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BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025



WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICE-PRINCIPAL

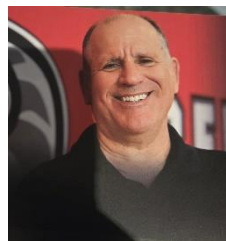


Brebeuf College School welcomes **Mr. Andrew Muia** as our new Vice-Principal; we hope he will be very happy here as he helps to lead our community! He was previously Vice-Principal at St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School and Loretto Abbey. Below are his reflections after his first few months at our school.

"It is an honour to join the Brebeuf College community as your new Vice-Principal. From my very first day, I was struck by the sense of collaboration that defines this school. Brebeuf is a place where faith is lived daily through prayer, service, and the way people care for one another. The professionalism, dedication and compassion of our staff, along with the pride and spirit of our students, make this an inspiring environment to be a part of.

What stands out most is how deeply the four pillars, Faith, Fellowship, Excellence and Tradition are embodied in every corner of the school. These values are not just words on a wall; they are reflected in how our community learns, leads and supports one another. I am excited to build on this strong foundation and to work together to help every student grow in their mind, heart and spirit."

STAFF RETIREMENTS & DEPARTURES



Mr. Rob Sedran retired after many years of dedicated service to Brebeuf. As a teacher of both Computer Science and Physical Education, Mr. Sedran has been a dynamic presence in our school. His impact will be felt for years to come as he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and humour.



Ms. Elda Pacitti, a valued Educational Assistant in our Special Education Department, also retired. In her time at Brebeuf, Ms. Pacitti has brought warmth, compassion, and unwavering support to our students in the ISP programme. Her gentle spirit and commitment to student well-being have touched many lives, and she will be deeply missed.



Mr. Eamonn Jenkins, has taught English and religion at Brebeuf since 2004 and is now retired. His faith, friendly demeanour, and commitment to student welfare will be greatly missed.



We also extend our congratulations to **Ms. Jennifer Cicero**, our English Department Head, who has been promoted to Vice-Principal and will be joining the Father Henry Carr community. Ms. Cicero's leadership, commitment to academic excellence has made a lasting mark on Brebeuf. We know she will continue to inspire in her new role.



Finally, we say farewell to **Mr. Andrew Peacock**, our Vice-Principal, who has been appointed Principal of St. Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School. Mr. Peacock's guidance, wisdom, and care for the Brebeuf community have been instrumental in fostering a culture of respect, faith, and excellence. We are proud to see him take this next step in leadership.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the “My School Day” app for more information and updates to scheduled events.

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 Seventeenth Century.

Its aim is to share much of our school’s good news.

Michael Da Costa '92, Editor

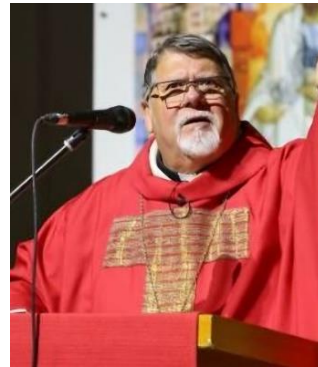
JESUIT CONNECTIONS

A.M.D.G.

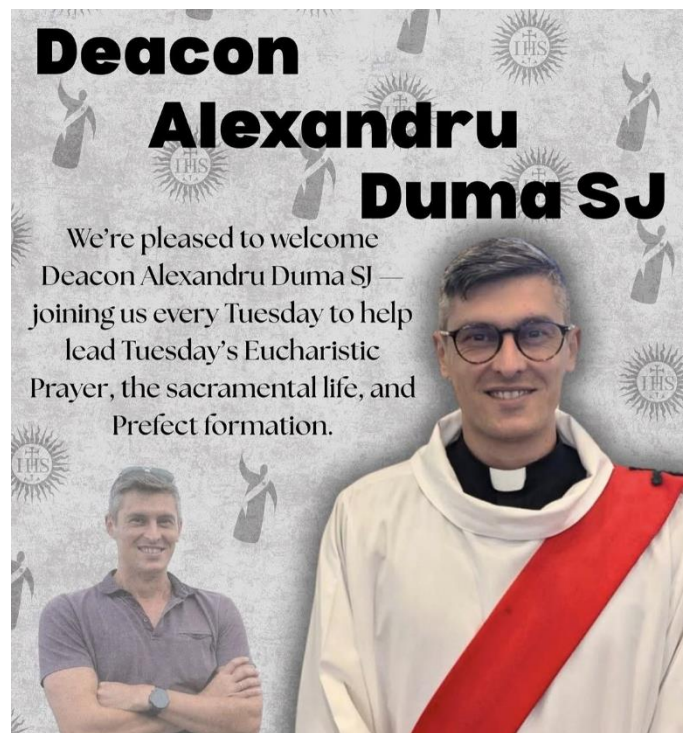
The motto of both the Jesuits and Presentation Brothers is “*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*”, which translated means “For the Greater Glory of God”. The familiar abbreviated of A.M.D.G. is starting to pop up all over the school from classroom materials to whiteboards. Students are encouraged to write it on all schoolwork as a constant reminder of doing more for God in the spirit of our founding religious orders.



FATHER MIKE



Father Michel Boutilier, S.J. was a full-time Chaplain last year and has been assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish downtown. He still comes in once a week for Mass and sacraments and helps us to maintain our Jesuit connection.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

On Monday, October 6, Juan Poveda from Canadian Jesuits International joined us for an engaging presentation on Social Justice.

Students interested in a Social Justice trip to Ottawa November 16-18 should see Mr. Breglia in Room 208. The theme is “Women at the Heart of Justice”.

DAILY MASS



Father Andrew Taylor '11 celebrated Mass on Friday, October 24 in our Chapel.

Mass is held daily at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome to attend and start their day with prayer, fellowship, and communion.

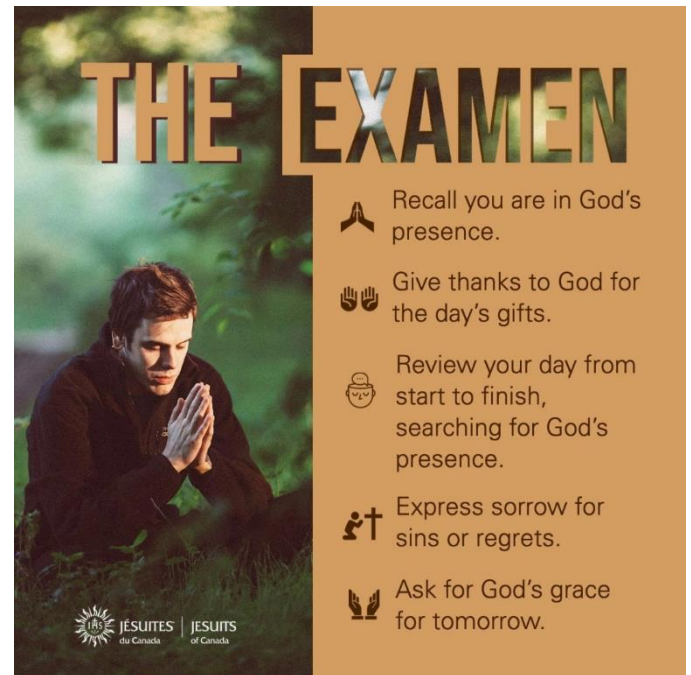
WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE



Brebeuf students and staff joined 1400 people from across Ontario for the annual When Faith Meets Pedagogy Youth Leadership Conference at the Delta Marriott Hotel in Etobicoke. The theme was "Stewards of Hope" and included many inspirational guest speakers, including the keynote address by Danielle Campo McLeod, a former Paralympian. The event was organized in part by Greg Rogers '72.

THE EXAMEN

The Examen is a special prayer created by St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits. The Brebeuf community prays it together every Monday and it is an important part of the faith life of our Jesuit-inspired community.



MIDLAND

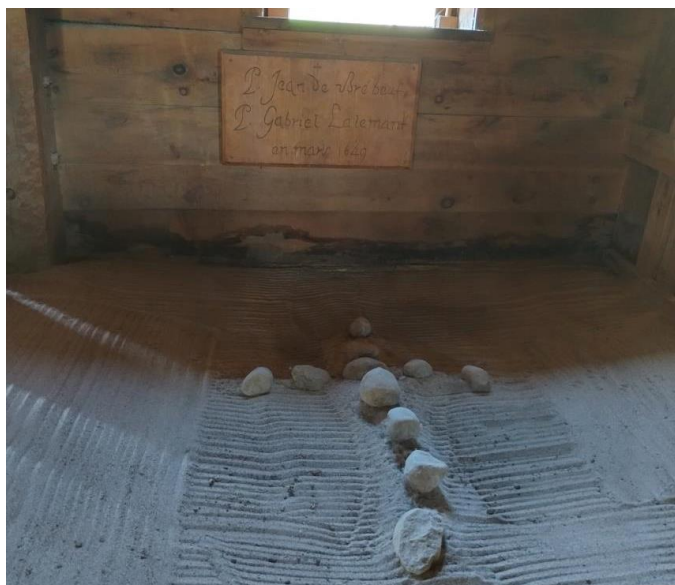


Students at Ste.-Marie-among-the-Hurons

Our Grade 10 Religion students recently went back to our roots and visited Midland, Ontario. They had a chance to learn more about St. Jean de Brebeuf and the Jesuit mission to the Wendat peoples and Indigenous culture. The visit included the reconstructed Jesuit village of Ste. Marie and the Martyrs' Shrine.

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

PRESENTATION BROTHERS' SCHOOLS IN GHANA

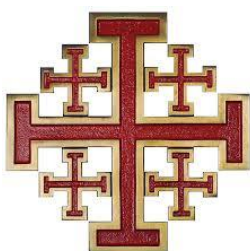


The original site of St. Jean de Brebeuf's grave.

KAIROS 20



A powerful Jesuit tradition at Brebeuf College is the Kairos Retreat programme. Led by past student retreatants, it offers Grade 11 students the chance to appreciate their relationships with God, family, and each other. Students participated in our 20th Kairos retreat at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre in Pickering from October 8-10. Special thanks to our staff chaplains, Mr. Gregoris and Mr. Guy, and all the staff, including Mr. Rebello, for their commitment to running these retreats. AMDG!



With the support of its Alumni Association, Brebeuf College School is helping the Presentation Brothers to raise \$75,000 to build a new elementary school in Navrongo, Ghana in West Africa. So far, over \$9000 has been raised. The new school will be named after our patron, St. Jean de Brebeuf.

Quality education is key to lifting students out of poverty and giving hope for their futures, and the Brothers have been providing this to the people of northern Ghana since 1968.

Collections for change will happen in homerooms on the First Friday of each month. Students can also donate via bank/credit card on a point-of-sale machine.

We are so grateful to our students, staff, parents, and alumni whose generosity will make this possible. We acknowledge and thank all past donors as part of regular contributions to the Brother Lawrence Maher Fund for Africa.

See www.brebeufalumni.org and the Ghana tab for more information on more ways to donate.

TERRY FOX RUN



On September 29, the Brebeuf student body and staff participated in a run or walk for the Terry Fox Foundation. **\$5100** was raised to support cancer research. This is an amazing achievement and \$500 over our goal! The theme of the day was "Let's FINISH IT!"

Mr. D'Angelo's Gr. 11 Leadership class ran many lunchtime activities that raised funds and gave students and staff a chance

to have fun. These included: tug of war, cotton candy, table tennis, "barbershop", and teacher v student dodgeball. The student council also hosted a BBQ following the run. It's not too late to donate at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/111286>

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



On September 30, Brebeuf students and staff marked the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, also known as "Orange Shirt Day". This day honours the voices of Residential School survivors, those who did not survive, and their descendants.

SCHOOL NEWS

CO-CURRICULARS

Brebeuf College School believes in the development of the whole person and offers a wide variety of spiritual, academic, athletic and social co-curricular activities. From debating to hockey, from games and hobbies to intramural sports, there is something for everyone. See www.brebeufcollege.com for a full list of co-curriculars and the names of the staff moderators (or email michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org).

S.T.E.M. DAYS



Brebeuf College proudly hosted STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Days, exciting events facilitated by our STEM and Brebotics (Brebeuf Robotics) teams, showcasing the creativity and leadership of our **IT AP STEM** student leaders. Over 300 visiting students from St. Agnes, St. Antoine Daniel, St. Paschal Baylon, and St. Cyril participated in a full day of innovation and hands-on learning on October 2 and October 9.

Students explored science through interactive innovation activities, coded microbits, and competed in robotics challenges using Brebeuf's robotics technology. They also experienced our

SHSM ICT program, creating DJ mixes with music technology and even driving large robots.

The day highlighted Brebeuf's commitment to innovation, collaboration, and future-focused learning, inspiring the next generation of problem solvers and creators.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPUTER SCIENCE



We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of last year's Grade 11 students who completed the Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A exam. Demonstrating advanced knowledge and skill in Java programming, the class achieved exceptional results.

The group earned an impressive 86% pass rate, with 25 out of 29 students achieving a qualifying score. Notably, 14 students reached the highest performance levels:

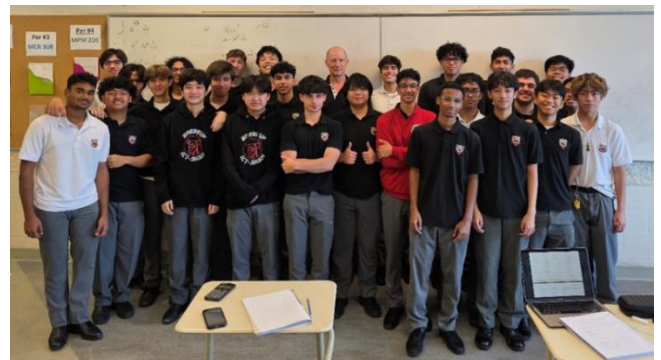
- 6 students earned a Level 5
- 8 students earned a Level 4

In addition, two students also wrote and passed the AP Computer Science Principles exam, earning

two AP credits in Computer Science while still in Grade 11. These same students further distinguished themselves by successfully obtaining their AP Calculus credit—a remarkable academic accomplishment.

Earning multiple AP credits in Grade 11 gives these students a strong advantage as they apply to post-secondary programs this fall, highlighting their dedication, advanced skills, and academic excellence.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS



In May 2025, Mr. Ryan's Grade 11 Mathematics class at Brebeuf College wrote the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus exam. This rigorous, first-year university-level exam is typically taken by graduating Grade 12 students preparing for admission into competitive university programmes.

Of the 28 students who wrote the exam, the results were outstanding:

- 10 students achieved a score of 5 (First Class Standing)
- 9 students achieved a score of 4 (Second Class Standing)
- 9 students scored between 1 and 3

This is a remarkable accomplishment for a Grade 11 class. Mr. Ryan expressed his pride in his students' dedication and hard work. Looking ahead, they will continue into Grade 12, where they will study second-year university calculus and differential equations.

NUTRITION PROGRAMME



Thanks to The Angel Foundation, Brebeuf offers a daily nutritious breakfast and snacks to all students. Thanks to Ms. Greco for coordinating this initiative.

N.T.S. FESTIVAL

Brebeuf will be hosting the National Theatre School Festival (formerly the Sears Festival) on Thursday, March 5, 2026. A team of creative Drama students are writing and collaborating on their own original murder-mystery!



CLUBS FAIR

Over 20 clubs, teams, departments, and houses were present for this year's Clubs Fair, giving students an opportunity to learn more about our co-curricular offerings. Students were able to ask questions and sign up for activities of interest.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2025-2026



President - **Niccolo Di Maria**
Vice President - **Elijah Go**
Secretary - **Mark Lopez & Kevork DerMardirossian**
Social Justice & Equity Rep - **Andrew Coletta**
CSLIT Rep - **Chris Williams**
Social Media Reps - **Jeremiah Paculan-Crisostomo, Luke Anquilliano, & Alrey Lim**
Grade 12 Rep - **Lance Colinares**
Grade 11 Rep - **Gabriel Aprile**
Grade 10 Rep - **Adrian Engracia**
Grade 9 Rep - **Isaac Sadikian**
Moderators – **Ms. Zeppieri, Mr. Joachim, Ms. Walsh**

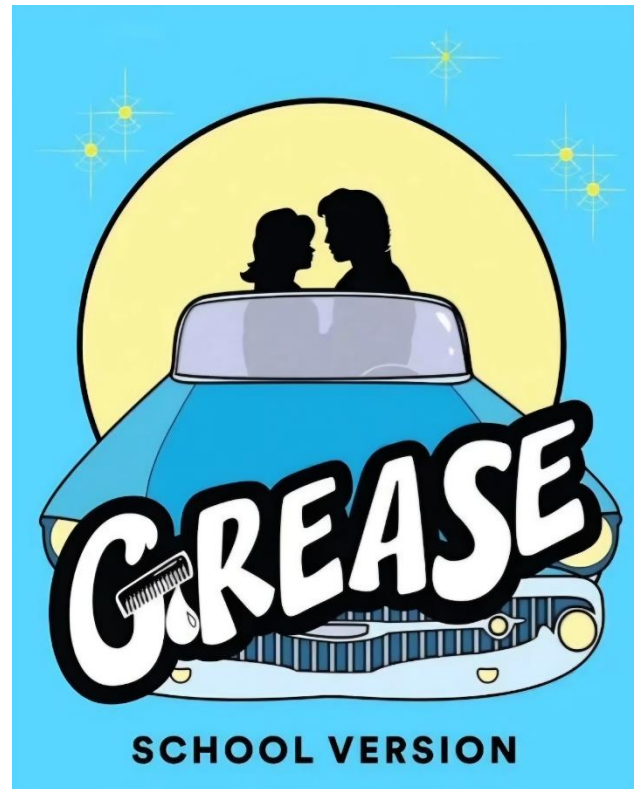
CAMP ROBIN HOOD



Our Grade 9 students attended Camp Robin Hood on Monday, September 22 for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! This annual

student-led event, run by the Prefects, had everything from archery to rock climbing. Congratulations to Garnier House for winning the most points over the course of the day. Special thanks to Ms. Walsh and Mr. Chin You and all staff who made the day possible.

THEATRE BREBEUF



GREASE is the Word!

Following the success of our sold-out run of Disney's *Descendants* last year, the Arts Department is joining with SJMP again this year to put on another mainstage musical! "Grease is the word!" Performances will be Thursday, April 16, 2026, Friday, April 17, 2026, at 7pm, and Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1pm. Mark you calendars! Tickets will be on sale in February.

PREFECTS

Prefects are senior students who mentor younger ones and provide leadership through running House events among many other duties! They can be identified by their red sweaters.

Archer, Brandon
Arellano Diaz, Abraham
Armini, Dante
Bagga, Ronak
Bivol, Justin
Chen, Tenney
Cheong, Ian
Corcoran, Rhys
Davila, Matias
De Guzman, Denver
DerMardirossian, Kevork
Durante, Jonah
Forsu, Isaiah
Gagalac, Sean
Khalil, Adam
Khan, Sajid
Kwasniewski, Andrew
Laranang, Aaron Kyle
Lawal, Craig
Lozano Duque, Alejandro
Mayor, Angelo
Milner, Eric
Osumah, Emmanuel
Post, Matthew
Praljak, Kristian
Radoc, Nigel
Samathanam, Ronaldo
Shetty, Nirek
Varela, Alejandro
Walker, Michael
Williams, Chris

POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATION

On September 18, the guidance team held a post-secondary presentation for all Grade 12 students. This helped them to understand the process and requirements to apply to post-secondary schools. Students are encouraged to complete their research on post-secondary options and start the applications early. They can reach out to their counsellors for any additional questions.

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ALUMNI

FROM THE ARCHIVES...



Brebeuf College School c. 1998

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Information and Alumni newsletters can be found at www.brebeufalumni.org

Nick Galatianos '00



Nick, an alumnus and former Brebeuf teacher and coach, was recently promoted to Superintendent of Education for the York Catholic District School

Board.

Josiah Morra '15



Josiah is a member of Canada's national men's rugby team! He started playing rugby at Brebeuf and has had incredible on-field success as a winger.

Viktor Sarudi '00



Viktor is a Media Relations Officer for the Toronto Police Service. You will often see him on the news speaking to reporters.

Rev. Mr. Victor Valdes '09



Victor was recently ordained a Transitional Deacon at St. Michael's Cathedral by Francis Cardinal Leo. He is a shining example of a man of faith and "Man for Others".

Vince Gasparro '97



In the most recent federal election, Vince was elected as the Member of Parliament for the riding of Eglinton-Lawrence. He is also the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State (Combatting

Crime). Coincidentally, his opponent in the election was a graduate of our sister school, SJMP!

Imamu Tomlinson '92



Imamu is a medical doctor, MBA graduate, and CEO of Vituity Medical Corporation in California. He is also an author, and his most recent book is called *Less than One Percent: How*

Disruptors Defy the Odds.

GRADUATION AWARDS 2025



Governor-General of Canada Medal (Highest Average in Grades 11 and 12)

Neil Simmons
Jacob Comia

Lieutenant Governor's Medal

Gavin Giron

Brother Lawrence Maher, F.P.M. Award

Hrag Kazanjian

Catholic Student Award

Angelo Di Maria
Noah Viray

Christopher Stanfield Award for Leadership

Angelo Di Maria

Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. Award

Neil Simmons

Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Scholarship

Lucas Mark

Grad at Grad Award

Binyam Bezawork

Michael Thompson '69 Award

Matteo Sabatini

Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award

Angelo Di Maria

Renz Felipe

Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Most Improved Student

Daniel Ko

Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Sports Leadership

Angelo Di Maria

Salutatorian

Gavin Giron

St. Charles Garnier Award

Binyam Bezawork

Theatre Brebeuf Award

Lindo Junior Brown
Maxi O.

Valedictorian

John Dungog

TSU Award

Joel Yohans

STEM Award

Neil Simmons

E.J Barry Renaissance Award

Kurt Raboy

Life Skills Achievement Scholarship

Dylan M.
Maxi O.
Josh L.
Reichman D.

Lou Puccini Scholarship

Ayaninch Jonathan & Lewis Jake Galvez

Man for Others Award

Simon Pires

O'Neil Gazeley Scholarship

Hrag Kazanjian

Smith and Long Health and Wellness SHSM Award

Victor Coste

Smith and Long Business SHSM Award

Elie Alassaf

Smith and Long Arts and Culture SHSM Award

Maximiliano Villegas

OYAP Learn to Work Bursary

Eamon Donnelly
Elie Alassaf
Kyle Duldulao

OYAP Skilled Trades Bursary

Joshua Ghobrial
Jhayden Pagatpat
Mackenzie Perez
Karl Pascua

**Catholic Women's League Scholarship
Accelerated OYAP**

Karl Pascua
Mackenzie Perez

Gerry Tanner Award

Angelo Di Maria
Joel Yohans

Janath and Chapay Award

Binyam Bezawork

Martin Foy '82 Scholarship

Lucas Mark

Marcus McInerney Scholarship

Noah Viray
Noah Karagossian

Peter Knopf '81 Memorial Scholarship

Lucas Mark
Nicolas Gonazalez Padilla

ATHLETICS



By Brad Chin You '98 (Athletic Director)

Brebeuf sports are back for the 2025 season! Thanks to all our dedicated Community and Teacher Coaches for their commitment and leadership with our student-athletes.

After an historic Championship season last year, Brebeuf **Football** continued to be strong this year, going 4-1 in the regular season. Unfortunately, the season came to a sudden end in the semifinal - losing the game with less than two minutes remaining.

Thank you to our coaches: Teachers - Mr. Bayley, Mr. Vittorio, Mr. Sbergio and Mr. Chin You; Community Coaches, Tim Hughes, Carlo Onorati, and Kyle Wilson; and Alumnus - Reigh Arcayos. Since the last week of August, all the players, managers, and coaches, practised daily to give all they had to Brebeuf - and they did not disappoint.



Brebeuf's Junior **Soccer** team had a dominating 5-1-2 record in the regular season and have advanced to the TDCAA semifinals. Led by Mr. D'Angelo and Mr. Marinic, the team also went undefeated at the James Cardinal McGuigan tournament, taking home Gold!



The Senior **Volleyball** team ended a solid season in Tier 1. The highlight of the year was when the team captured the Silver Championship at the Mary Ward Invitational. Thanks to Mr. Fanous and Mr. Chin You for all their time and efforts with the team.



Mr. Breglia and Mr. Giacalone have been running the Cross Country with great success. The team finished 4th in the Boardwalk Relays at Ashbridge's Bay and are sending two Grade 9 runners to OFSAA! Congrats and good luck!



MONTREAL TRIP



We are excited to announce an educational excursion to Montreal! The trip offers a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in French culture, practise their language skills in an authentic environment, and engage with the rich musical heritage of Montreal.

Dates: **Wednesday April 29, 2026 - Saturday May 2, 2026 (4 days, 3 nights)**

Eligibility: **All students in Grades 10-12 (students currently enrolled in French and/or Music classes will be given priority)**

Supervisors: **Mr. Nerona (glen.nerona@tcdsb.org) and Mrs. Spina-Femia (claudia.spina-femia@tcdsb.org)**

Cost: **\$970** (Includes everything except lunches. There will be fundraising initiatives throughout the year to lower the cost)

Due date to apply: **ASAP**

If interested, kindly pick up an information package from room 210.



MISSION STATEMENT

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL is a community of faith following in the traditions of the Jesuit Fathers and the Presentation Brothers. Brebeuf integrates Christian principles and Catholic values with all living and learning experiences in an environment recognizing the spiritual dignity of each individual as a child of God.

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL is a family of students, teachers, staff, parents, and alumni working together to encourage excellence, integrity, responsibility, initiative, and respect for one another in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the larger community of parish, municipality, and country.

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL stands for an education that develops soundness in mind, body, and soul centred on academic and moral discipline. Brebeuf encourages the spirit to soar and the imagination to inquire. Brebeuf nurtures the sense of wonder in each boy's unique development. Brebeuf rewards hard work and eager application. Brebeuf expects all members of its family to realize the fullness of the potential given by God.

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL believes that the way, the truth, and the life, informed by the teachings of Jesus, lead one to success, to happiness, and to service as Men and Women for Others. Brebeuf's hallmarks are Faith, Excellence, Fellowship and Tradition.