



The RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – VOLUME 9, ISSUE 3 – APRIL 10, A.D. 2012

Happy Easter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 12	Report Cards distributed
Apr. 13	School Dance
Apr. 19	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Apr. 20-22	Olympia Leadership Camp
Apr. 20	Late state schedule
Apr. 24	CSAC Meeting at 7 p.m.
Apr. 26	Casual Day
May 1-4	Penny Drive for Ghana
May 1	Spring uniform begins
May 2-4	Kairos 6 Retreat at Manresa
May 4	First Friday Mass at 8 a.m.
May 5	Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice Order of St Jean de Brebeuf Mass & Dinner
May 9	Late start schedule
May 16	Spring Arts Festival
May 21	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 28-June 1	Student Council Election Campaigns
May 29	CSAC Meeting at 7pm
May 31	Casual Day Student Council BBQ
June 1	Graduation Formal First Friday Mass at 8 a.m. Town Hall
June 4	Student Council Election Day
June 12-13	Gr. 9 EQAO Math Test
June 12	Halpern's Uniform Sale
June 20-25	Final Examinations
June 27	Graduation Mass & Breakfast
June 29	Graduation Exercises



Students in the Gifted & Enrichment programme and Mr. R. Krevs meet His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins at a Canadian Club Luncheon on March 28.

ORDER OF ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF

The Brebeuf Alumni Association is pleased to announce the inaugural Inductees to the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf, which honours those teachers (past and present), student, benefactors, and alumni who have demonstrated excellence, the "Man for Others" principle, and service to the Brebeuf community and beyond in an exemplary manner. They are:

Paul Clancy '79

O'Neil P. Gazeley

Marc Kielburger '94

Father Brian Massie S.J. (posthumously)

Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M.

This is the highest honour that can be granted to a member of the Brebeuf Family. A Mass and Dinner will be held on May 5 at 5:00 p.m. to honour the Inductees. All are welcome. Tickets can be purchased at www.orderofbrebeuf.com.

The Relations is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School.

It takes its name from the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf S.J. and his Jesuit confreres sent home to their superiors in 17th century France. It is published four times per year to inform the Brebeuf community of the many good things occurring at our school.

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor
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PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- + **Maria Teresa Cavaiola RIP**, mother of **Anthony Cavaiola** (staff).
- + **Jacques Carron**, former staff, who is ill.
- + **Leo Cornacchia**, former staff, who is ill.
- + **Giuseppe Mandarano RIP**, father of **Teresa Russo** (staff).
- + **Ricardo Rifol RIP**, stepfather of **Daniel Fuentes**
- + **Rocco Tropea RIP**, father of **Rosa** (cafeteria staff)
- + **Fr. Jim Webb S.J.**, Jesuit Provincial and former staff, who is ill.

CONGRATULATIONS

Anselm Kerkos-D'Souza (staff), whose wife gave birth to a baby boy.

MEN FOR OTHERS

PENNY DRIVE



From May 1-4 the school is holding a homeroom Penny Drive in aid of the Presentation Brothers' missions in Ghana, St. Lucia, and Nigeria. A newly formed student group called **PresLink** is the mastermind behind this project. Presentation College Cork in Ireland has taken up our challenge to see which school can collect more pennies! Since Canada is going to phase out the penny, this is a great opportunity to get rid of them for a good cause.

V.I.C.S.: HUNGERING FOR JUSTICE



(Front L-R): Br. Spencer, Fr. Bob Bedard CsSP, and Mrs Cathy Pieroni with fasters listening to a presentation.

On Holy Thursday, over seventy-five boys and staff fasted for twenty-four hours as part of the annual VICS Fast-a-thon. Thousands of dollars were raised for Volunteer International Christian Service (VICS), a Spiritan Fathers' programme that sends doctors, teachers, nurses, and other professionals to work in the Developing World.

After classes, "fasters" gathered in the school theatre to better understand how their efforts help to make a more just world. They heard from **Father Bob Bedard CsSP**, Director of VICS and Spiritan Fathers' Provincial, who thanked all for their generosity. There was also a presentation by students from the recent St. Lucia service trip. The school's jazz bands, directed by **Mr. Dan Found**, then entertained the crowd with some uplifting numbers.

To keep their minds off of their hunger, the students participated in a number of activities around the school, such as basketball, table tennis, movies, and video games. By 7:15, all feasted on some pizza before heading home to begin the Easter weekend.

Thanks to **Mrs. Cathy Pieroni**, the fast-a-thon organizer since 1989, and her team of students for another job well done!

SCHOOL LIFE

BREBEUF JESUIT DINNER THEATRE



Pope Paul III (Mike Da Costa) listens to Leonardo Da Vinci (Justin Miceli) explain his intricate ideas!



Brebeuf was happy to host the Jesuits' dinner theatre comedy entitled "Jesuits Served Right" on February 25. More than one hundred guests took over the atrium to enjoy a meal and see short skits related to the Jesuits' history in Canada and beyond.

The skits were professionally written by Loyola alumni, former students of Father Len Altilia SJ, who was the director and master of ceremonies for the evening. The comedic skits were performed by Brebeuf students and Jesuit scholastics. Our actors and their roles were: **Keith Rodrigues** (St. Ignatius of Loyola), **Justin Miceli** (Leonardo Da Vinci), **Mr. Da Costa** (Pope Paul III), **Daniel Manoukian** (Joliet), **Dominic Zaw-Tun** (Marquette), **Emanuel Sterling** and **Anthony Tay** (as rappers and beatboxers).

Other entertainment during the evening came from the Regis College Schola's beautiful musical performances and a display of artwork by Fr. Nicolas Point SJ, on loan from the Jesuit Archives in Montreal. While the event was free, half of the proceeds from good-will donations (\$400) went to Brebeuf's Kairos retreat programme.

ST ANTONIE DANIEL SCIENCE FAIR

From Ms. Katelyn Lato (St. Antonie Daniel C.S.):

On behalf of St. Antoine Daniel intermediate staff and students, I would like to thank you for sending eight of your students to judge our science fair projects on Friday, March 2, 2012.

Your students were punctual and eager to begin. They asked thought provoking questions and demonstrated interest in the students and in their projects.

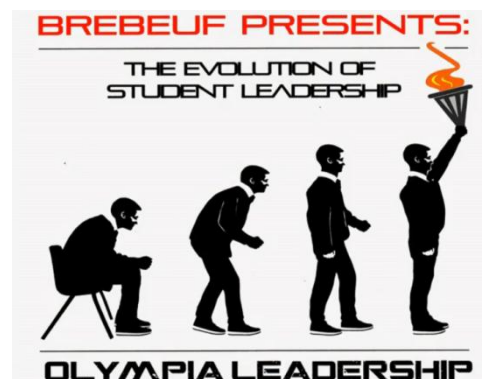
After the student presentations, all high school students cooperatively engaged in discussion regarding the top 5 winners.

*I would like to highlight **Nick Zanko** and **Daniel Wilton** who participated in our awards assembly. They each announced a winning project and highlighted areas that were outstanding as well as provided suggestions for improvement. Thank you!*

CAMP OLYMPIA

A dedicated team of Brebeufians is leading students from across the board at the annual Camp Olympia Leadership camp in May. This event, organized this year by Brebeuf students and staff, helps to train and inspire older students from all TCDSB schools to run orientation camps for their schools' incoming Grade 9 students.

In fact, Brebeuf was the pilot school for this programme twenty years ago when **Greg Rogers '72** established it. The theme for this year's camp is "The Evolution of Leadership: Can You Adapt?"



ART EXHIBIT

The Jesuit Archives in Montreal recently loaned our school ten prints by Fr. Nicolas Point S.J., a 19th century missionary, priest, explorer, and artist. Students learned about native culture and the interaction between aboriginals and Jesuits.



WIFI

Brebeuf now has wifi (wireless internet) in all areas of the school. Students with laptops or netbooks can log in using their school-issued logins and passwords. This will help students and staff to integrate technology better into learning and teaching experiences.

FROM THE ARCHIVES...



Marc Kielburger '94 shows his science fair awards in 1989. Following graduation, Marc attended Harvard and Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Marc is co-founder of Free the Children, Me to We, and Leaders Today.

MARCH BREAK TRIP 2013: Germany, Italy and Switzerland



Brebeuf College is pleased to announce that a 10-day March Break excursion for the 2012-2013 school year is planned for *Germany, Italy and the Switzerland*. This trip is open to all students from grades 9-12; their friends and families.

This excursion includes a two night stay in each of these cities Munich, Venice, and Lucerne Region, and a one night stay in Rothenberg, and Heidelberg.

Also included is an excursion to experience Neuschwanstein Castle, Mount Pilatus, Dachau, and the Heidelberg Castle wine barrel and 6 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Munich(2), Venice, Rothenberg, Heidelberg. Accommodation, all breakfasts and dinners are also included.

The cost of this excursion is \$3030.00 per student and \$3,420.00 for adults.

If you, your son or friend are interested in participating in this March Break excursion, a \$500.00 deposit with the registration form is due to Mr. De Miglio as soon as possible. This guarantees the tour price. (Departure taxes are subject to change.)

Payment can be made with a cheque (payable to EF Tours) or credit card. The balance is due on December 1st, 2012. Medical insurance will be required. This can be purchased through EF Tours or through an independent insurance company. Baggage and/or cancellation insurance are optional.

For further information, please contact *Mr. De Miglio* at 416 393-5508 vm 80020 or at: sergio.demiglio@tcdsb.org

THE ST LUCIA EXPERIENCE

By Darren Pereira



From March 8-19, a group of Brebeufians and other students travelled to St. Lucia for a service

and leadership experience in conjunction with the Presentation Brothers. -- Editor

Service can be defined as an act of helpful activity or aid. Although such service can take a number of forms, many people imagine service trips as feeding the poor or building schools and other institutions in poor, third-world countries. This service is amazing work, but service is not limited to just this, as we learned when we went to St. Lucia.

There were no schools to build, and the citizens were leading normal lives. There were roads, houses, and buildings, and extreme poverty was not something we encountered during our time there. However, the service we contributed was valuable and is sometimes missing in our own daily lives. Our service was simple – to love the people we worked with and to bring joy to the people around us.

In what we did, we acted out St. Thérèse de Lisieux's philosophy of doing little things with great love. During the day, we would work at the Centre for Adolescent Renewal and Education (CARE). We did small things, like repainting the inside and outside of the warehouse that was CARE, working with the CARE trainees and getting to know them, preparing to work with the CARE trainees in an elementary school, and so on. We spent some days teaching and working with elementary students, as well as an entire morning with them in an elementary school Olympic event. As a large group and family, we Canadians would get together at night to reflect on the day's work and sometimes prepare for the work ahead of us the next morning.

However, as Blessed Mother Teresa said, "The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." For some people, running around and playing sports with a group of thirty elementary students in the hot sun would be a large test of patience, and sometimes working with the CARE trainees would be difficult for us as well. Nevertheless, we were always joyful in our work and always approached each day with enthusiasm and positivity. As the days rolled by, we noticed similar behaviour from the CARE trainees, who barely knew us when we arrived but tried their hardest to keep us from leaving on our final days. The change in them was great to see, as results are always the best motivation.

What made this change in them possible was the love and joy we showed as we worked with them. One moment I vividly remember was painting a washroom in the warehouse with Richelle (a Canadian student) and a St. Lucian CARE trainee whose name we did not know yet. We were singing together, laughing together, and enjoying painting the walls together, when Richelle and I asked him what his name was. He replied in his St. Lucian accent, so we did not understand and asked him to spell it. He simply said that he did not know how to spell.

The CARE trainees were all youth who had not been successful in school. Yet, despite the gap we had in terms of education, we were able to connect on a much deeper level – on the level of human friendship. A smile, a hug, a handshake – none of these gestures required an education to understand. No accent, cultural difference, or age difference could act as a barrier to the language of friendship that both we and the CARE trainees spoke. That was the deeper level of our communication and the core of our service: to greet them with our smiles and change them with our love.

As St. John of the Cross said, "Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love." And so it was with our work and service. We have returned now after witnessing the transforming power of love, and continue to share this love with one another. In the end, what matters more is not the work we do, but the love with which we do it.



Sharing our Canadian culture!



Brebeuf and CARE students teaching the younger ones



Giving the students a day of fun at the Olympic games



Repainting the CARE centre



Presenting the school with a gift of a photocopier



Opening festivities at the CARE centre

Men for Others

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BREBEUF MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME

By Darren Pereira

The Brebeuf Mathematics Department has accomplished many things through the course of the year, showing strong academic results and continued interest from the students.

A tradition for Brebeuf students, the Waterloo Math Contest for Grades 9 to 11 was written again this year. This year's scores were particularly high, allowing Brebeuf College School to rank among the top schools in Canada, Ontario, and North York. The scores are as follows:

Pascal Contest (Grade 9) (Name, Score)

1st Place: Paul Shibata (128)

2nd Place: Julian Ghassemian, Alvaro Lauro (126)

3rd Place: Dante Biancolin (123)

4th Place: Clement Yen (120)

Team Score: 380

School Ranking: 256th (of 1400) in Canada, 132nd in Ontario, 18th in North York

Cayley Contest (Grade 10) (Name, Score)

1st Place: Nicholas Liu (131)

2nd Place: Areg Vanesyan (123)

3rd Place: Tony Chen (118)

4th Place: Jeffrey Leung (114)

Team Score: 372

School Ranking: 141st (of 1400) in Canada, 71st in Ontario, 8th in North York

Fermat Contest (Grade 11) (Name, Score)

1st Place: Peter Park, Darren Pereira (126)

2nd Place: Peter Sinka (115)

3rd Place: Michael Cha, Maurice Chu, Matthew Hui (106)

4th Place: Jeffrey Tse (104)

Team Score: 367

School Ranking: 89th (of 1400) in Canada, 45th in Ontario, 7th in North York

Currently, the Enriched Mathematics students of Grade 11 have proceeded to Calculus, thanks to the Enriched Functions course of Semester 1 and the newly-introduced Enriched Advanced Functions course of Semester 2. These students will be writing the Calculus AP Exam (Level AB) this May. Lastly, the interest in the Grade 10 Enriched Math course is very high, as demonstrated by the many present Grade 9 students that have opted for Grade 10 Enriched Math. Much thanks to Mr. Ryan, the Department Head of Mathematics, who has organized many of these extra-curricular opportunities and who teaches many of the Enriched classes.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The winning entry in the "400th Anniversary of the Jesuits in Canada Essay Contest" was written by **Pierre Leger**, a Grade 10 Brebeuf student. The contest was sponsored by Brebeuf and the Jesuits in English Canada to celebrate this milestone in the history of the Jesuits in our country.

The topic was "What is the greatest contribution of the Jesuits to the Church in the past 400 years in Canada?" The contest was open to students from several Jesuit and former Jesuit schools across Canada, including Loyola (Montreal), St. Paul's (Winnipeg), St. Bonaventure's (St. John's), Regiopolis (Kingston), and Brebeuf.

You can read Pierre's excellent essay at <http://brebeufgifted.yolasite.com/essay>



BOYS ADRIFT?

By Mr. M. Da Costa

In his book *Boys Adrift*, physician and psychologist Leonard Sax attempts to determine why many boys today seem to be less motivated for school and success compared with those in previous generations. Some of the reasons the author gives for why boys today are less motivated include:

- (1) an addiction to video games;
- (2) the incorrect diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the negative effects that medications used to treat it can have; and
- (3) chemicals in plastics; and
- (4) changes in the school system, including: a harder curriculum; less “doing”; a lack of competition; and other changes less interesting to boys than girls.

We may not agree with all of his assertions, but it’s an interesting read. It can be signed out through the CSAC Library collection, which includes many books of interest to parents of teenage boys.



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SPORTS UPDATE



The Bronze-winning Recreational Curling Team

MO-BREB BADMINTON

The combined St. Joseph’s Morrow Park/Brebeuf (Mo-Breb) Varsity Badminton team is undefeated in its division to date.

McGuigan 1 Mo-Breb 10

Mo-Breb 7 O’Connor 4

St. Mary’s 0 Mo-Breb 11

PCA 4 Mo-Breb 7

Mo-Breb 9 McLuhan 2

Char/Loretto 2 Mo-Breb 9



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Brebeuf 3 Dante 0

Brebeuf 3 McGuigan 0