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Ladies and Gentlemen, Guests, Staff of Brebeuf College School, Graduates. Each year for the past 16 years at Graduation, the Rector of the school gives a summary of the events that have taken place ^{OVER THE PAST YEAR} ~~in the school~~. Due to the fact of limited time at Graduation, not all can be included in this presentation.

Our enrollment at Brebeuf in September 1981 was a total of 648 students. This was made up of 319 students in Grades 9 & 10, and 329 students in Grades 11, 12 & 13. This year's Gr. 13 is the largest group to date with 89, of whom we expect that we will have ____ Ontario Scholars, that is, ^{STUDENTS} achieving 80% or better when the final marks are tallied.

The Brebeuf 50, our fund-raising club under the leadership of Ted Belton and moderator, Father Cecil Ryan, had a very successful year raising over \$40,000.00. These funds have gone to expanding the teachers lounge so that now they will be able to have a place to eat. The new facilities, when completed, will also be used as a meeting area. A special word of thanks should go to Mr. Nick Karababas, a father of a former graduate and a boy presently in the school. Through his efforts of undertaking the over-seeing of this construction, we have been able to build at half the cost of the original quotes submitted.


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The Brebeuf Ladies Guild, ^{with} ~~under the leadership of~~ Mrs. Theresa Gilson, President, had a very successful year. Some of their activities included the Used Blazer Sale in August, the Dinner-Dance, the Mother-Son Communion Breakfast, the Annual Brebeuf Bridge Night, the Fashion Show, as well as helping with the Luncheon for the Science Fair, snacks for the Orientation night for the incoming Gr. 9 students, and today with the reception that will follow these Graduation Exercises.

The Brebeuf Bursary Programme helped many students this year. Over \$6,000.00 was given out in partial bursaries. ~~Many~~ ^{Our} thanks to those who help to keep this programme going each year, especially the Ladies Guild for thier generous donations.

The student council, ~~under the leadership of~~ the President ^{cy} Chris Stanfield, was very busy this year. The four school dances, the talent night, the chocolate bar campaign, and the Share Life Campaign were some of events aponsored by the Council. Congratulation to them and the work they have done this past year. Next year the Council will be under the direction of the new presidnet, Andy Halpin.

The school chaplaincy department was very much involved in the school. Besides the liturgical events of: Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit, First Friday Masses, Daily Mass in the school chapel, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday^{by the priest} and Easter Confessions, Two special days were organized. Brebeuf Day in October brought 12 different speakers into the school with the theme of "mission consciousness" - the work and needs not only at home but around the world. Also two assemblies were organized with C O M A, Committee on Midd Abuse, to make the students aware of the various groups around the city that lure in young people and condition them. The COMA presentation was also available to parents, through the Ladies Guild. Also this year, Inner City Walks, based on the Youth Core Model, were organized for all the Grades 10, 11 & 12's. Many members of our present graduating class were trained and became leaders of this walks, helping to make Brebeuf Students more aware of the city and problems that exist in Toronto.



In the Chemistry XIII Research Assistantship Examinations conducted by the Universities of Waterloo and Toronto, of 6,500 students taking the examinations, three of our students, Adam O'Boyle, Chris Lipski, and Terry Nowicki, placed with in the first 250 students and were awarded prizes. Moreover, Chris Lipski placed within the top 20 students of those entering the McMaster Chemistry Contest and was awarded a prize for his achievement.

In the McMaster University province-wide Gr. 13 Biology contest, 4 of our Biology students placed in the top 20. Tim Volk took first place and Mike Leblanc took second place. Tim Volk receives all required textbooks for 1st year Science at University and Mike Leblanc receives all required textbooks for first year Biology at university as well as a subscription to THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. In the McMaster University province-wide Physics contest, 11 of our Physics students placed in the top 20, including Amy Choi, the only student from St. Joseph's Morrow Park. The winners will attend a reception and dinner at McMaster University on June 18. In the Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest sponsored by Waterloo University, eleven of our students participated. Our best achiever was Terry Nowicki who scored in the 98.6 percentile.

During February and March many of Brebeuf Science students, especially Grade 13's, acted as judges for Science Fairs at many elementary schools. A comment from one of the schools sums up their contribution: "It is always refreshing and humbling to work with young mpeople who are so willing and generous." A great compliment to our present Graduates.

SCIENCE FAIRS: This year we held our Brebeuf Science Fair in the Gym due to the large number of entries, namely, 55. Sixteen of these projects were chosen to go to the Scarborough-East York Region Fair. On this level 9 projects won and were to go to the City Wide Fair held at Harbour Front. At the city-wide fair just about every one of our entries won a prize, we took 3 firsts in the five categories at the Level 2 competition.

Eighteen schools entered the M.S.S.B. mathematics league. The Brebeuf team won 8, tied 1, and lost 2, including a loss to Mt. Mike's on the last question of the championship game.

For the second year in a row the Grade 12 Economics students participated in the Stock Market Game operated by Wilfrid Laurier University. Of the six teams entered by Brebeuf in a province wide competition, our best team placed in the top 10th of the final placements.

Brebeuf continued to compete in the Southern Ontario Region of the PRO-CON Debating forum. While the team was small, the students were dedicated giving up their Saturdays to represent Brebeuf. In the Junior Division, Brebeuf placed third of eleven competing schools.

The computer has come to the Brebeuf Office, one of several schools involved in a pilot project with the M.S.S.B. on the secondary level. We are hopeful that the terminal linked to the Catholic Education Center on Sheppard Ave will be of considerable help to us in such areas as scheduling, student data files, etc.

A second course in Computer Studies was added this year at section of the the Grade 11 level. An extra course at the Grade 10 level will be added next year, giving a total of 3 classes. Six new micro-computers are expected for next year.

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Guest speakers in Classics this year were Professor Wallace McLeod of Victoria College University of Toronto; Mr. Alfred Stron, Q.C. and former M.P.P. for York Center. Professor Edward Phinney, of the University of Massachusetts, co-author of the Cambridge Latin Course used at Brebeuf observed in the Latin classes. The Grade 11 Latin Students participated in the Independent Schools Latin Sight Contest. Pelayo Matute of Grade 11, placed third out of 350 candidates.

Gr. 12 religion classes were treated to some guest speakers again this year. Two policemen, who came in four times, talked about the aspects of the law most relevant to the Gr. 12 students. Also a Rabbi came twice to discuss the bible with the students stressing the points that Jews and Christians have in common.

Jim Peterson, the local M.P. , visited the Grade 13 Economics class in February where he fielded questions on current and future government policy. He explained and justified the results of the present government policy on high interest rates.

Theatre Brebeuf presented the Agatha Christie mystery, TEN LITTLE INDIANS, this year. The performance in February capped off a fine acting career at Brebeuf for graduates, Mike Leblanc, John MacDonald, Frank MacGrath, Tony Dean, Jim Fitzpatrick and Larry Leger.

Theatre Brebeuf also assisted in the presentation of the Christmas Programme, in addition to the well-received Stations of the Cross pageant during Holy Week. Special thanks to graduates Bruno Koscak and Mike Tomascek for their invaluable assistance during their years with Theatre Brebeuf.

The music department at Brebeuf had a very exciting year. After a very successful Christmas Concert, which had an audience of over 600, plans were immediately begun for a musical exchange programme. On Wednesday, May 12, 55 music students arrived from West Scranton High School in Pennsylvania. On Thursday morning they were well received when they performed at St. Joseph's Morrow Park High School. Thursday evening both the West Scranton and Brebeuf bands performed admirably in our annual Spring concert. To close the show a combined band of over 110 musicians and 50 singers filled Minkler Auditorium with spirited versions of both national anthems. In the Spring of 1983, Brebeuf Senior and Stage Bands will complete the exchange programme when they visit northeastern Pennsylvania and are hosted by West Scranton High School.

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The Annual Anthology of Prose, NOOSPHERE, was published this Spring for the fourth time. Each Grade 12 student submitted a collection of their own original short stories and the best were included in Noosphere.

Brebeuf's annual anthology of student poetry celebrated its eleventh birthday this Spring with the publication of TRIPLE Bronze ELEVEN. 91 students have poems in the current issue of TRIPLE BRONZE. The booklet, published each spring, is a project of the Grade 13 graduating English class and is edited by Mr. E.J. Barry.

Work continues to insure ECHON 82, our yearbook, will be one of our best, preserving memories for this graduating class and all other students in the school.

In extra-mural public speaking, John Shin was present at the local Canadian Legion Branch to receive his first prize in Willowdale, his first prize in North York, and his third prize in ~~xxx~~ Metro in the Annual Open Royal Canadian Legion Essay Contest, while there he discovered that no one was present to represent Brebeuf in the Intermediate Public Speaking Contest. Almost extemporizing, he placed second. We had not been notified of the date or place of the contest. John Shin also placed high in the CYO Annual Intermediate Recitation Contest.

The winners of the Brebeuf Inter-Class Public Speaking Contests held during the year were:

Senior Elocution: Dan Guizzetti

Senior Original Speech: Chris Kovacs

Intermediate Elocution: John Shin

Intermediate Original Speech: a tie: Ted Maulucci &
Joe Boyden

Junior Elocution: Rainer Iraschko

Junior Original Speech: Stephen Boyd

As Brebeuf approaches 20 years of existence, more than 800 people participated in a grand alumni event, in May of this year. Fourteen graduating years entered fourteen hockey teams and 8 basketball teams in the day's tournaments. In the evening many old acquaintances and friendships were renewed at the social event. The future of the Alumni looks very promising, which should include an "old boys" newsletter, now underway.

This year also saw the beginnings of a Mini-Lecture Series for Parents. The topics were chosen by the parents themselves and included: Judaism and Christianity, Why Pray?, Faith - what is it?, How do we witness to others about our faith?, and What is it to be a Catholic? Although this was begun with a group of 7 or 8 people, by the final lecture over 30 were in attendance.

IN the sports field, the Brebeuf Athletic programme saw the return of Varsity football this year coached by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Turlo and Father Brennan. This team finished in second place. Next year, Brebuf will have a Junior Team (age 16 and under) entered in the 12 team T.D.C.A.A. league.

In addition, Varsity Rugby was added to ~~our~~ Spring programme, over 30 students participated in this sport. Our team lost only one game all season, and won the T.D.C.A.A. Rugby Championship, taking the Libermann Cup.

Sports hall → Many of our teams reached the semi-finals or finals in thier competitions: Junior and Senior Basketball - In Senior basketball, the team won the Loyola Invitational Tournament and received the Father Kenneth Casey Trophy. Also two members of the team, Valter Viola and Stephen Beamish, were selected to the T.D.C.A.A. all-star teams. The Junior Hockey Team came from behind to make the play-offs, by defeating Michael Power in the quater-finals, and St. robert's in the semi-finals. In the play-off series, ^{against Neil McNeil} the first game went to Brebeuf by a score 3-0, the second went to Neil by a score of 3-1, and the final game was a close one of 3-2 for Neil. The Bantam Soccer team also made it to the play-offs, but was eliminated in the first round. In Volleyball both the Junior and the MIdget Teams got to the semi-final rounds.

In individual sports our Junior Gymnastic teams won its division, while our swimmers placed 4th and our track and field team fifth in the league finals. Special recognition should be given to Jamie Stafford for his record setting and showing at the T.D.C.A.A. competition. Under the direction of Father Granville, a Friday night Badminton league was inaugerated and a spring tennis league.

During the winter the Physical Education Department sponsored ski trips for studnets from Grades 9 to 12 at Medonte.

In total, it was estimated that 360 students participated in interschool sports with approximately 250 involved in our Nation intramural programme. 24 teachers were involved in coaching and administering our programme this year.

The final event in the sporting area will be the Annual Sports Award Dinner on Friday, June 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m.- At this dinner our outstanding athletes will be presented with their MOST VALUABLE PLAYER trophies. This is normally a Father-Son evening. And now for the ad - tickets can be purchased from Mr. Kennedy.

Above { Varsity softball began for the first time this year with a Grade 12 team playing 5 exhibition games, finishing with a record of 2 wins, 3 losses. This exhibition league may be the forerunner of an T.D.C.A.A. extra-mural softball league.

The Nation or Intramural System again involved many students in a wide range of sporting and academic activities this year. Flag football, floor hockey and basketball were well supported as well as academic games such as chess and diplomacy. In addition, several new activities were added this year, in particular, table tennis, which involved over 100 students. This year also saw the creation of a sports council and the introduction of Radio Brebeuf. These innovations significantly improved the entire sports programme at Brebeuf.

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to all of our staff at Brebeuf College School for their dedication, involvement and concern. A special word of thanks goes to Mrs. Aileen Turbach, who is here today to help at graduation and who has done this for the past three year quietly behind the scene.

One of our staff members will be leaving us this year, Father Rob Brennan. Fr. Rob came to Brebeuf three years ago as Chaplain and Religion Teacher and has made a very distinctive contribution to the life of Brebeuf College School. His openness and availability to the students and staff have helped us all. Fr. Rob will be going to the Philippines to complete his last year of Jesuit Training - Fr. Rob we thank you for all you have done, and we wish you all the best next year and we look forward to your return to Brebeuf.

Finally, I would like to address a few words to our graduates here today. The best wishes of all at Brebeuf go with you as you graduate. We hope and pray that the example of our patron, St. Jean de Brebeuf, may live with you, and inspire you throughout all your days. We look forward to seeing you all as alumni of Brebeuf College School.