



The RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ~ VOLUME 7, ISSUE 3 ~ JUNE, 2010

TOM BUTASH RETIRES



*"I didn't walk to Mr. Butash's class; I ran! Music became my life, in large part because of him. He has been a positive influence on me."
- Scott Waithe '91*

The halls of Brebeuf have been truly alive with the sound of music since 1979, thanks to the hard work and commitment of music teacher Mr. Tom Butash, who retires this June after thirty-one years of teaching.

When he was hired by Father Rye, Brebeuf didn't have a music room, just a portable! Under Mr. Butash, the concert and stage bands travelled the world to such destinations as Rome, Hawaii, Florida, and Scranton, PA (his home town). With the arrival of full-funding, the music programme exploded and other teachers joined Mr. Butash in a new music room in the old "portapak". From the exile to Bathurst Heights and the return to the new building, he oversaw such innovations as the introduction of guitar and keyboarding courses. Brebeuf also began participating in Kiwanis music festivals, where our bands always excelled.

Whatever the location or era, Mr. Butash has remained a dedicated teacher with a passion for music, a commitment to helping his students to succeed, and a generous role model of the Catholic faith.

To honour Mr. Butash's legacy at Brebeuf, a new award has been instituted. **The Thomas Butash Music Award** will recognize the student with the highest average in Grade 12 music.

We wish Mr. Butash a wonderful retirement and hope he will visit Brebeuf often! (MD)

The motto of both the Jesuits and Presentation Brothers is Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (A.M.D.G), or "For the Greater Glory of God". In the Relations, you will read much about how our students put this expression into practice by developing spiritually, physically, and academically to become well-rounded "men for others".

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr. A. Azzopardi

Over the past year we've experienced the H1N1 virus and witnessed devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Canada hosted the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the international G20 meeting here in Toronto.

Our academic year has also been an eventful one. Our year began with Archbishop Thomas Collins celebrating our opening Mass. The Kairos retreat, a Jesuit school tradition, was introduced and our Youth Ministry team continues to grow and serve. Throughout the year, Brebeuf students repeatedly demonstrated how they do God's work by being "men for others". They raised money for the people in Haiti, collected food through our Can Aid drive, donated blood, supported missions in other parts of the world, raised money for the Pulmonary Hypertension Association and for malaria nets in Africa, hosted a social justice day focused on the homeless and continued to support the St. Charles Lwanga school in Yendi, Ghana, founded by the Presentation Brothers.

The retirement of Tom Butash gives us pause to reflect on his many outstanding achievements in building the music programme of this school and in being a true Christian educator and role model. We wish him well in the next phase of his life.

Our school has always been blessed with great students and staff. I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, alumni and community members who continue to support Brebeuf College in so many ways. I would also like to wish the graduates of 2010 success in their future endeavours and I wish everyone a safe and restful summer break.



CALENDAR CORNER

July 31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola S.J.
Sept. 7	First Day of Classes
Sept. 22-24	Muskoka Gr. 9 Orientation Camp
Sept. 26	Feast of St. Jean De Brebeuf S.J. & Communion Breakfast
Oct. 3	Celebration of the Centenary of the Presentation Brothers in Canada

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Anselm De Souza, who was married in May.

Chris Dydula, who placed in the 96th percentile nationally in the University of Waterloo's Chem 13 News chemistry competition.

Timothy Keslick (Grade 12) was recognized for helping to found Brebeuf's Youth Ministry programme by the Office of Catholic Youth.

Mr. Dan Marrozzo, who received the Award for Excellence in Continuing Education from OISE / University of Toronto.

Sam Presvelos (Grade 12), who was chosen to sit on the Minister of Education's Youth Advisory Committee.

Brother Francis Shafer F.P.M., former staff, who has been appointed the Provincial Superior of the Presentation Brothers for the Our Lady of the Americas region.

Ms. Tobin Walsh, who was married in Collingwood in June.

THANKS

Paul Attar '94 and **Al Northcott**, who both volunteer as coaches for the Brebeuf basketball teams.

Michael Colligan '96 for his donation of jerseys for the Rugby team.

Chris Krall S.J. for volunteering at Brebeuf over the past few years and helping to start our Kairos programme. Chris is now teaching at Marquette University High School in Wisconsin.

Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M., who continues to volunteer in our Chaplaincy programme even though he has been officially retired from teaching since 1998!

MEN FOR OTHERS

BROTHER MAHER FUND FOR AFRICA

The Brebeuf Community raised over **\$6000** to support the Presentation Brothers' schools in Ghana. St Charles in Yendi has been the prime beneficiary, and we have helped buy books for their library, computers, and other classroom supplies. This year we also established scholarships for three promising Ghanaians from Presentation Brothers Junior Secondary School to attend high school, something the government there does not fund.

V.I.C.S. FASTATHON

Almost 150 students and staff gave up food for 12 hours during the annual Fastathon on Holy Thursday. Over **\$5000** was raised for V.I.C.S. (Volunteer International Christian Service), a Spiritan organization which sends lay people to support those in the developing world.

Thanks to **Mrs. Pieroni** who has spearheaded this endeavour since 1989.

SPREAD THE NET

The Afro-Carib club raised funds for the "Spread the Net" campaign, helping to purchase mosquito nets to prevent malaria in Africa.

On June 7, Wayne De Rosario, Captain of Toronto FC, visited Brebeuf to congratulate the boys whose video on malaria won the Dero Learning Challenge.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

On April 19, Brebeufians joined many citizens and groups across the city by participating in the Mayor's Community Cleanup. Students picked up rubbish in the community to help leave God's creations as it is intended to be – clean!

PHILIPPINES SPONSORSHIP



Brebeuf's Social Justice Club continue to sponsor Ken Ken, a young boy in the Philippines, through the Catholic child-sponsorship programme, Chalice. Through their efforts, Ken Ken receives education, healthcare, and support.

sports

T.D.C.A.A. Championships

Badminton: Junior, Senior, Overall Champions!

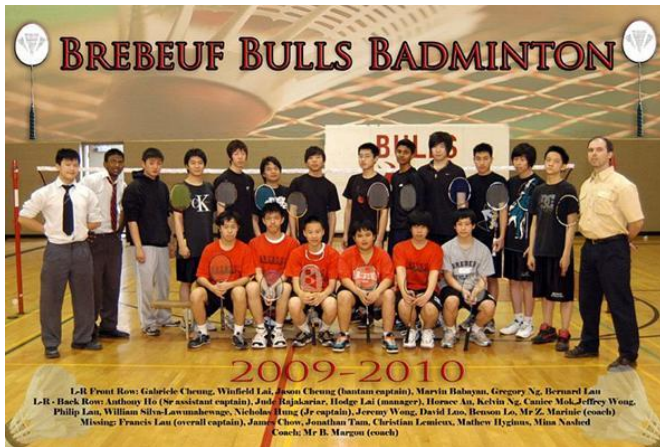


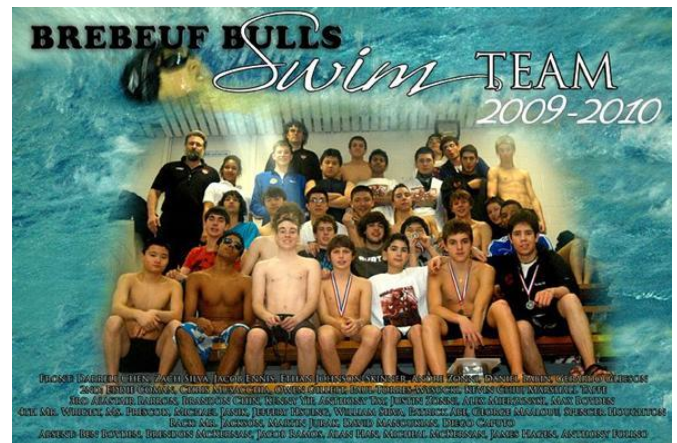
Table Tennis: Junior Champions!



Curling: Recreational & Divisional Champions!



Swimming: Midget Boys Champions!



Track & Field: Midget, Junior & Overall Champions!



Tennis: Senior Singles!

The **Junior Hockey Bulls** had an undefeated regular season and won the York University Canlan Tournament (below).



Photos courtesy of Ms. M. Douglas and available for purchase at <http://buffsports.shutterfly.com/>

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



2010 Senior Athlete of the Year:
Sean Sutton (right)

2010 Junior Athlete of the Year:
Julian Garritano (left)

Soccer

JR: Jordan Wrong
SR: Sam Atashin

Badminton

BM: Jason Cheung
JR: Philip Lau
SR: Anthony Ho

Baseball

Daniel Pinero

Basketball

BM: Clint Casmiro
JR: Alessio Del Gobbo
SR: Michael Aquino

Cross Country

Midget: Elijah Silva
JR: Jhomar Sumajit
SR: Trevor James

Curling

MVP: Owen Gillett

Hockey

JR: Anthony Latina
Joe Sinopoli Award: Stuart MacKinnon

SR: Cory Racioppo
Joe Sinopoli Award: Sean Sutton

Varsity(Non-Contact) Hockey

Adam Almeida

Rugby

Bantam 7s: Thomas Bianchi
Junior 7s: Spencer Houghton
Junior 15s: Julian Garritano

SR 7s: Alex Romita
SR 15s: Alex Romita

Swimming

BM: Kevin Chiu
JR: Martin Jurak
SR: Alex Mierzynski

Table Tennis

JR: Simon Urbanc
SR: Calvin Tsang

Tennis

JR: Joseph Nguyen
SR: Jason Kim

Volleyball

JR: Elijah Springer
SR: Adam Li

Track & Field

Midget: Ashton Wilson Clarke
JR: Mark Rasing
SR: Nick Smith

Golf

Daniel Roccasalvo

TRACK AND FIELD VICTORIES

By Mr. Margou

The Brebeuf Track and Field Team had one of its greatest seasons in the school's 47 year history. Some of the highlights:

- * 8 Gold medals + 7 Silver medals + 10 Bronze medals at the TDCAA Track & Field Championships
- * 34 Top 4 Placings + 58 Top 8 Placings at the TDCAA Track & Field Championships
- * TDCAA Midget Champions with 125 points (the 2ND most in Brebeuf history)
- * 2ND time TDCAA Junior Champions (most points ever for a Brebeuf team)
- * TDCAA Overall Champions (1st time champs for Brebeuf and most points ever)
- * **Marc Rasing** was declared Junior Athlete of the meet
- * **Royan Hill** came second in Midget Athlete of the meet
- * **Marc Rasing** broke the TDCAA Long Jump and 100mH records
- * **Jeff Napala** broke the TDCAA Triple Jump record
- * **Marc Rasing** (Jr.100mH & L.J.), **Jeff Napala** (Jr. TJ), **Devon Savarimuthu** (Jr. 300mH), **Matthew Tonello** (Jr.Disc.), **Elijah Silva** (M. 800m, 1500m & 3000m), **Michael Tang** (M. 300mH) and **Ashton Wilson-Clarke** (M.Jav) broke Brebeuf's "new" age records
- * 4 Gold Medals + 1 Silver Medal + 1 Bronze Medal at the Metros Track & Field Championships
- * 10 Top 4 Placings + 17 Top 8 Placings at the Metro Track & Field Championships
- * Metro Track & Field Midget Champions (37 points)
- * Metro Track & Field Junior 2ND OVERALL (55 points)
- * Metro Track & Field 3RD Overall (92 points)
- * **Jeff Napala** jumped 13.0m in the Triple jump as a Junior, breaking a 40 year old Brebeuf Senior record

Also....

- * Badminton Overall Champions for 22 straight years
- * Badminton Senior Champions for 14 straight years
- * Badminton Junior Champions for 12 straight years

ATHLETIC BANQUET

On Wednesday, June 2, 250 students and staff attended the annual Athletic Banquet, where the top athletes for each team were recognized and all celebrated Brebeuf's athletic victories of the year.

For the first time it was held in the Atrium. The guest speaker was Mr. Joe Will, a former Brebeuf teacher and coach of many "Redmen" teams.

Thanks to **Mrs. Lavery**, **Mr. Sabatini**, and all the staff involved in planning.

FAITH

BREBEUF YOUTH MINISTRY



In a world of violent video games, individualism and societal vices, many teenagers find it difficult to practise their faith. The Brebeuf Youth Ministry, comprised of over 100 students and staff members, serves as a place where the students of Brebeuf College can not only practise their faith, but embrace it. Through activities such as praying the Rosary in all homeroom classes during the Marian months of October and May, the students are able to develop a deeper connection with Christ, while encouraging others to do the same. Similarly, through retreats such as the Salesian Leadership Retreat and Kairos Jesuit Retreat, students are able to see that their faith extends past the walls of Brebeuf College; it allows them to see that they are part of a larger faith community. The newly formed Brebeuf Bulls Support Group provides students with a safe environment to seek advice, consolation and support during times of personal struggle. With many other ministries, such as the Music Ministry and Liturgical Ministry, there are many opportunities for all students to get involved. James 2:24 tells us that "a person is justified by works and not by faith alone." The Brebeuf Youth Ministry gives students the chance to develop both.

KAIROS – GOD’S TIME



This year marked the beginning of a new Brebeuf tradition: Kairos. This grade eleven retreat programme was introduced to the school last fall, when a dozen Brebeufians attended “Kairos 1”. Led by a group of graduating students who had attended this Jesuit retreat in Buffalo in 2009, the first Kairos was both a learning process and a success, paving the way for the second retreat held May 12-14 at Manresa Retreat Centre in Pickering.

Kairos translates to “God’s Time,” which is the best way to describe this three day experience, shared among a group of students who have already spent three years of high school together, yet may not truly know one another. The retreat allows the students to take a step back from their everyday life, contemplate their lives and consider the presence of faith, all in a loving and trusting environment. The purpose of the retreat is to focus on relationship with others, with ourselves, and with God.

Kairos has already seen a great deal of growth within its inaugural year, as the second retreat was attended by more than 30 retreatants. With the help of Fr. Len Altiglia S.J. and Chris Krall S.J. and student and teacher leaders, including Mr. DiMauro, Mr. Gregoris, Mr. Guy, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Rebello, and Mr. Da Costa, Kairos will continue to grow. This is a Brebeuf experience that truly makes this school a brotherhood, and it is only a matter of time before this tradition takes off and Kairos 50 is just around the bend.

SALESIAN LEADERSHIP RETREATS

SLR is not known for what it was, rather for how it changed the lives of every retreatant over the course of 3 days. 30 girls and 30 boys were chosen from Catholic schools to go and while they wanted to find friendship first and God second, they found a family centred on faith. The retreat was founded by the Salesians and structured around their way of life and their calling. What made the retreat so unique and special was the environment created for the young adults to open up

and share. My experience of the retreat was unique to me as it was to each individual who went up. I have never been the same since God lead me on this journey to find a path for myself bonded strongly in my faith. It was a path with many obstacles and change was the only answer. The day after returning from SLR is always the hardest. It’s not because you’re tired from the lack of sleep or because you have a lot of work to catch up on. It’s because of the revelation that the world is not ready for someone who has been so moved by God. But don’t take my word for it. The retreat is yours to experience. Take out of it what you’re willing to put into it, but all I can advise you to do is ‘Participate, don’t anticipate.’ The Salesian Leadership Retreat helped me take a look at the man in the mirror, ask him to change his ways and prepare to face the biggest challenge of his life, a world unready for change.



JESUIT MILESTONE

The Brebeuf Family congratulates **Fr. Winston Rye S.J.**, former Rector (1978-1984) and Principal (1979-1984) on his fifty years as a Jesuit!

At Graduation, Father was the Guest Speaker and was presented with a statue of St. Jean Brebeuf to mark this milestone and the gratitude of the Brebeuf Family for many years of service and friendship.

MIDLAND PILGRIMAGE



An enthusiastic group of Grade 9 students made a pilgrimage to Midland, Ontario on May 25. While there they had a chance to visit the recreated Ste. Marie-among-the-Hurons mission, where St. Jean de Brebeuf and his Jesuit companions lived and worked during the 17th century. They also attended Mass in the beautiful

Martyrs’ Shrine and learned more about the lives and works of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs.

MARCH FOR LIFE

A contingent of Brebeufians and ladies from St. Joseph’s Morrow Park descended upon the nation’s capital in May for the annual March for Life. Students heard from many involved in the struggle to protect the unborn and defend life, including politicians, religious leaders, and those involved in the pro-life movement.

MASS FOR EDMUND RICE



On May 5, Brebeuf celebrated the Feast Day of the Founder of the Presentation Brothers with two masses in our Atrium. Students also learned about the remarkable life of Edmund Rice from Mr. Da Costa.

That evening, associates and friends of the Brothers gathered in the Chapel for the first annual public Mass to honour Rice. The celebrant was Fr. Winston Rye S.J.

Students participating in the Blessed Edmund Rice Volunteer Awards received their certificates from our chaplain, Brother Henry Spencer. **Keith Rodrigues** entertained all and spoke of his experience in volunteering at Gibson House Seniors' Centre. We look forward to seeing more people at next year's celebrations.

GR. 9 RETREATS

By Russell Sng

Under a dedicated group of senior youth ministers and Mr Rob Gregoris, all grade 9 students this year participated in school retreats in the Presentation Brothers' Chaplaincy Centre and the Chapel.

The Grade Nine Religion retreats were an amazing experience, both for the retreatants and the leaders involved. I was given the responsibility of organizing the retreats that every Grade 9 class experienced -- no easy task!

However, with the support of the many Youth Ministry student leaders that volunteered their time, as well as the staff (Mr. Gregoris, Brother Spencer, Mr. De Miglio, Mr. Da Costa), they were all successes.

As **Trevor James** observed: "The retreats are designed to help students begin to understand and incorporate Catholic values into their own lives. Not only do retreatants leave with a new sense of spirituality, but also foster a stronger sense of brotherhood with their peers and with God."

I believe that these retreats are a step towards building stronger Catholic bonds within our school. Faith in Brebeuf will be stronger than it ever has been as the Youth Ministry will continue these retreats in the future.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Next year's Communion Breakfast could not come on a more appropriate day: Sunday, September 26, the Feast of St. Jean de Brebeuf! Students, staff, and their families will gather in the school Chapel for Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a wonderful buffet breakfast in the Atrium. The celebrant will be **Father Jim Webb S.J.**, Jesuit Provincial and former Brebeuf teacher. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Ms. Martin at iona.martin@tcdsb.org.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following members of the Brebeuf family in your prayers.

Peter Brisbois RIP, brother of former Principal **Joseph Brisbois**.

David Brohman '72 RIP, brother of **Rob '82**.

Rosena Costa Martins RIP, mother of **Mrs. Sandra D'Souza** (staff).

Brother Gerard Despathy RIP, Provincial Superior of the Presentation Brothers for the Our Lady of the Americas Province, who died suddenly in March.

Gabriel Lee '01 RIP.

Private Kevin McKay RIP, Canadian Forces' soldier killed in action in Afghanistan, and son of **Fred McKay '74**.

John McKendry RIP, father of Michael '85.

Patricia McSweeney RIP, mother of Terry '76.

Mr. Rob Sedran, who underwent a serious operation and is recovering well.

Mrs. Florence Tang RIP, grandmother of **Ms. Prescod** (staff).

ACADEMICS

GIFTED UPDATE

Brebeuf will welcome 22 new Grade 9 gifted students next year to our growing Gifted and Enrichment programme. These students will be congregated into the same Geography class, making Brebeuf one of the only high schools in the board with a Congregated Gifted Programme.

Our programme aims to help students to achieve their full potential through our “**L.E.A.D.S.**” philosophy:

Leadership in the school and beyond;
Enrichment activities outside of the classroom;
Academic opportunities with like-minded peers;
Development of talents of the whole person, and;
Social justice and service to others.

Students this year participated in a number of activities, including:

- Perspectives Gifted Conference at University of Toronto
- Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium
- Canadian Club Luncheons (*see picture below*)
- Trip to Stratford to see Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*
- Queen’s University’s E=MC² Gifted Conference
- Destination Imagination competition (under coach Mrs. M. Rasciauskas)
- *The B* Newspaper
- Debating
- CSUNA Model United Nations
- BAMUN Model United Nations
- Judging St. Antoine Daniel Science Fair
- Prefects
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Edmund Rice Volunteer Awards



(Canadian Club Luncheon, May, 2010, at the Royal York Hotel)

CSI: BREBEUF

By Aramis Pacitto and Nicholas Smith



This spring, Ms. Johnston’s grade 12 biology class had the pleasure of visiting the Ontario Science Centre to do what forensic scientists do every day. Getting up bright and early we experienced a very full day of education and fun (with the help of the Science Centre’s staff in a real

biotechnology lab) and the students of Brebeuf actually visualized their very own DNA!

The excursion began with some cringing when we were kindly asked to extract a few of our own individual strands of hair. It was not as easy as you might think - we needed to ensure that the hairs were taken at the root where the living cells, and thus our precious DNA, resides. Along the way, through a series of precise steps, the small sample of DNA that we took from our hair was replicated into millions and millions of copies. And that was just the morning protocol! After completing this Polymerase Chain Reaction (know simply as PCR to those in the forensics field), the afternoon was spent learning the theory behind DNA “Fingerprinting” (which has nothing to do with our fingers at all). Using our new skills, we actually separated our own DNA into our almost unique “fingerprint” by the complex process of Electrophoresis. Has your mind expanded yet? As soon as we left the lab we proceeded to be entertained by the Science Centre’s exhibits.

Back at Brebeuf the next day, we were relieved to receive our results and learn that 19 out of 20 of us got results! It would have been very easy to mess up any of the steps so Ms. Johnston was proud of our achievement.

For most of us it was the first time we got to use sophisticated biochemistry lab equipment like a micropipette, a vortex and centrifuge. Truth be told, the experiment was amazing. We learned a lot and actually had a lot of fun doing it (of course some of that was because we got to play with K-nex). This trip just showed the wonders of modern biology and its applications.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

2010 RENAISSANCE MAN DISTINCTION WINNERS

Brebeuf educates the mind, body, and soul, and the Renaissance Distinctions recognize those students who have been involved in a variety of academic, athletic, and service initiatives throughout the year.

Senior Letter

Lau, Francis (12)
Wong, Jeffrey (12)
Leung, Stephen (12)
Keslick, Timothy (12)
Lai, Hodge (12)
Sim, Dooly (11)
Mok, Canice (11)
Lau, Kenneth (11)
Sng, Russell (11)
James, Trevor (11)
Aslani, Shervin (11)
Swann, James (11)
Goldstein, David (11)

Junior Letter 2010

Rodrigues, Keith (10)
Shu Kok, Lui (10)
Chin, Brandon (10)
Jurak, Martin (10)
Houghton, Spencer (10)
Johnson-Skinner, Ethan (10)
Silva, Elijah (9)
Pereira, Darren (9)

STUDENT SUCCESS CONFERENCES

In February at the TCDSB annual Student Success Conference, fifteen Brebeuf students had the opportunity to meet with Alan November to engage in a round-table discussion about their use of technology in the classroom. Dr. November is an educational psychologist whose ideas about global communication, collaboration, assessment, and critical thinking have inspired schools, governments and corporations around the world to rethink and redefine their approach to education and technology.

Just after March Break, a group of Brebeuf students attended the annual Voices That Challenge Student Conference, a celebration and modelling of proactive

student leadership programmes through keynote speakers and workshops. The focus of this year's conference was Social Justice, Mental Wellness and the Use of Music as a Leadership Tool. The conference was hosted by our student trustee Connor Rollit and Tom Barlow, one of Brebeuf's graduates who is also a Juno nominee and Much Music award recipient. Brebeuf's Youth Ministry also presented a wonderful workshop.

MARCH BREAK EUROPE TRIP 2010

By Mr. S. DeMiglio



On Saturday, March 27th, 2010 shortly after 5:00 p.m. eight weary but happy Brebeuf European travellers arrived at Toronto's Pearson International airport on Air France Flight #356 from Paris' Charles De Gaulle Airport.

Highlights of the trip included an audience with Pope Benedict 16th, a boat cruise to the Isle of Capri, an afternoon in Carcassonne which is a French city built inside a 2nd, century castle and a night at the Space Electronique Disco in Firenze.

At all times these Canadian Brebeuf travellers, while being immersed in the European culture, were polite. They were eager to learn from the tour guides and have become more confident about travelling, speaking a foreign language, and being independent. They have come home with a greater world view.

These future *Canadian Ambassadors* are:

**Adam Almeida, Brendan Barrera,
Mark De Miglio, Kathryx Jude Diaz
Domenic Hung, Gregory Lamonica,
Torrel Jerome Ollivirrie, Evan Wojna**

It was a pleasure for my wife Carol and I to learn About our world with you during the March Break!
Auguri e Buona Jobba!

TUTORING

Senior students help their grade 9 and 10 peers during a lunchtime tutoring programme run by Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Walsh in Room 228. The aim is to help students who might be struggling academically to achieve success and at the same time enhance the older students' leadership skills and confidence.

PREFECTS

This year Brebeuf inaugurated a new leadership programme by introducing Prefects. These twenty students were nominated by their teachers for excellent behaviour, leadership qualities, manners, and comportment. They wear a distinctive black tie with red and silver stripes.

Some of their duties this year have included mentoring behaviour, providing school tours, ushering, and assisting with the penny drive.

Next year, Prefects will also be assigned to Grade 9 students as "upper year buddies" to provide advice and support.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2010-11



An outstanding group of students put their names forward in the Brebeuf Student Council elections in May. Congratulations to all winners:

President	Shaun Rana
Vice-President	Bashar Kaassamani
Senior Sports Rep.	Spencer Houghton
Social Rep.	Reilly Comper
Junior Vice-President	Frederick Kam Kam
Junior Sports Rep.	Adam Nemes

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thanks to the fundraising committee for their hard work in organizing the Brebeuf Raffle. Over \$2000 was raised for technology initiatives.

- * Grand Prize - Gift Certificate from Selloff Vacations: **Sossi Barounian**
- * 2nd Prize - 40" Flatscreen Television: **Cleo P. Ozorio**
- * Toshiba Netbook: **Quiriao Barerra**
- * Moxie's Classic Grill Certificate: **Nazo Britsian**
- * HBS Gift Certificate: **T.S. Williams**
- * Indigo Gift Certificate: **Dan Found**

WEBSITE

Thanks to Mr. John A. MacDonald '82 for maintaining the Brebeuf website--www.brebeufcollege.ca. Parents can find lots of announcements, calendar reminders, and school information.

PERSPECTIVES

Twenty students from Brebeuf's Gifted and Enrichment Programme attended the annual Perspectives Conference at University of Toronto on February 19th. After hearing from guest speakers, students participated in workshops in everything from law to robotics to writing a university essay.

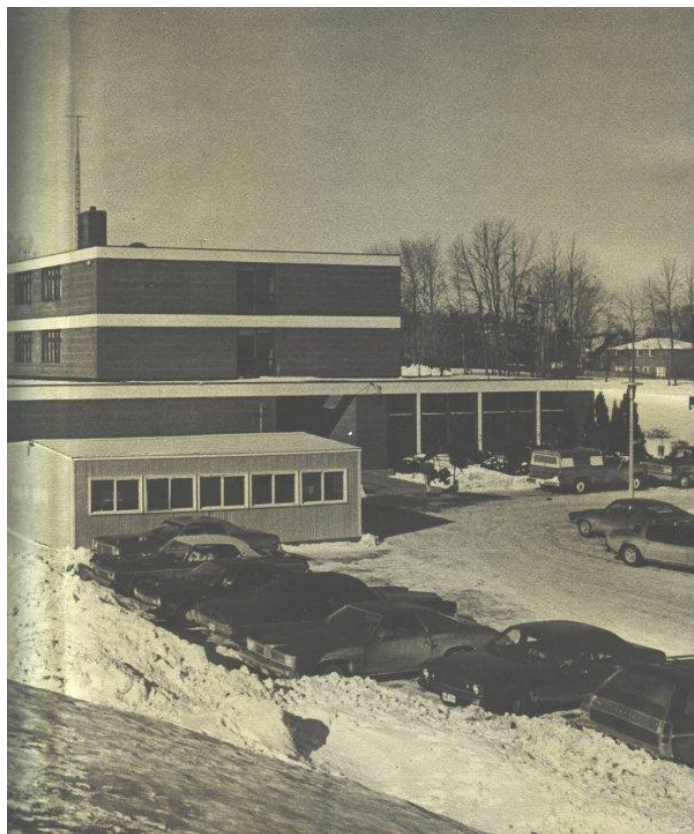
GHANA IMMERSION TRIP 2011



A group of Brebeuf students and teachers will travel to Ghana in March, 2011 to connect with our Presentation and Jesuit friends and perform volunteer work in schools and parishes.

The group will also be able to experience a safe country in Africa and visit many sites of environmental and historical importance. Students will earn a credit in Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC 4U1). For more information contact Mr. M. Rogers at Michael.rogers@tcdsb.org or Mr. M. Da Costa at Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The original Brebeuf building with the "music portable" and student parking lot in the foreground (1979).

GHANA REFLECTIONS



By Mr. M. Da Costa '92

I had the privilege to be invited by Brother Martin Kenneally F.P.M, Congregation Leader of the Presentation Brothers, to visit Ghana and the missions of the Brothers there. I was truly taken aback and humbled by this generous offer. I have always been curious to see their schools and meet the students and the people involved in running them, and so I overcame some initial fears and visited during the March Break.

When Brother Rupert O'Sullivan, the Provincial superior and my host, and I arrived at St. Charles' School in Yendi, we were literally swarmed by the happy school children from the adjacent primary school. St Charles is the newest school associated with the Presentation Brothers, and has been the main recipient of donations raised by the Bro. Maher Fund. By Canadian standards, the school is very basic and accommodates 350 pupils. Classrooms have up to 60 children per class and have no air-conditioning, despite 35 degree weather and humidity. The chalkboards are

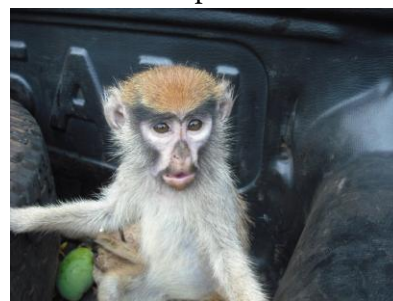


made of rough wood. Students sit crammed together at desks built for half as many. Despite the conditions, however, the pupils appeared happy, keen to be at

school, and very polite and respectful. They know education is the way to better their futures and those of their families. I was happy to present a plaque with the Brebeuf crest, a Canadian flag, and a soccer ball as tokens of the friendship between our schools. The school is grateful for our help, which has provided:

- electricity for fans, which help make the environment more conducive for learning;
- maintenance for the computer lab;
- dictionaries and books for the library;
- other essential supplies for students and teachers.

I also had the chance to visit Presentation Junior High School in Logre, which is expertly run by Brother Andrew Asinga FPM, the Principal. This school had the best examination results in its district. Students are fed lunches three times a week, thanks to a feeding programme funded by Presentation Brothers College in Cork and Presentation College Bray in Ireland. When I asked Bro. Andrew how we at Brebeuf could help, he mentioned that many students could not afford to attend secondary school after leaving Pres. The Bro. Maher Scholarships were born on the spot, and the next day I was able to meet the students, Georgina and Michael, who would benefit from them. The smiles on their faces were priceless!



There are many other Presentation initiatives in Ghana. Bro. Joe Gilleece showed me a health and maternity clinic that has been invaluable to the people. Many

communities also have clean water thanks to wells provided by the Brothers. Lay Presentation Volunteers from Ireland teach in a local teachers training college and secondary school and have set up a charity to help an orphanage.

Overall, I am left with very fond memories of my visit. The Ghanaian people are friendly, welcoming, religious, and hopeful, and grateful beneficiaries of the international assistance they receive. The Brothers are true Christians and "men for others". Their mission is a modern incarnation of the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice, who similarly transformed 19th century Ireland through Christian education of the young.

GRADUATION 2010



"Once a Brebeufian, always a Brebeufian!"

The culmination of the Brebeuf experience is Graduation Exercises, when the students' four years of hard work are celebrated and rewarded.

On June 28th, students and staff gathered at the Premiere Banquet Hall in Markham for the annual Graduation Mass to give God thanks for four years of Catholic education. The celebrant was **Father Winston Rye S.J.** (former principal) and the concelebrant was **Father Edward Murphy '78**, pastor of St. Patrick's (Markham) and uncle of graduate Tim Keslick. Afterwards all enjoyed a buffet breakfast and witnessed the presentation of some awards and a slideshow highlighting the graduates' years at Brebeuf.

The 44th Graduation Exercises took place on June 29th. After processing up the aisle and being welcomed by the Salutatorian, **Matthew Cavdar**, students heard an edifying talk from the guest speaker, Father Rye. Students then received their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas from the Principal, Mr. Anthony Azzopardi, and other awards from various faculty. The programme ended with the valedictory address by **Luc Rinaldi**. A reception for families followed. It was a classy ending for an outstanding group of young Christian gentlemen.

**CONGRATULATIONS
BREBEUF
CLASS OF 2010!**

GRADUATION AWARDS

Catholic Student Award
Timothy Keslick

E.J. Barry Renaissance Award
Hodge Lai

O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship
Alex Romita

Presentation Brothers' Award
Jonathan Fernandes

Bob Shannon '69 Bursary
Ben Lacey
Hernan Da Silva

Michael Brown Memorial Award
Kathryx Diaz

Brother Lawrence Maher F.P.M. Award
Ajay Da Costa

Men for Others Award
Timothy Keslick

Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship
Luc Rinaldi

Michael Tomaszczek '82 Music Award
Paul Poon

Thomas Butash Music Award
Dan DiLiddo

Jim Morris '77 Journalism Award
Luc Rinaldi

OECTA TSU Award
Timothy Keslick

Joe Younder Debating Award
Hodge Lai

Jim Peterson Parliamentary Award
Matthew Pellegrino

Visual Art Award
Kathryx Diaz

Father St. Clair Monaghan S.J. Award
Timothy Keslick

Joe Will Award
Hooly Sim

Brebeuf Benefactors' Award
T.J. Ollivirrie & Nirmalan Vijayakumar

Lieutenant-Governor's Community Service Award
Mario Izzo

Theatre Brebeuf Award
Dillon Austin-Lyder

Salutatorian
Matthew Cavdar

Valedictorian
Luc Rinaldi