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THE YEAR 1975-1976 IN REVIEW

At the end of the year we send you this review of school events at Brebeuf. If we have missed some events of particular importance to you, we beg pardon in advance. Of course, we realize that a summary of this kind cannot do full justice to all the happenings at the school, but we hope that these pages will help you to recall some of the highlights of the year just closing.

ACADEMIC

The academic year, now nearing completion, was a very successful one. Our present staff which is highly qualified and experienced plans to return intact for our next school year.

The achievement of our students is again most satisfactory. About 30% of the student body made the honour roll -- 75% average or better. The record of our Ontario Scholars (80% or better in Grade XIII) remains quite constant -- ten to twelve Ontario Scholars and a number of them have qualified for University Scholarships.

Mr. Norman Anderson, who inspected the school this year for the Ministry of Education, expressed his appreciation of the work being done at Brebeuf. He praised the dedication and competence of the staff and was greatly impressed with the fine morale and spirit of the school.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & RETREATS

Every school day at 8:25 a.m. in the school chapel the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated for students and staff who are free and who wish to attend. There are special Masses for the whole school at the beginning of the school year (Mass of the Holy Spirit), on the feast of the school patron, for Christmas and other meaningful events - liturgical, athletic or scholastic.

First Friday Mass each month is optional and is offered at 9:00 a.m. in the Gym to accommodate the larger congregation. Class Masters are encouraged to arrange with the school chaplain for special class Masses at a time favorable to all concerned.

There are no times for confession. However, the Rite of Reconciliation in either form -- open conference room or closed confessional -- is always available to students and staff on request.

Sixteen one-day Retreats were organized for all the students from Grade Nine to Grade Thirteen: for the Nines in November, for the Tens in January, for the Elevens in February, for the Twelves and Thirteens on April 27th., May 4th. and May 5th. All retreats were held at Regis College on Bayview Avenue and were directed by young Jesuit theologians.

The purpose of these Retreats is to allow time for students to take a look at themselves in an atmosphere of prayer outside the classroom, to see where their faith level is at and to share their experiences in smaller, more supportive groups.

THE BREBEUF LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild started the year with their jacket sale, which could have used more jackets as they had more buyers than jackets.

The annual supper dance, held at the Thornhill Community Centre, was convened by Mrs. Barbara McCann; it netted \$1,800.00.

This year the Communion Breakfast was for mothers and sons and it was well attended; the convener was Mrs. Barbara McCann. Mass was celebrated at Regis College and was followed by a fine breakfast at the Bayview Country Club.

On March 10th. Mrs. Nancy Malone convened a very successful bridge in the Brebeuf Gymnasium; the profit from this event was \$1,275.00.

The mothers of Grade 12 students helped with the reception for the graduation of the Grade 13 students; and on the night of the Closing Exercises refreshments will be served for the family and friends of our students.

During the year the Guild was generous in donations to the school in the form of a scholarship, audio-visual equipment, an electric typewriter and furniture for the library, and help to other student activities at Brebeuf.

DRAMA

The Brebeuf Players ably aided by 17 young ladies from St. Joseph's Morrow Park staged the Reginald Rose drama "THE REMARKABLE INCIDENT AT CARSON CORNERS" in early April. Directed by Mr. Blair Day and produced by Mr. James Barry, the drama played to two full houses. Graduating students Fred Cameron as Kovey, Charles Lewis as Mr. Rogers, Geoff Chandler as Billy and Denis Armstrong as Bobby received the warm applause of the audiences.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Once again our activities followed the familiar pattern of raising funds and then spending the money wisely. In October about \$4,000.00 was raised in a great chocolate sales campaign. In the course of the year the Council financially supported many social, athletic and spiritual events. The school teams were given money for equipment, sweaters and other necessities. The retreat program was assisted. The Guatemala Relief Fund was given \$500.00 by the Brebeuf Student Council.

The Brebeuf dances were successful both artistically and financially, while providing an important social outlet for the students. Other activities enjoying Student Council sponsorship were coffee houses, movie nights, the blood donor clinic, the winter carnival, a Christmas skit and a food drive to supply Christmas dinners to needy families. The Student Council is justifiably proud of its concern for the quality of the school experience at Brebeuf and the leadership it has shown in promoting a healthy school spirit.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Public Speaking Contest winners at Brebeuf:

JUNIOR ELOCUTION:	Robert O'Brien
JUNIOR ORIGINAL SPEECH:	Filippo Salustri 9D
INTERMEDIATE ELOCUTION:	Christopher Salustri 10D
INTERMEDIATE ORIGINAL SPEECH: (a tie):	Francis Chow 10B
	Alex Forte 10D
SENIOR ELOCUTION:	Fred Sengmueller 11B
SENIOR ORIGINAL SPEECH: (a tie):	Bernard McGouran 11B
	David McKie 11C

The Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest:

In the Senior Section, Bernard McGouran placed first in North York and second in Metro. In the Junior Section, Francis Chow also placed first in North York and second in Metro.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Last September, Messrs. Michael Skebo and Blair Day directed a three-day trip to Algonquin Park for environmental studies: geology, cartography, topography, hydrology, ornithology and physiography. Fifteen students, interested in these areas, profited from this unique experience which we hope to be able to offer again next September.

Geology excursions to the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment also took place during the year.

Next March, ten students will travel to Iceland to observe first-hand the unique forming features of the earth, volcanoes, glaciers, geysers and so forth. The trip is expected to last eight days.

T.V. BREBEUF

Thanks to the continuing generosity of the Brebeuf Ladies Guild the equipment of BCS-TV was upgraded this year. A new VTR and monitor were donated. The five TV crews were busy all year taping school sports events, dramatic moments such as our annual play and the MO-BREB Talent Show. Under the able student producers -- Costante Bortolin, John Boyd and Dan Brennan -- many micro-documentaries and mini-TV skits were produced after class hours. Congratulations to all!

THE BREBEUF LAY ADVISORY BOARD

The Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board carried on several fund-raising projects during the school year. Besides completing the Talent-Dollar Project, it successfully ran a sale of Christmas Cards, a Physical Fitness Program, a Theatre Night and an Auction. At the present time it is preparing a Travel Club Lottery to be launched in the fall.

Brebeuf is most grateful to these dedicated people who have helped keep the school in the work of education over the years.

The members of the Board are:

Mrs. E. F. Belton	Mr. E. M. Leon
Mrs. J. H. Bonnick	Mr. B. J. B. Letterio
Mr. G. M. Collins	Mr. W. P. Moher (Chairman)
Rev. C. J. Crusoe, S.J.	Rev. St. C. Monaghan, S.J.
Mr. J. A. Fraumeni	Mr. W. T. Nutson
Mr. R. H. Hubbard	Mr. J. C. Steiner

WRITING

Brebeuf Press published two small literary magazines devoted to creative writing this year. "TRIPLE BRONZE", named after the Robert Frost poem of that title, was printed for the fifth time by the graduating Grade 13 English class. Over 80 students contributed poems to make this anthology of student poetry a success.

Also this year a creative project was launched by the Grade 12 English classes. "NOOSPHERE", named after the word coined by Jesuit thinker Teilhard de Chardin, was published for the first time. Frank Engelhardt, Steve Erdle and Mark Lewis contributed short stories for the first issue. Copies of these magazines can be obtained for 0.25¢ from the Department of English at Brebeuf.

A Royal Canadian Legion Essay Contest on a Remembrance Day topic was open to students from Grades nine to thirteen. Frank Marsiglio of 10C placed first in both Willowdale and North York; he placed third in Metro.

MUSIC AT BREBEUF

The music program is now completing its seventh year of operation. There are currently over two hundred students taking music in grades nine through twelve.

The Brebeuf Concert Band, with a membership of eighty-one musicians, performed both Christmas and Spring Concerts in the Minkler Auditorium of Seneca College to enthusiastic audiences of over one thousand each time. Box office returns have enabled the band to purchase white tuxedo jackets, thus eliminating the need for rentals in the future.

This year for the first time an award for "THE MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR" will be presented to the Senior Band member selected by his fellow bandmen as the one best exemplifying the qualities of professional musicianship. The award, in the form of a metal sculpture, is named in honour of Reverend Robert W. Meagher, S.J., the founding principal of Brebeuf. The presentation will be made by Father Meagher at the annual Spring Concert.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

As our fiscal year has not yet closed, the following statement is tentative. However, it is reasonably correct.

REVENUE:		
Tuition fees:	\$149,000.00	
TOTAL:		\$149,000.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries & Benefits:		
Lay teachers:	\$170,000.00	
Office staff:	10,000.00	
Administration costs:	8,000.00	
Interest on bank loan:	20,000.00	
TOTAL:		\$208,000.00
Deficit:		\$59,000.00

This deficit will be substantially decreased by a contribution from the Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board.

It is to be noted that "Tuition fees" include donations from the Knights of Columbus, the Brebeuf Ladies Guild and several individuals. Since these donations were given specifically as BURSARIES FOR NEEDY STUDENTS, they appear as part of tuition fees.

ATHLETICS

The 1975-1976 athletic program has been a great success. Our bantam basketball team brought back the championship trophy to our school and our badminton team also won first place.

Our school teams gained several second place finishes in the 13-school T. D. C. A. A. league. The wrestling team, the swim team and the gymnastic team all were close to becoming champions. The real heart-breaker of the year, however, was our junior hockey team; after placing first in league play it lost in the play-off finals to De La Salle in the last game of a three-game series. The fine showing of all our teams demonstrates the depth and strength of our athletic program.

The winter carnival, under the direction of S. A. A. President Steven Tate, was held this year at Upland's Golf Course. The weather was fantastic and the turn-out from Morrow Park and from Brebeuf made it the most successful MO-BREB Winter Carnival ever held.

At the S. A. A. awards assembly the top athletes in each sport were selected as follows:

FOOTBALL	P. Walsh
HOCKEY	M. Bontje
GYMNASTICS:	F. Nutzenberger
WRESTLING:	F. Catapano
SENIOR BASKETBALL:	S. Melchiori
SWIMMING:	S. Blais
SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY:	D. Hart