

THE RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – JUNE, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends of Brebeuf College,

It is hard to believe that another school year has concluded as this edition of *The Relations* marks the final edition for the 2015-16 school year. Special thanks and gratitude to Mr. Michael Da Costa who in so many ways leads many of the communicative mechanisms (including *The Relations*) that instill a sense of connectivity of the present life at Brebeuf College with a flair for the traditions and honour that are key to the fabric of this fine community.

This is my final contribution to *The Relations* as I have been called to serve the TCDSB in the capacity of Superintendent next year. I leave the Brebeuf College community with a sense of gratitude and deep respect. Albeit, I have only served as principal for only one year, but I am so honoured to have been part of the community. Brebeuf is an outstanding Catholic school that shapes young men to be better people in body, spirit and mind. I am so appreciative of the dedication of the teachers, secretaries, education assistants, child and youth workers, caretakers and other staff who strive on a daily basis to support our boys on their

journey. To you parents, we are so thankful for your trust in sending your sons to Brebeuf. I have enjoyed working with you this year through parent council and in the meetings and phone calls we have had. To the Alumni, on behalf of the school I am so very thankful for your support. Staying connected to Brebeuf speaks to the fine experiences you have had as students – and our current class of graduates are young men who share that same Brebeuf spirit. That link between past and present is indeed special.

Please enjoy this edition of *The Relations*. It is in thanks and gratitude that I will cherish my time at Brebeuf. In his *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius of Loyola writes:

“All the things in this world are gifts from God, Presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.”

We are all better people because of our experiences at Brebeuf. God bless our school!

John Wujek

2016 CLOSING MASS



MEN FOR OTHERS

ST. FRANCIS' TABLE



Brebeuf volunteers pictured with Brother John Frampton

Each week students and staff visited the St. Francis' Table shelter on Queen Street in Parkdale to help prepare meals for the homeless and poor. This was an excellent way for students to put their faith into action. It also counted towards the community service hours needed for Graduation.

GHANA 2017



A Brebeuf student making a new Ghanaian friend during the 2011 Ghana trip

There is the possibility of a leadership and service trip to Ghana in West Africa for March Break, 2017 (subject to

board approval). This would be done in conjunction with the Presentation Brothers, who have several schools in Ghana. Besides the valuable life-changing experience, students would also earn credits in Grade 11 Leadership and Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Studies, which is a "University" level course and can be used for university admission. For information, please contact Mr. Rogers in Guidance: Michael.rogers@tcdsb.org or 416 393 5508.

BREBEUF NEWS

There are a number of ways to stay connected to what is going on at Brebeuf College.

Facebook

"Brebeuf College School"

Twitter

@brebeufcollege

Webpage

<http://Brebeufcollege.tcdsb.org>

Cynervoice

These phone messages are sent out each Friday.

Alumni News

www.brebeufalumni.org

SCHOOL NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Mr. John Wujek, our principal, has been promoted to Superintendent for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. We thank him for his leadership and service and wish him luck in his new role in Catholic education.

His replacement will be **Mr. Derek Chen**, the current principal of Bishop Marrocco / Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School. We welcome him to our community!

Ms. Monica Calligaro, our Vice-Principal, will be switching roles with **Mr. Tim McGrenere**, the current

Vice-Principal of Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School. We thank Ms. Calligaro for her hard work over the past three years and hope she enjoys her new position.

Mr. Paul Solarski, who acted as Vice-Principal in second semester, will return to his role as Head of the Physical Education Department. Thanks to Mr. Solarski for stepping up to the plate and helping to lead the Brebeuf community.

RETIREMENTS

Brebeuf has three retirees this year.

Mr. Mario De Thomasis has been teaching mathematics and computer science at Brebeuf since he arrived from Montreal in 1985. He also coached many teams over the years, particularly in basketball.

Mr. Ermes Lena, one of our mathematics teachers, came to Brebeuf in 1999 from Father Henry Carr. He was also involved in the extracurricular life of the school in such sports as soccer.

Ms. Sandra D'Souza has been our Guidance secretary since 1999 and has worked so hard to ensure the Guidance office runs smoothly.

In all they did over the years, they showed dedication, professionalism, and high standards. They will be missed and we wish them all the best in their futures.

DEPARTING STAFF

Brebeuf bids farewell to the following teachers. We thank them for their service!

Ms. Courtney Angelucci
Ms. Jennifer Brigante
Ms. Gabrielle Castellan
Ms. Stephanie Covello
Ms. Helen Fernandes
Mr. Daniel Fiore
Mr. David Fonseca
Ms. Maria Cristina Guida
Ms. Minori Kuno
Mr. Fernando Nicastri
Ms. Megan Noah
Mr. Marc Vittorio

MATHEMATICS

Brebeuf had thirty-three Grade 11 and Grade 12 students write Grade 12 Waterloo Contest for North America. Our top five scores were Myungjae Lee with a 73, Andrew Vidov 68, Derek Li 68, Fraser Mann 66, and James Silva 65. Andrew Vidov and James Silva are grade 11's with minimal training in Grade 12 work.

This is the best Brebeuf has done on this contest in the last five years. The school has been mostly busy with AP Calculus training and students have not specifically trained for this contest, otherwise our Brebeuf students could score significantly higher on the Waterloo Contests.

Eighteen Math students (sixteen Grade 11 and two Grade 12) wrote Advanced Placement Math Calculus examinations in May. This is the equivalent of a first-year university examination.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Brebeuf Parent Council (CSPC) held the Annual Used Uniform Sale at the end of this school year. Thanks to all who participated in the sale. You are supporting the school and Parent Council initiatives and making it easier for students to acquire new uniform items.

ALUMNI PUB NIGHT



The Alumni Association hosted a "Pub Night" reunion at the school on Friday, May 6th. Over 150 old boys returned to their alma mater to catch up and celebrate Brebeuf.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Christopher Edward Rudd '72 is a prominent immunologist-biochemist and currently Professor of Molecular Immunology at the University of Cambridge in England. He was educated at the Jesuit-run Brebeuf College School and at McGill University in Montreal and received an MSc degree from the Universite d'Ottawa and PhD and DSc degrees from University College, London. He held faculty positions at Harvard Medical School and Imperial College London before moving to Cambridge University. He is credited with having had a major impact on the understanding of the intracellular signals that control T-cell immunity.

LIBRARY

When people comment that boys don't read a lot, they don't know our Brebeuf boys! Brebeuf's library circulated over **8000** books this year. This number represents more than any other high school in the TCDSB by a very wide margin.

The top ten books are:

1. *Magnus Chase*
2. *Red Rising*
3. *The Vindico*
4. *The Maze Runner*
5. *The Martian*
6. *Steelheart*
7. *I Am the Weapon*
8. *The Eye of Minds*
9. *Noggin*
10. *Gone*

AWARDS OF RECOGNITION

The following awards were presented at the 50th Graduation Exercises on June 30. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

The Visual Arts Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability and commitment to the field of Visual Art. This award is dedicated to the memory of Mark Agcaoili '92. – **Kent Granada**

The Theatre Brebeuf Award is presented to the graduating student who has greatly contributed to the theatre programme over his years at Brebeuf. – **Amirpouya Amini**

The Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award is sponsored by the Alumni Association and recognizes a graduating student who has contributed significantly to the music programme. – Christopher Giannaris

The Bob Shannon '69 Bursary is named for an alumnus of the Class of 1968. It is awarded to a Graduating student who has used his talents for the betterment of the Brebeuf community. – **Nashawn Gillett**

The Michael Thompson '69 Award is a new award named in honour of Michael Thompson, Class of 1969, an Honour Student, and Athlete of the Year. It is given to the graduating student who best combines academics, athletics, and good sportsmanship. This award is generously funded by the Thompson Family. – **Nicholas Cusimano**

The Gerry Tanner Award is a new award named for the mother of Brett Tanner '81. This award helps to assist with university finances and it recognizes a graduating student who has contributed to school life at Brebeuf. – **Timothy Lou, Armani Araujo, Jonowin Terrance**

The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award, donated by the class of 1993, is presented to a graduating student who displays an interest and active participation in all aspects of student life: academics, sports, the arts, and social activities. This award is offered in celebration of the contribution of Mr. E.J. Barry (1963-1996) to the

Brebeuf community. This award is generously funded by George Macri '69. – **Rashmi Sembakuttige**

The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship is awarded to a graduating student who, in his years at Brebeuf, has demonstrated a commitment to his peers and dedication to academic excellence. This award is in recognition of Mr. Neil Gazeley who was Brebeuf's first Vice-Principal (1963-1991). This award is generously funded by George Macri '69. – **Fraser Mann**

The Lou Puccini Scholarship, named for a former teacher, is given to the graduating student who has been diligent, persevered in his studies, and overcome various challenges. This award is generously funded by George Macri. – **Timothy Bacchus**

The Presentation Brothers' Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated personal and academic growth and development. This award is generously funded by the Presentation Brothers. --

The Brebeuf Benefactors' Award is presented to an individual who has contributed his talents to the betterment of Brebeuf. – **Jason Pontoh**

The Michael Brown Memorial Award is dedicated to a former Brebeufian. The award is presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies school loyalty and generous cooperation. – **Amirali Paknahad**

Toronto Secondary Unit (OECTA) Award is given to a student for demonstrating social and political responsibility by participating in school or community activities that promote social justice and foster Catholic values. – **Jonowin Terrance**

The Brother Lawrence Maher F.P.M. Award, named after a former Brebeuf principal (1984-1996), is presented to the student who has shown a commitment to spirituality within the school community, has embraced many aspects of school life, has shown a willingness to help students, and who has given an indication that he will pursue further education. – **Viktor Lyczywek**

The Father St. Clair Monaghan S.J. Award is presented by the Alumni Association to the graduating student who has demonstrated strong academic ability, has actively participated in a variety of extracurricular events, and has expressed a desire for involvement in alumni affairs. – **Christian Perez**

The Lieutenant-Governor's Award is presented to a graduating student for outstanding community service. – **Sang-Kyu Joo**

The Joe Will Award is presented to a student who has made a significant contribution to the quality of school life and whose character and accomplishments exemplify the school's mission. – **Stefan Wood**

The Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Peter Knopfel, a 1981 graduate. The Alumni Association and the Knopfel family award this scholarship to the graduate who has demonstrated academic and social achievement through his strong sense of commitment. – **Matthew Pileggi & Isaac Yeung**

The Michael Daoust '67 Mathematics Award is awarded to a graduating student for overall excellence in mathematics. It is named for Michael Daoust, a Brebeuf alumnus, teacher, department head, and mentor from 1967 to 2010. – **Andrew Lee & Calvin Tan**

The Martin Foy '82 Scholarship is named in memory of Martin Foy, Class of 1982. It is awarded to a graduating student in the Specialist High Skills Major Program in Information and Communication Technology. Similar to Martin, the recipient has demonstrated outstanding effort, determination, perseverance, and integrity in completing the course expectations in the specialist program and has been accepted to a post-secondary institute. – **Juriel Garcia Sanchez & Arvin Jeff Caridad**

The Father James Webb, S.J. Award is named for a former Brebeuf teacher and Jesuit Provincial. It is given to a graduating student who has shown a commitment to social justice. – **Arthur Villasan**

The Man for Others Award is given to the graduating student who best exemplifies the school's mission of forming "Men for Others". – **Matthew Masci**

The Catholic Student Award is awarded to the student who has shown outstanding commitment to the Catholic mission of Brebeuf College. – **Matthew Masci**

The Father J. Winston Rye S.J. Award is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic average in his Grade 12 subjects at Brebeuf. – **Jessie Castillo-Quintero**

The Governor-General's Medal is presented to the Graduating Student with the highest academic standing in both Grade 11 and 12 at Brebeuf College. – **Jessie Castillo Quintero**

SPORTS



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Brebeuf's student athletes were recognized for excellence at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet on June 6th in the Atrium.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Rookie of the Year: Thomas Latina

Junior Athlete of the Year: Marco Dias

Senior Athlete of the Year: Michael Ross

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2015-2016

Wards

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 416-512-3401 |
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| 3. Sal Piccininni | 416-512-3403 |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 416-512-3404 |
| 5. Maria Rizzo | 416-512-3405 |
| 6. Frank D'Amico,
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| 7. Michael Del Grande | 416-512-3407 |
| 8. Garry Tanuan | 416-512-3408 |
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Student Trustee | 416-512-3417 |
| Allison Gacad,
Student Trustee | 416-512-3413 |



(L-R) Marco Dias, Thomas Latina, Michael Ross

Badminton

Senior: Yule De La Cerna

Junior : Marco Dias

Midget: Melvim Viado

Baseball:

Varsity: Luke Hallarn

Basketball:

Junior: Akil Evering and Richard Moscoso

Senior: Kojo Agyemang

Cross Country:

Midget: Justin Canete

Junior: Marco Dias

Senior: Isaac Yeung

Curling:

Mike Ross

Flag Football:

Justine Manzano

Golf:

Matteo D'Ambrosio

Hockey

JR: Kevin Serio

SR: Dustin Aslani and Darian Aslani

Joe Sinopoli Award: Scott De Sousa

Varsity Non-Contact : Matthew Pileggi

Rugby 7s

Bantam: James O'Neil

Junior: Christian Estrella and Dorian DiTommaso

Senior: Miguel Palij

Rugby 15s

Senior: Matthew Masci

Soccer:

Junior: Oliver Wales and Tyler Cusimano

Senior: Ruben Barragan Garay

Indoor Soccer:

Noah Aaron

Swimming

Junior: Armando Morales-Pires

Senior: Bryce Jones George

Table Tennis

Junior: John Hanna and Mina Nashed

Senior: Massimo Larocca and Martin Ly

Tennis:

Junior: Will Navarro

Senior: Christian Varriale

Track and field:

Midget: Eric Almeron

Junior: Marco Dias

Senior: Russell Arica and Noah Ennis

Ultimate Frisbee

Varsity: Jeffrey Lee

Volleyball

Senior: Ryan Carnevale and Amirali Paknahad

Junior: Tyler Cusimano

