

# THE RELATIONS

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BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY, 2014

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we continue to celebrate our school's Fiftieth Anniversary, we are conscious of how much has changed at Brebeuf and in society since the school's founding and how much has remained constant. This issue of *The Relations* accompanies your son's First Semester report card, and I share with you excerpts from a letter that our first Principal, Father Robert Meagher, sent home to parents in the 1960s.

*"Report cards can be interpreted in several ways: as the be-all and end-all of school progress; as a crutch – an artificial means of support for one's own position; as weapons; as excuses; one can use them to make odious and harmful comparisons. The range is almost limited.*

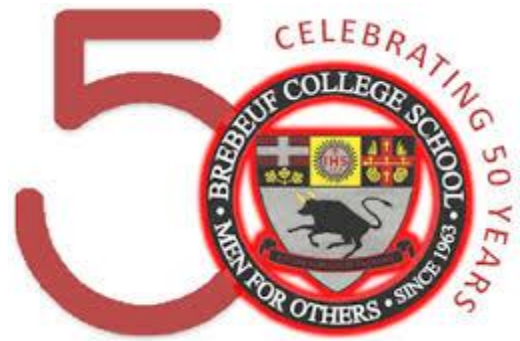
*Brebeuf hopes that you will use this report wisely; that praise will be given when it is due; that encouragement and support will be found when a student is losing in the only real competition, that is, the combat between his achievement and potential."*

His words of wisdom hold true today. It is my hope that all of our student will put our motto into action: *Studio Gradum Faciant* – Succeed through Study. Our staff are always ready to help your son in his studies to achieve his potential.

As you read through this issue of our newsletter, I am confident you will share my pride in some of the many good things occurring in our school community.

Sincerely,

Anthony Azzopardi



## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Brebeuf continues to celebrate its Golden Anniversary!

On Friday, May 2, alumni, staff, and friends will gather at the school for a **"Pub Night"**.

On Saturday, May 3 there will be a **Gala Dinner** at Le Parc in Markham. The 2014 **Order of St John de Brebeuf** inductees will be honoured at the same time. Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased at [www.brebeuf50th.com](http://www.brebeuf50th.com).

On Sunday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a special **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, Barbecue, and Open House** at the school for all members of the Brebeuf community, including students and parents. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Rob Brennan S.J. (former Chaplain). There will be also be a barbecue, decade theme rooms, sporting events, art, music, and more!

More details will be posted at [www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org).

*The Relations* is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School. It is named for the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf and his Jesuit confreres sent home to France in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Its aim is to share much of the good news coming from the school.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 7	First Friday Mass at 8am
Tuesday, February 11	Guidance Presentation for Gr. 10 parents
Wednesday, February 12	Last Start Schedule / Staff Meeting
Friday, February 14	St. Valentine's Day
Monday, February 17	Family Day (no classes)
Tuesday, February 18	Grad Photo retakes
	Report card distribution
February 24-28	Spirit Week
Tuesday, February 25	CSAC Meeting at 7 pm
Thursday, February 27	Casual Day
Friday, February 28	Ski Day
	Course option sheets due
Wednesday, March 5	Ash Wednesday
Friday, March 7	PA Day (no classes)
March 10-14	March Break (no classes)

## IN MEMORIAM

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Maria Asajar**, mother of **Miggy Asajar** (Gr. 11)  
**Brenda Rolfe**, mother-in-law of **Rosemary Lavery** (staff)  
**Kathleen Solarski**, mother of **Paul Solarski** (staff)

## NEW VICE-PRINCIPAL

Brebeuf welcomes **Ms. Monica Calligaro**, our new Vice-Principal. Ms. Calligaro comes to us from St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, where she was Chaplain and the Head of the Religion Department.

## NEW FACULTY

We welcome new staff who have joined our faculty:

**Andrea Meffe, Christina Nisan,  
Angela Piazza, & Nicole Visconti**

# MEN FOR OTHERS

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM



Brebeuf's annual student-run Social Justice Symposium took place at the University of St. Michael's College on December 13. Over 250 students and staff from Catholic schools gathered to learn more about youth gangs. The aim of the day was to give students knowledge and tools to put social justice into action.

The morning began with a special Mass for Social Justice. The Celebrant was Fr. Peter Bisson S.J., the Provincial Superior of the Jesuits, who shared his own story of working with youth in gangs in Chicago.

Following Mass, students heard two stirring presentations. The keynote speaker, Ms. Latoya Rodney, shared her story of her experience being in a gang and how she turned her life around with God's help. Deacon Michael Walsh (Brebeuf Class of 1973) then spoke about his work with prisoners.

After lunch, there were workshops that students could attend. Each was run by a different group that works toward social justice. These were: Canadian Jesuits International; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Big Brothers and Big Sisters; Trek for Teens; Children of Hope Uganda.



**Ms. Megan Noah** (front right) and students volunteering to prepare food for the less advantaged and homeless at St. Francis' Table in Parkdale.

## CAN-AID



Brebeuf collected over 6000 tins of food as part of the annual Can-Aid drive. These were given to the Good Shepherd Refuge, which serves the poor and homeless downtown.



## DANIEL HOUSE WINS!

By Joshua Gesualdo

On December 18, just prior to the Christmas break, the Brebeuf leadership class organized and hosted the first annual Final House Challenge for grade nine students. Our six houses, named after the Canadian Martyrs, began their fierce competition at Muskoka back in September, and competed throughout the term in a variety of intramurals and clothing and canned food drives. Going into the finals, it was any house's season to win, though Lalement and Daniel were at the top of the standings. The final challenge consisted of three competitions on the school's rich history and took place in the atrium. Next came a dramatic Rudolph the red nose reindeer dance/sing off that was judged by Ms. Lo Bianco in the theatre, and was by far the most entertaining. The final house challenge was a dodgeball game in the gymnasium. Before the event started, house members gathered to don their headbands and raise their flags, and the entire gym was pumped and energized. In the end, Daniel house proved that they were more than just a dominant basketball squad and pulled through for the overall championship. They were rewarded immediately with a trophy presentation and a pizza party. Special thanks go to the leadership team of Mrs. McTernan, Mr. Galatianos and Mr. Schmidt for organizing the entire house season, as well as Ms. Lo Bianco and Mr. Savelli for their help in running the event. We look forward to 2014 when Daniel tries to defend its honour!

## CAMP OLYMPIA

By Simeon Charles

Two Brebeuf students were part of over 30 students sent to Camp Olympia by the TCDSB. The students were at camp with students from all around Ontario. The students went to camp on August 25 and returned to Toronto on September 2. From August 26 - 31 they were trained to facilitate a conference - When Faith Meets Pedagogy. The students also stayed the weekend



at camp for a CSLIT meeting. CSLIT stands for Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team. CSLIT is where students from different high schools have a meeting once a month to talk about the plans they have for their schools.



(L-R) Simeon Charles (Brebeuf student leader), Andrew Zappone (Class of 2008), Gregory Rogers (Class of 1972 former teacher and vice principal of Brebeuf), Mitchell Pimenta (Brebeuf student leader) and Alex Zappone (Class of 2008).

## JOSEPH BOYDEN '85



Author **Joseph Boyden**, graduate of the Brebeuf class of 1985, recently published his third novel, *The Orenda*, to great acclaim. It tells a riveting story of the interactions between Hurons, Iroquois, and Jesuits in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Ontario and is loosely based on the story of St. Jean de Brebeuf.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Brebeuf needs volunteers to be timekeepers at a debate tournament on Saturday, March 1. Students can earn eight hours of community service as part of the forty that are needed for their high school diplomas. Sign up and permission forms are in the library. No experience is necessary.

## PRES DAY



Brebeuf marked the Feast of Our Lady of the Presentation with a special assembly to hear Bro. Denis Claivaz talk about vocations and the work of the Presentation Brothers in Canada, Ghana, and around the world.



## FEBRUARY IS PSYCHOLOGY MONTH

### Psychology is for Everyone

There are many opinions about the use of technology for children – from the concern about wireless technology to battles at home about too much “screen time”. Needless to say, technology is our new reality. It’s everywhere and kids are becoming savvy at surfing and texting, not to mention the exercise their thumbs are getting from endless gaming!

To find out more about the advantages and disadvantages of technology use for children and teens, and some tips for parents, read our TCDSB Psychology Department Newsletter at the TCDSB Psychology Month webpage:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/BoardServices/psychologicalservices/psychologyMonth/Pages/Psychology%20Month.aspx>

# SPORTS



## SENIOR HOCKEY

TDCAA Standings as of February 8

CHAT	8	BREBEUF	6
NEIL	3	BREBEUF	2
REDMOND	4	BREBEUF	2
O'CONNOR	4	BREBEUF	7
O'CONNOR	3	BREBEUF	6
ALLEN	5	BREBEUF	2
CHAT	5	BREBEUF	3
NEIL	3	BREBEUF	1
NEWMAN	5	BREBEUF	2
POWER	7	BREBEUF	0

## JUNIOR HOCKEY

TDCAA Standings as of February 8

POWER	4	BREBEUF	2
NEWMAN	3	BREBEUF	6
CHAMINADE	1	BREBEUF	2
POWER	5	BREBEUF	4
ALLEN	5	BREBEUF	2
MOWAT	5	BREBEUF	5
NEIL	1	BREBEUF	1
ALLEN	3	BREBEUF	0
CHAMINADE	1	BREBEUF	4
ALLEN	0	BREBEUF	3
MOWAT	5	BREBEUF	3

## NON-CONTACT HOCKEY

TDCAA Standings as of February 8

JOHNSON	6	BREBEUF	1
MAROCCO	7	BREBEUF	4
MCLUHAN	5	BREBEUF	4
POWER	6	BREBEUF	1
POPE	6	BREBEUF	7

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL

TDCAA Standings as of February 8

BRULE	39	BREBEUF	62
VANIER	66	BREBEUF	60
CHAT	38	BREBEUF	53
YESHIVAT	21	BREBEUF	71
WARD	42	BREBEUF	53
NEIL	90	BREBEUF	85
ST. PAT'S	38	BREBEUF	86
CRAWFORD	62	BREBEUF	70
LIBERMANN	49	BREBEUF	68
NEWMAN	54	BREBEUF	69
UTS	33	BREBEUF	55
M. TERESA	71	BREBEUF	61
POPE	61	BREBEUF	60

## SENIOR BASKETBALL

TDCAA Standings as of February 8

CHAT	28	BREBEUF	73
YESHIVAT	22	BREBEUF	53
WARD	57	BREBEUF	60
NEIL	56	BREBEUF	67
ST. PAT'S	42	BREBEUF	54
CRAWFORD	43	BREBEUF	75
LIBERMANN	56	BREBEUF	68
NEWMAN	37	BREBEUF	71
UTS	31	BREBEUF	102
CHARBONEL	41	BREBEUF	61

## CURLING

Brebeuf's Curling Bulls captured Silver at the TDCAA tournament on February 6. Congratulations!

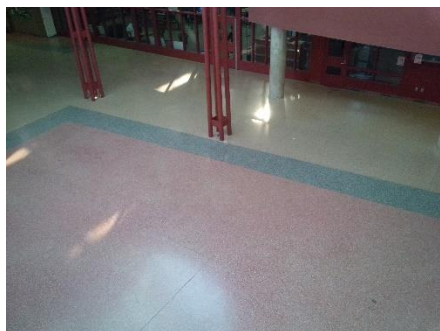
# TRADITIONS OF BREBEUF

One often hears that Brebeuf is a school of “tradition”, and these traditions and heritage help to make Brebeuf a school with a difference. Here are some explanations of where some of them came from and for how long they have been part of the Brebeuf way.

**Alumni** – The school is supported in a number of ways by the Alumni Association, which was founded in 1982. Some significant contributions in recent years have been Brebeuf News Network, the weight room, mentoring, and graduation scholarships.

As well, there are many alumni currently on staff and helping to keep Brebeuf traditions alive: M. Rogers '81, J. Murphy '81, J. Macdonald '82, E. Guy, '82, S. Waithe '91, M. Da Costa '92, A. Sabatini '93, M. Aquino '93, B. Chin You '98, N. Galatianos '00, A. Mera '03.

**The Angelus** – This traditional Catholic prayer has been recited daily at the school following announcements since 1999.



**Atrium** -- The black lines on the atrium floor mark the footprint of the original building as it faced Steeles Avenue. The brown brick wall

at the west end of the atrium represents the wall of the original chapel.



**Blessed Edmund Rice** – The Founder of the Presentation Brothers has been honoured at Brebeuf along with Our Lady of the Presentation since the Brothers took over the administration of the school in 1984. The large banner of

Rice in the main stairwell is from the beatification ceremony held in the Vatican in 1996.



**The Bulls** – This became our official team name in 2004 after a student vote to replace “Redmen” (see Crest).

**Camp Muskoka** – Brebeuf was one of the first schools in Toronto to hold an overnight camp for its Grade 9 students to welcome them into the school community. It started in 1990 under Greg Rogers '71 at Camp Olympia. Camp Muskoka is also partly student-run, giving senior students a chance to develop leadership and mentoring skills.



**Chapel** – The pews, altar, tabernacle, crucifix, and stations of the cross are all from the original chapel built in 1963. On the back wall is a piece of the stake upon which Brebeuf was martyred in 1649.

**Colours** – Brebeuf’s team colours were originally red and white. In the mid 1980s, black was added to the original two.



**Cornerstone** – The 1963 cornerstone was saved from the original building. It has the letters AMDG on it, which is the abbreviation of *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

(For the Greater Glory of God), the motto of the Jesuits (and coincidentally also of the Presentation Brothers).



**Crest** – Brebeuf’s crest was designed in 1963 by the first Principal, Fr. Robert Meagher. The top three sections are the coats of arms of the Province of Ontario, the Jesuits, and the

Archdiocese of Toronto. The black bull with golden horns is taken from the family coat of arms of St. Jean



de Brebeuf. The large crest in the gymnasium was created in 1963 and originally on the old gym's stage wall.

**Debating** – Brebeuf has been part of the Pro-Con Debating League since 1963.

**First Friday Mass** – The Jesuits have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and a Mass on the First Friday of the month has been celebrated faithfully here since 1963.



**Kairos** – Brebeuf's first Kairos retreat took place in conjunction with Canisius High School in Buffalo in March, 2009.

**Letterhead** – Brebeuf's official letterhead is written in "Solemnity" font and has been in use since 1963.

## BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL

**Men for Others** – This oft-repeated phrase comes from a quotation that Fr. Pedro Arrupe S.J., former Superior-General of the Jesuits, made in the mid 1970s about the true goal of a Jesuit education. All in the Brebeuf Family are encouraged to be Men and Women for Others.

**Motto** – Brebeuf's Latin motto is "Studio Gradum Faciant", meaning "To succeed through study". It emphasizes Brebeuf's tradition of being an academic school that prepares students for post-secondary education.

**Newspaper** -- *The B Newspaper* was started in 1963 by the Grade 10 homeroom of Mr. James Barry. It was produced on a typewriter, of course, and was "run off" on a Photostat machine once per week. It has been the voice of student since then and continues today as a professional looking newsprint publication that is produced four times per year.

**Single-sex** – Brebeuf remains one of the few publicly-funded single sex schools in Canada. Until the mid-1980s, Brebeuf did however share some senior classes with St. Joseph's Morrow Park.

**Sports Banners** – Brebeuf's first championship was in basketball in 1965. These many banners give testament to Brebeuf's outstanding athletic tradition.



**Stained Glass** -- The beautiful stained glass depicting the Blessed Sacrament on the west wall of the atrium (and visible from the third floor hallway) was

taken from the second chapel in the original building. It was created in c. 1985.



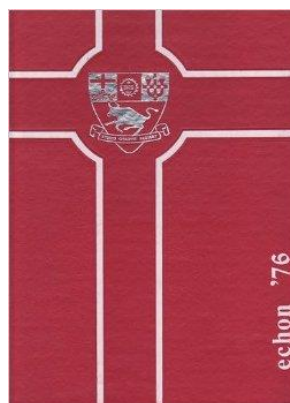
**Statue** – The statue that graces the atrium was given to the school by the Brebeuf Ladies' Guild in 1985. In the old school it was placed by the front entrance. It stands proudly at the centre of a school which proudly bears the name of St. Jean de Brebeuf.

**Theatre Brebeuf** – Brebeuf has staged a major play or musical every year since the founding.



**Uniform** – Brebeuf's original uniform was a brown blazer and striped tie. In 1984, the rugby team created a special uniform for their Ireland rugby tour, consisting of a black blazer, grey trousers, and a red, white, and black striped tie. It proved so

popular that it became the school uniform after that. The blazer was mandatory until 2000, when a golf shirt for the warm weather was also introduced. The tie endures.



**Yearbook** – "Echon" was the native name that the Hurons gave to St. Jean de Brebeuf. It means "he who carries the heavy load", a reference to Brebeuf's immense strength. Brebeuf's first yearbook was produced in 1967 for the first graduating class and has proudly carried the "Echon" name annually since then.

# BREBEUF IN 1963

