



The RELATIONS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



My first year as principal here at Brebeuf has provided many valuable experiences that have fostered a deeper appreciation of just how special this learning community is.

I've been able to observe eager Grade 9 boys arriving in September unsure of what the year will bring and then watch those same boys begin to forge lifelong friendships during their orientation at Muskoka Woods. I've greeted students in the morning attending our paraliturgies at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel or making their way to the library to work on final preparations for the day. I've seen students actively engaged in learning, participating in school liturgies, playing on a wide variety of teams, fundraising and volunteering, sharing their talents in visual arts, theatre or music and participating in clubs. I've seen how all of these activities help our students to learn, deepen their faith and develop important life-long skills as well as an appreciation for the opportunity Brebeuf provides to develop a sense of brotherhood. This was most evident in June as our senior students, young men, prepared to graduate and embark onto the next stage in their lives.

The contributions made by our dedicated staff, the support of our parents, the connections maintained by our alumni and the work of our Catholic School Advisory Council all reflect important facets of a healthy and vibrant school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported Brebeuf College School over the past year and to wish everyone a safe and restful summer. God bless.

-- Mr. A. Azzopardi

Our newsletter takes its name from the *Jesuit Relations*, letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf S.J. and his Jesuit colleagues sent home from Canada to their superiors in France in the 17th century. May our Brebeuf *Relations* also be a message of faith and hope and highlight our good news in the spirit of Christ.

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor

BREBEUF FOR AFRICA

The staff and students of Brebeuf College School raised an astonishing **\$2036.74** for St. Charles Lwango School in Yendi, Ghana during the second annual "Penny Drive". The African school is run by the Presentation Brothers and relies on funds from donors for most of its operations.

The Penny Drive began on the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice on May 5th and continued for one week. Student volunteers visited homerooms to promote the drive and to educate the community about the work of the Presentation Brothers in Ghana and the link between it and the charism of Edmund Rice. It took a small army of dedicated volunteers to count and roll the coins before they were deposited at the bank.

As **Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M.**, the school's chaplain, observes, "This is a great success. Everyone has been so generous. The amount speaks volumes. It says a lot about our values as a Catholic Community, and I think as a body of Catholic youth and teachers we have gotten the message across 'that indeed we are our sisters'/brothers' keepers' which is the great Commandment of love."

The Penny Drive is one of many initiatives that Brebeuf undertakes to raise funds and awareness for the Ghana mission as part of the **Brother Lawrence Maher Fund for Africa**. Named for the school's Principal from 1984-1996, the Fund raised a total of **\$6000** this year to assist the Brothers in the education of poor youth. Some of the fundraising activities held were a book sale, monthly homeroom collections, and selling department stores coupons.



Bro. Henry Spencer F.P.M. and students counting thousands of pennies!



A First Friday Mass in the Atrium on June 5th marks the end of Brebeuf College's forty-fifth academic year

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thanks to all of the students who took the initiative of running for the 2009-10 Student Council. An outstanding group of young men put their names forward, and the calibre of campaign speeches, posters, and energy raised the bar high for future election weeks. Congratulations to the winners; we expect great things of them next year.

President	Matthew Cavdar
Vice-President	Petar Madzarevic
Social Rep.	Louie Ciccarelli
Senior Sports Rep.	Matthew Pellegrino
Junior Sports Rep.	Spencer Houghton
Junior Vice-President	Lucas Meredith

JESUIT CONNEXION

Brebeuf was founded by the Jesuits and the school maintains excellent relations with that illustrious religious order to this day. Most of our Masses are celebrated by **Father Winston Rye S.J.** (former Principal) and **Father Len Altilia S.J.** (former staff). They and other Jesuits also return for such events as Confessions, Camp Muskoka, the Communion Breakfast, and Vocations Day.



We were also very lucky to have two young Jesuits work with our students this year. **Chris Krall S.J.** finished his second year as a weekly volunteer, helping to establish our

Kairos retreat programme, visiting religion classes, and co-moderating the peer ministry programme. **Aaron Engebretson S.J.** completed two months of student teaching with Mr. Anthony Joachim. Both of these young men were also completing full-time studies at Regis College and the University of Toronto as part of their Jesuit training.

KAIROS: "GOD'S TIME"



Brebeufians and Canisius students at Kairos '09

Schools with Jesuit roots are known for running excellent retreats. Brebeuf plans to begin offering Jesuit Kairos retreats next year for Gr. 11 students. These retreats have proven invaluable at other schools in developing student leadership, community, and faith.

In order to become familiar with how Kairos works, a contingent from Brebeuf travelled in March to Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York to participate in their Kairos retreat. The six Gr. 11 Brebeuf students who attended (**Tim Keslick, Luc Rinaldi, Ajay Da Costa, Evan Kalentzis, Atta Almasi, and Aaron Kim**) and the staff (**Mr. D. DiMauro, Mr. E. Guy, and Mr. E. Jenkins**) will be the leaders for our retreats next year. They will take place at Mount Alverno from November 11-13 and at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre from May 12-14.

We hope and pray that Kairos will thrive at Brebeuf and help us in our mission of developing students who are "men for others" and loving, religious, open to growth, and committed to service.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * 20% of Brebeuf students are from York Region.
- * Many staff send their sons to the school.
- * Almost 20% of staff are alumni.
- * Students travel from as far away as Mississauga, Ajax, Newmarket, and downtown to attend Brebeuf.
- * Brebeuf is at its capacity of 1070 students and now has a waiting list.
- * All of the above are indicative of the quality of education that we offer.



A Brebeuf alumnus has donated a picture of the Last Supper to hang proudly in the Cafeteria. We hope that it will remind students of the love of Christ, the sacrament of Holy Communion, and the blessings of living in a

country where food is plentiful.

LEADERSHIP & GRADE 8 DAY

The Class of 2015 had their first introduction to Brebeuf as part of the annual Grade 8 Orientation. Our newest Brebeufians were welcomed by 40 enthusiastic Grade 10-12 leaders. The students and their parents were led on personal tours of the campus, introduced to key staff and administrators, and given a special welcome barbecue.

These student leaders were trained by **Ms T. Walsh, Ms. M. Loranger and Mr J. Di Fonzo**. Next year, the leaders will help run Camp Muskoka Orientation Camp for Grade 9's; be in charge of the Grade 9 intramurals programme; and tutor their peers who may be struggling academically. "This group of Brebefians embodies our goal of forming men for others and gave the Grade 8s a lovely introduction to the Brebeuf community," observes Ms. Walsh.

2008–2009 CSAC REPORT

The Brebeuf Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) is the official voice of the Brebeuf parent community. Being a member of the CSAC provides an opportunity to make recommendations to the School's administration, to the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and to constructively interact with other parents and staff. No one is singularly responsible for decision-making and a representation of parents who reflect the diversity of the school's population is important. We, as parents, can make a difference to our son's education.

CSAC has been very active this year at the school and here is a snapshot of some of our activities.

Parent Reaching Out (PRO Grant)

We used the balance of our Parent Reaching Out Grant funds to purchase over \$600 worth of parent reference books for CSAC's parent library. These books are available for sign-out by parents at every CSAC meeting.

Parent Involvement Funds (PIF)

CSAC received \$500.00 from the Ministry of Education which was to be used to enhance parent engagement and school communication with parents. It was decided to use a portion of these funds to purchase fridge magnets which set out the monthly CSAC meeting dates

and important school information. Each school family will be receiving a fridge magnet with the August mail-out. We used the balance of the funds to purchase several parent reference books for the CSAC parent library

Special Events Sponsored by CSAC

CSAC donated funds towards the students' annual trip to Ottawa for the March for Life rally. CSAC also donated funds to defray the transportation costs of the students participating in the Kenya Study and Leadership Program in August 2009. CSAC was one of the sponsors of the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) presentation which took place at the school on June 1st.

Gently Used Uniform Sale

CSAC organized our very first "gently used" uniform sale which was held in the gym on June 13th and was a huge success. In order to assist families with keeping the cost of the school uniform affordable, we hope that this will become a yearly tradition at Brebeuf. Thanks to all the families who donated uniform items and participated in this event.

CSAC Monthly Meetings

Brebeuf's Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will resume their monthly meetings again on September 29th, 2009. All parents are invited to join us for one of our meetings. The dates for these meetings are listed in the Brebeuf Parent Handbook, the fridge magnet you will receive in August and are also on the school's website at www.brebeufcollege.ca. To get involved, please contact our CSAC Chair, Louise Whitfield at csac.brebeuf@tcdsb.org or come out to one of our meetings. All parents are welcome.

KENYA EXPERIENCE

A Brebeuf contingent will be travelling to Kenya this summer to help build a school for poor Kenyans. Led by **Ms. Marianne Loranger** and former Brebeuf staff and alumni **Mr. Bob Lato '68** and **Mr. Greg Rogers '71**, the students will join other TCDSB schools in this important initiative to put faith into action and show that we are "men for others". The students in the group are: **TJ Olivirrie, Kathryx Diaz, Alex Zappone, Renato D'Ambrosio, and Jody Pint**. We wish them a wonderful experience!

DEBATE UPDATE

At the March 8th Pro-Con Debate Tournament at Brebeuf, our novice, junior and senior debaters showed they are a force to be reckoned with. The topics were "Governments should not run intentional deficits" and "McDonald's is detrimental to society". **Prince Kudolo** (Gr. 9) placed 5th out of 30 debaters and was awarded an Honourable Mention. **David Goldstein** (Gr. 10) placed 2nd overall in the Junior division. Lastly, **Adam Craig** (Gr. 12) won an Honourable Mention in the Senior division.

BREBEUF PREFECTS

A new leadership programme is being implemented at the school for September: the Brebeuf Prefects. Twenty students have been recommended by two or more teachers to serve as model leaders, helpers, and ambassadors for the school at various events and activities. These “gentlemen for others” represent what a model Brebeufian should be: cheerful, polite, enthusiastic, responsible, generous, faithful, and giving. We hope they will be a good influence on their peers and create a positive impression for the school with the public.

Haben Abraha (11)	Kevin Corso (11)
Stephen Di Tranni (11)	Alexandre Dos Santos (12)
Boris Dyakov (11)	Christopher Dydula (11)
David Goldstein (11)	Spencer Houghton (10)
Trevor James (11)	Stephan Jayaratnam (11)
Evan Kalentzis (12)	Timothy Keslick (12)
Hodge Lai (12)	Matthew Meehan (11)
Paul Park (11)	Shaun Rana (11)
Luc Rinaldi (12)	Keith Rodrigues (10)
Daniel Seddon (12)	Russell Sng (11)
Sean Sutton (12)	Andrew Taylor (11)
Benedict Tuliao (11)	

FAMOUS AUTHOR MAKES A VISIT

Brebeuf was honoured to welcome celebrated Canadian author, **Nino Ricci**, to the library for a literary reading on May 21. Ricci discussed his experience as a writer and responded to participants' questions. His Ricci's newest novel, *The Origin of Species*, is the winner of the 2008 Governor General's Award for Fiction.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP CREW

By Prince Kudolo (Gr. 9)

On Friday, April 17th, more than thirty students participated in Brebeuf's second annual Community Clean-up Day. Organized by Brebeuf's Environmental Committee, the cleanup covered an area extending from the far end of Conacher Drive to the grounds of St. Agnes School.

Students were divided into six groups and equipped with large garbage bags and gloves. The cleanup took about two hours to complete, leaving everyone with a full bag. The cleanup was a great success; enough garbage to fill thirty-five bags was collected. All of the students showed exceptional leadership skills, sacrificing their own leisure time to clean up the school grounds and surrounding community.

Special thanks to **Mr. Marinic, Ms. Sego and Brother Spencer**, who organized this event, along with every student who made the clean-up the success that it was.

DISSECTION SECTION

By Ms. A. Johnston

It's the first day of my grade 11 biology class and after giving my students the usual spiel of content and expectations, I open the floor to questions. Often it's the first question but seldom does it take more than 3 to hit the jackpot: “*When do we do the dissection?*” In every semester of biology that I have taught, it's the one thing that they anticipate will be an experience unlike any other. Dissecting a fetal pig is the culminating activity in biology, during which they learn about how organisms work. Our dissection is the ultimate visual, hands-on activity for studying a mammal's anatomy.

During the 4 days that it takes to complete the dissection, students learn much more than just some anatomy. They learn how they are at performing precision movements with their fingers, how to make a plan for an activity for which there are no “do-overs” and how to handle their fear over such an experience. Some are surprised by their reactions; there are those who figured they wouldn't be able to stand it and then surprising themselves and wanting as much “action” as possible.

“I loved it. It felt like I was a doctor. Just being able to explore the brain and eye was better than watching any “House” episode” said **Adam Silva**. Others, however, who thought they would be right in there wanting as much “scalpel time” as possible needed to step back and just observe.

As **David Ghobrial** put it “*Not everyone who thinks they are cut out to dissect are actually cut out for it. It is quite the changing experience learning more about yourself in the process.*”

No student is ever asked to do anything he is uncomfortable with and as a follow up to the dissection, they share their opinions and feelings about the use of animals by humans in many areas of society besides education. (The specimens that we obtain are a by-product of the food industry and are not raised or sacrificed for the sole purpose of dissecting.) I personally learn a lot about many of my students after reading their essays including their appreciation of God's gift of life and the stewardship we have over our earth and its creatures. Many share stories of their experiences with pets or express their reactions to documentaries they've watched which made an impact on them.

The grade 11 classes dissect the parts they learned about (digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems) and pass the partially dissected specimens on to the senior class to complete. Those students in grade 12 who continue on in senior biology have the additional opportunity to dissect the central nervous system, urinary system and sensory organs to complement their curriculum. For most, this will be the last time they get to experience this privilege but for a few, it's only the beginning of a great journey.

SPEAKER SERIES

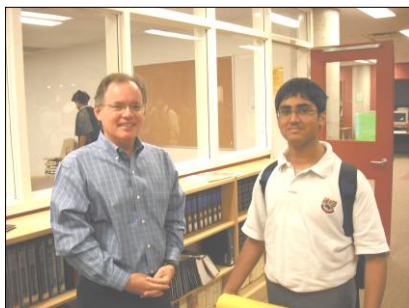


Our first Alumni Speaker Series took place in the Library on Tuesday, May 26th with a visit from two successful Brebeufians, **Mr. Greg Shea '79** and **Dr. Kieran Moore '79**. Both

men shared their experiences and gave advice to a new generation of Brebeufians.

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

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



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

BREBEUF "MATH-LETES"

By Mr. M. Daoust '67

Brebeuf students compete proudly and successfully in many sports venues. However, many also compete away from the playing fields as they manipulate logs, asymptotes, and systems of equations. Our "math-letes" number over 130 students who this year took part in various contests and events.

Two students deserve special recognition for their outstanding achievements on the University of Waterloo's math contests. **Young Jin Lee** of Grade 12 had the highest score in our Catholic Board on the Canadian Open Math Challenge, a senior math contest that values intuition and creative thinking skills. **Kevin Corso** of Grade 10 scored a remarkable 139 out

of 150 on the Cayley Mathematics Contest and ranked first in our Board for this event.

In addition, many students participated in the monthly Canadian National Math League. Top scorer for Team Brebeuf was **Adams Craig** of Grade 12. Adam and twenty two other senior students also competed in the sixth annual Brebeuf Math Olympics, a friendly in-house event that featured two-man teams representing various countries. After three days of cerebral jousting, the Grade 11 team of **Hodge Lai**, **Jeffrey Wong** and alternate **Jonathan Lee** emerged victorious, winning on a tie breaking question over Team South Korea of **Young Jin Lee** and **Philip Lee**. And who said math couldn't be exciting ?

SWIMMING SENSATION!

By Mr. D. Jackson

On February 11, at 9:05 the Aqua-Bulls offered a stirring rendition of *O Canada!* that thundered through the Etobicoke Olympium pool, startling the 850 participants and spectators at the TDCAA Swimming Championships.

Despite some exceptional performances, at the halfway point of the 34 event Meet, the Aqua-Bulls were in 2nd place, the absence or injury of 9 swimmers being felt.

But by 2:30pm the Aqua-Bulls had gained a nearly 100 point lead over our nearest competitor. But the toll on a team making-up for missing swimmers was showing in exhaustion, injury and illness.

With swimmers already on the bus back to Brebeuf, the Aqua-Bulls were awarded our 5th straight Overall Boys Title, equalling the record for a Catholic School in the TDCAA and the only Catholic school in the TDCAA to win more than 3 Overall Boys Titles in a row.

In addition, our Open Team finished 2nd for the 2nd straight year, our Senior swimmers handily captured their 2nd straight title and our Junior, hobbled by injury, managed 4th place. While our 7-man Midget squad grabbed 4 gold and 4 silver medals and their 2nd straight Midget Title. Brebeuf garnered the most points by any single gender team and despite having no girls competing in their 34 events took 3rd place in the Overall Combined. Nearly every Brebeuf swimmer contributed to our total point accumulation.

As always the Aqua-Bulls won as a team by pulling together despite injury, absence and the loss of our fastest swimmer to a national competition. In the 7 relay events the Aqua-Bulls finished no lower than 4th place and took 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. Outstanding swimmers on the day were **Elias Callaerts** with 3 gold and 2 silver medals in his 5 events. **Anthony Tay** took home 2 gold and 2 silver medals, **Razvan Alexe** 2 silver 1 bronze medals, and **Martin Jurak**, 4 bronze medals.

Special thanks to new coaches **Ms. Prescod, Mr. Wright, Ms. Savoie** and to our hard working captains **Razvan Alexe** and **Giancarlo Cattani**, our lifeguards, **Hernan DaSilva, Eric Sin** and **Brendan McKernan**. Also thanks to our Administration for their continuing support for the Team

5 Years=5 Overall Boys Titles (2005-2009), 1 Runner-up Overall Combined Title (2005), 2 Midget Titles (2008+2009), 3 Junior Boys Titles (2005, 2007+2008), 2 Senior Boys Titles(2008+2009), 2 Boys Open Titles (2005+ 2007) and 15 Championship Banners and 1 big trophy that has been ours since 2005. May the dynasty continue....

LIBRARY FACTS

"The false perception that teenage boys do not read is nowhere in evidence at Brebeuf College School. Working with boys who are engaged and excited about reading is every teacher librarian's dream."

– **Ms. M. Martin**

Number of books signed out this year: 5,600

Most borrowed novels:

- (1) *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyer
- (2) *Brisinger* by Chris Paolini
- (3) *Time Paradox* by Eoin Colffer
- (4) *Magician* by Michael Scott
- (5) *Pendragon* series by D.J. McHale

Most Avid Reader: Jackie Joven - 231 books!

Daily Library Attendance: 400

Lifelong Readers: Priceless!

RENAISSANCE AWARDS

B Students who are academically competent and who are involved in leadership, athletics, clubs, and service are eligible for the Brebeuf "Renaissance Man" Distinctions. They embody the Brebeuf principle of forming well-rounded individuals through co-curricular involvement. Congratulations to this year's winners.

Senior Letters

Clermont, Addison (12)	Craig, Adam (12)
Ho, Anthony (11)	Izquierdo, Roman (12)
Keslick, Timothy (11)	Kim, Jason (11)
Lai, Hodge (11)	Lam, Clifford (11)
Lawrence, Zachary (12)	Lee, Dennis (12)
Ng, Kelvin (11)	Ollivirrie, TJ (11)
Rinaldi, Luc (11)	Sim, Hooly (11)
Wong, Jeffrey (11)	Yim, Jonathan (12)

Junior Letters

Aslani, Shervin (10)	Taffe, Marshall Arron (10)
Goldstein, David (10)	Houghton, Spencer (9)
James, Trevor (10)	Rodrigues, Keith (9)

BREBEUF ORDINATION



Congratulations to **Father Eric Rodrigues**, who was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Thomas Collins on Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Father Eric graduated from Brebeuf in 1995.

Eric, 32, was born and raised in Toronto and had dreams of becoming a doctor, getting married and raising a family.

After Brebeuf, he studied biochemistry at the University of Waterloo and completed a master's degree in epidemiology at McGill University.

He returned to Toronto and worked for a year with a pharmaceutical company, and was in a "fairly serious" relationship with a girlfriend. When he first heard his calling, he was torn because "I felt happy in the Church and happy in my relationship." He credits Our Lady with deepening his relationship with Jesus, and this led him to enter St Augustine's Seminary in 2004.

Father Eric looks forward to giving glory to God by serving His people in the Archdiocese of Toronto at Blessed Trinity Parish, which happens to be our school's home church.

ALUMNI REUNION

A severe storm and power failures across the city could not keep 150 alumni, staff, and former staff from returning to Brebeuf for the Bi-Annual Reunion on April 24.

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

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

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

"MAN FOR OTHERS" AWARD

By Mr. M. Schmidt



Fr. Winston Rye S.J. former Principal (left) and Mr. Anthony Azzopardi, current Principal (right) join Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M with letter of congratulations from Archbishop Collins on 25 years of service at Brebeuf and Scott Waithe, winner of the 2009 Man for Others Award.

The "Man for Others award" is reserved for those exceptional Brebeufians who demonstrate a true commitment towards the Jesuit ideal to put others before themselves in personal, professional and religious life. I can think of no more deserving candidate then Coach **Scott Waithe '91**.

For the past five years, Coach Waithe has devoted limitless amounts of time, energy, and money in passing along his love of learning, of sport and of Brebeuf to a new generation of students. On the back of the junior basketball team t-shirts, the motto Scott chose to have printed was "impossible is nothing" and this certainly reflects Coach Waithe's approach to life. Where others see red tape and limitation, he sees opportunity.

This year, when he realized how much enthusiasm there was for basketball at the school, Scott chose to run two junior programs; he gave twice as many students the opportunity to play ball, though this often meant two daily trips to the school for him, one at six thirty in the morning and another after school. In an age where it is difficult for schools to find the money to throw athletic banquets and fund basic sports teams, Coach Waithe says "money is no object." Out of his own pocket, Coach supplied players with team bags, team shoes, exercise equipment, and most importantly, the opportunity to play in the many, many extra tournaments and develop their skills. Though the basketball season is four months long, Coach gives young Brebeufians an opportunity to develop their skills for nine months of the year, working with them throughout the offseason

and into the summer. When asked what motivates him to spend so much time with a group of students who can sometime be troublesome and unappreciative, Waithe always states that he wants to give back to the Brebeuf community and acknowledge the opportunity his education here gave him, both in his professional pursuits as an MC and DJ, and more importantly, in his character and spiritual formation.

Coach Waithe recognizes that a young man's education must extend beyond the classroom in order to achieve his potential, and for this generous commitment to our school, we commend him as the 2009 "Man for Others".

STAFF FAREWELL!

Brebeuf is losing two exemplary teachers and people of faith next year. Both share their reflections on leaving Brebeuf.



Mr. Di Fonzo and Ms. Loranger at the Grad Breakfast.

Mr. Joe Di Fonzo is retiring after thirty-two years of teaching. Before coming to Brebeuf in 2004, Mr. DiFonzo taught at Pope John Paul II C.S.S. for twenty years and seven years at the elementary level at John XXIII C.S.

What will you miss most about Brebeuf?

What I will miss most about Brebeuf and teaching is the wonderful colleagues who have a genuine concern for education and youth. I will miss the life within a school setting because I believe young people keep you young (even though the odd one can create stress that can seem to age you). I will miss the great sense of personal satisfaction in being part of the spiritual formation of another human soul. I will miss the challenges that teaching always provides. I will miss Hermes Lena's enlightening and always entertaining e-mails (perhaps he can keep my on his mailing list). I will miss the weight room (though I have been promised a lifetime membership). There is, it seems, a lot to miss.

What are your plans for retirement?

"Once a teacher, always a teacher.

I will focus more of my time with my wife on our "works in progress" (all 7 of them; young boys to young men, ages 11-24). I hope to keep my hand in coaching here at Brebeuf (there is a volleyball pennant that is very illusive). I will be more involved with at Blessed Trinity, our parish (Marriage Preparation etc). I would like to assist the Brebeuf Youth Ministry more as it takes root in our school. I will continue with my work as a financial educational adviser "aka" RESP consultant.

I will try to repeat my hockey success here at Brebeuf.

Ms. Marianne Loranger has been a Religion and Philosophy teacher at Brebeuf for four years and has been appointed as the new head of Religious Studies at Neil McNeil High School. Ms. Loranger has been very active in our community, including involvement with the Social Justice Symposium, Kenya Experience, Success for All, Gr. 8 Orientation, Camp Olympia Leadership, and many other endeavours.

What will you miss about Brebeuf next year?

"I will miss most the camaraderie, collaboration and community of Brebeuf College. I felt most welcomed at BCS and there was an ample amount of activities, challenges and opportunities [and laughter] to keep me engaged and excited to be part of this organic and dynamic school. Most people thought I was here for a couple of years during the first six months of arriving- there was a lot packed into a short time: rope challenges and Gr. 9 Orientation at Muskoka Woods; being plunged into Student Success Initiatives; Social Justice Symposium; Leadership Activities; the "Brit" symposiums; Camp Olympia; being unmercifully teased (I'm just a little gullible); and oh, yes I managed to fit in some teaching, and so on and so on. Br Henry has been an inspiration and I'm very excited about taking five students with Greg Rogers and "Leaders Today" to Kenya, Africa this summer. Keep us in your prayers! My students groaned when they heard I was going to "Neil." I'm not sure if that was because they will miss me or that I'll be playing for the "other" boys' team. It will be different but never the same. Thank you for sharing your spirit and inspiration! Bon Courage!"

KUDOS

- Brebeuf's Soccer Bulls competed at the OFSAA Ontario tournament.
- The Reach for the Top team placed 2nd in their Division.
- In the Kiwanis Music Festival, the Stage Band and the saxophone quintet won silver, the clarinet trio won gold, and the flute trio won silver. In the Music Fest Canada Regional Competition, our senior stage band, despite the stiff competition, managed to pull off another dazzling performance, and took home another silver ranking.

FATHER MIKE LEADS ADORATION

By Luc Rinaldi



On a beautiful Friday afternoon in mid-May, the Brebeuf Youth Ministry, instead of rushing out of the school's doors at 2:46, welcomed Salesian Father Mike Pace for a discussion and adoration service. Approximately 40 Brebeufians filled the Chaplaincy to listen to the priest talk about the magnitude of the Youth Ministry, the recently set-up group that cannot be matched by any such club or committee city-wide.

As Father Mike is a Salesian, he is especially dedicated to the youth of the faith, whom the Salesians place their focus. He was well-equipped to answer our questions and appeared to have a quiet confidence and humility while doing so. Based out of St. Benedict's Parish in the west end of the city, and connected to Brebeuf through the Salesian Leadership Retreats of the past, Father Mike was glad to make the trip up to Brebeuf to lead our discussion and also to direct our adoration service. In the school's chapel, the members of the youth ministry observed the monstrance for a short period, a gold container that holds the body of Christ, in silence. Though when described, it may seem odd or boring; the music, the atmosphere, the presence of the Holy Spirit and exposure to the host made for a very humbling, calming, and spiritual experience for those who participated. For those who know Father Mike through the SLR and now through the adoration service, he is an incomparable role model and a great person, who can connect with youth exceptionally well.

I would like to thank him for taking this time to be with us, and also thank the teacher coordinators of our school who not only organized this meeting, but have been putting a large amount of their time into forming and sustaining this ever-growing Brebeuf Youth Ministry.

SUPERINTENDENT PAYS A VISIT

By Jason Coelho



On May 26th, the TCDSB Superintendent for Brebeuf, **Mr. Michael McMorrow**, was a guest-speaker for the Brebeuf Youth Ministry club in the **Presentation**

Brothers Chaplaincy Centre. Mr. McMorrow addressed students and staff about how great an example the Brebeuf Youth Ministry is setting, and how schools across the board could follow our example.

Mr. McMorrow discussed the future of Catholic education in Ontario, and applauded Brebeuf's efforts to maintain Catholic faith and traditions. He was surprised to see that over 40 students actively participate within the Youth Ministry.

Overall the meeting was successful and established a direction for the Brebeuf Youth Ministry. As **Mrs. Travelho Cruz** adds, "The Youth Ministry will have insight after knowing they have been heard. By making their voices heard, the Youth Ministry understands where improvement is needed, and they plan on working to achieve their common goal, of developing Catholicity within Brebeuf over the next few years."

ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

By Mr. B. Margou

In **Track and Field**, Brebeuf's Bantam Boys finished 2nd overall! 13 of our 17 Bantams finished in the Top 8; this is 22.4% of all top 8 Bantams from all 35 competing schools. We had 25 Top 8 Bantam finishes: 31 total top 8 for the team. **Carlo Mazzara, Devon Savarimuuto and Marc Rasing** placed top 8 in all 3 of their events. Marc Rasing set 3 TDCAA records in his three events, the Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump. Brebeuf's Track Team finished 5th Overall.

Brebeuf's **Badminton** team won all five TDCAA titles this year, including the League title with a 7-4 win in the finals over Peoples Christian Academy for the 18th time in the last 21 years.

- * 21 straight TDCAA Overall titles
- * 13 straight TDCAA Senior Titles
- * 11 straight TDCAA Junior titles
- * 1st Bantam title since 2005

In Table Tennis, we have 10 Overall TDCAA titles in the last 11 years, and the 5th straight TDCAA Senior title.

ARTSFEST '09



On May 4th 2009, Brebeuf held its annual Arts Festival which took place from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. It was simply a night of arts, varying from visual pieces to musical and dramatic performances. The night began as guests arrived at Brebeuf expecting to see their son's performances. Some came to see their son's talents in painting, sculpturing, and other forms of visual art; some to see their son's drama presentations, which were held in the atrium along with the visual arts; and last but not least, some came for the music performances which were held in the theatre. As guests waited for the drama and musical performances to begin, they had the chance to roam around the school, including the atrium where most of the visual arts were located, experiencing art pieces on display- the accomplishments of Brebeuf's talented students. This portion of the evening began at 7:00 pm and temporarily concluded when, in the atrium, some of our drama students from all grades performed enticing performances.

Viewing of the visual arts then resumed as people waited for the music performances, which began just before 9:00 pm, involving students from all grades. Another noteworthy aspect was the fact that of our own Brebeufians who are travelling to Kenya to volunteer and help the less fortunate this summer attended to sell snacks and raise money. We all wish these volunteers the best! Last but not least, it was an absolutely awesome night, full of variety and fun, and we all hope that Brebeuf's future art festivals will continue to grow and flourish.

TCDSB Strategic Renewal Process

As the current school year is winding down, and we all look forward to some rest and relaxation with friends and family, we also begin to plan for a new school year ahead. The Board is pleased to announce that it is moving forward with a Strategic Renewal process, which will assist us in achieving our system priorities.

A Strategic Renewal Committee, chaired by Ann Perron, the Director of Education, will coordinate the strategic renewal process. Over the next 24 months it will lead us through a re-examination of our programs, services and supports to ensure that they all contribute to our mission: "In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, our Mission is to educate students to their full potential".

In developing the strategic renewal plan, the Supervision Team has requested the Committee to focus on three major themes:

- **realigning** our administrative and political structures with best practices and statutory requirements.
- **refocusing** our programs and services to better support the achievement and well being of our students
- **reinvesting** in programs, services and supports required to restore TCDSB to its role as leader and innovator in the Catholic education community.

The Board is committed to engage Catholic School Advisory Councils and its other stakeholder groups throughout this process over the next 24 months. Every effort will also be made through various communication tools to keep CSACs and all staff updated on the committee's progress as well as announce opportunities for feedback and participation in the process. An initial report will be released to our TCDSB community by the end of June.

Thank you for your ongoing support while we work through this process and assure you that we do not anticipate this to cause any disruption at the local level. Our work will ultimately benefit and improve overall service to all students entrusted into our care. Through a collaborative and innovative approach with all key partners, TCDSB will strengthen its priority to improve student learning and achievement.

At this time, Strategic Renewal and related documents can be found on the board's website at www.tcdsb.org and by clicking on the homepage link entitled "TCDSB Strategic Renewal Process".

MARCH BREAK TRIP

By Mr. S. DeMiglio

On a beautiful afternoon in March, ten weary but more worldly Brebeuf student travellers touched down safely at Pearson International Airport, having completed a 13 day European adventure which began where civilization was born: Athens, Greece. It continued to the Acropolis home of the Parthenon and the temple of Athena Nike, followed by a cruise to the islands of the Saronic Gulf, on to Ancient Corinth where St. Paul stayed for a year and half trying to reform its citizens, an overnight cruise to Brindisi then on to Matera to discover *the Sassi*, 7, 000 year old homes carved directly into limestone cliffsides, a delicious Calabrian regional dinner was next in Cosenza.

Guided tours of the cities of Taormina and Palermo were followed by an overnight cruise to Naples, a tour

of the Ancient City of Herculaneum which like Pompeii was buried in volcanic ash, three days in Rome including accommodation near the Pope's summer residence in Castel Gondolfo, highlighted by a visit to the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain a tour of the Forum Romanum and the Colosseum.

Travel is wonderful for broadening knowledge, learning different cultures, making friends, and experiencing a hands on learning avenue of getting to know our world. It is an adventure waiting to come alive and allows us to indulge in curiosity, partaking in new wonders and new facets of life perhaps we never knew existed.

These 10 young men at all times were polite, mature, asked questions and exhibited respect for other people's qualities that could one day assist them in becoming ambassadors.

It was a pleasure to accompany these Brebeufians on this European adventure. The Brebeuf European travellers were: **Jacob Avolio, Nicholas Chilelli, Daniil Choukourov, Mark De Miglio, Christian Ferrara, Daniel Herzog, Martin Jurak, Scott Penco, and Patrick Sideritz.**

Yamas! Buona Jobba! Auguri! Well Done Brebeuf College European Voyagers!



Grade 12's engage in a "Grad Prank" by playing hockey in the Atrium as students and staff look on.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola S.J.	July 31
P.A. Days	Sept 2,3
First Day of Classes	Sept 8
TTC Photo Day	Sept 14
Camp Muskoka Gr 9 Orientation	Sept 23-25
Feast of St Jean de Brebeuf, S.J.	Sept 26
CSAC Annual General Meeting	Sept 29
Academic Awards Night	Sept 30
Communion Breakfast	Oct 4
Kairos Retreat 1	Nov 11-13
Vocations Day	Nov 5
Student Journalism Conference	Nov 14
Feast of Our Lady of the Presentation	Nov 21
Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium	Dec 11
Christmas Holidays	Dec 21-Jan 1

SPORTS AWARDS & M.V.P's



Athlete of the Year Ben Boyden

Soccer :	JR : Marcus Bernard SR: Adam Craig
Badminton:	BTM: Philip Lau JR: Canice Mok SR: Wesley Lai
Baseball:	Sean Sutton
Basketball:	JR: Anthony Khan BTM: Alession Del Gobbo SR: Kevin Haynes
Cross Country:	BTM: Spencer Houghton JR: Trevor James
Curling:	Kevin Hawkshaw
Golf:	Cory Racciopo
Hockey:	JR: Anthony Latina SR: Julian Foglia
Joe Sinopoli Award (Hockey)	JR: Gavin Kahnert SR: Peter Vacciano
Rugby 15's:	JR : Russell Sng SR: Daniel Roccasalvo
Rugby 7's:	BTM: Julian Garritano JR: Petar Madzarevic SR: Alex Romita
Swimming:	BTM: Elias Callaerts JR: Martin Jurak SR: Razvan Alexe
Table Tennis:	JR: Jude Rajakariar SR: Renato D' Ambrosio
Tennis:	JR: Ernest Manalo SR: Anthony Gredicak
Volleyball :	JR: Eric Lachance SR: Edwin Sheon
Track & Field:	BTM: Marc Rasing JR: Jonathan Weigand SR: Nick Smith



GRADUATION AWARDS

Congratulations to all of those students who have distinguished themselves in their years at Brebeuf and have been recognized with Graduation Awards.

The Catholic Student Award recognizes the Graduating Student whose life and accomplishments exemplify the Catholic mission of the school.
-- **Zachary Lawrence**

The Governor General of Canada Award is presented to the student with the highest academic standing in both Grades 11 and 12. -- **Adam Craig**

The Father J. Winston Rye S.J. Award is presented to the Graduating Student with the highest average in Grade 12. This award is named for the Principal of Brebeuf from 1979-1984. -- **Adam Craig**

The Valedictorian is chosen by his peers to give the closing address at the Graduation Exercises.
-- **Renato D'Ambrosio**

The Salutatorian is selected by his classmates to give the welcome at Graduation. -- **Adam Silva**

The E.J.Barry Renaissance Award is presented to a 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 (staff 1963-1996) to the Brebeuf community.
-- **Adam Craig**

The Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Community Service -- **Huy Huynh**

The Theatre Brebeuf Award is presented to the graduating student who has greatly contributed to the theatre programme over his years at Brebeuf.
-- **Armen Matoosian**

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009!



The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown commitment to his peers and dedication to academic excellence. This award recognizes Neil Gazeley, Brebeuf's first Vice-Principal.
-- **Matthew Whitfield**

The Peter Knopfel Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Peter Knopfel, a Brebeuf graduate of the Class of 1981. The Knopfel Family and the Alumni Association awards this scholarship to a student who has demonstrated academic and social achievement through his strong sense of commitment in overcoming various challenges. -- **Kelly Clancy**

The Father St. Clair Monaghan S.J. Award is presented by the Alumni Association to the student who has demonstrated strong academic ability, has actively participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, and has expressed a desire for involvement in alumni affairs. Father St. Clair Monaghan was the Jesuit Rector of Brebeuf from 1971 to 1978. -- **Zachary Lawrence**

The Brebeuf Benefactors' Award is presented to an individual who has contributed his talents to the betterment of Brebeuf College School.
-- **Martin Miasko and Eric Gorizzan**

The Presentation Brothers' Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated personal and academic growth and development in his years at Brebeuf.
-- **Carmelo Nesci**

The Jim Morris '77 Journalism Award, named after an alumnus and journalist, is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to journalism at Brebeuf. -- **Adam Craig**

The Joe Younder Debating Award is awarded annually to the graduating student who has contributed in a leadership role and in a gentlemanly fashion to the promotion of debate. This award is named for Mr. Joe Younder, English teacher and debate coach from 1986-1997. -- **Adam Craig**

The Brother Lawrence Maher F.P.M. Award, named after our former 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 other students, and who has given an indication that he will pursue further education. -- **Dennis Lee**

The O.E.C.T.A. Award is presented to a student who has a minimum average of 75% in his final year of high school and has demonstrated a strong sense of social and political responsibility, as evidenced in his participation in school or community activities which show a strong motivation toward achieving social justice and fostering moral values.
-- **Philip Lee & Yo Sup Joseph Kim**

The Jim Peterson Parliamentary Award is presented to a 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. -- **Eric Gorizzan**

The Michael Brown Memorial Award is dedicated to a former Brebeuf student and is presented to the student who exemplifies school loyalty.
-- **Addison Clermont**

