



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Member of Class of 2026 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 2026 to ensure a successful and exciting school year. As the year begins there are several important events including:

- Activities Club Fair on September 13, 2023 which is an opportunity for students to explore new clubs.
- School and Counseling Sophomore Parent Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:30PM and later that evening is Back to School Night for Freshmen and Sophomore Parents at 7:15PM.
- PSAT Day on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 for all Sophomores and Juniors
- Student Council Dance on Friday, October 20, 2023

Other things to note as we return to school:

- Included in this mailing is our 2023-2024 Calendar Handbook.
- Sophomores should arrive at school no later than 8:20AM on **Tuesday September 5, 2023** and report directly to homeroom. Dismissal will be at 12:30PM. Sophomores will not attend school on September 6 and September 7, 2023.
- September 8, 2023 will be the first full day of classes and will start with Mass of the Holy Spirit.
- All Sophomores will have their picture taken on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Enclosed with this mailing is the Normandy Studio photo form. The photo form has a QR code which allows you to place your order online using a credit card. If you'd rather pay by check, please bring the completed form and check to school on the 5th. If you pay online, you do not need to bring the photo form to school on picture day. Any student in violation of the Dress Code & Grooming requirements as stated in the handbook will not have his picture taken. Please refer to Mr. Villeta's letter on the CBA Class Page for more information.
- The school building will be open daily at 7:30AM. Students arriving early should report to the Library or the Dining Hall. The Library 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 on the 2026 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 10, 2023. The cost is \$50 if purchased by **November 10, 2023**. Yearbooks ordered after that will be \$60. No orders will be accepted after February 2, 2024. 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.

- 2022-2023 Yearbooks will be distributed in homeroom in September to those who ordered them.

I encourage the Class of 2026 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 13, 2023 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
Associate Principal for Student Affairs