



# BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL

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## THE YEAR 1976-1977 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 your 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

Our Academic year has been a successful one. Our present staff is highly qualified and experienced. There will be a few changes next year. Mr. Michael Skebo will be moving to the Halton County School Board. He will be Geography Department Head in a new school near Burlington. Mr. Blair Day will be moving to the York County Roman Catholic School Board and will be teaching at St. Robert's.

Our students are achieving well academically; in the March exams a third of our students made the Honour Roll. We should have ten to twelve Ontario Scholars. Last year we had twelve Ontario Scholars. Our Grade 11 students wrote the University of Waterloo Junior Mathematics Contest; our Grade 12 students wrote the Euclid Mathematics Contest; and our Grade 13 Chemistry students wrote a Chemistry Examination for the University of Waterloo. We do not have the results at the present time, but we are confident that the boys did well.

Our boys have been active in the Pro-Con Debating Forum this year. We had a young team. It was a training year. We will have an excellent team next year.

Our teachers are dedicated and generous in their work in and outside the classroom. The students are responding well.

### DRAMA

The Brebeuf Players' production of *Flowers For Algernon* was greeted by the warm applause of three receptive houses on the last week-end of April. The play was co-directed by Blair Day, Paul Whalen and Grade 13 student Shawn Murray. Peter Cochran excelled in the demanding role of CHARLIE opposite Yvonne Ferlatte as his teacher. Supporting cast deserving mention: Meribeth Flurey, Brian Terry, Cathy Sexton and Steve Vernon as CHARLIE's family; Mark Beamish, Chuck Houston and Shawn Murray as the medical personnel; Renee Rivas, David McKie, Malcolm Gurley, Bern McGouran, Melanie Palker and Carolyn Gaughan as characters drawn into the drama. The production called for extensive special staging, lighting sound effects. Many extra roles were done by students of Grades 9 & 10 which is a promising sign for the future of Brebeuf drama.

### STUDENT WRITING AT BREBEUF

Press Brebeuf published two small literary magazines devoted to creative writing at Brebeuf this year: *TRIPLE BRONZE VI* was printed by the graduating Grade XIII English class. Over 70 students contributed lyrics, sonnets, epigrams and limericks to make this year's anthology of student poetry a success. Copies of the booklet *TRIPLE BRONZE VI* may be obtained from the English Department for 0.25¢.

An anthology of prose writings, *NOOSPHERE*, named for the Jesuit thinker Teilhard de Chardin, was published by the Grade XII students. All Grade XII students write a short story and the best five are selected for publication. This year's *NOOSPHERE* stories are by Chris Harvey-Clarke, Bern McGouran, Peter Glossop, Tibor Zsuffa and Andrew Makowski.

#### THE BREBEUF LAY ADVISORY BOARD

This year's fund-raising project, conducted by the Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board, was *THE GREAT ESCAPE*, a Travel Club Lottery. Cooperation from the parents of our students and many friends of the school made this a very successful venture and plans are already afoot for next year's edition.

In November the Board and the Ladies Guild presented a brief to the Blair Commission on the Reform of Property Taxation in Ontario. The brief requested the Government of Ontario to continue the exemption of private schools from taxation. The brief was favorably received.

Brebeuf is most grateful to our Board members and to the special Lottery Committee for the help they have given to the school.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

Debating at Brebeuf this year had a varied and interesting season. In addition to competing with Catholic schools in and around the Metropolitan area, the team also participated in the 50th. Anniversary Tournament held at St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Although this has been a building year for debating, promising lights such as *Robert O'Brien* and *Peter Camilleri* of Grade 10 should prove to be leaders in Brebeuf's debating future.

WINNERS:	INTERMEDIATE ELOCUTION:	<i>Jim Lavery 10D</i>
	INTERMEDIATE ORIGINAL SPEECH:	<i>Peter Linseman 10C</i>
	SENIOR ELOCUTION:	<i>Fred Sengmueller 12B</i>
	SENIOR ORIGINAL SPEECH:	<i>Paul Fujiwara 11C</i>

#### MUSIC AT BREBEUF

The Music Department closed its eighth year with the Annual Spring Concert on May 19th. in Minkler Auditorium. This year some 215 boys were enrolled in music classes representing over one third of the student body.

The Concert Band is currently preparing for another European tour to take place in March 1978. The Band will visit Switzerland and Italy and will spend Easter in Rome.

The Brebeuf Stage Band has performed at the Queen Elizabeth Building in a city-wide festival sponsored by the Metropolitan Separate School Board and received rave reviews. This group has decided to stay together during the summer in preparation for next year's Stage Band Festival.

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

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

REVENUE:		
Tuition fees:	\$165,000.00	
TOTAL:		\$165,000.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries & Benefits:	\$207,000.00	
Administration costs:	8,000.00	
Interest on bank loan:	18,000.00	
TOTAL:		\$233,000.00
Deficit:		\$68,000.00

In view of this deficit we feel that tuition fees will have to rise for next year. We trust that this action will not turn any of our students away from Brebeuf to the public colleges. I wish to advise all that we have a number of bursaries at Brebeuf to help students who are unable to pay the full amount of the tuition fees. This bursary money has been donated by the Knights of Columbus, the Brebeuf Ladies Guild and several individuals who have given it specifically as bursaries for needy students.



#### THE BREBEUF LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild started the year with their jacket sale in August. More jackets especially in larger sizes were needed.

The Annual Dinner Dance, held at the Thornhill Community Centre, was an elegant affair, convened by *Mrs. Pauline Morris*; it netted \$1,288.59. A special tribute was paid to *Father Crusoe*, retired principal of Brebeuf, who made the first draw for Brebeuf's Travel Lottery *THE GREAT ESCAPE*.

The Mother and Son Communion Breakfast held in February was convened by *Mrs. Cathy Mahoney*. Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's-Morrow Park Chapel and a delicious breakfast followed at the Bayview Country Club. Attendance reached an all-time high of 340.

On March 9th. *Mrs. Betty Berenz* and *Mrs. Mary Ann Knowlton* convened our Spring Card Party in the Brebeuf Gymnasium. A sell-out crowd attended what is reputed to be the most popular bridge in the city. The profit realized from this was \$1,702.52.

Ladies weekly *KEEP FIT CLASSES* were held every Tuesday morning at Blessed Trinity Parish Centre. Instructors were *Mrs. Helen Clark* and *Mrs. Paddy Cousley*, Creative Fitness Association. All proceeds were given to the Ladies Guild.

During the year the Guild was generous in donations to the school in the form of scholarships, a Gestetner copying machine, financial support to the championship hockey team, the athletic department and other activities.

After the graduation ceremony for Grade 13 students, the mothers of Grade 12 students helped with the reception held in the Cafeteria for the graduates and their families.

#### T.V. BREBEUF

BCS-TV had a very active year producing many after-class student micro-documentaries and skits. The five production crews also taped such events as the Morrow Park musical *CAMELOT* and the Brebeuf play *FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON* and various academic and sporting events. TV Brebeuf wishes to thank its student producer, *John Boyd*, on his leadership and many innovative techniques. The club will be in new hands next year but the future looks promising with our budding youngsters: *Mark Purcell*, *Bob Turnbull*, *Paul Laframboise*, *Dave Barrett* and *Robert O'Brien*.

BCS-TV thanks *Dan Brennan*, *Costante Bortolin*, *Frank Englehardt*, *Mark Lewis*, *Mark Hions* and *John Boyd*, the graduating Grade XIII members of the club, for the many years of interest and good work.

#### ATHLETICS

The 1976-1977 athletic programme has produced three T.D.C.A.A. championships. The highlight of the year was the tremendous victory of our Junior Hockey team. Although the team ended in fourth place during the regular season, the team coached by Mr. Barry overcame great odds to defeat Henry Carr for the championship.

Another great victory for our school was in the sport of gymnastics, where our team placed first, defeating Michael Power. Frank Nutzenberger of Grade 11 led our team and established himself as one of the top three gymnasts in all Ontario.

Dave Crosby, representing Brebeuf, won the Senior Badminton title.

#### Top athletes:

FOOTBALL:	<i>A. Boyd</i>
HOCKEY:	<i>K. James &amp; C. Foran</i>
GYMNASTICS:	<i>F. Nutzenberger</i>
WRESTLING:	<i>K. Rumball</i>
BASKETBALL:	<i>P. Cusimano</i>
TRACK:	<i>M. Ryall</i>
JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:	<i>A. Boyd</i>
SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:	<i>D. Markle</i>

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & RETREATS

The school year got off to a flying start with the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit: on September 7th. & 9th. for the Juniors and the Seniors.

For the convenience of students and staff Mass is celebrated at 8:25 each school day in the school chapel. Each First Friday at 9:00 o'clock there is a Mass in the Gymnasium. Attendance is optional. There are also special Class Masses throughout the year at the discretion of the Class Masters.

Before Christmas and before Easter Father Don Hawkins, S.J. was available on three different class days for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A great number of students took advantage of the opportunity during their Religion or Study periods. For the rest of the year the student chaplain and other priests are available for Confessions on request.

Special speakers this year included Brother Bob Mittelholst, S.J. from India, Miss Rose Anne Pellizzari, who spent two years in India, the White Fathers (*Fathers Fortin, Desbiens and Kizito*), all of whom spoke on missionary awareness and endeavor. Sister Mary Alban spoke on War (Nuclear Suicide) and Peace. Other guests spoke on drug addiction and Mormon belief.

On May 6th. about 100 Grade Niners went on a field trip to Martyrs' Shrine & Ste. Marie, the cradle of culture and Christianity in Ontario.

The Retreat Program this year was carried on between January and April at Blessed Trinity Hall, courtesy of Father W. Firth. Each class from Grade Nine through Grade Twelve was offered one day of Reflection or Faith Awareness. Though the Retreat days for Grades Eleven and Twelve were optional, there was nearly 100 percent turn-out.

The Grades Nine & Ten Retreats were directed by Father Henry Nunn, S.J., a Jesuit educator from India, assisted by Father Ambrosie and one lay class master from the respective classes each day. Father Nunn also conducted the Grades Eleven and Twelve Retreats ably assisted each day by one of the lay teachers.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Fund-raising was not as profitable as other years but enough was raised to support the traditional Student Council activities.

In response to the appeal of Archbishop Pocock, the Student Council took charge of the Share Life programme at Brebeuf. Some \$750.00 was realized in a short campaign.

The Brebeuf dances broke new ground this year with the introduction of D-J music instead of the ever costly rock bands. Student reaction has been positive both in the great numbers attending and in the spirit shown. The Brebeuf Formal this year was held on April 28 at Casa Loma. From all sources we have received commendation for the efforts of the dance organizers. It is hoped that Casa Loma will become the permanent site ~~of~~ for Brebeuf Formals.

Other activities which enjoyed Student Council sponsorship were movie nights, a blood donor clinic, a great winter carnival in the midst of a blizzard and the best Christmas skit and party since the school opened.

The spirit of loyalty, pride and service to the needs of the school population remained foremost in the thoughts of the Student Council.

## TRAVEL - QUEBEC CITY

May 5-8 saw a Brebeuf group of 38 Grade XIII students make a trip to Quebec City under the guidance of Mr. Peter Lee and Mr. Dan diRocco. The trip was a success for all concerned, since it provided them with warm memories of a last week together, but more importantly of assessing first hand the mood of Francophones in the exciting and troubling era that Canadians are living in. The students came away with a greater understanding of the "French Fact" and a firmer sense of purpose and dedication to preserving Canada, with its myriad cultural riches.