

Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2028,

The CBA Performing Arts Department would like to formally invite you to join our family in the fall. There are many ways to get involved in the arts here at school. For those who play an instrument, Jazz Ensemble, Modern Band, Rock Ensemble, and Basketball Pep Band are performing groups that play and compete at various events at CBA and throughout the state. All of them (except for Modern Band) are open to incoming freshmen who want to get involved. In addition, the CBA Men's Choir and Music Ministry ensembles are groups catered towards vocalists and singers. Starting this Fall, we will have more new performance opportunities to be announced.

Another way you can get involved is by joining Pegasus Production Company-CBA's student run theater group. Here, students are invited to be part of a fully functional production company. While we encourage all students interested in being on stage (acting/singing/dancing), there are so many other ways that students get involved. Some play music in the pit orchestra, others run the lights and sound or build sets, and many run the business and finance side of the company promoting the show with social media, recording videos or balancing finances. No experience is necessary, simply a desire to be part of a larger community.

If you'd like to see Pegasus at work, we invite you to attend our performance of Mamma Mia! Which runs from Aug 2-4th at Henderson Theater on the CBA Campus. Once the school year begins, you can join Pegasus Production Company on stage by participating in auditions, which take place on September 11th OR join the company backstage by attending either of our general interest meetings on September 10th or 17th. Looking forward to meeting all of you. For more information on Pegasus Production Company, email Mr. Marcos Orozco at (morozco@cbalincroftnj.org) with any questions.

We pride ourselves in the opportunities we are able to provide for Performing Arts Students at CBA. In March of 2023, the CBA Music Department traveled to Nashville, TN. Here, we performed in the Country Music Hall of Fame and recorded at the historic RCA Studio B. In recent years, the theater and music groups have traveled for competitions at Brookdale Community College, the State Thespian Festival, Piscataway High School, Cleveland, Ohio, and more. We are hoping to continue to travel this year throughout NJ, but also make our way out of state for bigger destination performances in the coming years. Multiple music department students have been accepted to All Shore Jazz Ensembles, CJMEA Region Symphonic Band, and we were even hosts of the 2022, 2023, and 2024 All Shore Jazz Festivals.

***This summer we are happy to announce that we will be hosting the 2024 CBA Music Camp. The camp will run July 8th-12th, 9am-3pm. Incoming freshmen interested in the music program at CBA are strongly encouraged to attend, if able.***

CBA Music Camp is open to all incoming instrumentalists and vocalists (you can do both). There are opportunities for jazz, choir, classical, and rock/contemporary music. During this week, students will develop skills and techniques on their instruments or voices and be able to improve their playing ability. This camp is not only educational, but also a great way for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to get to know the members of the CBA Music Department and develop meaningful relationships before the year starts. To register for the camp, go to <https://www.cbalincroftnj.org/website-forms/cba-music-camp-registration/> to register and submit payment online or scan the QR code below.

There are a lot of ways to get involved in CBA Performing Arts. In the beginning of the school year, look for the Homeroom announcements regarding our first rehearsals. We hope to hear from you and see you in the fall! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. For more information, please email Mr. Christian Lopez ([clopez@cbalincroftnj.org](mailto:clopez@cbalincroftnj.org)) who would be happy to answer all of your questions.

Sincerely,

***Mr. Christian Lopez***

***Director of Music***

***Christian Brothers Academy***

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