



BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – VOLUME 10, ISSUE 2 – APRIL 18, A.D. 2013



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The picture of the Class of 1968 on the front cover of this issue of *The Relations* certainly does seem as if it is from the very distant past. It was taken in the library in the old building with nary a computer in site. These students, the first to attend Brebeuf from Grade 9 to Graduation, reflect the ethnic diversity of Canada at the time. Sitting proudly in their brown blazers, they were in their fifth year of high school – Grade 13. The technological and societal changes since then are mind-boggling, yet on reflection, one is struck by the constancy of the Brebeuf tradition.

We remain an academic school devoted to the Christian education of young gentlemen. The same motto – *Studio Gradum Faciant* (“Win Merit Through Study”) still inspires Brebeuf College as it continues to do its best to create an environment conducive to the development of all of the boys in our care. Our connections with the Jesuit Fathers and Presentation Brothers, through such programmes as Kairos and the Ghana trip, show our commitment to honouring and nurturing these traditions and our Catholic foundation. We rightly celebrate the achievements of the past fifty years as we take stock and plan for the next fifty years of forming “Men for Others”.

In these pages of *The Relations*, one cannot help but be impressed with our students and staff. In academics, service, athletics, and social events, our community is vibrantly active. As an alumnus, I am very proud to be associated with this school.

God bless,

Michael Da Costa, Editor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 15	Term II begins
April 18	Report Card distribution
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	50 th Anniversary Assembly
April 24-26	Kairos Retreat
April 25	Casual Day
	Parent-Teacher Interviews
April 26	Late Start
April 27	Order of Brebeuf Mass and Dinner
April 30	CSAC Meeting @7pm
May 1	Spring uniform begins
May 3	First Friday Mass @8am
May 5	Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice
May 5-10	Catholic Education Week
May 8	Late Start
May 15	TCDSB Special Olympics
May 16	Spring Arts Festival
May 20	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 27-31	Student Elections
May 28	CSAC Meeting @7pm
May 30	Gr. 8 Barbecue / Casual Day
May 31	Talent Show @1:30 pm
June 3	Student Council Election
June 5	Late Start
June 7	First Friday Mass @8am
	Graduation Formal
June 9	Used Uniform Sale
June 10	Athletic Banquet
June 11-12	EQAO Math Test
June 14	Final School Mass
June 18-24	Examinations
June 25	Exam Review
June 26	Graduation Mass and Breakfast
June 28	Graduation Exercises

PRAYERS

Please keep the following Staff in your prayers:

Ms. Ana Rodrigues; Mr. Andrei Mera;
Mr. Keith MacDonald; Ms. Roula Skaf;
Ms. Nada Sego, whose mother passed away;
Mr. Larry Vindischman RIP (former staff).

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.

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MEN FOR OTHERS



(L-R): Kalana Sembakuttige, Brother Denis Claivaz FPM, Marc Kielburger '95, Brother Henry Spencer FPM, Raffi Dergalstanian, Vincent Mastromatteo, and PJ Kirwin.

Marc Kielburger, a graduate from the class of 1995, was the Guest Speaker at the Jesuit Provincial's inaugural Speaker Series at Regis College in February. He spoke with passion about how Brebeuf helped to make him a "Man for Others", setting the stage for co-founding the charities We to Me and Free the Children.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- * **Darren Pereira** (Gr. 12) won the **Father Ted Colleton Pro-Life Essay Contest** (\$1500).
- * **Mr. Michael McNeil** (teacher) and **Mr. Jack Dickey** (Child and Youth Worker) retired in January.
- * **Mr. Brad Chin You** (staff) and his wife have a new baby girl.
- * **Mr. Dave DiMauro** (staff) has a new position in the TCDSB Safe Schools programme.

CAN-AID

Brebeuf students raised thousands of cans during the school's annual Can-Aid food drive before Christmas. All proceeds went to the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen Street. This has been a Brebeuf tradition since 1984. Thanks to all who donated cans and money.

BROTHER MAHER FUND FOR AFRICA



The Brebeuf community and its friends have raised over **\$21,000** so far this year for the Presentation Brothers' schools in Ghana! These funds are being raised in a number of ways, including: monthly homeroom collections, a Casino night, a "Christmas catalogue", and donations.

Because of this generosity, the Brothers can continue a lunchtime feeding programme at two schools in Logre, Ghana and give all students a proper lunch every day for a year! The donations will also help fund school supplies, equipment, scholarships, uniforms, and other necessities.

Thanks to all who have donated and helped Ghanaians to get a proper education.

ORDER OF ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF



The Brebeuf Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 2013 Inductees to the **Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf**. The Order recognizes individuals whose lives and accomplishments exemplify the mission of Brebeuf College School.

- * **Tom Barlow '84** (alumnus)
- * **Father Don Beaudois S.J.** (former staff)
- * **Robert Lato '68** (former staff)
- * **Cathy Pieroni** (current staff)
- * **Greg Rogers '72** (former staff)

The Dinner and Mass to celebrate the Inductees will be on Saturday, April 27th at the school, and tickets can be ordered at www.orderofbrebeuf.com. All are welcome to attend.

CLOTHING DRIVE: PROJECT COAT-CHECK

The Total number of items collected for St. Vincent de Paul Society and Out of the Cold was: **2307!**

Top Grade 9 house teams:

- 1) Daniel House – 291
- 2) Jogues House – 253
- 3) Lalement – 107

Top Homerooms:

- 1) Ms. De Prophetis – 254
- 2) Mr. Loh – 220
- 3) Mr. Chin You – 156

PRESLINK



The PresLink group, which raises awareness and funds for the Presentation Brothers' schools around the world, held its first **Children's Book Drive** in March. Over 250 books were collected and sent to schools in Ghana and St. Lucia.

The students also assist with the monthly collections for the Brother Maher Fund. They also are planning April initiatives to better link Brebeuf with the Presentation Schools in Ireland, Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Ghana, and Nigeria.

VICS



The annual VICS fast-a-thon on Holy Thursday was once again a resounding success! Almost 100 students and staff fasted and raised **\$2500** for VICS (Volunteer International Christian Service), a Spiritan

Fathers' programme that sends professionals to the Developing World to share their skills with those in poverty. Thanks to **Mrs. Catherine Pieroni** and the student leaders for organizing this "Men for Others" event, a Brebeuf tradition since 1989.

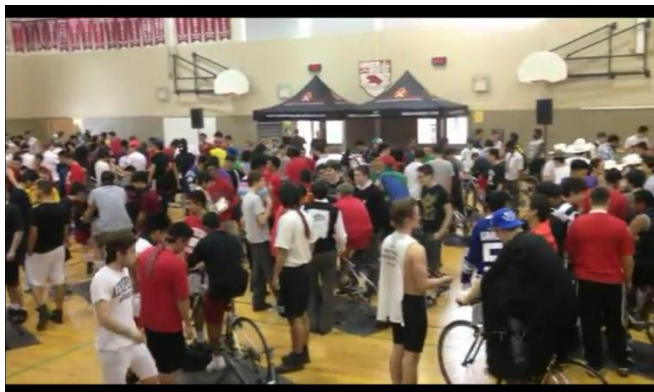


Some VICS Staff and adult supporters



A VICS faster performs for his peers

INSIDE RIDE

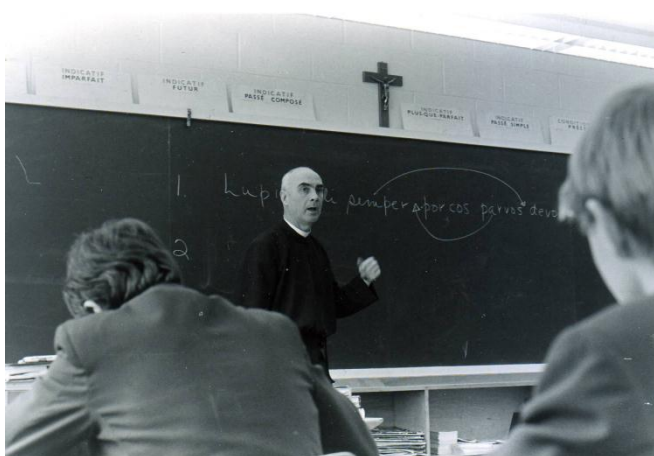


The school's leadership classes planned a new Brebeuf fundraising tradition: the Inside Ride. Students and staff secured sponsors as they pedalled on stationary bikes in the gym in a fun atmosphere. **\$13,000** was raised to support children with cancer!

See the CTV news report at
<http://review.bellmedia.ca/view/275225240>

Thanks to staff and students who planned this initiative: **Mr. N. Galatianos, Ms. K. McTernan, Ms. M. Douglas, Mr. T. Savelli, Nick Ghazal, Anthony Masci, Alec Butters, and Barvin Baybayan.**

FROM THE ARCHIVES...



Father Robert Meagher S.J., the first Principal, teaches a Latin class in 1963.

SCHOOL LIFE

GEORGE CHUVALO VISITS



Legendary boxer **George Chuvalo** visited Brebeuf on November 26 and spoke to the entire student body about how his life and family have been impacted by drugs. It was a powerful and memorable presentation.

BREBEUFTV

A walk through the school's atrium, or a glance on facebook, youtube, or twitter will reveal an amazing new Brebeuf club: BrebeufTV. These students have been documenting life at Brebeuf and promoting events ways as professional as any commercial endeavours. Look for them on the internet.

DEBATE CORNER

At the Pro-Con Debate Tournament held at Brebeuf on March 3, junior debater **Vincent Mastromatteo** placed **FIRST** out of forty debaters! The resolutions were "Be It Resolved that The Idle No More movement is justified" and "Teachers should have to perform extracurricular activities".

PERSPECTIVES

Twenty-five students in the Gifted and Enrichment Programme attended the annual Perspectives Conference for Gifted Students on February 20 at University of Toronto. They had a chance to hear from some amazing scholars at the university and attend workshops on topics ranging from robotics to anatomy to Italian literature.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM



Brebeuf Social Justice Club Co-President (right) poses with Irish guests Colm Keena and Eoin MacSweeney and Father Gerard Ryan S.J. at the annual Social Justice Symposium. Over 200 students and staff from across the city converged at the University of St. Michael's College in December to hear speakers on the theme of homelessness. The entire day was organized by Brebeuf students.

AN IRISH REFLECTION

By Colm Keena & Eoin MacSweeney
Presentation Brothers' College, Cork

Hello all in Brebeuf College from Colm and Eoin in Cork, Ireland. It really seems like only yesterday we were visiting Brebeuf and attending the annual **Social Justice Symposium**. It was a huge honour for us to be invited to come to Toronto and to share (pardon the pun) with you all the story behind our school's charity 'S.H.A.R.E.' (Students Harnessing Aid for the Relief of the Elderly).

It was an incredible experience for both of us and we cannot thank you all enough for your incredible hospitality and friendship. We must admit we were a bit apprehensive and didn't know what to expect but the welcome we got in Brebeuf College and at the Symposium was simply staggering!

We hope that you will have found our presentation of benefit and that perhaps it may have sparked an idea of a possible Brebeuf-style S.H.A.R.E in the future! The

strong links between our schools and the Pres family is something to be proud of and something we recognised instantly on setting foot in Brebeuf.

It wasn't all 'work' and we were fortunate to be able to do a bit of sightseeing too while on our short visit. Obviously from the moment we touched town in Toronto one Canadian landmark was visible quite literally everywhere we went... Tim Hortons, we are still suffering withdrawal symptoms from the lack of them back in Ireland! And of course we did get to Niagara Falls and to the top of the CN Tower as well, despite our misgivings about the CN's glass floor which we put to the test!!

Lastly we would just like to extend a sincere thank you to all the staff and students in Brebeuf, in particular to Darren Pereira, Adam Nemes, Raffi Dergalstanian, the Social Justice Club, Michael Da Costa, and Brother Henry for looking after us so well during our time in Brebeuf.

We can only best describe our gratitude to you all in Irish:

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir, agus gach dea ghuaí don todhchaí! (A thousand thank you's to you all and best wishes for the future)

MARCH BREAK TRIP 2014

Brebeuf College is pleased to announce that a ten day March Break excursion for the 2013-2014 school year is planned for Germany, Italy and the Switzerland. This trip is open to all students from grades 9-12 and 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 \$3,115.00 per student and \$3,505.00 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. 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

VOICES THAT CHALLENGE

By Mr. R. Loh '04



(L-R) Simeon Charles (Gr.11) and Greg Rogers '72

The Voices that Challenge Conference is a day where student leaders from across the TCDSB come together to listen to presentations on social justice and leadership initiatives that are happening within schools across the board. The conference is mainly organized by the student trustee and the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team. The workshops themselves are mainly run by students as they share the different programmes that run at their schools and the organizations in which they are involved. The

highlights of the conference involved a keynote speech from Marc Kielburger and a closing speech from Tom Barlow, both Brebeuf Alumni. Attendance at the conference is a great networking opportunity for student leaders to see what is happening at other schools and to reflect on what programmes or initiatives would be beneficial to include in developing leadership and social justice awareness. Given the presence of Brebeuf alumni at the conference, it was a fantastic opportunity to see what graduates from Brebeuf have gone on to do in the greater community.

50th ANNIVERSARY



There is a lot of planning going on behind the scenes to organize appropriate ways of celebrating Brebeuf's first fifty years!

The **Logo Contest** in the fall saw dozens of outstanding entries and was won by **Yashar Davari**.

A **School Assembly** will be held on April 23 to kick off the 50th anniversary year. The Guest Speaker will be **Mr. Michael Daoust '67**, former staff and a member of Brebeuf's first Graduating Class. The school's 50th anniversary prayer will be presented for the first time, our new flag will be unveiled, a retrospective video will be shown, the new song will be sung, among other things to mark this milestone in Brebeuf's illustrious history!

The **Athletic Banquet** in June will have a 50th anniversary theme, with past Athletes of the Year in attendance.

SPIRIT WEEK



SPORTS

By Mr. A. Sabatini '93

The **Badminton Team** is rolling along in historical fashion with a 5-0 TDCAA regular season record. The team is coached once again by **Mr. Marinic** and legendary coach **Mr. Margou**. The Bulls will enter TDCAA playoff action next week at Humber College. Good luck gentlemen!

Coach Schmidt and **Coach Savelli** guided the **Junior Basketball Bulls** to an outstanding 10 – 4 regular season record in the TDCAA East division. In playoff action, the Bulls drew perennial basketball powerhouse Jean Vanier. The game was highly competitive and there was end to end action throughout the game. The Bulls lost a nail bitter of a game by 7 points to the talented Vanier “A” squad.

Coach Waithe, **Coach Mikes**, and **Mrs. McTernan** were back behind the bench in 2012-13 to lead our **Senior Basketball Team**. The team once again had a good season in the highly competitive East division. The Bulls finished regular season play with a 6 -2 record. In TDCAA “AAAA” playoff action the Bulls were matched up against a strong Father Henry Carr side. The Bulls went toe to toe falling by only 2 points to a talented team.

This year's **Curling Team**, coached by **Ms. James** and **Mr. Jackson**, saw a group of veteran curlers return to ply their trade on the ice. The team did us proud by hoisting the 2013 TDCAA Curling championship banner. The team travelled to Ottawa this past March to compete against schools from across Ontario in the prestigious OFSAA championships. The championship's saw our Bulls compete to the best of their ability against the following secondary schools - White Pines, Cardinal Leger, St. Mary's, Sir Winston Churchill, and All Saints. Great job !

This year's **Senior Hockey Team** was coached once again by **Mr. Marozzo**, **Mr. J. MacDonald**, and **Mr. Cook**. The team saw a group of veterans return for the 2012-13 TDCAA hockey season. The team

culminated the season with a competitive 5-5 record. Thank you to the coaches and players.

Mr. Chin You, **Mr. DiMauro**, and **Mr. Solarski** returned in 2012-13 to coach our **Junior Hockey Bulls**. The Bulls finished regular season action with a 4 -4 record. In semi-final playoff action the Bulls were matched up against a formidable Father Redmond team. The Bulls stunned their opponents with 8-1 and 4-1 wins respectively. The Bulls travelled to the Mastercard Centre, supported by approximately 90 staff and students, to compete in the finals against Michael Power. The game was very entertaining and saw end to end action and scoring opportunities for both sides. The Bulls pressed to the end but were defeated by a strong Michael Power side by a 3-1 score. Great work boys!

This year's **Non-contact Hockey Team** was coached once again by **Coach K. MacDonald** as well as **Mr. D'Adario**. The team was competitive throughout the season and advanced to the TDCAA semi-finals against Michael Power. Congratulations to the coaches and players for your hard work and dedication.

Coach James and **Coach Shannon** returned to the **Swimming** coaching staff in 2012 to work with our student-athletes. Congratulations to the coaches and the players for representing our school well at the annual TDCAA Swim Tournament. The squad finished in the top half of schools in Men's team and Combined Team scores.

Ms. Deveci and **Mr. Chin You** return to the **Table Tennis** staff this year. The team has been practicing and gearing up for the TDCAA Table Tennis Championships which will take place on April 10 and 12. Good luck to the table tennis staff and players!

The 2013 TDCAA spring season is just around the corner. Our coaches and student-athletes partaking in spring sports have been working diligently preparing for their respective seasons which will kick-off shortly. Brebeuf College School will field teams in baseball, track and field, rugby 15s, senior soccer, and junior volleyball. Good luck to all this season!