



## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Class of 2020 and Family,

Welcome back to what I know will be an amazing junior 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 an exciting and challenging junior year. As you begin your junior year please note that the **Junior Parent Guidance Night is on Tuesday, October 23** at 6:30pm and the deadline for applying to the **LaSallian Global Citizenship** program is **September 14, 2018**. As you know, this year's offering is a study of Latin American History culminating with a trip to Peru in the spring.

Junior year is certainly a notable time here at Christian Brothers Academy as your sons are no longer viewed as boys, but are considered true men of the Academy. This is an accomplishment to be proud of and celebrated, since it marks a commitment to Christian Brothers Academy and changes your son's status into that of an upperclassman. He is now expected to be a leader and example to those classes behind him. As you may already be aware, we hold the Signum Fidei Junior Tie Ceremony to commemorate this rite of passage. Signum Fidei is the motto of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and means "sign of faith." This ceremony is a sign of faith from the administration and faculty that these young men, after making it to this crucial year, will continue and graduate from CBA in May of 2020 as "Academy Men."

As such, we would like to invite you to attend the **Signum Fidei Junior Tie Ceremony on Wednesday, September 26, 2018** at 1:00 PM in the Varsity Gym. At this simple ceremony juniors will receive their Class Tie. This tie, in Academy colors and designed uniquely for the Class of 2020, can be worn only by them from that day forward and will hopefully become a cherished keepsake. A luncheon reception will follow this event. There are no additional charges for the juniors, for the ties or the lunch and it is expected that they will all attend.

Parents/guardians who wish to attend this ceremony are most welcome. Those wishing to stay for the luncheon must reserve a space in advance. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per guest with a limit of two guests per student. For reservations by credit card please visit the following password protected site: [www.cbalincroftnj.org/tie](http://www.cbalincroftnj.org/tie) by September 19, 2018 or you may print and return the form with your check made out to Christian Brothers Academy. *No reservation will be accepted after September 19, 2018.*

As we kick off another school year 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 of 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 are able to provide service to CBA and the wider community through organizations such as SADD and LaSallian Youth. This year is the 300th anniversary of Saint John Baptist de La Salle's entry into eternal life and we are celebrating the impact of the mission he started. It is our hope that students will be inspired to participate in the range of opportunities being offered including several overnight service immersion trips.

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. Attend the various student performances throughout the year and marvel at the talents of your classmates. 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. 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!

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.

Another way for both parents and students to get involved is to act as a host family for students from Hakodate LaSalle High School which will be visiting from December 7-15, 2018. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students from two LaSallian schools to share experiences and learn from each other. We are hoping each host family will be able to accommodate two boys (but if not we can make it work with just one). The travel company requires that each guest student has his own bed but not his own room. The guests will spend the weekend with the CBA family participating in the normal activities with no special plans required. Each day the guest students will accompany the CBA students to school and shadow them throughout the school day and attend after school activities as well. We are planning a variety of events throughout the week that both CBA students and guest students can attend. On Wednesday the guest students will come to school but will attend a sightseeing day and need to be picked up by the host family at around 6pm. On Saturday morning the host family will drop the guest students back at CBA for their departure. If you have any questions or are able to act as a host family please contact me.

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

Sincerely,



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Dean of Campus Life