



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Member of Class of 2022 and 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 you begin your sophomore year please note that the **Freshmen/Sophomore Back to School Night is Thursday, September 12, 2019** and the deadline for applying to the **LaSallian Global Citizenship** program is **September 20, 2019**. As you know, this year's offerings include Western Europe and World War II and a study of Classical Italy. Also note the **November 1, 2019** deadline for ordering your yearbook. The Pegasus Yearbook is an award winning student publication that chronicles the many events of the school year. Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://www.cbalincroftnj.org/website-forms/yearbook-order/> or by bringing cash or check (in an envelope with student's name) to the main office. Yearbook orders are due by November 1, 2019. The cost is \$35 if purchased by November 1, 2019. Yearbooks ordered after that will be \$45. No orders will be accepted after January 17, 2020. To avoid waste we will order only enough yearbooks to cover the orders so if you would like a yearbook please be sure to order one.

Sophomore retreats will be February 28-March 6 this year. The sophomore retreat program, *Remembering We are in the Holy Presence of God*, allows students time for reflection and prayer. Spiritual development through the retreat program is an integral part of your son's CBA education and attendance and is, therefore, mandatory.

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 both before and after school as well as during the enrichment period. 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 encourage the class of 2022 to get involved in the many extracurricular and co-curricular activities offered at CBA. If you are already involved great—consider trying a new activity this year. If you didn't get involved last year make sophomore year the year that you do! 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. It is our hope that students will be inspired to participate in the range of opportunities being offered to serve including several overnight service immersion trips.

In addition to service organizations, there are several groups which provide 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. 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. Attend the various student performances throughout the year and marvel at the talents of your classmates. Join the Colt Crazy's 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 son 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 6-14, 2019. 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,



Maureen Szablewski
Dean of Campus Life