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BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – April 2018

HOCKEY VICTORY!



2017-2018 Senior Hockey Team

After an undefeated regular season, the Brebeuf Senior Hockey Bulls won the TDCAA Championship for the first time in the school's history after a tough game versus Neil McNeil. The team then went on the Ontario Championship tournament in St. Catharines and placed in the top eight in the province! Well done to all players and coaches for reaching such an important milestone in Brebeuf's storied sports history. Special thanks to the Brebeuf Alumni for supporting the team.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

Derek Chen



Unbelievably, we are only two months away from the end of the school year! As always, Brebeuf is bustling with activity. Since the beginning of semester 2, we have had two liturgies (an Ash Wednesday mass and a Holy Thursday service), a Lenten Reconciliation, a National Theatre School Drama Festival (formerly Sears Drama Festival) performance, a Salesian retreat, a pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal, a service trip to Peru, a VICS fast-a-thon, Town Hall #3 for students, several math competitions, the OSSLT, Winter Activity Day, our second Koffeehaus, and an incredible amount of athletic activities and accolades.

Winter Activity Day returned to Brebeuf, but this year it was a joint venture with our sister school, St. Joseph Morrow Park. It was a fun day for staff and students from both schools. We hope to continue this tradition in years to come. Student Council hosted the second Koffeehaus, with students from St. Joseph Morrow Park joining us. The annual VICS fast-a-thon had over 100 students participating and raising money for this worthy cause.

Spirit Week was organized by the Student Council and truly added much spirit to the school. The ever popular inflatable obstacle course was brought in again, and students engaged in many other activities. The atrium was transformed into a carnival, with the smell of popcorn and cotton candy being sold filling the air.

In athletics, our Sr. Hockey team made it to OFSAA and finished in the top 8 team in Ontario, while our Varsity Mixed Doubles Badminton team is headed to OFSAA in May. As you can read in the article written by Mr. Engel, football is officially coming back to Brebeuf for the 2018-19 school year.

Coming up, we will be celebrating Multicultural Days, which will be filled with many activities and includes everyone's favourite day where students and staff can sample foods from different cultures. On May 16, Brebeuf will be joining St. Joseph Morrow Park once again to host the TCDSB's Asian Canadian Heritage Month.

We look forward to Catholic Education Week, Theatre Brebeuf, Inside Ride, the Spring Arts Festival, Camp Olympia, a final Town Hall for students, a Spring Dance, Mental Health Awareness Week, a presentation from MADD, the EQAO Math Test, more retreats, excursions, "Meat and Greet" day, a joint prom with SJMP, final exams, and graduation. Once again, thanks to our Catholic School Parent Council for supporting our many events. Thanks to our trustee, Mr. Michael Del Grande, who continues to be a great support to our school.

If you have any feedback for us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing many of you at Parent-Teacher interviews. God bless, and thanks to all parents and community members for your support!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24	Report cards distributed
April 26-28	Multicultural Days
April 26	Parent-Teacher Interviews
April 27	Late Start schedule
April 27-29	Camp Olympia Leadership weekend
May 2	Session on Parents Helping Teens Deal with Stress
May 4	First Friday Mass at 8 a.m.
May 5	Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice
May 8	Letters of Concern mailed
May 9	Club Brebeuf fundraiser
May 10	Inside Ride fundraiser
	Casual Day
May 11	Town Hall
	Alumni Pub Night
May 14-16	Algonquin Park trip
May 17	Spring Arts Festival
May 21	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 23-26	Theatre Brebeuf performances
May 28-June 1	Mental Health Awareness Week
May 29	CSPC Meeting
May 30	SHSM Stratford Trip
May 31	Casual Day
June 1	First Friday Mass at 8 a.m.
June 4	Athletic Banquet
June 5	Election Town Hall
June 6	Gr 9 EQAO Math Test
June 8	Senior Formal (Prom)
June 12	Late Start schedule
June 13-14	Gr 9 EQAO Math Test
June 15	Casual Day
June 19-22	Examinations
June 26	Exam Review Day
June 27-29	PA Days (no classes)
June 27	Grad Mass, Breakfast, Rehearsal
June 28	Graduation Exercises

MEN FOR OTHERS

VICS FAST-A-THON

Brebeuf held its 28th annual fast-a-thon in support of Volunteer International Christian Service (VICS). Over 100 students and staff fasted on Holy Thursday and raised funds for this organization which sends volunteer professionals around the world to help the poor to be able to help themselves. Over \$3000 was collected! Thanks again to **Mrs. Catherine Pieroni** for her tireless organization and promotion of this important initiative.



PERU TRIP



Brebeuf sent a contingent of students and teachers to Peru this March Break for a service and leadership experience. Students volunteered at a Loretto Sisters' school, performing such activities as teaching, painting, and running an Olympics for the young Peruvians. Next year we hope to run a similar programme in Ireland.

ST. FRANCIS TABLE

Every week, **Mr. Eric Guy** brings students to St. Francis Table in Parkdale. Here students prepare and serve food to some of Toronto's needy citizens. It is run by the Franciscan Friars. It is the "Men for Others" motto in action.



METANOIA



Brebeuf's Gifted Grade 9s and 10s participated in the final instalment of 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 Indigenous issues.

Students have been inspired to do something to put their faith into action for the common good. A book drive will be held to collect children's books for an Indigenous school in Northern Ontario. Stay tuned.

BROTHER SPENCER



Brother Spencer pictured with the Blessed Edmund Rice mural on the second floor

Brother Spencer is a Presentation Brother who started teaching at Brebeuf in 1984. He retired in 1996, but he has volunteered his time with Chaplaincy since then. Some of the many things he does is recite the morning prayer; lead a daily communion service in the Chapel; assist with organizing Masses, Confessions, and Retreats; mentor students and staff in their faith; and raise funds for the Brothers' missions in Ghana. He embodies our school's "Men for Others" ethos in all he does.

COMMUNION SERVICE



Please encourage your son to attend the daily Communion Service, which is held in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and lasts ten minutes. It is a wonderful way to begin the day with Our Lord in fellowship with others.

PILGRIMAGE: TEN DAYS IN SPAIN

By Matthew Varriale (Grade 10)

Pilgrims from Brebeuf College and Strake Jesuit College Prep in Houston, Texas underwent a spiritual journey to the heart of Jesuit holy sites in Spain over March Break. Here is one student's reflection.



One of Brebeuf's underappreciated experiences is its March Break retreats. Through the trip to Spain, not only did we get a taste of new cultures, lifestyles, and sceneries, but we can also learned more about what it means to go to a Jesuit-associated school.

The retreat focused on the life and occurrences of the Jesuit congregation founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. And even though the average Brebeuf student doesn't know much about him, through the journey we relived what he did in sixteenth-century Spain in order to found what is today one of the largest groups in the Roman Catholic church. His experiences, along with many others involving the Jesuits, were a feature of the trip, and through daily masses in world-renowned churches we came closer to our faith.

Our faith wasn't the only focus of the trip, however, and Northern Spain perfectly blends many European environments into one. Free time on the trip let us explore the bustling city life of Madrid, the magnitude of Barcelona's Camp Nou, the quaintness of Avila, and the pastoral countryside of Azpeitia. The community at Brebeuf partnered and underwent the retreat with Strake Jesuit College Preparatory of Houston, Texas, and in the short time period lasting bonds were created between students at both schools.

Overall, the Spain pilgrimage proved itself to be spiritually enlightening and an enjoyable trip for all.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Brebeuf Parent Council will again be holding the Annual Uniform Exchange on July 8, 2018. If you have any McCarthy uniform pieces which no longer fit, please hold onto them as we will be collecting these items in late June 2018. This is a great way to assist the Brebeuf Parent Council in supporting different initiatives which directly benefit our boys.

SCHOOL NEWS

MATH UPDATE

By Mr. Brad Ryan

Enrollment for the 2018-19 Enriched Mathematics Program is strong; thus the program will continue to be available to students who wish to enhance their mathematics learning and strive for excellence.

This year's classes have performed very well with most classes having mid-eighties or better averages. The grade 11/12 enriched students are hard at work during the month of April, preparing for the AP-Calculus exam which will be written on May 15. This is a four hour exam and is equivalent to a credit in first year university calculus. I have strong expectations for this great class.

The Waterloo Euclid contest was held on April 11 and is for gr. 12 students who plan to go to Waterloo. The entire grade 11 enriched class wrote the exam and I again am expecting good results from them.

The 2018 Waterloo results for the Gr. 9 (Pascal) Gr. 10 (Caley) and Gr. 11 (Fermat) have been released. Congratulations to Deven Liscombe who was our top Gr. 9 student with a score of 126 out of 150, Joshua Luczon who was our top Gr. 10 with a score of 111 out of 150, and to John Hanna who was our top Gr. 11 with a score of 114 out of 150. A score of 100 or better out of 150 on these contests is an excellent achievement and I am quite pleased with the hard work of these students.

WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

On March 2, Brebeuf and SJMP hosted a joint Winter Activity Day, featuring 30 activities. Some of the more popular ones included: skiing, bowling, giving sandwiches to the homeless, Ripley's Aquarium, Dave and Buster's, and movies. The day helped to forge community and bonds of friendship between students from both schools.



Skating at Bayview Arena



Preparing sandwiches to give to the homeless

GRADUATION

Grade 12 students were given information packages. Information is also available on the website: <http://brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org> under "Calendars and Regularly Scheduled Events". The **Graduation Mass, Breakfast, and Rehearsal** will take place at the school at 9 a.m. on June 27. The **Graduation Exercises** will take place on Thursday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Brighton Convention Centre (2155 McNicoll Avenue).

DRAMA FESTIVAL



Brebeuf's drama team of **Sonny Mann** and **Kyle Granada** were invited as special guests to the regional competition of the NTS Drama Festival (formerly Sears Festival)! Their skit was entitled "Louis and Dave." They were directed by fellow student **Martin Trotter** and assisted by **Ralph Rosario** under the supervision of **Mr. Anthony Cavaiola**. Congratulations!

THEATRE BREBEUF PRESENTS...



May 24, 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m.

TIKBALANG

Congratulations to **Mr. John Macdonald** for winning a TCDSB Exemplary Practice Award for creating "The Tikbalang", a multimedia project drawing on Filipino mythology. The production will help students in their transition to high school.

HUMBOLDT TRIBUTE



On Thursday, April 12, students and staff wore sports jerseys to show support for the victims of the Humboldt tragedy and their families.

KOFFEEHAUS 2018

Musicians from Brebeuf and SJMP held another Koffeehaus on April 12 to entertain their fellow students and teachers. It was an amazing display of talent and enthusiasm.



SPORTS

FOOTBALL RETURNS!

By Mr. John Engel



Football is a go for fall 2018 at Brebeuf! Thanks to the efforts of our Brebeuf Alumni Association and generous donors, we have secured the funding and have begun purchasing the football equipment needed to field a Jr. and Sr. team.

We are starting non-contact football activities after school on Fridays to get the boys acclimatized to the intricacies and fundamental skills of the game to make next September safer and less complicated for our new players. We had an incredible turnout at our organizational meeting last week and the Remind app Mr. Engel uses to coordinate events and communicate has 56 students and is growing! Brebeuf has been invited to play in a grade nine 7 on 7 tournament at Central Tech in the first week of June. Mr. Engel will be looking for 14 grade 9s to participate in this event. There is also a TCDSB skills camp being organized by the coaches at Father Henry Carr on June 2. Mr. Engel will be guest coaching there and campers will learn from coaches across our league and can receive prizes at each position.

The alumni are already planning events around our home games and see this as a great way to build on an already fantastic alumni mentorship program with our students. We are very excited about this new chapter in Brebeuf's storied history and look forward to seeing you at a game next fall!

SPORTS UPDATE

By Mr. Brad Chin You, Athletic Director

Brebeuf's Senior Hockey team finally won its first TDCAA Senior Hockey Championship in school history, beating Neil McNeil 4-2 in a close final. The Bulls finished their season undefeated, and went on to challenge the 15 top high school hockey teams from across the province in St. Catharines for the OFSAA Championships from March 20-23.

At the OFSAA Championships, Brebeuf turned heads with their skill and determination - beating #10 ranked St. Mary's College from Sault Ste. Marie 3-1; losing their first game of the year to #3 ranked Holy Trinity (eventual Bronze medalists) from Oakville 5-4; and battling to a 1-1 tie in a critical game against #5 ranked St. Theresa of Lisieux (2017 Silver medalists), which pushed the team into the Elite 8 at OFSAA. Unfortunately, the Bulls lost the quarter final game to the host team, Dennis Morris Reds, 3-1. One step away from the Final 4 is an incredible accomplishment to add to the team's unbeaten regular season and Senior TDCAA championship. Congratulations to all the boys and coaches **Chin You, Solariski, Vittorio, and R. Sabatini** on a fantastic season!

Congratulations to **Armando Pires-Morales** for representing Brebeuf at the OFSAA Swimming Championships in Windsor! He finished 5th in Ontario in the 100 m freestyle and 6th in the 50 m freestyle - a great way to finish his high school swimming career. Special thanks to Coaches **Ms. Shannon** and **Mrs. McTernan** on a great season.



Congrats also goes out to **Mr. Marinic's** Varsity Badminton team placed second overall in the TDCAA Championships! The mixed-doubles team of **Ethan (Yisheng) Luo** and **Alyssa Wong** from Morrow Park

won a silver medal and will be going to OFSAA in the first week of May in Windsor.

The Junior Table Tennis team also took home the TDCAA Championship! The boys won a silver medal in singles and silver and bronze in doubles. Special congrats to coaches **Chung** and **Savelli** for winning a banner in their first year coaching the team!



Jr Volleyball is off to a solid start, beating St. Pat's in their home opener last week. The team has been working hard with coaches **Douglas** and **Prendi** in preparation for another great season.

Next up in the spring, we have Baseball, Sr. Soccer, Track and Field, and Rugby getting ready to compete.....stay tuned!

ALUMNI

INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY

When the school asked the Alumni for \$2500 to help assist the Senior Hockey team to assist in attending the OFSAA Finals in St Catharines, it wasn't sure how the response would be. Alumni are often asked for funds and are always generous. Within ten minutes of being emailed, the \$2500 goal was reached! Within a few days, an outstanding **\$8300** was raised! Our Alumni remain devoted to their alma mater and Men for Others! Thanks to all donors.

PUB NIGHT

All are welcome to the annual Alumni Pub Night at the school on May 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. See www.brebeufalumni.org for more details.