



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Class of 2024 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. There are several notable events in the first months of the school year including:

- Friday October 7, 2022 Junior Tie Ceremony and Luncheon (more information below)
- Wednesday October 12, 2022 PSAT Day for all sophomores and juniors
- Tuesday October 25, 2022 Junior Parent Guidance Night/College Admissions Panel Henderson Theater 6:30 PM.
- Wednesday October 26, 2022 College Admissions Panel for juniors during enrichment period

## 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.
- Included in this mailing is our 2022-2023 Calendar Handbook.
- Juniors should arrive at school no later than 8:20 AM on Thursday, September 8, 2022 and report directly to homeroom. Dismissal will be at 2:30 PM. Please note that this is a full day for freshmen and juniors. Juniors will not attend school on September 7, 2022.
- All Juniors will have their picture taken on Thursday, September 8. Enclosed in this mailing is the Normandy Studio photo form. Please bring the completed form to school on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Students should wear their blazers and refer to the Dress Code & Grooming requirements as stated in the handbook. Any student in violation of the Dress Code & Grooming requirements will not have his picture taken. Please refer to Mr. Polanco's letter on the CBA Class Page for more information.
- The school building will be open daily at 7:15 AM. Students arriving early should report to the library or if necessary the designated overflow areas. The library will be open until 5:00 PM 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 on the 2024 Class Page or by bringing cash or check (in an envelope with student's name) to the main office. Yearbook orders are due by November 11, 2022. The cost is \$40 if purchased by **November 11, 2022**. Yearbooks ordered after that will be \$50. No orders will be accepted after February 3, 2023. 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.
- 2021-2022 Yearbooks will be distributed in homeroom in September to those who ordered them.

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 2024 as "Academy Men."

As such, we would like to invite you to attend the **Signum Fidei Junior Tie Ceremony on Friday, October 7, 2022** at 1:00 PM in the Varsity Gym during which juniors will receive their Class Tie. This tie, in Academy colors and designed uniquely for the Class of 2024, 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 \$30 per guest with a limit of two guests per student. For reservations by credit card please visit the 2024 Class Page by September 16, 2022 or you may return the enclosed form with your check made out to Christian Brothers Academy. *No reservation will be accepted after September 16, 2022.*

As the Class of 2024 become upperclassmen, they will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by participating in CBA's **Big Brother Program**. We will be counting on members of the Class of 2024 to act as mentors to members of the Class of 2026. The *Big Brother* program was started in September 2020 to provide mentoring to our freshmen as they navigated the transition to high school during a very difficult year. This year we will be pairing members of the Class of 2024 with members of the Class of 2026 and hosting several events during the school year to allow the classes to socialize. It is my hope that our juniors will be a great resource for our freshmen as they begin their high school career and beyond. More information will be shared with students in September about this program.

Finally as we kick off another school year I would like to take the opportunity to encourage the juniors to continue to be involved on campus. CBA's extracurricular activities provide a unique opportunity to nourish the whole person--mind, body and spirit. 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.

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 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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