



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Family,

Welcome back to what I know will be an amazing school year! I hope that each of you has had a great summer filled with fun and relaxation and will soon be ready to return to another exciting year. As we return to school, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage students to get involved in the many extracurricular and co-curricular activities offered at CBA.

Our many clubs and activities allow students to take their learning beyond the classroom and to nurture passions outside the realm of the academic curriculum. From competitive activities such as our science, math and academic teams, to spiritual activities such as our worship ministries, to cultural activities such as our world language and culture clubs, CBA's extracurricular activities provide a unique opportunity to nourish the whole person--mind, body and spirit.

CBA currently offers a myriad of unique clubs and activities that range across a wide range of academic fields and interest areas. Students will be able to provide service to CBA and the wider community through organizations such as SADD and LaSallian Youth. We offer numerous opportunities to participate in competitive activities such the Chess Team, Model United Nations and Mock Trial. CBA also offers a full range of performing arts activities including theater, the pipes and drums, and the music program. Truly, CBA's extracurricular activities provide a chance for students to achieve excellence as evidenced by our national championship chess team and our award winning music program.

All in all, I encourage each and every one of you to be adventurous and to take a step outside of your comfort zone. Our wide range of activities will allow you to expand your interests and develop lifelong hobbies and passions which will expand your horizons. Further, if you have an interest or hobby which is not currently covered by one of our many clubs; you are encouraged to start a new one!

Please immerse yourself in the day to day life of the CBA community where we are more than just students and teachers but a community that grows and develops each and every day. Join the Colt Crazies and be part of a long tradition of support and brotherhood which is an integral part of our athletic success. Indeed, the strength and positivity of our fans is a strong component of what makes CBA great.

However you choose to become involved, I ask that each of you remain committed to your chosen activities. Participation in the life of our community outside of the classroom helps to foster leadership skills and the confidence necessary for success in the modern world. More importantly, these out of classroom experiences develop lifelong bonds that are the true hallmark of the academy experience—bonds which will last long beyond your four short years at academy.

Finally, to our dedicated parents, I ask that you encourage your sons to become as fully involved in student life as possible. Parental support of student involvement is a vital part of our success; a success which allows for a richer learning and developmental experience for all members of our community. If you have any interests or passions that you would like to share with our community, I would love to hear from you. It is wonderful when parents can share their career experiences or other interests with our students.

I thank you all for your continued dedication and support and I look forward to another amazing year at the Academy!

Sincerely,

Maureen Szablewski
Dean of Campus Life