



# The RELATIONS

## BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER — FEBRUARY 2018

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

Derek Chen



Once again, it was a very busy end to the first semester.

In December, we had our annual Clothing Drive, where a record amount of clothing was donated. The Brebeuf community was clearly in a giving mood, as our Can-Aid campaign was also a huge success with loads of cans being brought in. We also got to see the fun Kiss-a-Fish event, featuring members of the staff kissing a fish! Mr. McGrenere was a good sport and kissed two fish! Brebeuf's annual Social Justice Symposium took place, with the theme "Discrimination Against Women" and featuring incredible speakers. December also featured our students' musical and artistic talents at the annual Christmas Arts Fest. Five of our elementary feeder schools also got a taste of Brebeuf's musical talent, as Mr. Found and his jazz bands performed Christmas concerts for these students. The Kairos Retreat took place, with approximately 40 students participating. As always, students came back transformed, with an even stronger faith and a deeper respect of God and themselves. Our three ISP DD/ME classes went to the Distillery District to enjoy the Christmas Market, and to partake in a scavenger hunt. Of course, the season was made fully complete with our beautiful Advent mass.

In January, the focus was on final exam preparation, but some events included the second Town Hall of the year, with the Toronto Youth Cabinet joining us; students posed for graduation photos; and our Gr.9 students completed the EQAO Math Test.

February has already seen several events, including a Co-op/OYAP presentation, course selection presentations, Ash Wednesday mass, participation in the Metanoia Social Justice Conference, and a free Valentine's chocolate courtesy of the Student Council.

Our athletics program is incredibly successful. Our Sr. Hockey team remains undefeated and are heading to the playoffs. Our Jr. Basketball team made it to the playoffs after an extremely impressive season, but were unfortunately eliminated after putting up a tough fight. Our Swim team will be competing in the TDCAA Regional Competition, and our Jr. Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, and Badminton teams are all in action.

Our clubs and committees continue to thrive with the Reach for the Top team competing in multiple games, the Culinary Club cooking up some delicious recipes, and students competing in the DECA Business contest.

Before mid-terms, we look forward to another Salesian Retreat, Winter Activity Day (joint with SJMP), SAC Spirit Week, our third Town Hall, Lenten Reconciliation, an Ontario Drama Festival (formerly Sears Festival) performance, the Spain/Portugal Pilgrimage, and students participating in the Peru Service Trip.

As always, thanks to our Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), who work tirelessly to enhance our school, and who assist with funds for our students in financial need and other events. We truly appreciate their support!

Have a wonderful March Break and Easter! God bless.

*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 CORNER

Feb. 19	Family Day (no classes)
Feb. 27	Sears Festival
	Late start schedule
	CSPC Meeting
March 1	Course selection deadline
	Casual Day
March 2	Winter Activity Day (no classes)
March 6	Early assessment letters mailed
March 12-16	March Break (no classes)
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19-23	Spirit Week
March 20	Late start schedule
March 22	Casual Day
March 23	Lenten Reconciliation
March 29	Holy Thursday
	VICS Fast-a-thon
March 30	Good Friday (no classes)
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 2	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 3	Late start schedule
April 5	Casual Day
April 6	First Friday Mass
April 10	OSSLT (no Gr 11 or 12 classes)
April 13	Term One ends
April 16-20	Multicultural Week
April 17	Late start schedule
April 19	Casual Day
April 24	CSPC Meeting
April 26	Parent-Teacher Interviews
April 27	Late start schedule



# MEN FOR OTHERS

## PARTY FOR PERU!



Almost one hundred students, parents, alumni, and friends gathered in the school's atrium on February 10 for the "Party for Peru!". Close to \$4000 was raised to support the Loretto Sisters' school in Peru in advance of the service and leadership there in March. The crowd was entertained by many singers, including our own Mrs. Cathy Pieroni! Thanks to Mr. Rogers for organizing this worthwhile event.

## BEUF BASKETS

Twenty families in our community benefitted from the generosity of the Brebeuf family during the annual "Beuf Boxes" appeal. Homerooms were assigned to raise funds and acquire presents for some families in need. The "Men for Others" spirit of our school was on full display.

## COAT THE COLD!

Brebeuf's eleventh annual clothing drive -- Mission: Coat the Cold -- took place from Monday, November 20 to Tuesday, November 28. Winter and summer clothing in respectable condition was collected for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A record 3752 articles were donated!

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM**

Over 250 students and staff from twenty schools assembled at the University of St. Michael's College for the annual Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium. The conference is student-led and sponsored by the school's Gifted Programme. This year's topic was on discrimination against women and guest speakers included Paulette Senior, CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation and Luke Stocking of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The day also included a Mass for Social Justice at St. Basil's Church and workshops run by various social justice groups. Students are welcome to join the Social Justice Club, which meets weekly after school in the library.



## **CAN-AID**

Almost 2000 cans and \$500 was collected for the needy at the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen Street as part of the annual Can-Aid campaign.



**Paulette Senior, CEO of Canadian Women's Foundation, addresses the Symposium**

## **METANOIA**



Brebeuf's Gifted Grade 9s and 10s continue to participate in the Metanoia social justice series run by the Loretto Sisters' Mary Ward Centre at the University of Toronto. The latest session included guest speakers on the global refugee crisis and the Pope's environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si!*



# SCHOOL NEWS

## MATHEMATICS UPDATE

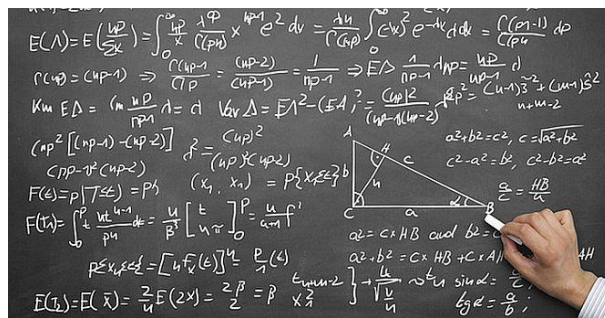
By Brad Ryan, Head of Mathematics

### WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

On Friday, March 2 Brebeuf and St. Joseph Morrow Park will hold a joint Winter Activity Day for all to enjoy activities both indoors and outside. The hope is the day will strengthen bonds of friendship and spirit within our community and between our schools. Students have 29 activities from which to choose, and all are expected to register for an activity by February 23.

- \* Bowling
- \* Hockey
- \* Movies at School
- \* Dave and Buster's
- \* Skating at Bayview Arena
  - \* Table Tennis
  - \* Basketball
- \* Movies at Fairview Mall
- \* University of Toronto tour
- \* Ryerson University tour
- \* York University tour
  - \* Sandwich patrol
  - \* ROM
- \* Ripley's Aquarium
- \* University Essays and Life
  - \* Seneca College tour
    - \* Indoor soccer
    - \* Dance-a-thon
    - \* Baking
    - \* Crochet
  - \* Colour Therapy
- \* Games of Strategy
- \* Graphic Design
  - \* Bath Balms
  - \* Skiing
- \* Salsa Dancing
- \* Skating at Mel Lastman Sq.
  - \* Trampoline

More details can be found on the school website at [brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org](http://brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org).



This year, 2017-2018 the Advanced Placement (enriched) Brebeuf Mathematics programme is well on track toward helping over 130 boys excel at high level mathematics. In Semester 2 there will be one Grade 9 class that is now full and has several boys waiting to get in. At the Grade 10 level, there are two classes, one in Semester 1 and one in Semester 2 preparing for the all important Grade 11 year. At the Grade 11 level there is a class of 32 boys, who have finished the Grade 11 course at the mid-term, have just finished the Grade 12

Advanced Functions course by January 16, and are now starting University Calculus while they are still in the Grade 11 course. It is this class that will stay in mathematics for the whole year in order to prepare for the AP Calculus AB exam in May of 2018. So far they look like a very strong class and I am hoping for stellar results in AP Calculus from these dedicated boys. At the Grade 12 level, there is one Calculus and Vectors section, that has finished all work with vectors, have reviewed all first year University Calculus, have finished most of second year University Calculus and are now looking at Differential Equations. They have the option of writing the AP Calculus BC exam in May, and I would expect that most of them would be able to obtain near perfect on the exam if they choose to do so. I am most proud of all of these students and commend them for their hard work and effort toward achieving excellence in Mathematics.

## HONOUR ROLL



Some students and parents have been asking how those named to the Honour Roll are chosen. Students must have a cumulative final average of eighty per cent or higher for both semesters combined. Students cannot have any failures either. Brebeuf proudly recognizes these students in a large display in the atrium and at the annual Academic Awards Night in the autumn. *Studio Gradum Faciant!*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Father Roshan Anthony Pillai**, class of 1991, was ordained in December as a Capuchin Franciscan priest for the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh. He visited Brebeuf to say a special mass for students and staff, including Mr Rado Krevs (pictured above), his former chemistry teacher, whom he credits as a mentor and inspiration in his vocation to the priesthood.

Father Roshan will be serving as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. Please keep him in your prayers.

Brebeuf currently has three other alumni in the seminary at the moment, surely a record for one high school in Toronto. Please pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life.



### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2017-2018

#### Wards

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# SPORTS



## BREBEUF COLLEGE ATHLETICS

By Brad Chin You, Athletic Director

Congratulations to the Junior Basketball team, led by Coaches Waithe and Wright, for a terrific season, finishing the regular season with a 10-1 record. Unfortunately, the Bulls were upset in the playoffs. Overall the season was a huge success, and the Grade 10s going to Senior next year show great promise for our Basketball programme.



The Senior Basketball team had a difficult season, with many injuries to key players down the stretch. We thank Coach Chris Mikes and Ms Ilodigwe for their time, passion, and effort. We would especially

like to thank Coach Mikes for his volunteer work for our Senior Basketball Program for the past 8 years. This was his final year coaching the team, and he will be sorely missed. Coach Mikes has done so much for Basketball at Brebeuf and even more so for the young men that he has mentored over the years. We wholeheartedly thank him!

The Senior Hockey team finished the regular season with an undefeated 9-0 record. Led by Coaches Chin You, Solariski, Vittorio, and Sabatini, the team continues to prepare for the playoffs next week. Good luck boys!



Ms Shannon and the Swim team have been practising hard for the TDCAA championship this week.

Spring sports are right around the corner: the Badminton, Junior Volleyball, Track and Field teams have already been practicing hard in preparation for their upcoming seasons.





# PSYCHOLOGY IS FOR EVERYONE!

The Psychology Department of TCDSB would like to invite every member of our community to explore and discover the many different ways psychology can help improve our everyday life and overall well-being, and balance the many roles and responsibilities we have. Psychology is for everyone!

## **A presentation for parents and educators**



## ***HELP YOUR CHILD (AND YOURSELF) FLOURISH: HOW TO REDUCE ANXIETY AND STRESS AND ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH***

***Date: February 22, 5:30- 7:30 pm  
Catholic Education Centre, 3rd Floor,  
80 Sheppard Avenue East***

This practical workshop addresses strategies supporting the physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual components of well-being. It will include positive psychology and cognitive behaviour techniques, as well as mindfulness and relaxation techniques that help manage stress, build resiliency and support good mental health. Participants will walk away with strategies that can be used both at home and in the classroom.

Presenters: Rita Alekian, Dr. Marie-Josée Gendron, Grace Labao-Martins  
(TCDSB Psychology Department)

**Registration is free –Spaces are limited - First come - first serve  
Please register at**

**<https://web1.tcdsb.org/Conference/Logon.aspx> (under Special Services)**

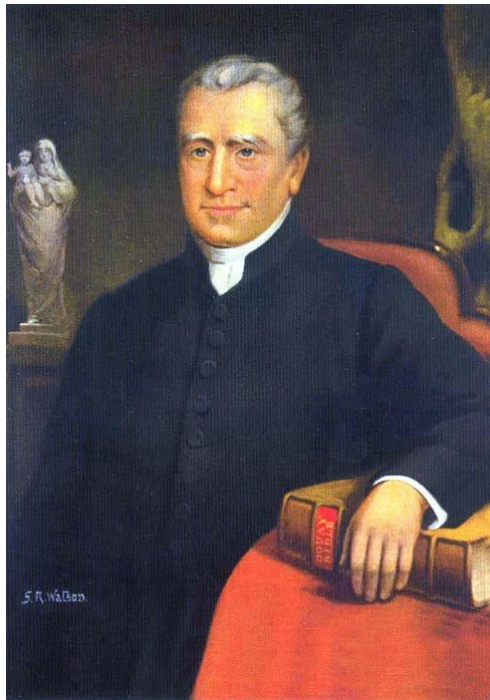
**OR**

**by calling (416) 222-8282 ext. 2626**

80 Sheppard Ave. East is easy walking distance from the Yonge/Sheppard subway station. Underground parking also available

# PRAYER TO BLESSED EDMUND RICE

*FOUNDER OF THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS*



*O God, we thank you for the life of Edmund Rice.  
He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed  
by poverty and injustice.  
May we follow his example of faith and generosity.  
Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund  
As we seek to live lives of love and service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*