



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Freshmen and your Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the CBA brotherhood! I am Nicole Johnson and it will be my pleasure to be your student's school counselor for his freshman year at CBA. This welcome letter will provide you with some very helpful information to refer to throughout the year, as you and your student become acclimated to Christian Brothers Academy. I will be available throughout the year as a resource to help each freshman transition to life at CBA.

Freshman year is an important year. Christian Brothers Academy is a rigorous academic, college preparatory high school. The Academy provides all students and their families with 24 hour access to the online portal. I recommend, especially in the beginning, that you reserve time together to look online, perhaps weekly. You are to use the portal as a means of tracking your son's weekly progress, as well as to contact any teacher as soon as possible in the event of a concern. The teachers will inform their students in September how to access their Assignment Log/LMS as well as when they are available for extra help.

By the beginning of September, your student will receive a copy of the Student Handbook of which you are required to read together as a family. Additionally, within that handbook is a cooperative agreement that you and your student are required to sign and return to school. This agreement maintains that you are aware of all of the policies and procedures outlined for the 2023/2024 Academic year, as well as which extensions to call for such things as an absence, or for example the school nurse. Please make sure to read through this handbook carefully with your student when it is distributed.

Each freshman will receive a minimum of eight appointments with me during their first year. Two of these appointments are one on one, while the rest are taught in a group setting when I will be visiting the health classes to cover topics such as: rules and organization, our college search engine: Maia Learning, resiliency and finally, preparing for the PSAT, which the students all take for the first time in their sophomore year. In the first appointment, we discuss what their goals are and how important this year will be. I will increase my appointments on an as needed basis throughout the year or if one is requested. Should you wish for a family appointment, I will be happy to accommodate you. If you have anything specific that you want me to be mindful of with regards to your student, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Lastly, it goes without saying that each of us has a special role to play for the counseling process to be successful. Working together with you, as the parent/guardian will enable us all to ensure the best support possible. You can contact me in one of two ways: 1) at my extension, 122 or 2) my email address njohnson@cbalincroftnj.org. My goal is to be a positive ally for your student during his high school career.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Very Sincerely,

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