



## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Family,

Welcome back to what I know will be an amazing senior 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. I look forward to working with the members of the class of 2018 to ensure a successful and exciting senior year as the students begin to plan the next phase of their academic careers. As part of the planning please note that the senior Parent Guidance Night is on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Parents should mark their calendars for this very important event in which essential information about the college planning process will be shared.

Also note that the senior retreat is an overnight retreat experience at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. Spiritual development through the retreat program is an integral part of your son's CBA education and attendance is, therefore, mandatory. Students will be transported by bus to and from the retreat house (returning to school--and eligible for after school activities --before 2:30pm on the second day). Further details will be distributed at orientation. Having been privileged to share one of last year's retreats, I can tell you that this is a rewarding experience.

As we return to school, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage seniors to continue to be 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.

I hope that each and every one of you will be adventurous and to take a step outside of your comfort zone this year. Please continue to 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. As seniors, I hope that you will encourage younger students to join your club or activity. 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 the 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 an interest that you would like to share with the student body or you are able to volunteer your time to help with a club or activity, I would love to hear from you!

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