
BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Mission Statement

Brebeuf College School is a community of faith integrating Christian principles and Catholic values with all living and learning experiences in an environment, which recognizes the spiritual dignity of each individual as a child of God.

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Friday, February 25th, Toronto Public Health Immunization Vaccine Clinic Against Meningitis
- ◇ Monday, February 28th, Grade 8 Registration; Grade 10 Parents' Information Night
- ◇ Tuesday, March 1st, all school Reconciliation Services; 7:00 p.m. Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting
- ◇ Thursday, March 3rd, Grades 9, 10, 11 Option Sheet Selection Form Due
- ◇ Friday, March 11th, Early Warning Letters Mailed
- ◇ March 7th—8th, Graduates' Overnight Retreat
- ◇ March 14th—19th, March Break
- ◇ Friday, March 25th, Good Friday
- ◇ Monday, March 28th, Easter Monday

Thanks to the efforts and dedication of staff, students, and parents our first semester at Brebeuf College has been an unqualified success, in the classroom, in extra-curricular clubs, on the playing field and gymnasium, on stage, at worship, and in service to the larger community.

The educational experiences of our students were enriched by the excellent and varied academic programs offered at our school, while participation in numerous math contests and membership in a variety of clubs such as, The Debating Club, The School Newspaper, Reach for the Top, and Yearbook enhanced and extended learning for many of our students.

In the Arts, the semester saw two highly successful productions: the staging of Every Body Is a Somebody, a musical dealing with themes of positive self-image and self-esteem, and the annual Christmas Concert which showcased the musical talents and accomplishments of students in our music program. The Christmas Talent Show with its rich variety of acts afforded many staff and students the opportunity to exhibit their talents. Now, under the direction of Mr. Cavaiola, students and teachers are preparing to present The Odd Couple in early May, 2005. The Music Department is looking forward to its U.S. Tour in May; students will be visiting Baltimore/Washington, where, in addition to performing in a variety of concerts, they will participate in historical and geographical tours.

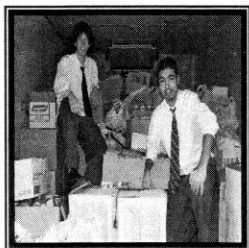
Our students have participated in a broad range of varsity and intramural sports including cross country, volleyball, basketball, hockey, badminton, table tennis, soccer and rugby. Particularly noteworthy were the accomplishments of Adam Dykes who distinguished himself by qualifying for OFSAA Cross-Country for the second consecutive year, while our senior hockey team finished in third place and will proceed to the TDCAA playoffs. (We wish them well).

As always, opportunities for worship and spiritual growth (First Friday Masses, school liturgies, retreats, daily paraliturgies, and school-wide reconciliation were central to the life of our school. It is perhaps in service to the wider community that the generous spirit of our students was most evident. The CAN-AID campaign, a twenty-year tradition at Brebeuf College, was an overwhelming success. Students and staff collected 53,729 food items in support of the Good Shepherd Refuge, shattering its previous record of 46,000 cans. Thank you to all who participated in the campaign, especially Mr. Rogers, and student coordinators, Troy Beharry, and Justin Losier for their dedication and effort to this cause. In response to the southeast Asia Tsunami disaster, Brebeufians raised \$1,500 in aid. In acts such as these Brebeufians live out the creed: "men for others."

Once again, thanks to staff, students, and parents for all their efforts in making our first semester successful and fulfilling both within and beyond the classroom.

N.F. D'Avella, Principal

Overwhelming Response To Can-Aid 2004



Justin Losier & Troy Beharry
amidst thousands of cans

Over the years, Can-Aid has become a longstanding tradition at Brebeuf. This year was especially significant as it marked the 20th anniversary of Can-Aid's existence and represented the first Can-Aid to take place at our new building.

Since 1984, students and staff have worked tirelessly to improve upon past efforts, and have had remarkable success in doing so. Brebeuf's efforts to raise non-perishable food items for the needy have gone unrivalled across the country. This year, the Brebeuf community demonstrated a deep drive to not

only maintain this reputation but to improve upon it.

The 2004 Can-Aid drive ran from Monday, December 6th to Monday, December 13th. Can-Aid week was jam packed with a vast array of fun-filled events which elevated school spirit to astronomical levels. From basketball challenges and hockey shoot-outs during lunch periods to 3v3 soccer and 3v3 basketball tournaments taking place after school, there was certainly no shortage of activity. Although an element of competition was present throughout Can-Aid, we never lost track of the ultimate

goal that lay at the heart of this entire operation—to help the needy at Christmas. Can-Aid has been the hallmark of good will amongst the Brebeuf community for years now. It is how Brebeuf feels it answers the call to come to the aid of Toronto's less fortunate. This year's drive will undoubtedly go down as one of the most memorable Can-Aid's in Brebeuf history.

The 2004 Can-Aid drive—an unqualified success.

Mr. Rogers

Brebeuf College Catholic School Advisory Council

The Brebeuf College Catholic Advisory Council (the "Council") meets on a regular basis and has had excellent turn-outs of parents at our meetings this school year. The Council consists of the schools' Principal, representatives of teachers, students and community interests as well as parents of students.

The primary mandate of the Council is to function in an advisory role to the school's Principal

and, where appropriate, to the Board on a variety of matters involving the school and its students.

The meetings of the Council, which are open to all, are held at the school and provide a mechanism for parents to actively participate in the education process. The meetings also provide opportunities to discuss matters of general importance to you and your son first hand with the

school's Principal and parents with similar interests.

The Council's next meeting is on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. An agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting will be available prior to the meeting. I extend a personal invitation to all interested parents to attend.

Michael Bennett, Chair
Brebeuf College CSAC

**Catholic School
Advisory Council's
Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 1st,
2005
7:00 p.m.**

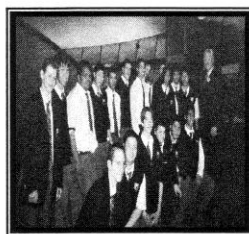
Brebeuf Students Help Many In Need

TSUNAMI VICTIMS

In early January, the Brebeuf College Student Council organized a fundraising day for the victims of the Tsunami in Southeast Asia. Through the generous donations from staff and students, Brebeuf College raised over \$1500.00. The money was sent to ShareLife. The federal government in Ottawa matched this contribution dollar for dollar. Thank you to everyone who helped relieve some of the suffering that has come from this natural disaster.

TOSKAN FOUNDATION

Brebeuf College School is donating \$5000.00 to Covenant House refuge for street youth. Students in Mr. DaCosta's grade 10 civics class prepared Powerpoint presentations on various local charities; the winning charity would receive a donation sponsored by the Toskan Foundation. The goal of the project was to convince a panel of judges that their charity was most deserving of the award. The winning team consisted of Brent Tobin, Nadar Award, Elia Colla, Daniel Kim and Mitchell Prahad. Special thanks to our volunteer judges, Mr. Murphy, Ms. DiPaolo and Gabriel Kim, Vice President of Student Council.



Grade 10 Civic Students Meet
Mayor David Miller

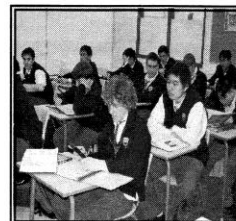
Departmental Focus — Mathematics

The word Mathematics and fun are seldom used in the same sentence yet for many of our Grade 9 students this past semester, it was just that. All Grade 9 math classes this year in both semesters are scheduled at the same time. Not only did this allow for common activities and evaluation procedures for the first semester classes, it also afforded all students from the three academic classes the opportunity to take part in friendly inter-class competition.

Our first semester Grade 9 students recently completed the EQAO assessment. Although the results of these tests will not be made known until next November our preliminary assessment would indicate that we have every reason to be optimistic about our students' achievement and that Brebeuf will continue its strong tradition of scoring well above both the provincial and board standards. Students taking mathematics in semester two will take the EQAO test in June.

Interest and enthusiasm for math abounds as over 60 students have registered for the Grade 9, 10 and 11 Waterloo Math Contests to be held on February 23. Registration for the Grade 12 Euclid in April continues for a few more weeks. Participation in the monthly Canadian National Mathematics league for senior students is as strong as ever and next month will feature the second annual Math Olympics at Brebeuf College.

Mr. Daoust



Mr. Briganti's Math Class

Chaplaincy News

Lent begins the second week of February this year. It is an important time for developing Christian values and personal spiritual growth. Two Paraliturgies will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 9, 2005 in our gymnasium.

Our Lenten School-Wide Day of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, March 1st. Each student will be given a stone to symbolize his sins by his homeroom

teacher which will be presented to the priest during confession. After confession, each student will receive a cross from the priest to symbolize that their sins are forgiven.

We are presently celebrating a Paraliturgy at 8:00 a.m. each morning in our chapel and all are welcome to attend.

PEACE,

Sergio DeMiglio
Br. Henry Spencer, FPM

Bible Challenge

The annual Brebeuf Bible Challenge came to a close after four rounds of preliminary bible trivia. The finals were changed from a bible baseball game to a two round winner take all trivia showdown. The winner of the gold medal was Mark Krevs, following by Timothy Pang, winning the silver medal. Michael Habib won the bronze. Thanks to all those competing in this Brebeuf tradition.

Mr. Margou

**Solemn Blessing
and Official
Opening of
Brebeuf College
School
Sunday, April 10,
2005**

Music Notes

On Thursday, December 9th, the Music Department held its first Christmas concert in our new theatre. This year, the performing groups included the Senior and Junior Concert Bands, the Stage Band, and the Senior and Junior Jazz Combos. The theatre was filled to capacity with a very warm and appreciative audience. A good

time was had by all!

February at Brebeuf means Kiwanis Music Festival. Three of our jazz groups are now into final rehearsals for their performance dates later this month. Watch for results to be posted in local papers.

Brebeuf will once again be the host site for the Jazz

portion of the TCDSB Music festival. The festival runs from April through early May.

Final details are being worked out for the Baltimore/Washington D.C. music tour May 10-15th and that will lead to the Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19th.

Mr. Butash



Music Students Board Bus
to Chicago

We're on the web....
www.brebeufcollege.ca

Brebeuf College School has a new website. Although the site is currently a work in progress (designed and updated by the Brebeuf Media Arts Department), it is hoped that it will soon become the hub for all Brebeuf information and communication. If you have any ideas or information to include in the site, please feel free to contact us with your suggestions.

Indoor Soccer KICK OFF

The 2005 Bulls indoor soccer season kicks off on February 16th when the Bulls host the 4th Brebeuf College Annual Indoor Soccer Tournament. The tournament will see a competitive field made up of Upper Canada College, St. Michael's, Senator O'Connor, Chaminade, De La Salle, John Cabot, Cardinal McGuigan, and the host Brebeuf College. On April 6th, the team will travel to the OSA Centre in Vaughan to compete in the DG Classic. The Senior soccer team looks to use these tournaments as preparation for the TDCAA league commencing this spring. The Junior Soccer Bulls look to stay in form after the conclusion of a successful TDCAA campaign. The Bulls were defeated by a narrow 1-0 score in the TDCAA semi-final match. The team will compete in the prestigious 22nd Annual York University Indoor Soccer Tournament on March 30th.

The Brebeuf Soccer Program is overseen by Mr. Sabatini, Mr. Aquino, and Mr. Lena. For further information regarding the soccer program please feel free to visit the Brebeuf College School website at <http://brebeufcollege.ca/soccer.htm>.

Mr. A. Sabatini

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School Uniform Reminder

Parents are asked to review the Brebeuf College School uniform policy as outlined in the agenda book with their son at the beginning of Semester Two.

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(Message from the Mayor of Toronto)*

Vaccination of Youth Against Type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is offering to vaccinate youth who were born between January 1st, 1985 and December 31st, 1990 against type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD) at school based immunization clinics to be held between February and May this school year. Toronto Public Health does not require parental consent to provide vaccination for youth in this age group who are able to consent to receive the vaccination.

The Toronto Public Health will be at Brebeuf College School on Friday, February 25, 2005. Stu-

dents who wish to receive the vaccine will be requested to provide proof of age, read the fact sheet so they are informed of the benefits and potential risks of the vaccine, complete a consent form and receive their vaccination. If your child has received a vaccination against meningitis, please inform the clinic on Friday, February 25th. Students born after December 31st, 1990 will be eligible for this vaccine in the year that they turn 15 years of age. If you have any questions about this program call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Information Line at 416-392-1250.

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