



# February 2018 CBA NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal: R. Ross Fales

Next year we are planning on working with the Hakodate LaSalle School in Japan to host 90 of their students for one week in early December 2018. This would be a great opportunity for our students to meet students from another LaSallian school and share experiences. These Japanese students would be placed with CBA host families and would shadow the CBA student throughout the week. This is still in the very early planning stages but to move forward we need approximately 45 CBA families willing to host these young men. If you haven't already submitted your name to Mrs. Szablewski and would like to volunteer please email her.

As we approach the beginning of Lent please encourage your sons to donate to our **Lenten Mission Drive**. The annual mission drive raises funds to support our twin school in Eritrea.

**Sophomore retreats** begin on February 21 and continue through February 27. Retreats are an integral element of each student's spiritual development and moral formation as an Academy Man.

We have two **service immersion opportunities** on the horizon that we encourage parents to consider for their sons. Immersion trips can be truly transformational experiences and really serve to supplement our regular service program. There will be another trip to the De La Salle Blackfeet reservation, in Montana, from April 28 to May 5. This would be a good opportunity for younger kids; seniors and students taking AP courses would not be able to attend. The other opportunity is a trip to the LaSalle Educational Center in Homestead Florida, to work with the children of poor day laborers. This trip would run after school gets out in June from June 10-16. Again, these immersion trips offer students the opportunity to truly live the Lasallian mission.

Lastly, just a friendly reminder to please not use the Fleming Hall Parking lot for daily drop-offs or pick-ups.

Many Thanks & God Bless!

Thank you,



**R. Ross Fales, Principal**

# Mothers' Club President's Message

By: Lisa Murray  
Mothers' Club President



Where did the month of January go? I am sure many of you can sympathize with me. As always, time seems to be flying by, and we have all been so busy!

I would like to thank all of the parents who came out to celebrate our **Christmas Liturgy and Reception** on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mothers' Club was very proud to be able to present Br. Frank with two checks from the proceeds of our Fall Fundraising efforts. The 1<sup>st</sup> check was in the amount of \$65,000, which represents the profits from the Fall Luncheon. The 2<sup>nd</sup> check in the amount of \$1,000 was from the proceeds from The Colt Consignment Shop. Thank you to all of our generous families who supported these efforts. Your time, talent and generous service to our school is truly appreciated!

On Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 300 guests gathered at Battleground Country Club to try their luck at the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue and White Casino Night**. The entire Clubhouse was beautifully decorated in true Casino style. Thank you to the entire Casino Night Committee and to our two wonderful Co-Chairs, Trish Hansen and Judy Ottignon. Upon arrival, guests were greeted with a champagne toast, a chance to spin the Money Wheel and a live performance by CBA's very own Elvis, Skip Robinson '10. After an evening of cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and gambling, guests bid on our fantastic Silent Auction items, took a chance on our wonderful Wine Wall, 50/50 raffle and our beautiful gift raffle. Over \$55,000 was raised at the end of the evening and everyone went home a winner, as all of our sons will benefit from the funds raised that night. I would like to again sincerely thank our two wonderful Co-Chairs, Trish and Judy, and the entire Committee and to Br. Frank, who was always there to guide us and offer support and advice.

A few noteworthy Events that are coming up soon:

**The Mothers' Club Tuition Raffle**: raffle tickets were mailed out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. Please be sure to mail them in ASAP.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is One Full Year Tuition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is One Half Year Tuition

Drawing will be held at the Father Son Communion Breakfast, Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at School. Winner need not be present. Contact Kim Askin ([kjma@optonline.net](mailto:kjma@optonline.net)), should you have any questions or need extra raffle tickets. Remember "You Gotta Be in it To Win It!"

**Donate to Colt Consignment**

Benilde Hall, 2nd Floor | Open Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Winter Sale continues and the Colt Consignment is always accepting donations of shirts, pants, ties, blue blazers, and belts – dry cleaned on hangers. Items may be dropped off in the blue bin on the front porch of Benilde Hall or dropped off at our Monthly Mothers' Club Meetings.

**The Alumni Mothers' 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft Show** will be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Over 100 Juried crafters are expected to display their beautiful array of wonderfully unique items. Stop by to shop and to catch up with old friends, make some new ones and have lunch at our Artist Palette Café. Crafters from the Tri State area and as far away as Maryland are expected. Contact Kathy Plath ([griff652@aol.com](mailto:griff652@aol.com)), should you have any questions.

**The Mothers' Club Retreat** will be held on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the San Alphonso Retreat House in Long Branch. We are excited to have Colleen Kelly-Rayner as our Guest Speaker. Come and listen as Colleen shares her quick wit and high energy with "Juggling Life On One

Cup Of Coffee". Contact Lynn Retterer ([sm\\_dogge@yahoo.com](mailto:sm_dogge@yahoo.com)) with any questions – Registration form included in this Newsletter.

"Save the Date" the **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother Son Dinner** (affectionately called the Mom Prom) will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Addison Park. Invitations will be mailed out in early March. Be sure to get your reservations in right away! This is a special evening that you do not want to miss! Contact Liz Aguilar ([elizabethaguilar@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethaguilar@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Mothers that attend our Monthly meetings and all of the fun events that we host on behalf of CBA. If you have been unable to attend our previous meetings, I encourage and personally invite you to stop by and see what we are all about. Our upcoming Meetings in Alumni Hall will be: Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm; Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm and; Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm. Light refreshments such as salad, pizza, cookies and drinks will be served. The meetings generally last an hour. It's such a great way to get involved, make some new friends and have a few laughs too. Br. Frank is always in attendance so it's nice to meet and socialize with him and the other Moms!

Please feel free to contact me ([lisa\\_murray0605@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_murray0605@yahoo.com)), should you have any questions.

Visit our website ([www.cbamothersclub.org](http://www.cbamothersclub.org)) and follow us on Facebook at CBAMothers'Club@CBAMomsClub.

Lisa Murray  
Mothers' Club President

# Fathers' Club

By: Jack D'Agostaro  
CBA Fathers Club President

It has been a busy few winter months for the Father's Club and we are looking forward to our upcoming spring events.

Our **CBA Blue Coats Dads** have been active in support of our Varsity Basketball program. Our Dads help CBA create a professional and friendly environment for our fans and visitors at our CBA home games. It has been an exciting season and we look forward to a successful playoff run.

On Monday, December 11 we joined with the Mothers' Club to host our annual **Christmas Liturgy**. Mass was held in the Henderson Theatre, immediately followed by a Christmas Cocktail reception in the cafeteria. It was a wonderful night enjoyed by many of our CBA parents.

On Sunday, March 11 we will host our **59<sup>th</sup> Annual CBA Father / Son Communion Breakfast**. Last year we had almost 900 attendees and we expect that we will sell out the event again this year. This year's speaker is ex-NY Jet, Joe Klecko. Joe is a member of the Catholic Athletes for Christ and is known for his uplifting message on manhood and the role his Catholic faith has played in his life.

We are planning a **Father / Son trip** to watch the NY Knicks play the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia on March 28. We are also working on preparations for the annual **Father / Son Golf Outing** on June 11. We are looking for support from our Dad's to help make these events a success.

Our next **Father's Club meeting** is Tuesday, **March 13** at 7:00 PM in Alumni Hall. Our meetings are casual with a hot meal and beverages provided and are a great opportunity for our Dads to relax and socialize after a hard day at work. Each year, our March meeting features traditional Corned beef and Cabbage in honor of St Patrick's Day. It goes without saying that our March meeting is always one of our most well attended.

Please visit the Father's Club section of the CBA website to see the schedule for all our meeting and upcoming events.

You can also visit CBA Father's Club our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CBA-Father's-Club-193632397843633/>.

Regards,

Jack D'Agostaro  
CBA Father's Club President

# Guidance Services



## Seniors

Congratulations to all seniors who have received one or more college acceptances to date.

Now that college decisions are coming in, seniors need to **update the Naviance database**. Please do the following: Go to the "Colleges I'm Applying To" page in Naviance, click on any yellow pencil icon, and update the results for each school. Then you must bring copies of any decision letters to Mrs. Stahl in Guidance. Doing these steps now will help you complete a required May Graduation Survey in Naviance.

Also, seniors are reminded to bring in copies of any Merit Scholarship offers they have received so that we can include this information in the Graduation Program.

## Juniors:

Any Junior parent who has not met with Mrs. Hayes (ext. 107), Mr. Leonardo (ext. 109) or Mr. McCaig (ext. 210) is reminded to call for an appointment. **APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ONLY THROUGH APRIL 13, 2018.**

Career Exploration: [www.MyPlan.com](http://www.MyPlan.com) is an excellent source of information for 1110 listed careers. It includes descriptions and requirements, a salary calculator, a list of top ten matching industries for each career and other good information. In addition, juniors have used this site in guidance class to take career assessment tests that are matched against all the careers in the database. You might want to check out this very useful site.

## Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors:

Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association will be hosting an evening College Fair at Brookdale Community College Collins Arena on Thursday April 26, 2018. 200 colleges are scheduled to attend this fair.

## Summer Programs:

Deadlines will soon be approaching for many programs.

A list (with links) of summer programs is available on the Naviance home page. In addition, under the Colleges tab in Naviance is a link to Summer Enrichment Programs for high school students. We invite you to look at the opportunities available to high school students for summer study, enrichment, community service, and/or travel. Attendance at a summer program may help your son develop an interest in college and career planning, leadership and independent living skills, or simply enhance his growth as a student and individual. Applications and information are available through the web.

# SAT and ACT Preparation



## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!

The SAT Prep Classes dedicated to sophomores begins after classes end in June. Classes will be held at CBA during the evening, from 7PM to 9PM, during a two week span. While our early summer session is dedicated to introducing Sophomores (who just completed their Sophomore year of academics) to the SAT preparation process, the classes are open to Juniors and/or Seniors as well.

Applications are available from Mrs. Stahl in the Main Guidance Office. Questions and inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joseph Fili, Director of Prep-SAT. [jfili@cbalincroftnj.org](mailto:jfili@cbalincroftnj.org) 732-330-7482

### EVENING ONLY: 7PM to 9PM

Monday, June 11  
Wednesday, June 13  
Thursday, June 14  
Monday, June 18  
Wednesday, June 20

## ATTENTION JUNIORS!

CBA is once again hosting a workshop assisting Juniors in writing a great College Common Application essay. COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING FOR JUNIORS The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Gina Miele, of Montclair State U. Applications are available from Mrs. Stahl in the Guidance Department. Questions and inquiries may be directed to Mr. Joseph Fili, Director of Prep-SAT. [jfili@cbalincroftnj.org](mailto:jfili@cbalincroftnj.org) 732-330-7482

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# CBA MOTHERS' CLUB RETREAT

“Juggle Life On One Cup Of Coffee”

Thursday March 15, 2018

San Alphonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ

(732) 222-2731

**Featured Guest Speaker:** Colleen Kelly-Rayner

Join us for a fun day with Colleen. Colleen's approach to Retreats is to get participants to break out of their comfort zone and try to do things they normally wouldn't do. Her quick wit, high energy, real life experiences and knowledge of the faith create an experience you can't help but pay attention to! Colleen strives to create an experience that allows Jesus to touch the hearts of each person in the room through her words. Her Retreat for women helps them see how making Jesus the focus in their everyday life can help you juggle all the daily responsibilities. Come laugh and share!

*Schedule for the Day:*

9:00	Registration and Coffee / Danish
9:30	Session
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Sacrament of Reconciliation / Quiet Prayer Time / Gift Shop
2:00	Mass
3:00	Departure

**Limited Seating: Advance registration required.**

**Please make you check payable to “CBA Mothers' Club” and mail it to:**

Lynn Retterer  
148 Chestnut Street  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Phone: (732) 397-5561  
[sm\\_dogge@yahoo.com](mailto:sm_dogge@yahoo.com)

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**\$60 Donation includes Continental breakfast and lunch.**

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