



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Member of Class of 2024 and Family,

Welcome back to what I know will be a wonderful sophomore year! I hope that each of you has had a summer filled with fun and relaxation. I look forward to working with the members of the class of 2024 to ensure a successful and exciting school year. As the year begins there are several events important events including:

- Enrichment Club Fair on September 15, 2021 which is an opportunity for students to explore new clubs
- Back to School Night for Freshman and Sophomore Parents on September 22, 2021 at 7pm.
- PSAT Day on October 13, 2021 for all sophomores and juniors
- Sophomore Retreats on October 14, 15, 18 and 19 (students are assigned to one day). More information will be shared in the coming weeks.
- Student Council Dance on October 15, 2021

## Other things to note as we return to school:

- Students are expected to follow Covid-19 protocols including not attending school if ill. Parents of students who have been exposed to covid-19 or who are exhibiting symptoms should contact me as soon as possible.
- Sophomores should arrive at school no later than 8:20am on Tuesday September 7, 2021 and report directly to Homeroom. Dismissal will be at 12:30pm. Parents are asked to wait to pick up students until 12:45pm to ease congestion on those first days of school. Sophomores will not attend school on September 8, 2021.
- The school building will be open daily at 7:15 am. Students arriving early should report to the library, cafeteria or if necessary the designated overflow areas. The library and if necessary designated overflow areas will be open until 5pm each day.
- **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 5, 2021. The cost is \$35 if purchased by **November 5, 2021**. Yearbooks ordered after that will be \$45. No orders will be accepted after January 28, 2022. 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.
- 2020-2021 Yearbooks will be distributed in homeroom in September to those who ordered them.

I encourage the class of 2024 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 or inviting a classmate to try your club or activity. 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. CBA offers competitive activities such as our Chess, Science, Math, Academic, Mock Trial and Model UN teams, service organizations such as Lasallian Youth, cultural activities such as our world language clubs, and a range of performing arts opportunities. CBA's extracurricular activities provide a unique opportunity to nourish the whole person--mind, body and spirit. All in all, I encourage each and every one of you to be adventurous and to take a step outside of your comfort zone. Take advantage of the club fair on September 15 to expand your horizons and check out a new club or activity. 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 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

*Maureen Szablewski*

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Dean of Campus Life