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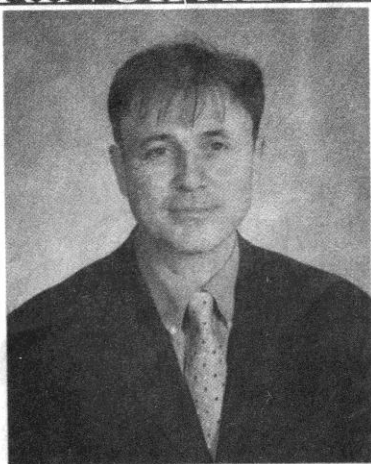


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Mr. Nicola D'Avella

This issue of *Relations* is testament to the imagination, creativity, enthusiasm, and generosity of the Brebeuf community. Over the past year, Brebeuf College School has distinguished itself in sports, academics, the arts, and in its numerous community outreach initiatives.

While there is not enough space to list all of the accomplishments of our vibrant community, here are a few highlights:

- Our Aqua Bulls, Brebeuf's Swim Team, won the TDCAA championship, while our senior Rugby team was declared B Division champions. In Track and Field, we were represented at OFSSA. Our baseball team reached the TDCAA semi finals, and our table tennis won the TDCAA championship.
- Now in its second year, **Brebeuf Reads**, an initiative focusing on boys' literacy, continues to foster great enthusiasm for reading as library circulation rates for a wide variety of reading materials continue to increase.
- Our various musical bands won bronze, silver, and gold medals in Kiwanis and Musicfest Canada competitions.
- **Theater Brebeuf** presented the comedy, **Opening Night**, to great critical acclaim.
- This year, Brebeuf launched its **Green Team**. Made up of staff and students the team will introduce a variety of initiatives in the coming months to reduce Brebeuf's ecological footprint.

• Brebeufians continue to serve others. Brebeuf staff and students have embraced a variety of community outreach programs, such as, **Club Brebeuf**

which raised \$3,200 in support of the Children's Wish Foundation, **CANAID**, Brebeuf's annual food drive, the **Social Justice Symposium**, and the **VICS** Fast-a-thon in support of Spiritan Missions throughout the world. Clearly, teachers, students, parents, and alumni alike have not hidden their God-given talents, but have used them generously for the betterment of their community. Thanks and a great summer to all.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2007-2008



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ARTS & LIFE

BREBEUF CHAPLAINCY 2006-2007

Throughout the school year Brebeuf Chaplaincy maintained a high profile in the life of the school. The year began with two opening Masses celebrated by Father Len Altília, Jesuit Priest, on September 15, 2006. The Grade 9 Mass was celebrated at Muskoka Woods Sports Camp on Thursday September 21st, 2006 our celebrant was **Father Carl Matthews, S.J.**



In keeping with Brebeuf's traditional devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Mass was celebrated on the **First Friday** of each month. Masses were mostly celebrated by Jesuit priests; **Fathers Len Altília** or **Father Winston Rye**. We are very grateful to both priests for the service rendered to the Brebeuf Community in the course of the school year. On June 1st, 2007 the First Friday and Closing Masses concluded the work of Brebeuf Chaplaincy for the school year.

Brebeuf Gospel Singers led by Mr. De Miglio included Mr. Dandeneau, Mr. Hamlyn, Mr. Lamb, Ms Sego, Ms. Pieroni, Ms. Rasciauskas, Ms. Risi and students Paul Taylor and James Costa provided the beautiful ministry of music for our liturgies. Thank-you to all staff and students who participated in this important aspect of our faith. Liturgical music assists all of us in nurturing our faith.

Brebeuf Chaplaincy was also responsible for saying the **Morning Prayer** over the P.A. system. We are thankful to teachers and students who also contributed when invited. The **Brebeuf Family Angelus** was also recited after morning announcements each day. In order to assist Chaplains a number of in-service days were held for all TCDSB Chaplains. Very often Brebeuf Chaplaincy was called upon to begin various school meetings with prayer i.e. staff and parents' meeting etc.

All students at Brebeuf had the opportunity of going on a Retreat during the year. Grade 9 students had their orientation days from September 20-22nd, 2006 at Muskoka Woods Sports Camp. Grade 10 students went to a Jesuit Retreat Centre at Manresa, in Pickering while grades 11 and 12 attended retreats at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, the Oblate Fathers' Retreat Centre in Mississauga.

During the year 24 retreats were organized for our Brebeuf students. Brebeuf Chaplaincy wishes to thank the administration for their support and all the staff who assisted. Have safe and peaceful summer!

MARCH BREAK 2008: LONDON, PARIS AND ROME

An exciting trip is coming up during our spring vacation for any interested student and his family. From **March 6 to March 17, 2008**, we will explore **London, Paris and Rome** on an EF Educational Tour.

During our tour, we will visit many of Europe's most famous landmarks, such as Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, the Eiffel Tower and the famous Sistine Chapel. Local guides will give us behind-the-scenes looks at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Louvre and the mighty Colosseum.

The benefits of travel for students are extensive. Not only do they experience new places and cultures, but they also gain confidence in themselves and a new perspective on the world. Travel experience can also prove helpful when applying to university and college.

EF has been chosen because they have been in business for 40 years and have offices around the world, which is a secure feeling. EF also guarantees the lowest price for the highest quality. The cost of the twelve day trip is **\$3235** and includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, a full-time EF Tour Director, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees to select attractions and guided sightseeing.

Discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son. These trips are fast-paced and involve a lot of travel time and energy. Space is limited—act now!

You can also visit eftours.ca and type the tour number **976063** under "Check it out" to find out more.

Warm regards,
Mr. De Miglio (Brebeuf Chaplaincy, Head of Religion, E-mail: sergio.demiglio@tcdsb.org)



TOSKAN 2007

Jeffrey Wong

This year I was fortunate enough to participate in the YPI (Youth and Philanthropy Initiative) program here at Brebeuf. This program enables youth in Canada to learn volunteerism in a meaningful way. Students are provided with the opportunity to research, study, and visit a local charity of their choice and present their findings to the class. Students compete against each other for a chance to win \$5000 for their respective charities. This year, a number of students from the Grade 10 Civics course took on this unique experience, and our group was fortunate enough to win.

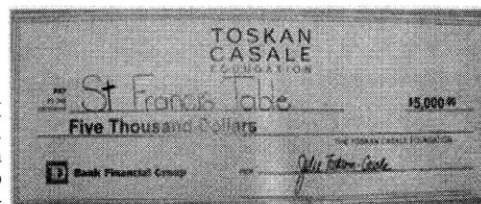
When we first heard about this assignment early in the semester, it seemed to be 'just another assignment' we had to do, another project we had to pass. As with most assignments, our group put it in the back of our heads; the thought of actually doing any work was much too daunting. What makes this program really different from others is that you actually visit the charities, which at first made us hate it even more.

Two weeks later we half-heartedly chose a charity called 'St. Francis Table,' a small organization that serves meals to the homeless downtown. Shortly after, we visited the charity, did an interview with some of staff there and gathered the information we needed. Actually getting to see the people who worked and depended on the charity was a very interesting experience, and it really helped to open our eyes.

With information in hand, we made a video and presentation for the class. Our work eventually made it in front of a panel of judges and we were awarded the money for our charity. It wasn't really until after our presentation that we realized what a great place our charity was, and how it made such a difference to the local community.

As most people say, "Winning isn't everything; it's what you learn from it." A very true statement indeed, as seeing those people during our visit smiling and enjoying themselves was more important. But hey, winning isn't bad either — just an added bonus.

So all in all, YPI was an eye-opening experience to what really goes on in our world; on the whole, an enriching experience that was enjoyed by all.



BREBEUF'S GREEN TEAM: FACING ECO-CHALLENGES



Peter Krevs and Matthew Seddon

This year at Brebeuf, an exciting new team has come into being. Moderated by Mr. Marinic, the Brebeuf Green Brigade was created to deal with environmental issues at Brebeuf and to bring Brebeuf up to the high standards of an Eco-school. The committee started with only five students at the beginning of semester two. By the beginning of May, over fifteen students had become involved with the Green Brigade.

The committee meets at least once a week in order to discuss environmental problems presently afflicting the school and to plan future eco-projects that will further the school's and the community's commitment to the environment. The first event organized by the committee was a school-wide clean up day prior to Earth Day. This event was a great success with an unexpected turnout of over twenty-five students and teachers. Due to the success of this clean up, future clean

ups are already being planned. Another project that the Brigade has been working on, is introducing a recycling program to Brebeuf. Currently there is little recycling being done at Brebeuf. The committee has ordered new recycling bins that are due to come near the end of the school year. The committee hopes that this program can be implemented as a pilot project for the remainder of the school year, so that a full-scale program can take place next year.

The main goal of the committee is to make Brebeuf an Eco-school. This means that Brebeuf would be an environmentally friendly school according to the standards set out by the TCDSB. Some of the projects involve planting trees, adding a course on the environment to the curriculum, and reducing waste and energy consumption. The team has started to set up timelines and target dates to bring Brebeuf closer to its Eco-school goal. "We hope to get the community involved with events and activities to help us succeed in our goal of making Brebeuf an Eco-school," says staff moderator Mr. Marinic.

Without the community's support, Eco-school certification would be unachievable. We hope that this information will encourage you to support the BGB in its efforts and that you encourage your son(s) to get involved in the committee to further Brebeuf's goal of becoming an Eco school.

(This year's inaugural team is made up of the following students: Peter Krevs; Matthew Seddon; Devin Dzelme; James Costa; David Yoon; Khaalid Gonzalez; and Timothy Keslick.)

THEATRE BREBEUF: OPENING NIGHT

An insider's view from the left Stage Manager

Armen Matoosian

On Wednesday, May 2nd, months of endless hard work finally paid off for the students and staff involved in the production of this year's Theatre Brebeuf, *Opening Night*. The theatre quickly filled with an eager audience; this was the moment for which the cast had prepared so. As the lights in the theatre began to dim, it was finally show time. Applause and laughter resounded from the audience, and the show was a complete success. I had a chance to interview some of the cast members and the director regarding the play. Here's what they had to say:

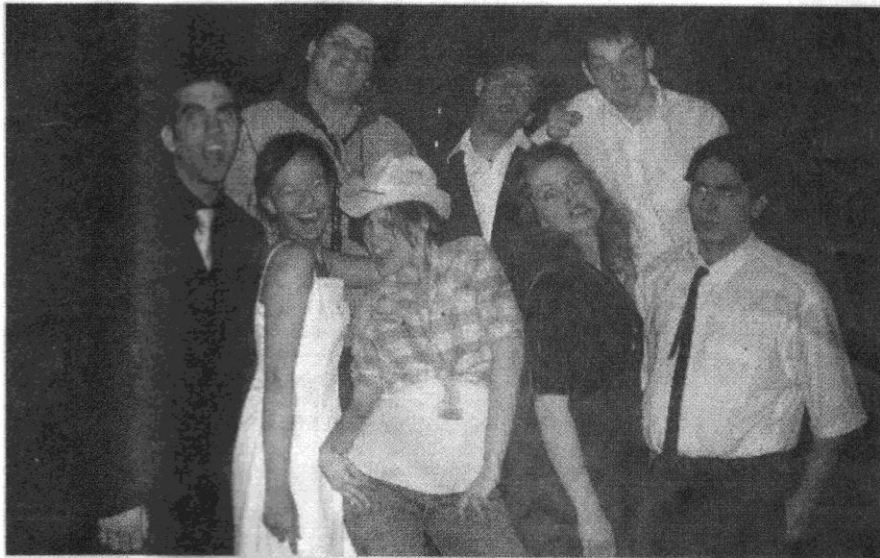
"The play was performed very well. The actors were able to transform themselves into people with life experiences that by far surpass their own. The comical timing was bang on, and the actors worked hard perfecting that. It was a shame we couldn't have elementary students watch the show because of the more mature content, but I'm glad that opened up the opportunity for our students to watch the show. They were great audience members. Watching every performance made me proud of being able to work with such a talented cast, hard working crew and dedicated colleagues." -- *Mr. A. Cavaiola*

"To sum up the experience of being a part of the school play and being a part of Theatre Brebeuf, I would have to say that it was fun. Going to rehearsal was great; it was like hanging out with your friends and getting to act like an idiot twice a week, while actually doing something productive. I think I enjoyed performing the show more than the audience enjoyed watching it, aside from the fact that I got a pretty sweet kiss scene. The play itself was great: the relationships, the drama, the comedy and more mature references were all so well done. They made for a great night of theatre and a great addition to Theatre Brebeuf. I'm glad to have played my part in it and to have been a part of something pretty great."

- *Giancarlo Consoli*

"What I think about the play? All in all, the play was a great success; everything went smoothly and as planned. The cast was awesome – they did a very good job with the sets, which were all built by Mr. Rob Sabatini. Lastly, but certainly not least, a big thanks to Ms. Johnston for stage managing and Mr. Cavaiola for directing. All the work and time spent paid off."

- *Matthew Kassabian*



The cast, from top left and going clockwise: Peter Blandizzi, Matthew Kassabian, Deon Jajalla, Aram Simovonian, Giancarlo Consoli, Christine Corso, Samantha Oakwell-Morgan, Julie Xie

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BREBEUFIAN!

... after four long years!

Joe Casciaro

They say that the four years of high school are the most memorable of your life. Well, attending Brebeuf cemented that fact. Whether you participated in an athletic activity, led the Math Club, or were the first one out the door at 2:46, chances are you have many memories. What makes this school community so special is that people from all walks of life gather together as a brotherhood. Sure, there are different cliques and various petty feuds throughout the year, but at the end of the day we are a group of 1000, strong and united.

Over 400 years ago Jean de Brébeuf migrated from France to spread Catholicism to the native Huron tribes. He was successful in his attempts, but he was eventually envied and hated by the invading Iroquois. He was tortured beyond belief: beaten, burned, and mutilated. Somehow, by a miracle of God, Brébeuf did not utter one scream, not even one cry or sob. His courage burned hotter than the coal necklace placed around his neck. It is for that courage that we come to this school everyday. It is in memory of that courage that this school was built forty four years ago and has seen over forty graduating classes. As you walk through the halls of the third floor and look upon the many faces that call themselves graduates, remember that every single one of them can call themselves a Brebeufian because of Jean de Brébeuf's courage.

Over the last four years I have seen many interesting things, some good and some bad. I have learned many things that have never occurred to me before. That is part of being a Brebeufian – seeing and learning things unique to our school due to its make up. I have received a great education in the classroom thanks to the great teachers we are fortunate enough to have here. I stress



the word teachers because at Brebeuf, that is what they are. Some schools cannot say they have teachers. Sure, every school has instructors; men and women responsible for specific course according to the curriculum, then leaving as early as the students themselves. Brebeuf, however has real teachers. To be a real teacher in my mind is to extend your teaching beyond the classroom. Teachers are supposed to educate us not just academically but also in life. Mark Twain once said, "Never let school interfere with one's education." At Brebeuf we were educated in every way possible.

To summarize, I, along with all of my classmates have learned

many things in the last four years. We have learned to be accepting and tolerant of individuals who look, think, and act differently than ourselves. We have learned to get up one more time than we have fallen. Most importantly, we have learned how to form a brotherhood. On my first day of high school, hundreds of new faces gathered inside the auditorium at Bathurst Heights, the temporary location of our school. We were told on that day that, by the time we finish our time here, we will have formed a community, a true brotherhood. I can admit that I, along with everyone else in that auditorium, joked and laughed at what had been said. At first it seemed that high school was just an institution. You come in the morning, you do what you have to do and you leave in the afternoon. After a while, as the bonds between boys grow and the boys themselves turn into men, you come to realize that this is far more than just an institution. This is a brotherhood. A thousand individuals bonded together by the one thing they have in common - being a Brebeufian.

From the day I walked in this school, I knew there was something special about it. There always seemed to be an ambience about this school. Even though the building itself is only a few years old, there is always a feeling of the history of Brebeuf College School behind us. We truly are lucky to be able to say that we graduated from Brebeuf.

Back when the school mascots were the "Redmen," the chant sung at Brebeuf was "Deep in the heart of the Brebeuf jungle, you can hear the Redmen rumble." Well, four years after being called the Redmen, you can still hear the rumble when you walk into our school; the rumble of forty years' worth of history erupting out of a thousand hearts. What makes being a Brebeufian so special and so lasting is that whether it is in two hours, two weeks, or two decades from now, whenever a group of us gather together in the future, you will always be able to hear that rumble. Remember, just as you were told the first day you walked into this community, "Once a Brebeufian, always a Brebeufian."

BREBEUF RELATIONS

BROTHER LAWRENCE MAHER FUND FOR AFRICA

The Brother Lawrence Maher Fund for Africa is named for the former Principal of Brebeuf College School (1984-1996), a true Christian and a "man for others". The Fund raises money for the Presentation Brothers' school in Yendi, Ghana, Africa, where it is one of the first schools in the region and the only institution to educate girls. The state provides no funds for education. The school carries on the legacy of Blessed Edmund Rice, the order's founder, who established schools for poor Irish boys in 19th century Ireland, and in so doing, helped transform that society by giving people hope. Donations to the Fund come from:

- student collections on the First Friday of each month (following Mass);
- casual days;
- generous donations from staff, alumni, former staff, and friends;
- other student initiatives.

The total raised to date for this academic year is:

\$4330.76 (Students and Staff)

\$720.00 (Alumni and Friends)

Grand Total: \$5050.76

Donations from parents always welcome. Cheques should be made payable to:

Presentation Brothers
c/o Brother Henry Spencer FPM
Brebeuf College School
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Willowdale, Ontario, Canada
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Tax receipts are available upon request.

Any inquiries can be addressed to Brother Henry at hbs211@yahoo.com or to Michael Da Costa '92 at michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org.



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14th May 2007

To the Staff and Students of Brebeuf College

Dear Staff and Students,

I write to acknowledge receipt of a cheque, via Bro. Ivan Verba, for CAD 1,000 for the school in Yendi, Ghana and to thank you for this donation.

Since I was given the responsibility for transferring donations to Ghana two years ago, I became aware that contributions from Brebeuf College were arriving on a regular basis, through Bro. Henry Spencer.

On behalf of the Presentation Brothers, I wish to thank you all very sincerely for this support. I am well aware that students have a limited 'income' and that there are many demands and temptations to spend one's pocket money on a variety of goods and services. That you have the discipline to set aside a contribution for the young people of Yendi speaks volumes about your generosity and about your Christian concern for people less well off than you are. Your College and your parents should be proud of you and I have no doubt but that your late and great former headmaster, Bro. Lawrence Maher, would be delighted with you and with your faithful continuation of the spirit he sought to encourage in Brebeuf. That you are supporting a mission he, together with other Canadian Brothers, effectively established would be a source of great satisfaction to him.

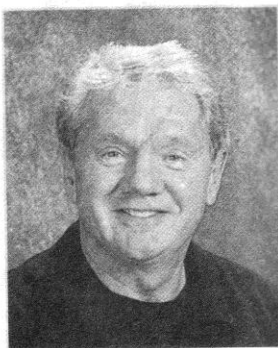
I have visited with the Brothers in Yendi and gleaned some appreciation of what they are doing there. Yendi is largely Muslim but there is nothing aggressive or fundamentalist in the air. There is a small but vibrant Catholic community in Yendi also. There is some tribal tension in the Muslim population and the Catholic bishop is well regarded as a peacemaker among them. The Brothers have been providing education there for some years now. Catholic and Muslim children – all equally disadvantaged – are welcomed, and the demand is so great that some classes have up to 90 pupils. It has reached a stage where a new classroom block has to be provided and Bro. Joe Gilleece has set about the task with his usual determination. He needs about 20,000 sterling and you probably have no idea of the encouragement your contributions give him. He certainly appreciates your support very much.

With renewed thanks and appreciation,

Yours sincerely,

(Bro. Terence Hurley)





INTERVIEW: MR. VINDISCHMAN

Brebeuf's veteran co-op coordinator

Matthew Lau

Mr. Vindischman, long time staff member at Brebeuf, a well respected teacher, and head of the co-operative education program, will be retiring this year, so hopefully this interview will shed some light about his career and his future plans for retirement.

When did you first come to Brebeuf?

Let me start at the beginning. I taught for 34 years altogether beginning in 1967, 40 years ago. The reason I got into teaching was because of a Grade 10 teacher I had. In Grade 10, I was a little bit of a troublemaker, and this teacher was supportive and helped me get through my problems, and ever since then I wanted to teach.

What was your most memorable moment at Brebeuf?

The most memorable moments were when students who were about to drop out of high school decided to take co-op, successfully earning their diplomas, and receiving a job in a trade. They come back and thank me for (almost) saving their lives, helping them go on.

Also, my most memorable moments at Brebeuf are with the students, just how nice they were, how polite and helpful they've been. It's always a good feeling to just walk into this school.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Teaching, I think, is one of the most rewarding professions in the world because you get feedback from students saying how much you've helped them in their lives. It really hasn't felt like a job; it has been fun, and because I love teaching so much, I think the students have felt that too.



CLUB BREBEUF 2006

Club Brebeuf managed to raise 3200 dollars this year for the Children's Wish Foundation.



20 years 10,000 wishes

GIFTED AND ENRICHMENT

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

By: Mr. M. Da Costa '92

Each year our gifted numbers increase, and we strive to improve the breadth and improve the quality of the Enrichment opportunities that we offer to Brebeuf students. This report outlines some of the initiatives of the Brebeuf Gifted and Enrichment Programme for this year. None of these would be possible without the tremendous collaboration and support of all members of our community: administrators, teachers, support staff, guidance counsellors, librarians, and parents. Our gifted students and those seeking enrichment continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm, commitment, and participation. Their success stories bring honour to our school and of that I am proud.

Any ideas that you have to improve and expand our Gifted and Enrichment programme are always welcome. I look forward to another year of working with all of you in 2007-08.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS...

Brebeuf's Gifted programme continues to grow and is on track to be one of the largest concentrations of Gifted students in the TCDSB. This year Brebeuf has 42 identified Gifted students and next year should have approximately 58.

ENRICHED COURSES AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Brebeuf offers Enriched courses, which move at a faster pace and have more breadth than the Academic stream. In 2006-07, we offered them in the following subjects: English (10,11,12); Mathematics (10,11); Science (10); History (10). In 2008-09, the following new Enriched courses will be added subject to Department agreement and student enrolment: English (12); Calculus (12); Chemistry (11); Physics (11); Biology (11); History (10); Religion (10).

This year, students wrote AP examinations in: English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, French Language, Calculus AB, and Biology. Students who are successful can earn university credits for their work done at Brebeuf.

"PERSPECTIVES" GIFTED CONFERENCE AT U of T

24 Brebeuf students attended a variety of workshops led by professors and professionals, including: engineering, computers, Jesuit spirituality, music, scholarships, and effective essay writing.

CANADIAN CLUB LUNCHEONS AT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Students attended three interesting lectures:

- The Federal Liberal leadership debate between Bob Rae, Gerrard Kennedy, and Stephane Dion;
- The head of NATO in Afghanistan and the role of the United Nations;
- Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, speaking on expanding trade and diplomacy in the Americas.

DEBATING

25 students meet weekly over the year for practice debates, tournament preparation, and skills presentations. M. Da Costa completed his second year as President of the Pro-Con Debating League, of which there are thirty members from Catholic, public, and private schools. We attended the Pro-Con Debating Workshop at De La Salle College and participated in four Saturday Pro-Con Tournaments, three of which were hosted at Brebeuf. Jason Cheng placed in the top three at two of these debates. Brebeuf also hosted the **TCDSB Elementary Gifted Debate Tournament** for over 400 students. Our gifted students were among the judges and helpers.

THEATRE

Enriched English students enjoyed Shakespearean plays at the Stratford Festival (with S.J.M.P.) and *King Lear* at the Soulpepper Theatre Company's Young Centre (in conjunction with Loretto Abbey).

BREBEUF SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

Ten students planned and facilitated the third annual Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium for Catholic high school students on the topic of faith and terrorism from Catholic and Muslim perspectives. The title was "Be Not Afraid: When Faith Meets Terror". The event was held at St. Michael's College at University of Toronto for the first time and over 200 students from across the TCDSB attended. Students also provided social justice workshops from various groups to encourage students to become active in putting their faith into action in their schools and local communities. These students will form the nucleus of a Social Justice Club planned for next year.

TORONTO CATHOLIC STUDENT JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

This workshop was co-founded by the Brebeuf Enrichment Programme and the *Catholic Register* newspaper and hosted at Brebeuf. Students participated in a variety of hands-on workshops on: effective writing, journalistic ethics, layout, photography, and research skills. Brebeuf also helped develop the *Catholic Register Student Newspaper Awards* and Brebeuf entered *The B* newspaper in all categories. Results are forthcoming.

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

The Gifted Programme planned the event to recognize the hard work of our students who attained Honour Roll status and who received the top marks in each subject. This year the event was held at night so parents could attend and celebrate their sons's successes. Next year's Awards Night will be October 17th.

WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

A wide variety of events were planned for all students on February 27 to enrich their school experience beyond the classroom, including: Ontario Science Centre, Royal Ontario Museum, Reptilia Museum, skating, skiing, hockey, bowling, badminton, table tennis, Playdium, and films.

UNIVERSITY VISITS

This new initiative took students from Brebeuf, Loretto Abbey, and SJMP on visits to university campuses to inform them about university life and programmes. The campuses we visited were to: Queen's University (Kingston); University of Waterloo & St. Jerome's College; University of Western Ontario (London); and Royal Military College (Kingston).

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Under moderator Mrs. M. Rasciauskas, Brebeuf students competed in the annual DI tournament at St. Basil-the-Great College School. The team placed second and qualified for the Championship tournament in Tennessee, U.S.A.!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (CSUNA)

Twenty-five students represented countries in a mock simulation of the U.N. over a three day conference held at the Catholic Education Centre. Over 500 students from across the TCDSB participated in this annual event. Students wrote resolution papers on world issues and argued their merits in committees and in front of the whole Assembly. Fifteen Brebeufians also acted as "security" and helped the ladies of SJMP run this phenomenal learning opportunity.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 12 students received tips, proofreading, and letters of reference in applying for university programmes and scholarships. As of June 8, some sample results include:

- Kevin Ku, who won a \$4000 Canadian Millennium Scholarship;
- Daniel Alksnis, who won a \$5000 Lassonde Scholarship for University of Toronto's Department of Mineral Engineering;
- Corey Liu won the \$21,000 National Scholarship at University of Western Ontario, and was also accepted to Stanford University;
- Matthew Lau won the \$21,000 President's Scholarship at Schulich School of Business, York University;
- Ivan Pang got a \$2000 for Queen's University Engineering
- Eric Cheng received the Leon Family Scholarship worth \$5000

These men bear positive witness to our school's motto, *Studio Gradum Faciant*.

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BREBEUF TRAVEL

VIMY RIDGE | BOSTON | NEWYORK



VIMY RIDGE: A RETURN TO THE PAST

Shukwon Liu

Ninety years have passed since the Battle of Vimy Ridge, 1917. That day, Canadian soldiers conquered the ridge and achieved the greatest allied victory to that point. Since then, Canada has been treated as a country, not a colony, some even saying that Canada was officially born on that day. Ninety years later, to the exact day (Easter Monday 2007), about 4000 teenagers traveled to Europe to honour this historical moment; happily, I was one of the fortunate ones.

Students from our school and Saint Elizabeth Catholic Secondary School enjoyed a stopover in London, England. After a tour of the city with our guide, Chris, we journeyed to Paris through the underground Chunnel train. We visited the castle of Louis XIV in Versailles, France.

The next day, we headed for Vimy, each of us wearing a name tag bearing the name of a Canadian soldier. When we arrived, there were camps everywhere and we were welcomed warmly. After a few minutes, our group was led to a Flanders' field where we listened to various speakers. Each of us placed a poppy on top of the soldiers' graves. At two o'clock, we were welcomed this time by everyone again, except this time we were on TV! Everyone waited impatiently for some time until the ceremony featuring Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister Steven Harper, and the Prime Minister of France began. After the ceremony, we got a closer look at the monument at Vimy. It was gigantic and majestic, and built with the finest rock. When we departed, the people on the streets waved to us with passion. That day, our hearts were filled with the joy and pride of being Canadian.

The day after Vimy, we toured Paris and did some shopping and then headed back to London. On the last day, we had a free day in London where a few teachers and students visited the war museum.

This trip was one of those once in a lifetime trips and it will stay with me, in my heart, forever.



BOSTON BAND TOUR

Brebeufians knocked Boston's "Sox" off, quite literally

Tim Keslick

The Boston band trip can be summed up in one word: amazing. From the time we left Brebeuf College, at 7:00am, everyone was enjoying themselves. Once we arrived in Boston, we knew we had a full itinerary and headed to Fenway Park, one of the oldest baseball diamonds in North America, which opened in April 1912. Being the only group of people in the entire city of Boston cheering for the Jays was a bit unnerving at times but fun nonetheless.

Later that week, we performed our first two shows. Our initial stop was a nursing home and everyone was a little nervous for the first show. After some last minute practicing by our singers, and oiling valves and adjusting reeds, we made our entrance. Needless to say, every band put on a "noteworthy" show. Our second concert was played at a rehabilitation centre for victims of drunk driving, industrial accidents, and substance abuse. We managed to maintain our level of professionalism at the rehabilitation centre and some of us made a few friends. After our concert concluded, we hastily got on the bus and headed downtown for our much anticipated city tour on two amphibious vehicles known as "Ducks". These "Ducks" toured the streets of Boston as well as the Charles River. Some other notable attractions we visited included Faneuil Hall, the New England Aquarium which included a 750,000 litre cylindrical marine tank that was set in the center of an open exhibit with penguins, the

Salem Wax Museum, and the John F. Kennedy Museum and library.

The Saturday before departure was one of the most exciting days, as far as our concert performances were concerned. Brebeuf had booked a time slot at Faneuil Hall and we had an audience between 2000-3000 people! After two hours of stellar performances by the Brebeuf bands and our SJMP singers, we went to Harvard University (some people were reluctant to go back to Brebeuf; why bother if you've already gone to Harvard?) and enjoyed some free time in the Museum of Natural Science! Afterward we made our way to St. Anthony's Church for our Saturday evening Mass and ended the night at Vinny T's of Boston and returned to our hotel. The morning came faster than we expected, so five days, some new friends, and a lifetime of memories later, we headed home.

NEW YORK! NEW YORK! Julio Paolini



could never live in New York though; there's just no room to walk and the streets are overflowing with cars and people. I might live in New Jersey. Maybe... just maybe.

The trip to New York City (May 9th to 13th) was one of the best experiences that I could have ever taken part in during high school. A ten hour drive, with two stops, doesn't seem so bad, right? You're wrong!

Our first destination was the ever illustrious Times Square. We had to grab some dinner, wherever we could, and then we met up and saw our first Broadway show: Monty Python's Spamalot. It was breathtaking.

The next day we had so much to do but so little time: a ride on a ferry to Ellis Island; a visit to the Top of the Rock, or the top of the Rockefeller Center for those who are unaware of what "Top of the Rock" meant; the MoMa, or the Museum of Modern Art; Macy's a.k.a. Heaven, and our second Broadway show, RENT, which was a brilliant decision by supervising teachers Mr. Caviola, Mrs. Pieroni, and Mrs. Boetto.

The third day, although a humid scorcher, was one of our best shopping days, with visits to the SoHo district and Chinatown. We also visited the site of the World Trade Center.

On our final day, I had the best time, Central Park being our first destination. Although this park is in the middle of Manhattan, it is peaceful and serene. It's all man-made, but you couldn't tell. We enjoyed a leisurely stroll through the park, before heading off to St. Patrick's Cathedral, NBC Studios, and the Improv Comedy Club. On the NBC Tour, we saw the sets of Conan O'Brien and Saturday Night Live. We also saw the cast rehearsing for a particular SNL sketch for that night. The comedy club was a great laugh to end off the night. The ride back home was so much better than the ride there because I actually managed to get some much needed sleep.

The trip to New York, overall, was amazing. I



BREBEUF AWARDS

AWARDS OF RECOGNITION

THE E.J. BARRY RENAISSANCE AWARD donated by the class of 1993, is presented to a Graduating Student who displays an interest and active participation in all aspects of student life: academics, sports, the arts, and social activities. This award is offered in celebration of the contribution of Mr. E.J. Barry to the Brebeuf community.

Recipient: Deon Jajalla

THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS' AWARD is presented to a Graduating Student who has demonstrated personal and academic growth and development in his years at Brebeuf.

Recipient: Matthew Giancola

THE O'NEIL P. GAZELEY SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a Graduating Student who, in his years at Brebeuf, has demonstrated a commitment to his peers and dedication to academic excellence. This award is in recognition of Mr. Neil Gazeley who was Brebeuf's first Vice-Principal and a tremendous leader in the Catholic community.

Recipient: Kevin Ku

THE BREBEUF BENEFACTORS' AWARD is presented to an individual who has contributed his talents to the betterment of Brebeuf.

Recipients: Ivan Pang and Peter Blandizzi

THE MICHAEL BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD is dedicated to a former Brebeuf student. The award is presented to the Graduating Student who best exemplifies school loyalty and generous cooperation.

Recipient: Joseph Casciaro

THE BROTHER LAWRENCE MAHER AWARD named after a former Brebeuf principal, is presented to the student who has shown a commitment to spirituality within the school community, has embraced many aspects of school life, has shown a willingness to help students, and who has given an indication that he will pursue further education.

Recipient: Ronald Victorino

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S AWARD is presented to a Graduating Student for outstanding community service.

Recipient: Min Wook Kim

THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AWARD is awarded to the student who has shown outstanding commitment to the Catholic mission of Brebeuf College School.

Recipient: Paul Taylor

FATHER J. WINSTON RYE S.J. AWARD is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic average in his Grade 12 subjects.

Recipient: Matthew Lau

THE MEDAL OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA is presented to the Graduating Student with the highest academic standing at Brebeuf College School.

Recipient: Matthew Lau

THE JOE WILL AWARD is presented to a student who has made a significant contribution to the quality of school life and whose character and accomplishments exemplify the mission of the school.

Recipient: Nick Kavar

WILLOWDALE THORNHILL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a student with the highest academic achievement accepted into an Ontario Engineering Degree Program.

Recipient: Stephen Kwak

THE JIM PETERSON PARLIAMENTARY AWARD is presented to a Graduating Student in the federal riding of Willowdale. It recognizes a student's commitment to society through involvement in student government and achievement in Canadian studies.

Recipient: Eric Sin

THE VISUAL ARTS AWARD is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability and commitment to the field of Visual Art. This award is dedicated to the memory of Mark Agcaoli.

Recipient: Corey Liu

THE JOE YOUNDER AWARD for outstanding achievement in debating is awarded annually to the student who has contributed in a leadership role and in a gentlemanly fashion to debating.

Recipient: Keith Leung and Matthew Cassar

THE O.E.C.T.A. TORONTO SECONDARY UNIT AWARD is presented to a student who has demonstrated a strong sense of social and political responsibility, as evidence in his participation in school or community activities which show a strong motivation toward achieving social justice and fostering moral values.

Recipient: Kevin Ku

BREBEUF RELATIONS

THE U of T NATIONAL BOOK AWARD is presented to a Graduating Student who not only excels in academic pursuits, but also has enthusiasm for intellectual exploration.

Recipient: Matthew Lau

PETER KNOPFEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is dedicated to the memory of Peter Knopfel a Brebeuf graduate of the class of 1981. The Brebeuf Alumni Association awards this scholarship to the Graduating Student who has demonstrated academic and social achievement through his strong sense of commitment.

Recipient: Matthew Canaran

THE ST. CLAIR MONAGHAN S.J. AWARD is presented by the Brebeuf Alumni Association to the Graduating Student who has demonstrated strong academic ability, has actively participated in a variety of extracurricular events, and has expressed a desire for involvement in alumni affairs.

Recipient: Eric Cheng

THE JIM MORRIS '77 AWARD is presented annually to a student demonstrating excellence in journalism at Brebeuf College School. The award is named in honour of an eminent journalist and alumnus.

Recipient: Denis Wong

THEATRE BREBEUF AWARD is presented to the graduating student who has greatly contributed to the theatre programme over his years at Brebeuf.

Recipient: Deon Jajalla

MICHAEL TOMASZEK '82 MUSIC AWARD recognizes a Graduating student who has contributed to the music programme over his four years at Brebeuf.

Recipient: Ronald Victorino

THE SALUTATORIAN SCROLL, named for Joe Sinopoli '89, is presented to the student elected by his peers to give the opening address at Graduation.

Recipient: Peter Blandizzi

THE VALEDICTORIAN is chosen by his peers to speak on behalf of his class at the Graduation Exercises.

Recipient: Kevin Ku

2007 BREBEUF ATHLETES MVPs

Senior MVP

Brendon Chan

Sport

Junior Soccer
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Sr Basketball
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BREBEUF RENAISSANCE AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Grade 12

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Danny Porthiyas
Ivan Pang
Chris Chong
Matthew Giancola
Eric Cheng
Matthew Lau
Vincent Kan

Grade 11

David Woosik Yoon
Jason Cheng
Matthew Seddon
Devin Dzelme
Beau Mondesir

Grade 10

Yrvin De La Cruz
Dennis Lee
Kevin Hawkshaw
Roman Izquierdo
Emmanuel Onabolu
Martin Miasko
Adam Craig
Peter Wonwoo Sung
Zack Lawrence
Muchi Zhu
Joseph Yo-Su Kim

Grade 9

Timothy Keslick
Torrel Ollivirrie
Aaron Do Yeon Kim

CATHOLIC REGISTER STUDENT NEWSPAPER AWARDS



Two submissions from the 2006-2007 issues of The B have earned special recognition in the first Catholic Register Student Newspaper Awards.

- Khaalid Gonzales placed third in the Best Opinion Writing category for his piece, "9/11 inside job? No way!"

- Ron Victorino placed third in the Best Photo category for "CAN-aid 2006: 'C for Candetta'"

Congratulations gentlemen, you have made The B proud!

<<< The winning photo.

The original caption read:

"Jell-O eating contestants battle it out in the three lunch periods on December 14th. Unlike the Jell-O Santa eats, these are of the sugar-free variety."

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