

May 2019 CBA NEWSLETTER

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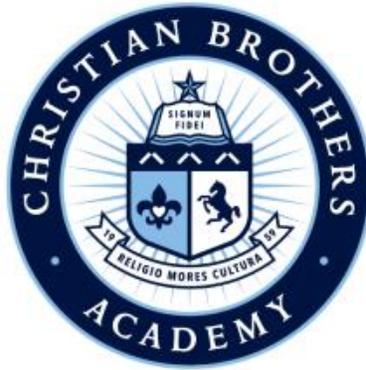
Treasurer: Lauren Gorski

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Calendar of Events

May 13	Year-end Reception 7:30 p.m. Alumni Hall
May 21	Freshmen Mothers Welcome 7pm Cafeteria
June 8	Annual CBA Family Picnic
June 10	Father / Son Golf outing



Message from the Principal: R. Ross Fales

I would like to congratulate our graduating seniors; the men of the class of 2019. It was a privilege to have them here over the last four years and I thank them for their contributions to the Academy.

Likewise, I want to thank all of our parents, first of all, for entrusting their sons to us, but also for joining the CBA community and collaborating with CBA on the coming of age journey their sons are traveling. It is together that we make these young men the best versions of themselves. Thank you again for your commitment and support.

After a successful first trip this past December, we will again be hosting Japanese students from our fellow Lasallian School in Japan; **Hakodate La Salle**. They will be visiting between Thanksgiving and Christmas of the next school year, December 5th - 14th, 2019.

Once again we are asking for **families to open their homes and host students** from the group. We understand this time of year is very busy, but their schedule is not that flexible and this is when they are able to come. It was an outstanding experience for all students this year, but even more so for those students whose families hosted.

If you are **interested in hosting**, usually two students for the week, please contact Mrs. Maureen Szablewski, Dean of Campus Life mszablewski@cbalincroftnj.org to let her know you are interested.

Please take note of the events on the school calendar; it is a very busy month as we are quickly approaching the end of the year.

Some things that are not on the calendar or changes are listed here:

- **Service trip to De La Salle Blackfeet School** in Montana - May 4 - 11.
- The **Scholars Colloquium** originally scheduled for Monday, May 20 has been moved to Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 PM in the theater.
- On Tuesday, May 21, the **junior class** will be bused to Monmouth Mall Movie Theater to see the film about **Father Hesburgh**.
 - Information about this was sent separately, but here is the link to learn more about the movie. <https://www.hesburghfilm.com/>
- **6th and 7th grade Information Night**: Tuesday, June 4, in the theater; tours at 6:15, presentation at 7:00 PM

Reminder of important dates already on the calendar

- **AP Exams:** May 6 - May 17
- **Rude Awakening program** for juniors and **STEM day** for freshmen and sophomores: Wednesday, May 15
- **Baccalaureate Mass:** Wednesday, May 22
- **Graduation:** Thursday, May 23
- Friday, May 24 and Monday May 27: **School holidays**
- **Grandparents Day** and **Ascension Thursday Mass**, Thursday, May 30
- **Freshmen field day:** Thursday, **May 30, after Mass**
- June 3: **Last day of regular classes**
- June 4 - 7: **Final Exams,**
- June 7: **Last day of school for 2018-19 year**

Thank you,



R. Ross Fales, Principal

Mothers' Club President's Message

By: Lisa Murray
Mothers' Club President



As the school year comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful Mothers' Club Executive Board, Beth Caruso, Lauren Gorski, Christine Dyer and Lynn Retterer for their unflinching support throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all the chairwomen for the 2018-19 school year. Without the dedication of these women and their committees, the Mothers' Club could not accomplish the service we do for CBA.

Thank you to all the women who helped throughout the year. Whether you chaired a committee, staged and wrapped gifts, sold tickets for a few hours, your help is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to Sherilyn Przelmoski, Colleen McGuire and Lisa Hansen, and the entire committee for their wonderful job with hospitality at our events and meetings this year.

Thank you also for the assistance we received from the ladies in Fleming Hall, Rita Reilly, Joan Foote, Janice Fannan, Lorri Mellish and Denise Guirk.

Thank you to our Principal Mr. Fales, Mr. Nunan, Mrs. Szablewski, Mr. Meehan, Mike Tomaino, Brendan McLoughlin, Pat McGann and Jason Lutz.

Thank you to the ladies in the front office, Maureen Werthmuller, Donna Toscano and Angela Caruso, and the entire faculty and staff at CBA.

Thank you to Bernie, Pete, Zack and staff. Finally, to Br. Frank Byrne, our moderator, your support, leadership, encouragement, patience, guidance and most importantly, your sense of humor has been appreciated more than you will ever know.

The **Mothers' Club Retreat** was held on March 21st, at the San Alphonso Retreat House led by Colleen Rayner-Kelly, "Hugged by Mary". It was a lovely, relaxing day of fun, laughs and spiritual reflection for over 75 current, alumni moms and their guests. Thank you to Lynn Retterer for coordinating this wonderful day of spiritual renewal.

The **Mother/Son Dinner** was held on April 11th, at Addison Park. It was a beautiful event and both moms and sons had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Chairpersons Liz Aguilar and Sherilyn Przelmoski, their entire committee and all the mothers and fathers (both current and alumni) and sons who contributed in so many ways with their time, efforts and donations to make the evening an overwhelming success. It was an especially sentimental evening for our senior mothers and sons.

Our **Year End Reception** will be held on Monday May 13th, at 7:30pm in Alumni Hall. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all of our moms, both current and alumni, to join us for this fun evening. We will celebrate the year that was, say our goodbyes to our current Executive Board, welcome our new Board members, and wish our senior moms a congratulations on their son's upcoming graduation. Please consider attending this celebratory evening! Kindly RSVP to me at

lisa_murray0605@yahoo.com , if you are able to attend so we can plan accordingly!

The **Freshmen Mothers Welcome** will be held on Tuesday May 21st, at 7pm in the cafeteria. We will be welcoming our incoming freshmen mothers with an evening of light fare and most of all to introduce ourselves! It seems like just yesterday that we were in their shoes! There will be representatives available from each of our committees for information, to answer questions and to let them know what we are all about. This is an evening for all incoming freshman mothers, as well as any mother who has transferred into CBA over the past year. Thanks to Angela Sorrentino, Jen Coniglio and Michele Montesana and Tara Langan for coordinating this evening.

To the students of the **CLASS OF 2019**, we wish you all the best as you graduate. May God bless you, protect you and direct your paths as you begin a new chapter in your lives. And to the moms (and dads) whose youngest sons are graduating, please keep in touch and join us for events whenever you are able. You are part of our CBA community forever!

We hope that you and your family will join us for the **Annual CBA Family Picnic** on Saturday June 8th from 12-4:00pm. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year, the beginning of the summer break and to just spend time with our CBA community. Please consider signing up to bake a dessert and/or help in the cafeteria the day of the picnic. An email will be sent out shortly for sign up.

Lastly, on a personal note, as senior mom of four CBA graduates, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your President these past two years. My time with all of you has been one of friendship, fun, laughter, and a few tears, especially with my senior moms! My goal was always to make you feel the love that I felt when I was a freshmen mom back in 2005, to form wonderful friendships, to be an ambassador for CBA, to have fun and to raise a lot of money to give back to CBA to benefit all of our sons! I hope that you know how much I truly appreciate all of your support, warmth, kind words of encouragement and devotion to not only myself but to the Mothers' Club. We are all truly blessed to be able to call CBA our home. So for now I will not say good bye, but rather, see you soon!

Enjoy a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer!

In love and friendship

Lisa Murray

Danny 2009, Ryan 2010, Patrick 2014 and Timmy 2019

Fathers' Club

By: Mark Anderko
CBA Fathers Club President

As we enter into the Month of May and begin the process of the school year coming to an end, I begin with the time honored celebration of the senior class being led from the Academy halls into the parking lot by the CBA Pipe Band to the applause, cheers and tears of family, friends and faculty. It is during these many moments that I am proud to be a part of the Christian Brothers Academy Experience.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 and their families may your memories and achievements at Christian Brothers Academy be the foundation to much success in your next adventure and wherever life's roads take you.

Our annual Father's Club year end Meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday – May 9th at 7:00 pm. This meeting will recognize our outgoing Board Members; Peter Cohen and Chris Bonin. We also introduced and welcomed our new and returning members to the Executive Board:

President: Mark Anderko, **Vice President:** Rich Settino, **Vice President:** Kevin Gibson, **Treasurer:** Dr. James Sullivan, **Recording Secretary:** Bill Coughlin, **Communications Director:** David Tierney, **Member At Large:** Gary Krall, **Member At Large:** Mike Knueker, **Hospitality Director:** Vince Fasano

Highlights from the school year.

The Executive Board was excited to announce to the membership the new format at our monthly meetings which was the addition of guest speakers from CBA that addressed various aspects of CBA from academics to athletics.

The Father's Club also launched a new initiative of service. Fathers and Sons experienced the ability of working side by side in preparing, plating and serving food at St. Mark's Soup Kitchen in Keansburg, N.J.

In October the Fathers Club hosted, the Brother Andrew Golf Outing at Metedeconk National Golf Course. The outing was a huge success enjoyed by all attendees.

The Father / Son Golf outing will be held on **Monday June 10, 2019** at Battleground Country Club. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available. The registration link is available on the school website: <https://www.cbalincroftnj.org/website-forms/2019-father-son-golf-outing/>

Our next Father's Club meeting will be when we return to school in September 2019. On behalf the entire Executive Board of the Fathers Club we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards,

Mark Anderko
CBA Father's Club President

Guidance Services



Our heartfelt **congratulations go out to the seniors** for the college acceptances and scholarships they have received. You have met the demands placed upon you when you entered CBA and now you can enjoy the rewards that go with your hard work.

Please note that **juniors** have started the Common Application in Junior Guidance Class. 800 Colleges accept and/or require this application including the vast majority of colleges to which our students apply. Getting a head start on this process is an important step on the path to receiving good results.

The essay topics for the Common Application will not change so students can write the essays over the summer and submit them in early September to their English teacher for review.

Also, juniors will be told to ask two teachers for recommendations before they leave CBA in June so that teachers can begin to write those letters over the summer.

Current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are encouraged to visit Naviance early and often. There is a tremendous amount of information available through the various tools, links and updates that are available.

The Guidance Department would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer!