

# THE RELATIONS

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## BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER — FEBRUARY, 2016

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Brebeuf Friends,

Since I last wrote in *The Relations*, I have had the chance to meet many people who have told me their stories of their involvement with Brebeuf College. I am very impressed to know and to see the connectivity so many of you have shared with me. Time and time again, I have heard of the positive experiences that staff members from both the past and the present have had on individuals and families. Inevitably, that sense of connectivity continues today. As I reflect, I also wonder about the untold stories of moments of time in this school year from our teams, clubs and in the classrooms. In all cases, our staff are making an extra effort to connect with our young men as they learn and develop and grow in their faith with God. We know that the role of the school is only one part of the support and influence on our students. You as parents and guardians of our students continue to be the adults who continue to have the greatest impact on your sons. As staff at Brebeuf, we are thankful that you have entrusted your sons to us. We remain as partners.

Brebeuf College continues to be a busy place this time of year. The high activity extends not only in the school building itself but also in the community and in the city-at-large. Many students are participating in activities and excursions related to their courses of study during the day off-site as a means to enhance their learning experience, and in the case of their retreats, their faith development. In the school building as well, the activity extends beyond dismissal time. Teams are often practising, music and drama students are rehearsing, and clubs are meeting. We are very fortunate to have staff and other supportive adults who are willing to spend extra time with our students and contribute to the overall culture of the school. It also demonstrates to us the commitment and comfort that our students feel in staying longer at school because they truly feel at home at Brebeuf. It is often these after school experiences that can have an important impact on the lives of our young men.

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**The Senior Volleyball team won the 2015 TDCAA Championship!**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (continued)

Despite the busyness of school life in general, it is important to remind ourselves - individually and as community -- that we do need that quiet time daily to reflect, to breathe, to be at peace, and to have a sense of awareness of ourselves and with one another. This important reminder occurred for me on a couple of occasions over the past while. Earlier in February, during First Friday Mass in our chapel (and a reminder - all community members are welcome), I was struck not only by the large number of people who attended, but I was also impressed by the variety of community members and the different roles all of us can play during the Eucharistic celebration and during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I was standing toward the back of the chapel and I could see the scope of the entire community before me: families, teachers, grade 9 students, senior students; people sitting alone and silent in prayer and in groups; singers and non-singers. All came for respite, for that peace, for the nourishment of "The Bread of Life". The conversation with God continued as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament lasted throughout the day. Individuals and classes visited and had their time of prayer and reflection. We are very fortunate in a Catholic community that we have these times to ground us here at Brebeuf.

In many ways that is what the Season of Lent is all about. We are indeed an Easter People of Hope - but we are also human. We do not do things alone. We can get caught up in the anxieties and the busyness of life. We must take the time, as Father James Martin, S.J. states, to be *kind*. As we remind ourselves to be extra kind to others - especially during Lent - let us also remember to take the time to find times of reflection and prayer and be truly *kind* to ourselves.

God Bless!

John Wujek  
Principal

## FAREWELL TO MR. SAVELLI

Mr. Tony Savelli has been promoted to Vice-Principal of Neil McNeil High School. He will be missed, and we wish him well!

*The Relations* is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School. It is named for the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf and his Jesuit colleagues 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

Feb. 12	P.A. Day (no classes)
Feb. 15	Family Day (no classes)
Feb. 16	Report Cards distributed
Feb. 17	Grad Photo Retake Day
Feb. 18	Karaoke for Ghana event (3-6pm)
Feb. 19	Ski and Snowboard Day
Feb. 22-26	Student Council Spirit Week
Feb. 26-28	Salesian Leadership retreat
Feb. 29	Course Selection on MyBlueprint.ca due
Mar. 1	Sacrament of Confession
Mar. 3	Club Brebeuf fundraiser at 7 p.m.
Mar. 4	First Friday Mass at 8 a.m.
Mar. 8	Grade 8 Registration
Mar. 10	Sears Festival at 7 p.m.
Mar. 14-18	March Break (no classes)
Mar. 24	Holy Thursday
Mar. 25	Good Friday (no classes)
Mar. 27	Easter Sunday
Mar. 28	Easter Monday (no classes)
Mar. 30	Casual Day Late Start Schedule
Mar. 31	Grade 10 EQAO Literacy Test
Apr. 1	First Friday Mass at 8 a.m.
Apr. 8	Spring Dance
Apr. 12	Spirit Assembly
Apr. 13	Late Start schedule
Apr. 19	Report Cards distributed
Apr. 21	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Apr. 22	Late Start schedule
Apr. 25	Inside Ride fundraiser
Apr. 28	Casual Day
Apr. 28-30	Theatre Brebeuf

# MEN FOR OTHERS

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



Brebeuf hosted its twelfth **Social Justice Symposium** on December 11<sup>th</sup> on the theme of “Awareness of Unfairness: The Oil Sands and Indigenous Canadians”. The event, which was organized by Brebeuf’s Social Justice Club, took place at the University of St. Michael’s College at the University of Toronto. Over 275 students and staff from twenty Catholic high schools attended. The main speaker was Vanessa Gray from Aamjiwnaang (First Nation) and Sarnia Against Pipelines (ASAP). The day also included a Mass at St. Basil’s Church and workshops run by various social justice groups.

## ST. FRANCIS’ TABLE

Each week students and staff visit the St. Francis’ Table shelter on Queen Street in Parkdale to help prepare meals for the homeless and poor. This is an excellent way for students to put their faith into action. It also counts towards the community service hours needed for Graduation. Volunteers can sign up with Ms. Noah or Mr. Guy.

## CAN-AID

The annual canned food drive, Can-Aid, was once again a tremendous success. Thousands of cans were collected for the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen Street.

## BROTHER MAHER FUND

Brebeuf continues to be a significant donor to the Presentation Brothers’ schools in Ghana and Nigeria. Monies are raised as part of the campaign called the Brother Lawrence Maher Fund for Africa, named for our former Principal. Almost \$15,000 was raised last year through a variety of means last year, including monthly collections from the students and staff; a euchre night; a Christmas gift catalogue; and a generous donation from OECTA.

This year, a new club of students called *PresLink* is helping in these fundraising endeavours. Meetings are every Thursday after school in the library.



**Students from St. Charles Lwanga School in Yendi, Ghana, one of the schools that Brebeuf helps to support.**

## FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

One of Brebeuf’s oldest traditions is the First Friday Mass. This takes place on the first Friday of each month in the school Chapel at 8:00 a.m. The practice began in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All students and staff are welcome to attend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows all day for those who wish to spend more time with Our Lord.



## KARAOKE FOR GHANA!

The PresLink group is organizing a “Karaoke for Ghana” event on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school library. All proceeds will assist the Presentation Brothers’ schools in Ghana and Nigeria. The cost is \$10, including pizza and a drink. Tickets will be on sale the week of the event. All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

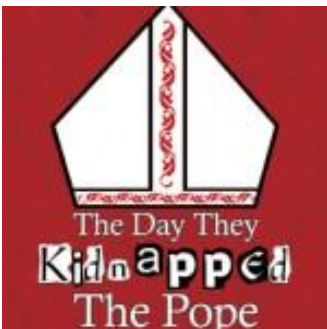
Brebeuf students and staff started a new Christmas tradition this year: “Beuf Baskets”. Seventeen families in and out of the Brebeuf community were the recipients of these Christmas baskets, which consisted of presents, clothing, and gift cards.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

“Operation Off the Hook” took place from November 6-17. Students and staff brought in gently used clothing to their homeroom classes. The drive also served as a competition between Grade 9 Houses and Grades 10-12 homerooms. Over 3000 articles of clothing were donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## THEATRE BREBEUF



Theatre Brebeuf's spring production is a comedy called “**The Day They Kidnapped the Pope**”. The plot is a bizarre, yet captivating one: a Jewish taxi driver mistakenly kidnaps the Pope, and his ransom is one day of

world peace. The show is double cast, so major roles are being played on different evenings by different students from Brebeuf and SJMP. The production runs: Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>; Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>; and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cavaiola and Ms. Lo Bianco are co-directing the production this year.

## CSUNA



Thirty Brebeuf students participated in the annual Catholic Schools Model United Nations (CSUNA) at the Catholic Education Centre in mid-November. Over 500 students from across the city debated world issues and tried to arrive at solutions to complex global problems. It was an excellent opportunity for learning outside the classroom.

## MATH NEWS

By Mr. B. Ryan

\* The Grade 12 Enriched Calculus finished in Semester #1. Students completed all of first year University Calculus and made it to Second year partial derivatives and double and triple integrals. The class average was 90%, and it was one of my best mathematics classes ever at Brebeuf.

\* There are two new Grade 10 Enriched classes of 47 in total, fighting for 34 spots in next year's Grade 11/12 AP Calculus.

\* There are two Grade 9 Enriched **math** classes this year.

## COURSE SELECTION

Guidance counsellors are now helping students select courses for next year using “**My Blueprint**”, an online application. To support this process, our guidance department will be providing a course selection workshop for parents of students currently in Grade 10. The workshop is on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00pm in our Theatre.

## BREBEUF NEWS

There are a number of ways to stay connected to what is going on at Brebeuf College.

### Facebook

"Brebeuf College School"

### Twitter

@brebeufprincip

@brebeufcollege

### Webpage

<http://Brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org>

### Cynervoice

These phone messages are sent out each Friday.

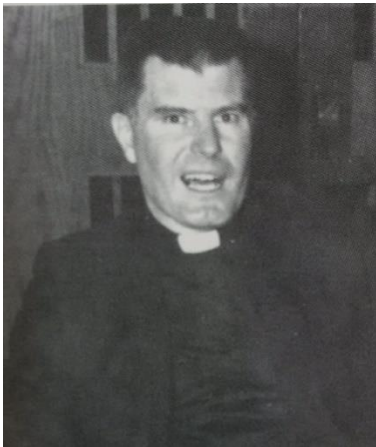
### The B Newspaper

The student voice of the school

### Alumni News

[www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org)

## FATHER DON BEAUDOIS, S.J.



Father Don Beaudois, S.J. passed away on December 8<sup>th</sup>. He taught chemistry and mathematics at Brebeuf from 1963-1983 and was known for his fervent faith, high academic standards, and discipline. Since retiring, he returned

to Brebeuf frequently to say Mass and to attend reunions. In 2013, he was inducted into the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf for embodying the ideals for which the school stands. Please keep Father in your prayers.

## METANOIA



Participants pictured with Fr. Bill Ryan, S.J.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, eleven Grade 9 students attended the first session of Metanoia ("Transformation"), a new programme run by the Mary Ward Centre at Loretto College in the University of Toronto. Its aim is to teach about social justice issues. Students from five Catholic high schools learned about the Earth Charter and Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*. There are three more sessions in the upcoming months.

## NEW SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Brebeuf is pleased to introduce two new Specialist High Skills Majors: **Arts and Culture** and **Health and Wellness**. Brebeuf already has a SHSM in **Information and Communication Technology**.

The SHSM program offers students the opportunity to explore a specific area or career of interest and to acquire the skills and experience that will assist them in their post-secondary pathway.

Each SHSM programme includes:

1. A package of Eight to Ten grade 11 and 12 courses
2. Sector Recognized Certifications & Safety Awareness Training
3. Experiential Learning Opportunities
4. Use of the ONTARIO SKILLS PASSPORT
5. "REACH AHEAD" Experiences

Students in SHSM programmes have the opportunity to:

- Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and talents through a specialized package of credits
- Develop sector-recognized knowledge and skills while earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- Explore, identify, and refine career goals
- Make informed decisions regarding postsecondary destinations
- Access resources, equipment, and expertise that may not be available in their home secondary school
- Receive a special SHSM red seal designation on their diploma
- Network with potential employers

## LITERACY TEST PREPARATION

Brebeuf College School is offering an After School Literacy Test Preparation programme for all grade 10 and 11 students who will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in March. There is no cost for this programme, which starts Wednesday, February 17. For more information, please contact Ms Risi at [maria.risi@tcdsb.org](mailto:maria.risi@tcdsb.org)

## SEMESTER OR SUMMER IN ITALY

The TCDSB, in partnership with Centro Scuola, is offering a "Semester in Italy" programme. Students are invited to study and live in Sulmona, Italy for a whole semester and earn 4 credits. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to study, live and immerse themselves in the Italian culture. For more information, please contact the Guidance Department at Dante Alighieri Academy at 416 393 5522.

There is also a board-approved summer course in Italy. Courses offered include Grade 12 English and Grade 12 History. See [www.romanholiday.ca](http://www.romanholiday.ca) for more information.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Brebeuf Parent Council (CSPC) will again hold the Annual Used Uniform Sale at the end of this school year. If your son has outgrown any of his uniform pieces, please be sure to hold onto them so that you may participate in this event which can generate monies for you and the Parent Council's initiatives.

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



Joseph Boyden, from the Brebeuf class of 1985, has been named to the Order of Canada by His Excellency the Governor-General. This is to honour not only his writing of award-winning novels, but also his commitment to the well-being of Canada's indigenous population.

## TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2015-2016

### Wards

1.	Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2.	Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3.	Sal Piccininni	416-512-3403
4.	Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
5.	Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6.	Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406
7.	Michael Del Grande, Chair	416-512-3407
8.	Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9.	Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10.	Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11.	Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford, Vice-Chair	416-512-3412
	Karina Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee	416-512-3417
	Allison Gacad, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

# SPORTS



## Brebeuf College Athletics 2015-16 Winter Brief

By Mr. Alex Sabatini '93

- The **Junior Basketball** staff composed of **Coach Waithe, Mr. Savelli, Mr. Modi, and Ms. Bigoni** had another outstanding season finishing with an 8-2 record, second in the TDCAA East division. The Junior Bulls commence playoffs next week and are poised to make a strong playoff run with the hope of defending their 2015 TDCAA junior Championship.
- **Coach Mikes and Ms. Prendi** are back behind the bench in 2016 to lead our **Senior Basketball team**. The team competes with the best in the GTA in the prestigious TDCAA Citywide league and has finished regular season with a respectable 5-4 record. The Bulls are currently preparing for playoff action.
- This year's **Curling team** is coached by **Ms. Lee and Ms. Covello**. The team recently participated in The Gore Invitational in preparation for the TDCAA Championship that is quickly approaching. With some returning veterans the team looks to compete with the best.
- This year's **Junior Hockey** team is coached once again by **Mr. Marozzo, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Cook**. The team competed to the best of their ability over the course of the season and will see a large number of players return in 2016-17 with a year of TDCAA experience under their belts.
- **Mr. Chin You, Mr. Solarski and Mr. Vittrorio** once again return to coach our **Senior Hockey Bulls**. The Bulls are currently competing in playoff action vs Neil Mcneil in round 1 and topped the Neil by a 6-1 margin in game 1.
- This year's **Non-contact Hockey** team is coached once again by **Coach K. MacDonald** as well as **Mr. Debicki**. The team completed regular season play with a 5-3-1 record. The team has drawn Michael Power as opponents in round 1 of the playoffs which is set to take place next week.
- **Coach Shannon and Coach McTernan** lead our 2016 Aqua Bulls **Swimming team**. The Aqua Bulls have been preparing for the annual TDCAA Championships that takes place at the Etobicoke Olympium on February 10. The team has entries at the midget, junior, senior, and open divisions.
- **Ms. Shannon and Mr. Chin You** return to the **Table Tennis** staff this year. Stay tuned for tryouts for this team!
- The **Badminton team** is coached once again by **Mr. Marinic, and Ms. Covello**. The Bulls have recently concluded their tryouts and are now preparing for TDCAA league play. Good luck gentlemen!
- The **Indoor Soccer** team is off to a fantastic start in the TDCAA Indoor soccer league with a blemish-free 3-0 record. The team is coached by **Mr. Aquino, Mr. Sabatini, Mr. Savelli, and Mr. Debicki**. The Indoor soccer Bulls will be



attending the Humber College Indoor Soccer classic later in the month, and as well hope to make a run for the TDCAA Indoor Crown.

- The 2016 **TDCAA Spring season** is quickly approaching. Brebeuf College School will field teams in baseball, track and field, junior and senior rugby 15s, senior soccer, and junior volleyball. If you are interested in trying out for one of these teams, please see the coaches list posted on Athletics bulletin board to identify who the coaches are. GO BULLS GO!

## Statistics as of Feb. 10

### BASKETBALL (CITYWIDE)

Brebeuf	77	St. Mary	43
Brebeuf	63	O'Connor	68
Brebeuf	82	Neil McNeil	62
Brebeuf	61	Vanier	66
Brebeuf	73	Pope	46
Brebeuf	80	Msgr. Johnson	53
Brebeuf	42	Fr. Redmond	44
Brebeuf	36	Fr. Henry Carr	95
Brebeuf	61	Mother Teresa	60

### JR. BASKETBALL (EAST DIVISION)

Brebeuf	51	Yeshivat	41
Brebeuf	77	Neil McNeil	58
Brebeuf	61	Vanier	66
Brebeuf	63	O'Connor	51
Brebeuf	47	CHAT	45
Brebeuf	81	St. Patrick	68
Brebeuf	2	Mother Teresa	0
Brebeuf	62	Mary Ward	41
Brebeuf	69	Libermann	65
Brebeuf	51	Pope	101

### HOCKEY (NON-CONTACT)

Brebeuf	2	Toronto Prep	2
Brebeuf	0	Msgr. Johnson	1
Brebeuf	5	Chaminade	2
Brebeuf	9	Marocco	2

Brebeuf	7	St. Basil	0
Brebeuf	3	Fr. Redmond	1
Brebeuf	4	Power	5
Brebeuf	3	UTS	6

### HOCKEY (JUNIOR)

Brebeuf	3	Newman	4
Brebeuf	3	Neil McNeil	4
Brebeuf	3	Chaminade	5
Brebeuf	3	Power	3
Brebeuf	0	Neil McNeil	5
Brebeuf	0	Power	7
Brebeuf	2	Mowat	8
Brebeuf	2	Allen	6
Brebeuf	4	Chaminade	2

### HOCKEY (SENIOR)

Brebeuf	3	Neil McNeil	3
Brebeuf	1	Fr. Redmond	5
Brebeuf	4	CHAT	9
Brebeuf	3	Neil McNeil	5
Brebeuf	7	Bishop Allen	2
Brebeuf	1	CHAT	7
Brebeuf	5	Chaminade	6

### SOCCER (INDOOR)

Brebeuf	4	Power	2
Brebeuf	9	St. Patrick	4
Brebeuf	4	Romero	3

