79**, **Richard Yip-Chuck '82**, **Andre Vittorio '96** and **Marc Vittorio '01**.

A special word of thanks to the following for supporting the team at the "send off reception" prior to the road trip to OFSAA and/or for attending the games in St. Catharines : **Claudio Gorizzan '79**, **Paul Clancy '79**, **Kevin Barry '90**, **David Landolt '81**, **Edwin Leung '01**, and original Coaches Jim Barry and Bob Lato.



1) Paul Clancy '79, Jim Barry, former Brebeuf staff member & hockey coach, Kevin Barry '90 and Claudio Gorizzan '79 at the send off reception for the 2018 Brebeuf hockey team as they head off to OFSAA. Financial support from the alumni enabled the team to purchase the new jerseys being worn by Jim and Claudio. **2)** Alumni gather with the senior hockey team just before their departure for the OFSAA hockey championships in March 2018.

2018 Order of Brebeuf Inductees Honoured

By **Steve White, '81** – Chair, OSJB Selection Committee

The 2018 Inductees into the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf were recognized at celebrations held on Sunday, October 21, 2018. The Order is the highest recognition the Brebeuf community bestows on those who have demonstrated the values for which the school has always stood. This year's celebration demonstrated the Order has truly become a Brebeuf "tradition" as numerous past inductees and pillars of the school community returned to honour the current inductees.

The 2018 inductees were :

Paul Bar '79 - Paul's remarkable record of community service shows that he lives the values and ideals of Brebeuf College School every day. As a camp counsellor, hockey coach, and long-time volunteer with Blessed Trinity Church, Canadian Blood Services and The Knights of Columbus, Paul exemplifies humility in his own modest way. A past President and long-time Board member of Catholic Family Services, Paul's selflessness demonstrates that he's an exceptional Brebeufian. In the words of his nominators, "Paul lives and breathes the spirit of service. He acts justly, walks humbly and put others first. Paul serves others – it's that simple and that amazing. He is a true 'Man for Others'".

Charles Foran '79 – Charles is a highly successful and highly regarded Canadian author, educator and supporter of human rights. Charles is the past president of PEN Canada, an international not-for-profit that fights for the rights of free speech and free thought. He continues to Chair the PEN Canada Advisory Board and is a regular contributor to various publications on issues of social justice and improving mankind. Since 2015 Charles has been the CEO of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, an organization committed to welcoming new Canadians through culture and advancing conversations about citizenship.

Eric Guy '82 - As a current staff member at Brebeuf, Eric demonstrates so many of the characteristics that define Brebeuf. He is a terrific resource for staff and students and he ensures that "spirituality" is present in everything he does. He coordinates the annual Easter trip to Rome and the Kairos retreats, sacrificing his own time with his family to ensure the students have memorable experiences. As a teacher and coach, Eric demonstrates faith driven leadership, which is appreciated by the Brebeuf community. He consistently goes above and beyond what is expected. His passion and commitment has resulted in changed lives for so many.

With the induction of these additional "Men for Others", the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf has truly become a Brebeuf tradition, which we hope will endure for many decades to come.

Nominations for 2019 will be accepted until January 31/19. You can find the nomination form at brebeufalumni.org or simply send us the name of your nominee and provide your name and contact details and we will follow up with you. You can send your nomination to **Steve White '81** at swhite.62@live.com or call Steve at 416-560-3700 or to **Michael Da Costa '92** michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org



1) Jim Barry and Dennis Tobin '79 present Charles Foran (centre) with the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf **2)** Jim MacDonald '79, Joan Bar and Paul Fujiwara '79 present Paul Bar '79 (2nd from right) with the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf **3)** Eric Guy '82 (far left) accepts the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf from his classmates Frank Csathy '82, Steve Beamish '82, Paul Sabol '82, and Valter Viola '82

Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

Know Someone Who Deserves to be Recognized with the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf ?

The OSJB is named for our Patron and is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a member of the Brebeuf Community.

Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2019. If you would like to nominate someone please contact

Steve White '81 at swhite.62@live.com or **Mike Da Costa '92** at michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org

We will then follow up for further details.

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Where Are They Now?

We invite all alumni to send in news and notes on classmates and themselves.
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Alumni Ordained

Two Brebeufians have recently been ordained to the priesthood and the school and its alumni could not be prouder!

Father Roshan Anthonypillai '91 was ordained to the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Pittsburgh and is now working at the missions in Papua New Guinea.

Father Raymond So '04 received the sacrament of ordination from Thomas Cardinal Collins at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 12. Father So returned to Brebeuf on June 29 to celebrate the closing staff mass.

Former Staff

Joe Brisbois, Brebeuf's 1st lay principal who succeeded Brother Maher in 1991, has retired after more than 40 years as an educator.

Alumni & Staff Honoured

Charles Foran '79 was selected as the 2018 recipient of the Writers Trust Fellowship, a \$50,000 prize. Regarded as one of most distinguished accolades presented by Canada's literary community, the Writers' Trust Fellowship grants recipients inclusion amongst a select group of our country's finest authors.

Julian Garritano '12, former Brebeuf Athlete of the Year, was selected 35th overall in the National Lacrosse League entry draft by the Colorado Mammoth.

Brian Kennedy '07 received the University of King's College Young Alumni Award.

Edward Moroney '68 was awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT) by the Anglican Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev'd. Colin Johnson, at St. James' Cathedral of New Year's Day, 1st January, 2018. Ted is also the only musician in the professional music community in have been honoured by both the Roman Catholics (KCHS - Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre) and the Anglicans (ODT). He has also received the Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals by the Governor-General of Canada (2002, 2012).

Mike Pautler '76, former staff and Principal received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, a papal honour. Mike is now the Executive Director, Institute for Catholic Education.

Brother Henry Spencer will receive the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteering in 2019 in recognition of his many years of service to Brebeuf as well as to Sunnybrook Hospital and Out of the Cold

Dr. Tomsislav (Tom) Svoboda '85 was named 2018 Regional Family Physician of the Year by the Ontario College of Family Physicians. Svoboda has devoted his 20+ year career to reinventing care provided to the homeless.

Alumni Updates

Matthew Cassar '07 is President, Stonehenge Accounting Inc

Paul Chin '85 recently celebrated 9 years with Otera Capital, where he is currently Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer. Otera Capital is among the largest commercial real estate debt lenders in Canada.

Chris Chong '07 is a Teacher at King's Christian Collegiate

David Chong '13 is an Analyst, Infrastructure M&A at Deloitte

Anthony Dale '88 is President and CEO at Ontario Hospital Association

Bill Dempster '93 is CEO, 3Sixty Public Affairs Inc. in Ottawa

Paul Foster '87 is Regional Sales Manager with Great West Life in Toronto. His brother **John Foster '86** is Regional Vice President, Product Solutions Centre, Ontario, with Great West Life/Canada Life/London Life, and lives in the Ottawa area.

John Garcia '05 is an Administrative Coordinator at Mercer Canada

Alex Kheir '92 is an Associate Vice President - Risk Management - Real Estate at TD Bank

Chris Lackey '02 is Business Development Manager at TD Asset Management in Montreal

John MacDonell '75 is VP Global Business Development Mining for Wood PLC after working on 6 of the 7 continents

Carl Pabandero '13 is a Digital Marketing Manager at Urban Dive Marketing

Raphael Padolina '14 is an Infantry Soldier with the Canadian Armed Forces - 48th Highlanders of Canada

Matthew Seddon '08 is a Manager, Wealth Strategy and Public Policy Leadership at TD Wealth

Alexander Sgroi '85 is a field agent with the Knights of Columbus. "Sandy" lives in Brooklyn with his wife and 6 year old daughter. He keeps in touch with **Nandi Kormendi '85**, who lives in the Kitchener area and is still involved in swimming.

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Class of '77 - Family Dentist

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Where Were They Seen?

We welcome photos of alumni getting together wherever they may be. Just send in your photo to brebeufalumni@yahoo.com along with a brief description of the alumni in the photo – and please include their grad year if possible.



Members of the 2018 hockey team present George Macri '69 with a Brebeuf jersey at the 2018 Alumni Golf Classic in recognition of his long standing support of Brebeuf. Marc Vittorio '01, assistant coach is at the far left



Mark Beamish '77 (left) and Brendan Jones '77 (right) congratulate drummer Paul Fraumeni '77 (centre) following December 9th debut of Paul's band at Toronto's legendary Horseshoe Tavern. "The Jules" played rock classics to a packed house and raised funds to benefit the family of Paul's niece, Julie Clune Sadler, who recently passed away after fighting cancer.



Steve White '81, Brother Henry Spencer, Marc Vittorio '01 and Drew Munro '82 wearing their Brebeuf caps as they witness Brebeuf's first home football game in 35 years



Also attending the Horseshoe Tavern benefit for the family of Paul Fraumeni's niece, the late Julie Clune Sadler were the following Morrow Park alumnae (from left to right) : Elaine (Labonte) Harris, Cathy (Rovazzi) Jones, Michèle Maheux, Catherine Burak, Joan (Labonte) Norris.



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Alumni News

Alumni Golf Classic

More than 70 alumni & friends of Brebeuf participated in the Alumni Golf Classic in July. Thanks to the generosity of **Dennis Tobin '79**, several members of the Brebeuf senior hockey team were able to golf in the tournament and meet their fellow alumni. All golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of weather (a vast improvement over the rainstorm in 2017). The winning foursome of **Steve McHale '81**, **John Mullaly '81**, **Brett Tanner '81** and **John Younder '81** just edged out their classmates **Bryon Di Sera '81**, **Richard Stevens '81**, **Ken Abbott '81** and **Mike Yates '81**. **Dave Keaveney '93** once again took home individual low gross honours while **Michael Koor '93** continued his very impressive streak of winning the "Most Honest Golfer" golfer award yet again.

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The Alumni Association looks forward to welcoming returning and new golfers back to Sleepy Hollow on Thursday, July 11th for the 2019 Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic. Please contact **Frank MacGrath '82** fmacgrath@gtigolf.com for further details

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Alumni Panel Discussion: A Success!

On May, 1st, 2018 a group of distinguished Alumni visited our Alma Mater to speak to the 2018 Graduating class.

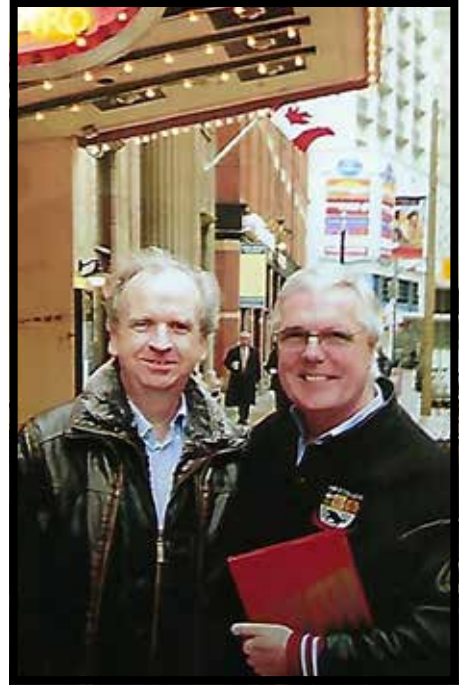
The soon to be alums were treated to a panel discussion that allowed these alumni to connect with the current student body. Each individual spoke about their pathways since their time at Brebeuf and well as reflecting candidly about their time at the school. The discussion resonated deeply with the students, as it ended up spilling over to some informal Q & A with our alumni guests.

This pilot project organized by the Alumni Association will hopefully expand to include future graduating classes.

The Alumni Association wishes to thank **Peter Gillespie '85**, **Elio Gatto '96**, **Mark Oulahen '01**, **Giancarlo Pawelec '01**, and **Tariq Rangwala '01** for their continued support of Brebeuf.

Alumnus supports Can-Aid Food Drive

Brebeuf College gratefully acknowledges the long standing and very generous support of **Dario Battista '87** as a true "Man for Others". Dario was one of the first students to participate in Can Aid when it started 35 years ago. This year Dario and his employees at ISURE Insurance brought in more than 620 cans of food in support of The Good Shepherd Missions.



Old friends Peter Dungan '68 and Steve Kahnert '68 – note the Brebeuf jacket that Steve is wearing and the Echon yearbook under his arm.

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In Memoriam

Please pray for the following members of the Brebeuf family who passed away between January 2018 and December 2018



Alumni

- Peter Barnicke '68
- Tim Flanagan '81, brother of Frank '72
- Mark Poole '77, brother of Michael Poole '70 and David '72

Please see tributes to these alumni on pages 14 - 15

Relatives of Alumni & Staff

- Anna Adihetty, mother of Peter '92
- Pilar Bautista, mother of Chris '93
- Mary Ellen Bradley, mother of Peter, Philip, Mark, Dennis '81 and Tim '84
- Audrey Badeski, mother of Paul '78 and mother-in-law of Mark Ross '82
- Patrick Burke, father of Stephen '91
- Michael Clancy, father of Paul '79 and John '80 and grandfather of Andrew '07 and Kelly '09
- Burt Clapperton, father of David '82 and Chris '84

Former Staff

- Neil Gazeley, Brebeuf's first Vice-Principal who served from 1963-1991
- Amal Hasson Gebara, father of Alfred '04
- Linda Luscombe, mother of John Engel (staff)
- Ian Maguire, father of Dave '89
- Antonio Mantenuto, father of Sam '76
- Mary Rogers, daughter of John '70 and niece of Greg '72, Gord '74, Michael '81 and Jamie '85
- Jennifer Scott, mother of Mike '83 and John '86
- Beth Will, daughter of Joe and Ailix Will (both former staff)
- Anne Marie Wyatt, sister of John Engel (staff)
- Angeline Vittorio, grandmother of Andre '96 and Marc '01

Mark Poole '77, 1958-2018



I first met Mark Poole at Fr. Toppings's Saturday morning Bantam basketball tryouts. Despite his diminutive stature it was apparent that Mark was a gifted athlete, a "natural". His athletic ability and love of sports were no doubt products of his noble bloodlines. Mark never failed to mention the accomplishments of his revered uncles, Jack and Terry Caffery. In the 1950's Jack Caffery played in the NHL for both Toronto and Boston and was also a minor league baseball prospect. Jack's brother, Terry also played in the NHL and was Rookie of the Year in the AHL (1972) and WHA (1973). It was this rich hockey legacy that Mark echoed a few years later by earning Team MVP honours when we both played for Blessed Trinity in the rough and tumble CYO Sunday night "church league". "Pooley" was the consummate teammate. Nowhere, however, was Mark's athletic prowess more evident than on the golf course. Perfecting his game while a caddy at Donalds Club Mark developed the sweetest swing and went on to compete in the Ontario Junior Boys' Championship.

Fresh out of St. Timothy's Mark arrived at Brebeuf in 1972 already a fully formed young gentleman. He was decent and friendly, charming and witty, funny and smart. He was the most well read and informed teenager most of us had ever met and was famously curious. In 9A Science, following a grueling lesson that left everyone confused, Fr. Beaudois, the inimitable Drill Sergeant, asked, "Any questions?" Poole, who was gazing out the window, not paying attention, caught Fr. Beaudois' eye. "Poole!" he shouted. "Do you have any questions?" Without missing a beat, Poole turned to him and said, "Yes I do, Father." "What is it?" Beaudois demanded. Pointing at the elementary school across the field, Poole asked, "What's the name of that school over there?" The class erupted in laughter and an exasperated Fr. Beaudois could be heard muttering, "There's no saving you, Poole. You're going to be a truck driver."

Mark, of course, didn't become a truck driver but went on to study English Literature at Western and York universities. At U of T's Zeta Psi fraternity, when not fronting multiple garage bands, Mark began to expand his professional network and soon became a political fundraising operative for the National Citizens Coalition and later the Reform Party and Conservative Party of Canada. Stories of walking to lunch with Mark along Bay Street became legendary as it could take half an hour to cover one short city block due to all of the chance encounters and impromptu meetings that would occur between Mark and the Bay Street heavyweights he befriended.

Eventually Mark would marry the elegant Catherine Burak (St. Joseph's Morrow Park) and together raise two lovely, amazing boys, his pride and joy – Spencer (who I'm proud to call my god son) and Graeme – who are both studying business at the University of Guelph and are, of course, Mark's living legacy. Mark, who would have turned 60 on November 21st, died on October 12th peacefully of a heart attack. He also leaves behind his cherished parents and seven siblings. Rest in peace, Pooley.

A university fund has been established for Mark's sons to help with their educational fees and loans. Please consider making a gift in Mark's memory using the e-transfer account: universityfundspencer.graeme@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Brendan Jones '77, Photograph by **Tom Zsolt '77**

Peter J. Barnicke '68, 1950-2018



Rarely in life are we so fortunate to have a very close friend, as I had in Peter. Throughout grade nine and ten, before he transferred to St. Mike's, Peter and his entire family welcomed me like a close relative. I was fortunate to witness and experience his father's passion for hard work, his generosity, and his playfulness at taking all the kids at the lake water skiing; his mother's gentle guidance and kindness toward others is well acknowledged and resides with me still; Peter gently shepherding his younger siblings. Oh, that I should have those virtues. The overall impression I have of those times, at their home in the city, the cottage at the lake and the ski chalet, is of one very loving, caring, supportive and authentic family. His parents' values were instilled and expressed fully in Peter's life; his business and charitable works, his family life and his many, many friends, with whom he shared many adventures.

One very well told story of Peter's is when he had occasion to meet Princess Diana at a charity event, Peter was so emboldened to ask "May I have a dance?" to which Diana, limited by strict protocol replied, "I am sorry, but my dance card is full". On reflection Peter spoke of this and related, "Her words may have said, 'no', but her eyes said "Yes!". Bravo, Peter!

We connected for lunches through the 80's to the present. On one such visit, not terribly long ago, while waiting for Peter in the reception of their Bay Street offices, it was Mr. Barnicke who came striding out from a hallway, specifically to see me. Having being advised by Peter that we were lunching that day, he insisted on meeting up with me after all those years since grade 10. He was that kind of guy, the same as ever, full of energy, genuine, positive and playful. Authentic.

Peter and his family have a rich legacy of beneficial and energetic contributions to Catholic Charities including The Cardinal's Dinner, Covenant House, influence to full funding for Catholic secondary schools, The Papal Visit, The Justina Barnicke wing at St. Joseph's Hospital, and The Justina Barnicke Art Gallery at Hart House.

Peter was my close friend for a long time. When we re-connected, it was always as if it was yesterday. Peter, you were my forever friend. I say now you are my Eternal Friend.

Paul M. McKernan '69

Tim '81, 1962-2018



On May 16, 2018, Tim Flanagan '81 passed away peacefully at his Scottsdale home, surrounded by his family. Predeceased by his parents, Wally and Nora (former St Joseph Morrow Park teacher) and survived by the love of his life, Lisa, cherished children, Megan and Casey; brother Frank (Brebeuf '72) and sisters Maureen and Peggy.

Tim was born in Toronto and was a graduate of Brebeuf College in 1981 and the University of Southern California where he was a member of Kappa Alpha. Tim had a dedicated and industrious career in the parking access revenue control industry, building with Lisa and his brother Frank the largest service business in the industry between 1988 and 2017. Tim retired in 2017, after establishing an unmatched legacy for passionate customer service.

Tim cherished his time at Brebeuf especially the years he played on the football, tennis and basketball teams. Tim kept in contact with a number of his Brebeuf classmates and was always up for a golf game or a Leaf game when he was in town. He particularly enjoyed golfing with Jim Hill, his former basketball coach and a long-time Brebeuf staff member.

Tim once commented that his positive outlook on life came from Brebeuf - after a gym class Tim was complaining about something and was overheard by Mr. Bill Kennedy, who took him aside and said to him "all you do Flanagan is complain, that will never get you through life" Tim always remember those words and when he would start to complain about something going wrong in life or in business he would think back to when Mr. Kennedy pulled him aside and stop.

Tim was a proficient athlete conquering the sports of tennis, golf and hockey and remained a faithful Toronto Maple Leafs fan through all his years in Los Angeles. A natural leader and entrepreneur, Tim had an unrivaled passion for life. He believed in people and strived to provide others with opportunities to succeed. His accomplishments were numerous but his most cherished times unquestionably were those spent with Lisa, Megan and Casey whether traveling, off-roading, RV-ing or on other adventures. He will be profoundly missed by his loving family, cherished friends, colleagues and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Brebeuf remained a big influence on his life and in turn Tim never forgot Brebeuf. When the fundraising campaign to help bring football back to Brebeuf began in 2017, Tim and Frank Flanagan were among the very first donors, even though Tim was fighting cancer at that time. When Tim sent in his cheque, he included the following note "I hope this contribution can symbolize the spirit to Fight On for those athletes who will inevitably face adversity. Good luck with your efforts to bring the football program back to Brebeuf". Thank you Tim, you will be missed.

Bryon Di Sera '81

A Visit With Jean Vanier

It's not very often you get an opportunity to meet a living saint, but that's what happened in 2014. Greg Rogers, and Bob Lato asked me to join them on a week-long visit with Jean Vanier at L'Arche Trosly-Briul in France. It was an opportunity I had no intention of missing, and it turned out to be a life changing event for all of us who attended.

Canadian Jean Vanier founded L'Arche in 1964 in the town of Trosly when he invited two institutionalized young men to live with him in Christian community. His abiding philosophy is that the developmentally challenged have more to teach us, than the other way around. We should welcome them into our homes and lives with Christian love. Today L'Arche has one hundred and forty nine houses in thirty eight countries, including Daybreak in Richmond Hill.

Our visit - or should I call it, pilgrimage – consisted of inspiring talks by Jean Vanier in both the morning and afternoon. He was a calming, mystical and inobtrusive presence around the residence, and at the daily masses which he quietly attended. A man of such amazing humility that he even asked us permission to miss the Thursday talk, because he had been asked by the newly elected Pope Francis to come to Rome.

The trip was planned meticulously by Bob Lato, it included time in Paris, and an historical trip to Compiègne – the site of the signing of the Armistice in 1918, and the French surrender to Hitler in 1940. Meeting with a saint should be enough, but I would be remis to not mention the French meals, the camaraderie and sheer joy displayed by all at L'Arche. I would not have missed it for the world.

Mark Burke, Brebeuf Staff 1987-2004



Among the group visiting with Jean Vanier in 2014 (centre of front row with blue cap) are Greg Rogers '72, (4th from left in back row) Bob Lato '68 (2nd from right in back row) and Mark Burke (far right in back row)

Adventure Learning : A Student Perspective

Editor's note : Adventure Learning is a travel company run by two Brebeuf alumni and former staff members Bob Lato '68 and Greg Rogers '72. Below is an article from a recent Brebeuf graduate detailing the impact of these trips from a student perspective.

My name is Eric and I'm a first-year student at Queen's University and a Brebeuf graduate.

Throughout my four years at Brebeuf I tried my hand at a variety of activities, I played on the hockey and volleyball team, I was involved with the school theatre, music and arts programs as well as student council. Each of these activities taught me lessons which I will carry throughout my life, although the most influential moments of my time at Brebeuf were the service trips I attended in my two senior years. When it comes to education young adults are always taught that first hand experience is one of the most important factors in not only learning but also development of our mind, I believe this to be a very accurate statement.

In 2017 I learned about the Adventure Learning Program and the service trip they had that year to Ghana; as a grade 11 student with very limited travel experience, I was hesitant to attend the service trip to Ghana, although I am very thankful I did. Preparing to go to Ghana and being there were very different experiences, no matter how much research I did nor how many presentations I listened to could have prepared me for the enrichment I experienced. Being able to help others through teaching and service aided in my understanding of what it means to be a global citizen, it helped me become more confident in my actions, aiding me in believing that small things do indeed matter and teaching me that having more is not always what makes us happy. The passion for education which the children had in Ghana helped me realize the importance of education to all children in the world and changed my perspective on my own education. This was all only reinforced when I attended the service trip to Peru in 2018.

Overall these trips were truly enlightening experiences that should be made available to as many students as possible in hopes to aid in their understanding of what it means to live in a global society.

Eric Sikich '18





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