



THE RELATIONS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



With another academic year underway, the Brebeuf staff continues to work hard to provide students with rich opportunities to experience growth of mind, body and soul. Highlights from the first term have been

captured for you in this newsletter.

This year our school improvement learning plan focuses on improving student achievement in four ways. Strategies will be implemented to support the development of a strong, caring Catholic community. More work will also be done to extend our literacy strategies to specifically target support for English Language Learners. A third focus introduces more ways to support the development of numeracy skills for Grade 9 students who previously struggled with mathematics. Finally, to better meet the needs of all our students, new experiential learning opportunities are being planned to promote a better understanding of career options available through college and the workplace. Our school learning improvement plan can be found by following the Brebeuf College School link on the TCDSB web site (www.tcdsb.org).

Please be sure to visit our school web site (www.brebeufcollege.ca) for current information, such as the posting of upcoming events and newsletters that are sent home with students. We also regularly update our events line that you can access through our telephone answering system.

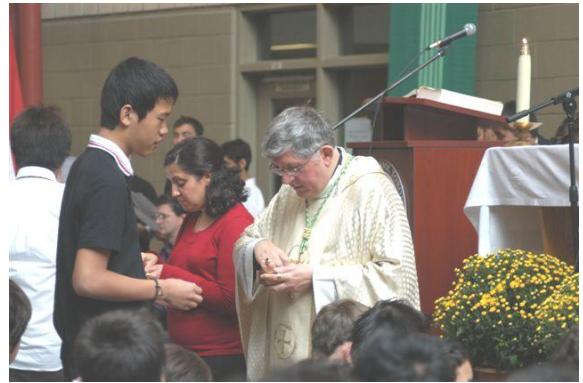
Thank you for your continued support of Brebeuf College School. As we approach the Advent Season, let us pray that our school community be exemplary in making this preparation time for Christmas a time that is hopeful, holy and helpful. God bless.

-- Mr. A. Azzopardi

Our newsletter is named after the *Jesuit Relations*, letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf S.J. and his Jesuit colleagues sent home to their superiors in France in the 17th century. May our *Relations* also be a message of faith, hope, and good news, "for the greater glory of God."

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor

ARCHBISHOP MAKES HISTORIC VISIT



The Brebeuf school year began with an historic start as His Grace, Archbishop Thomas C. Collins, presided over the opening Masses on October 2.

The Archbishop began by explaining the importance of many Catholic symbols found in the Mass. His genuine faith and stirring homily were inspirations to students and staff alike.

After Mass, His Grace met with students involved in Youth Ministry in the Presentation Brothers' Chaplaincy Centre and answered their questions.

The Archbishop was presented with a statue of St. Jean de Brebeuf and a Brebeuf scarf as tokens of the school's appreciation and friendship.

MUSKOKA WOODS



Brebeuf's Grade 9's were welcomed into the community at the annual Orientation Camp at Muskoka Woods in

September. The three day event, led by enthusiastic senior students, introduced our youngest students to the traditions, spirituality, and life of the school, inspired by the theme "Let Your Light Shine".

Special thanks to Mr. J. MacDonald and Ms. T. Walsh for their organization of this important event.

WHAT'S ON!

Nov. 11	Remembrance Day / Gr. 8 Open House
Nov. 11-13	+ Kairos Retreat 1
Nov. 19	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 20	PA Day / Elementary Gifted Debate
Nov. 21	+ Feast of Our Lady of the Presentation
Nov. 24	CSAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.
Dec. 1	+ Confessions
Dec. 3	+ Advent Mass
Dec. 4	+ First Friday Mass
Dec. 10	Christmas Concert
Dec. 11	Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium
Dec. 18	Christmas Break Begins
Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Jan. 19	CSAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.
Feb. 4	Report Cards Distributed
Feb. 5	+ First Friday Mass

WORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



Brebeuf's Social Justice Club is busy promoting social justice in our school and beyond.

On December 11, the group will host the annual Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium for high school students at St.

Michael's College. This year's theme is "Awareness of Unfairness: Helping the Homeless".

Following a visit by Bro. Dennis Claivaz F.P.M. of Edmund Rice International, the group has been active writing letters to pharmaceutical companies to provide drugs to AIDS victims in Africa.

The group also has adopted a child in the Philippines, through Chalice, a Catholic child sponsorship agency.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Over 100 students, staff, alumni, and their families crowded into Brebeuf's Chapel on October 4th for the annual Communion Breakfast Mass. The celebrant was **Fr. Len Altilia S.J.**, who gave one of his signature inspirational homilies.

Following Mass, all were treated to a delicious breakfast in the Atrium provided by the school's caterer. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate together and to meet other members of the Brebeuf family.

NEW STAFF

Brebeuf welcomes five new teachers to our community: **Ms. A. Comegna** (French, Special Ed.); **Mr. A. De Souza** (Science, Religion); **Mr. M. MacNeil** (Special Education); **Ms. I. Raju** (English, Religion); & **Mr. C. Vitullo** (English, Religion, Law).

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT



On September 30th, Brebeuf College recognized its top students at the annual Academic Awards Night. Over 500 students and parents were in attendance.

Students who were on the Honour Roll in 2008-2009 had averages of 80% or greater and were presented with pins and certificates. Those who had the highest marks in each course were also lauded. In addition, a number of special awards were presented, including:

Fr. Robert Meagher S.J. Award (Highest Average in Grade 9)
Nicholas Hung

Fr. Clement Crusoe S.J. Award (Highest Average in Grade 10)
Shaun Rana

Fr. Kenneth Casey S.J. Award (Highest Average in Grade 11)
Christopher Dydula

Dr. Bob Lato '68 Award (Most Improvement in Grade 10)
Emmanuel Bisda & Daniel Komlodi

Ned Harrington Award (Most Outstanding Grade 9 Student)
Keith Rodrigues

We are proud of the achievements of these students, who bear positive witness to our school's motto: *Studio Gradum Faciant*. We hope their example will influence their peers to aim high and work to their best potential.

RUGBY RESURGENCE



At the Neil McNeil Invitational Rugby Tournament in September, the Brebeuf Rugby Bulls placed **FIRST** out of ten teams! The 15's squad was also very competitive at the OFSAA provincial tournament.

BROTHER MARKS 25 YEARS AT BREBEUF

By Luc Rinaldi (*The Catholic Register*)



Twenty-five years ago, the Presentation Brothers came to Brebeuf, introducing the school to the most “Christ-like man it’s ever seen.”

Brother Henry Spencer is a great influence on the school’s students and staff, said teacher Michael Da Costa of his former

teacher and now co-worker.

Spencer has been involved with the school since 1984, when Cardinal Carter invited the Brothers to continue the vocation the Jesuits had begun at Brebeuf in 1963. Although Spencer retired from teaching 12 years ago, he still volunteers, providing a daily religious presence.

“The Jesuits did great work at Brebeuf, and the Brothers continued that,” said Spencer, recalling his entry into the school as a Latin, English and religion teacher. He eventually became the head of chaplaincy, and continues his role in the school voluntarily.

Since arriving, Spencer has been involved in service in and out of the school. He is an active volunteer in programmes such as Out of the Cold and Day of Service, efforts to help and feed the homeless, and serves as a pastoral representative with the School Advisory Council.

However, it is his work with students that has made him one of the most highly respected members of the Brebeuf community. He has always led Les Donnes, “The Givers,” a group that helps its peers in spiritual life and reaches out to the elderly. He also prepares the daily liturgy in the chapel and leads the prayers over the P.A.

“If you ever want to talk to him about anything, you can,” said Andrew Cichoki, a Gr. 12 student who knows Spencer well through his work with Les Donnes.

Spencer’s calm nature and modesty reflect the three vows that Presentation Brothers take: chastity, poverty and obedience. He embodies the order’s mission, “Forming Christ in the Young.”

But Spencer humbly says about Brebeuf, “(It) is a great school with great students and teachers, and I am happy to contribute to the school community by being a witness to Christ and His Gospel.”

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Over 30 students have taken up the Duke of Edinburgh Award challenge, one of the premiere award schemes in the Commonwealth. Each student makes a personal commitment to learn new skills, develop athletically, volunteer in the community, and undertake an adventurous journey. New students are always welcome to register and should see Mr. Da Costa for more information.

HOCKEY

The number of hockey players at Brebeuf seems to be growing exponentially, and this year Brebeuf has senior and junior teams, as well as a non-contact team.



The Junior Hockey Bulls got off to a great start to the season on November 9 with a 5-1 demolition of Neil McNeil. Isn’t it time to build a hockey arena on campus?

BLOOD EVERYWHERE!

On October 6, Brebeuf hosted a blood donor clinic. Over 60 senior students and staff donated blood and in so doing helped to save lives. Thanks to Mr. DiMauro for once again co-ordinating this important event.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to the following students in Grades 10,11, and 12 who have transferred to our school. We hope they will be happy in the Brebeuf community:

Ian D’Silva, John Hur, Jong Hyun Yoo, Nadeem Jeries, Dong Hoon Ha, Sang Jung, Chang Soon Park, Woo Hyun Jeong, Chae Ho Shin, Garen Tirtiryan, Sammy Yatin, Hyeonsik Im, & Anthony Abed-el-Massih.

DEBATE UPDATE

On October 24th, the Debating Club participated in its first tournament of the year at Michael Power H.S. The resolution was “The NATO war in Afghanistan is unwinnable”. The Senior team of **Francis Lau, Hooly Sim, Sam Presvelos, & David Goldstein** placed 4th out of 15 teams! David won an Honourable Mention.

PRESENTATION BROTHERS VISIT



On October 19th, the Superior General, **Brother Martin Kenneally F.P.M.**, toured the school as part of his visits to the Brothers’ communities throughout the world.

He spoke to the Grade 9 students about the work of the Brothers and the charism of Edmund Rice, and also thanked the school for its fundraising for St. Charles School in Yendi, Ghana.

Brother Dennis Claivaz F.P.M., a Presentation Brother originally from Montreal, also visited the school and spoke to many classes about his work advocating for children’s rights at the United Nations. He also talked about his many years working as a teacher with the poor in Quebec, Ghana and the Caribbean.

HONOUR ROLL 2008-2009

GRADE IX

Ah-Sang, Justin
Alberga, Stefano
Argiropoulos, George
Bacchus, Tyrone
Bergeron, Gianluc
Biancolin, Andrew
Blanco, Alejandro
Borja, Arvin Kyle
Borrelli, Matthew
Calce, Mario
Canton, Justin
Castaldo, Mathias
Chiasson, Luc
Chin, Dillon
Chin, Hans Edward
Chiu, Gabriel
Cho, Steven
D'Agostino, Michael
Deforest, Matthew
Del Gobbo, Alessio
Emmanuel, Joshua
Gagliese, Paul
Gaoat, Al Jason
Ghanain, Claudio
Gross, Brandon
Harjono, Ruben
Herzog, David
Houghton, Spencer
Hsieh, Sean
Hubbard, Wayne
Hung, Nicholas
Hyginus, Matthew
Jang, John
Janik, Michael
Janohan, Kent
Johnson-Skinner, Ethan
Karuta, Carl
Khachatrian, Haroutiun
Kim, Matthew
Kim, M.J.
Kim, Nicholas
Kudolo, Prince
Lahura, Giancarlo
Lampa, Exequiel
Lampitoc, Timothy
Lauro, Joseph
Lawunahewage, W.
Ledda, Melvyn
Lee, Brian
Lee, Joseph
Liu, Leo
Malana, Allen Reyel
Manalo, Ernest Ralph
Menezes, Melroy
Miceli, Justin
Nguyen, Joseph
Rodrigues, Keith
Rychlewski, Michael
Savarimuthu, Devon
Tonello, Matthew
Urbanc, Simon
Videka, Alexander
Villary, Matthew
Zaw-Tun, Dominic

GRADE X

Abraha, Haben
Abuce, Christian Jay
Ahanchin, Shahab
Aslani Amoli, Shervin
Bonello, Jason
Cai, William
Caputo, Diego
Chong, Johnathon
Chow, Hei-Yin John
Chua, Gregory
Coelho, Jason
Colquhoun, Matthew
Comper, Reilly
Corso, Kevin
Craig, Alex
Da Rocha, Scott
Di Trani, Stephen
Doudko, Andrei
Dyakov, Boris
Elsaad, Eric
Fregillana, Andrew
Fung, Kenny
Gillett, Owen
Goldstein, David
Gomez-Ortega, Daniel
Grosso, J.C.
Ho, Eldon
Ho Tak Shan, Jeffrey
Hopici, Adrian
James, Trevor
Javier, Jan
Jayakumar, Ansroy
Jayaratnam, Stephan
Kahnert, Thomas
Khrystynych, Volodymyr
Kim, Shawn
Lau, Kenneth
Lee, Jonathan
Lemieux, Christian
Li, Benjamin
Liang, Kevin
Liu, Joseph
Liu, Scott
Liu, Tony
Marmeto, Michael
Martirosian, Mark
Marzan, Abby
McQueen, Peter
Meehan, Matthew
Menzies, Shawn
Mok, Canice
Morra, Nicholas
Ombico, Jerome
Park, Paul
Possamai, Stefano
Rajakariar, Jude
Rana, Shaun
Ryan, Mark
Sabatini, Michael
Salwinski, David
Seo, Matthew
Sim, Dooly
Siu, Adrian
Sng, Russell
Swann, James
Tam, Jonathan
Thellimi, Kristi
Trotter, Andrew
Tsui, Matthew

Tuliao, Benedict
Wai, Alan
Wlodarek, Lukasz
Wong, Felix

GRADE XI

Au, Horace
Awad, Matthew
Berlin, Mark
Boyden, Maximillian
Cavdar, Matthew
Che, Matthew
Chen, Miles
Cheung, Austin
Cuison, Jordan
Da Costa, Ajay
Da Silva, Hernan
Della Morra, Lucas
Delos Reyes, Zygmon
Diaz, Kathryx Jude
Di Liddo, Daniel
Dyduła, Christopher
Greco, Anthony
Ho, Anthony H.H.
Ho, Jonathon
How, Steven
Hur, Peter
Iafate, Paolo
Izzo, Mario
Kang, Hyeon
Keslick, Timothy
Kim, Jason
Kim, Justin
Kim, Lawrence
Kim, Woon Sup
Lai, Hodge
Lee, Dong Hyun Peter
Lepore, Matthew
Leung, Stephen
Li, Adam
Li, Jeremy
Mallette, Ryan
Naccarato, Alfred
Nashi, Rami
Ng, Kelvin
Ollivirrie, T.J.
Presvelos, Sam
Ramirez, Christian
Razon, Adnan
Rinaldi, Luc
Sim, Hooly DongGeon
Sutton, Sean
Tsong, Calvin
Velilla, Jomar
Wong, Jeffrey
Wong, Kevin
Zaw-Tun, Augustin

GRADE XII

Avakian, Saro
* Barounian, Hagop
Bonello, Corey
Bong, Rafael
Calogero, Leonardo
* Cerre, Will
* Chan, Kenneth
Chau, Derek
Cheng, Carter
* Chin, Brandon

* Chiu, Kevin
* Clancy, Kelly
* Clermont, Addison
* Craig, Adam
* D'Ambrosio, Renato
Dias, Griffith
Enero, Deo
Fabila, Royce
* Forster, Graham
George, Jordan
Gredicak, Anthony
Han, Francis
Hartmann, Michael
* Hawkshaw, Kevin
Herzog, Daniel
Ho, Kowan
* Hofmann, Adrian
Hung, Derrick
* Huynh, Huy
Iskandar, John
Izquierdo, Roman
Joven, Jackie
Kazar, Serj
Kilayko, Gene Gabriel
Kim, San
Kim, Yo Sup
* Kmiec, Janek
* Kontogiannis, C.
Kreves, Peter
Laski, Martin
* Lawrence, Zachary
* Lee, Dennis
* Lee, Philip
Lee, Young Jin
* Lin, Christian
* Lui, Shu Pui
* MacDonald, Blair
* Mak, Victor
* Mardirossian, Daron
* McGuinness, Ryan
McMahon, Connor
* Martin, Jeffrey
* Matosian, Armen
* Miasko, Martin
Okrasa, Julian
* O'Neill, Elliott
Opiniano, Alfonso
* Pablo, Mark
* Palmucci, Simon
Park, John
* Park, Kevin
* Pereira, Douglas
* Perera, Stefan
Pontello, Giulio
Robichaud, Mathieu
Santos, Miguel P.
* Siu, Aaron
* Susanto, Steven
Tadros, Steven
* Whitfield, Matthew
* Wong, Jeffrey
* Wong, Raphael
Yang, Jason
* Yee, Steven
* Yeung, Jonathan
Yim, Jonathan
* Yip, Daniel
* Zhu, Bentley

* Blessed Edmund Rice Society
(Honour Roll for All Four Years of
High School)