



# BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL

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## THE YEAR 1978-1979 IN REVIEW

### ACADEMIC:

The number of Senior Students at Brebeuf College School keeps rising. Last Spring 100 students achieved their Secondary School Graduation Degree: 31 of the students with First Honours and 10 with Second Honours. Eighty-two of these students continued last fall at Brebeuf in Grade XIII for the Secondary School Honours Graduation Degree. The number of Senior Students is still growing and in the coming year we will have over 90 students in Grade XIII, all graduates of our own Grade XII.

This year a number of our students participated in outside academic examinations. For example, in the Canada-wide Junior Mathematics Contest in which *James Williams* ranked 128th in Canada, 62nd in Ontario and 4th in North York - 24,000 students from 1,000 high schools participated. Twelve Grade XII students wrote the 1978 Euclid Mathematics Contest. Twenty-four Chemistry students wrote the Research Assistantships examination sponsored by Waterloo and Toronto Universities, in this *Frank Marsiglio* ranked 101st in over 6,000 students. Three Grade XIII students wrote the Descartes Mathematics Competition sponsored by Waterloo University and 12 students wrote the 10th Sir Isaac Newton Achievement Test in Physics, sponsored by the same University. In the latter test *Pierre Kirwin* had the highest standing among our graduates.

Two of our Grade 9 students, *Matt Genovese* and *John Nestor* entered the Metro Science Fair and won first place and gold medallions in the Region One Science Division. Two Grade 10 students won at the Royal Canadian Legion Essay Contest in Willowdale: *Olaf Kornman* - Category 1 for a poem; and, *Stephen Beamish* - Category 1 for an essay.

Two of our students, who are brothers, won public speaking contests outside the school - please see the public speaking item.

It is with real regret that we are losing three very fine men from our Staff. *Mr. John Volpe*, who has been at Brebeuf for 10 years and has built up a superb tradition for the Brebeuf Concert Band, will be leaving this year. *Fr. Peter Ambrosie, S.J.*, who has recovered well from his serious illness, has been assigned by the Jesuit Provincial Superior to the staff of Martyrs' Shrine. *Fr. Kenneth Casey, S.J.* will also be leaving Brebeuf after 3 years as Principal. *Fr. Casey* has received a new assignment to be Pastor at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church in Montreal. To these men we express our thanks and best wishes in their future work.

Replacing *Fr. Casey* as Principal is *Fr. J. Winston Rye, S.J.* and coming to Brebeuf as Chaplains are *Fr. Rob Brennan, S.J.* and *Fr. Tom Czajer, S.J.*



### THE BREBEUF LAY ADVISORY BOARD:

Once again this year, *The Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board* was instrumental in helping to raise funds to support the private sector of Brebeuf College School. Through their efforts and with the help of the Student Council and Student Body, *The Brebeuf 500 Club* was successful in subsidizing the school in the amount of \$18,500.00.

Brebeuf greatly appreciates the work and the time the members of the Board contributed under the Chairmanship of *Joseph Steiner*. Also we are very grateful to *Joan and Ted Belton* for their work in organizing the *Brebeuf 500 Club*. We plan to continue the club for 1979-80 and we hope that you will continue to support Brebeuf by participating in the *Brebeuf 500 Club*.

### BREBEUF LADIES' GUILD:

The year's activities began with the jacket sale, which took place during registration in August. More jackets especially in larger sizes and in good condition were needed.

The Annual Dinner Dance, convened by *Mrs. Velma Letterio*, was held at Villa Colombo. It was an enjoyable evening attended by some 460 people. Good food, enjoyable music and door prizes were offered. The profit after expenses was \$2,320.60.

The Mother & Son Communion Breakfast, held in February, was convened by *Mrs. Mary Ann Knowlton*. Mass was concelebrated at St. Joseph's Morrow Park Chapel and a buffet breakfast followed at the Bayview Country Club.

On March 7th *Mrs. Orrel Fritz* and *Mrs. Bobbie Munro* convened the 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 event was \$1,847.81.

The weekly KEEP FIT CLASSES were held every Tuesday morning at Blessed Trinity Parish Centre. The instructors were *Mrs. Helen Clark* and *Mrs. Paddy Causley* of the Creative Fitness Association. The proceeds, \$800.00, were donated to the Guild, who in turn donated the money towards Bursaries.

During the year the Guild was generous in donations to the School in the form of bursaries and financial help for other activities. After the Graduation Ceremonies on June 3rd, the Grade 12 Mothers catered the reception held on the lawn for the graduates and their families.

On June 10th, the Ladies Guild catered the 10-Year Reunion for the class of 1969.

The School is very appreciative for all the Ladies' Guild has done for Brebeuf and a special thanks to *Mrs. Betty Berenz*, who has been President this past year.



## BURSARIES:

*Bursaries* were granted to a number of students to help in payment of the tuition in the private sector of Brebeuf. With the contributions of various persons and groups, we were able to help these students. We thank those who have been so generous in helping us to help others in this way.

Any donations that we receive for *bursaries* are used totally to subsidize deserving students who wish to continue at Brebeuf for their High School education in the private sector.

## CREATIVE WRITING AT BREBEUF:

Brebeuf's 1979 Graduating Grade XIII class produced and published in April *TRIPLE BRONZE VIII*, Brebeuf's annual anthology of student poetry. This booklet has existed now for eight years at Brebeuf and contains some tender, humorous and fascinating lyrics, limericks, quatrains and sonnets by Brebeuf Senior Students. This year's cover was designed by *Paul D. Bar*. Over 80 students contributed poems to this year's edition. Individual copies may be obtained for 50 cents by writing to the English Department at Brebeuf College School.

## T. V. BREBEUF:

BCS-TV was on the air again this year. Although the equipment is getting old and suffers many breakdowns, the 3 production crews under Executive Producer *Mark Purcell* did manage to video-tape the School Play, the Federal Election Candidates in Panel Forum at Brebeuf, the TDCAA Track Meet at Birchmount Stadium, and various gymnastic, wrestling and basketball meets at the school.

Four interesting projects were produced. *Filippo Salustri* produced "Bagelstar Galactica". *John Moore* wrote and directed "Dr. Joe Who" starring *George Radvanyi* as Doctor Joseph Whobody. *Ed Moffat* produced a series of interviews with Brebeuf Teachers entitled "Man in the Hall Interviews" and *Peter Strassle* is currently producing "Star Hike". The equipment is in operation every school day from 3:10 to 5 p.m. under the supervision of *Mr. E. J. Barry*.

## REACH FOR THE TOP:

This year, after a seven-year absence, Brebeuf participated in the CBC's television programme "Reach for the Top". Brebeuf won the City of Toronto championship with relative ease and, after two close and exciting games, emerged as the Metropolitan Toronto Champions. This entitled the four contestants to the \$1,000.00 cash prize plus the right to represent Metropolitan Toronto in the Ontario finals in Windsor. Although not successful in the Provincial round, Brebeuf gained valuable experience in competing against older, more experienced teams. The Brebeuf team will lose only one member, *John Bell*, by way of graduation. This means that the remaining three team members, *Mark Quigg*, *Steven Beamish*, and *Phil Horgan* form a sound foundation upon which to build a team for next year. Preparation for the 1979-80 season has already begun.



## DEBATE BREBEUF:

Each year, *Debate Brebeuf* seems to get better and better, and this past year proved to be no exception. *Debate Brebeuf* participated in tournaments in such various Ontario cities as Hamilton, Welland and Scarborough. Topics included the energy shortage, civil disobedience and parent-children relationships. The year was highlighted by a First Place victory by the senior team at the impromptu debates at Welland. The seniors posted a 4-0 record against some very tough debating schools. *Paul DeBarros* led the team, taking first place in the individual speaking category. *Peter Camilleri*, *John Hoddinott*, and *Robert O'Brien* rounded out the well-balanced senior team. The novice team also did well throughout the year. The juniors were a little short on man-power, but with a few good novices coming up, should improve next year. All in all, this was a very good year for *Debate Brebeuf*.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING:

The winners in the various divisions were:

Junior Author Recitation - *Paul Teolis*  
Junior Original Speech - *Gino Maulucci*

Intermediate Elocution - *Mervyn Meharchand*  
Intermediate Original Speech - *Michael LeBlanc*

Senior Elocution - *Keith McMahon*  
Senior Original Speech - *Anthony LeBlanc*

*Michael LeBlanc* won in North York and came second in all-Metro Toronto Intermediate Division of the Royal Canadian Legion Speaking Contest. *Anthony LeBlanc* won in North York, the Senior Division of the Royal Canadian Legion Contest.

## ATHLETICS:

The 1978-79 Brebeuf Athletic programme was a year filled with many achievements.

Our Senior football team after a winning season lost in the play-offs to Senator O'Connor. Our Senior basketball team coached by Mr. Hill had an outstanding season and provided the school with some thrilling basketball. After upsetting Michael Power in the semi-finals, our team was narrowly defeated by St. Basil's in the finals. Also in our first year ever in TDCAA volleyball - we were finalists.

Our individual sports again provided the school with some excellent performances. *James Stafford* became the first Brebeuf student in our history to win an OFSAA championship in the Midget Cross Country championships. He continued his winning ways in recording three firsts in TDCAA finals in the 800, 1500 and 3000 metre events.

The gymnastic team swept the TDCAA title this year winning the Novice, Junior and Senior divisions. *Frank Nutzemberger* capped off five brilliant seasons in winning the all-round individual senior championship with a score of 54 out of a possible 60 points.



## MUSIC AT BREBEUF:

The music programme once again encompassed over one third of the student population with 220 students involved in making music at the various levels.

The Senior Concert Band stayed home this year to recuperate from last year's European Tour. The annual Christmas and Spring Concerts were once again held at Seneca College and saw close to two thousand faithful patrons enjoy music from Broadway to Rossini.

The Stage Band entered the Canadian Stage Band Festival for the first time and placed second in the regional competition. This band travelled to Assumption High School in Burlington for the second year to perform for the students there and were magnificently received.

Mr. *John Volpe*, who is leaving at the end of this year, would like to thank all those who helped and supported the music programme over the years making Brebeuf an experience he will never forget.

## DRAMA AT BREBEUF:

*M\*A\*S\*H* was a resounding smash! This was the consensus of theatre goers about Brebeuf's major dramatic production of the year. A lively cast of thirty played to great audiences on the evenings of April 26, 27 and 28th. Solid individual performances contributed to the comedy, which was ably directed by Mr. *Jerry Keyes*. Logistics were co-ordinated by the Producer, Mr. *Paul Whelan*. A special thanks goes to Stage Manager, *Peter Teolis*. *Peter's* contribution to the play this year, as well as his efforts in all areas of school life, will be missed as he graduates this spring. Congratulations to all who helped provided three nights of memorable comedy on the Brebeuf stage.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE AND RETREATS:

School began with the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit. Each day, at 8:25 (before class for most) Mass is offered in the Student Chapel. Special "class" Masses are arranged by the teachers to meet the needs of the students.

Each month there is a First Friday Mass in the gymnasium. Though attendance is optional, this Mass is very well attended. Throughout the school year special Masses highlight feasts of the liturgical year.

Retreats are becoming a more important aspect of Brebeuf. Days of Recollection at Blessed Trinity Church for the Grade nine and ten's were very successful, thanks to the novices from Guelph and Fr. *Massie*. The Grade-XIII retreat - 3 days - was very well received. A follow-up programme is in the works.

The religion programme saw speakers from the Mormon Church, Judaism, etc., helping our students expand their understanding of the faith.



## THE BREBEUF STUDENT COUNCIL:

The Student Council activities began in September with the initiation programme for the Grade nines. Junior Vice-President *Frank MacGrath* orchestrated activities of fun and interest for all involved.

The fund raising activities of the Council began with the selling of *Brebeuf 500 Club* memberships. The students were able to amass over 300 tickets. For their efforts, the *Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board* donated \$2,000.00 to the Student Activities budget.

Immediately following this drive, the Council undertook the selling of chocolate covered almonds. President *Phil Horgan* conducted another successful campaign which netted over \$5,000.00 profit for Student Activities budget. This money, along with dance profits, supported many varied programmes for the benefit of the Student Body.

The Student Council also arranged for the appearance of Brebeuf's first mascot, "*Butkis*" the Bull (many thanks to *Brian O'Connor*), who strutted along the sidelines during the Redmen's home football games. Also reappearing at Brebeuf sporting events were the Brebeuf Cheerleaders, an enthusiastic and entertaining group from St. Joseph's Morrow Park.

The Council worked in raising funds for those less fortunate in our world. Over \$1,500.00 was raised for Share Life, through fun events ranging from sponge throws to jousting duels. Also \$400.00 was donated to *Rev. B. Mayhew, S.J.* to provide Christmas dinners for for Native People in need in Toronto.

Also benefitting from Student Council's financial assistance were groups within the school. The student newspaper (the "B"), the year-book ("*Echon*"), the graduation dinner, the formal, the junior semi-formal, the awards banquet, Camp Ekon, the Winter Carnival, the Reach for the Top team, student activity cards, sports buses, and most of this year's sports teams were recipients of financial aid from the Student Activities budget. Over \$8,000.00 was donated by the Student Council for the support of various activities - a school record.

Sports Representative *Dave Gregory* helped *Mr. William Kennedy* to organize and execute a fine intramural programme, an excellent Winter Carnival, many sports rallies and the Sports Banquet.

Social Representative *Ian McLean* organized many first-class dances, brought back SAC cards and achieved one of the finest Brebeuf formals in history, held at Ontario Place. *Ian* and *Frank MacGrath* combined efforts to hold Brebeuf's first ever Junior Semi-Formal. On the whole, Brebeuf enjoyed a successful social year. One only had to go to a dance or join in some other activity such as the Blood Donor's Clinic to understand the quality of this year's success.

A new slate of Student Council executives was elected on May 4th:

*Pat Galligan* ----- President  
*Steve White* ----- Senior Vice-President (Social Rep.)  
*Chris Stanfield* -- Junior Vice-President  
*Steve Munro* ----- Sports Representative

In summary, the Student Council enjoyed great success and maintained the tremendous school spirit which distinguishes Brebeuf College School from the rest of the field.