



Dear Member of the Class of 2027 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 2027 to ensure a successful and exciting school year.

We are very excited to begin this year with the new schedule. I hope that all of our students have taken advantage of the new course opportunities. The new schedule includes a slight change to the start and end times of the school day. Please be aware that school starts at 8:10AM and ends at 2:34PM. Any student not in homeroom by 8:10AM must report to the Main Office for a late pass.

As the year begins there are several important events including:

- School and Counseling Sophomore Parent Meeting September 19, 2024 at 6:30PM.
- Back to School Night for Freshmen and Sophomore Parents on September 19, 2024 at 7:15PM.
- Sophomore Brotherhood Day on September 27, 2024.
- PSAT Day on October 9, 2024 for all sophomores and juniors.
- Student Council Dance on October 18, 2024.

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

- Included in this mailing is our 2024-2025 Student-Parent Handbook and Calendar.
- Sophomores will not attend school on September 4, 2024.
- The first day Sophomores attend school, Orientation Day, is Thursday September 5, 2024. They should arrive no later than 8:05AM, and report directly to Homeroom. Pictures will be taken on this day. Enclosed in this mailing is the Normandy Studios Photo form. Please bring the completed form to school on September 5<sup>th</sup>. All students must be in full dress code. Please refer to Mr. Villeta's letter on the CBA Class Page for more information.
- Friday September 6, 2024 is Welcome Back Day for all grades and is a full day. Sophomores will participate in a class Mass and other educational activities as part of that day.
- Monday September 9, 2024 will be the first full day of classes.
- 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 5:00PM 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 2027 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 15, 2024. The cost is \$50 if purchased by **November 15, 2024**. Yearbooks ordered after that will be \$60. No orders will be accepted after February 7, 2025. 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.

- 2023-2024 Yearbooks will be distributed in homeroom in September to those who ordered them. Please make sure that your son picks up his yearbook if he ordered one.

I encourage the class of 2027 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. 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,



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Maureen Szablewski  
Associate Principal for Student Affairs