

THE MOTHERS' CLUB  
OF  
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY  
MOURNS THE LOSS OF  
**BROTHER ROBERT FAGAN, FSC**  
**1946-2010**  
CBA ATHLETIC TRAINER  
AND OFFERS ITS PRAYERS  
TO THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COMMUNITY,  
FACULTY AND STUDENTS  
ON THIS SAD OCCASION

*"THOSE WHO INSTRUCT MANY TO JUSTICE WILL SHINE LIKE STARS FOR ALL ETERNITY."*

--ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Lincroft, N.J.

January 2010

## *From the Principal*



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Now that my 50<sup>th</sup> year has dawned, I must admit something to myself and others. It's all too true; I've become a creature of habit. I do certain things in certain ways and am rather adamantly disinclined to change. Whatever the situation, I know my place. In a restaurant, it's a booth, not a table; on an airplane, I like to sit on the aisle over the wing, and at a movie theater, in the first stadium row right after the break. When I go to Mass in a parish, I sit in either the back left or the back right pews. Conditioned by years of supervising student behavior, the motivation is by now reflexive. I'm only comfortable when I feel I can see everything. While a parish priest has never once asked my help controlling unruly congregants, I would feel unnatural and uncomfortable seated front and center, without an unobstructed view of all participants and egresses.

In my accustomed spot at St. Catherine's in Holmdel this New Year's morning, I observed something which made me think a great deal, and, I hope will prompt your reflection as well. When one of the doors opened, a father and son pair entered church. The father was perhaps in his late fifties. The son, maybe 20 years old, was clean-cut, dressed casually but neatly, and would have looked at home on any college campus in the country. The first thing that attracted my attention was this: the father carefully put his son's hand in the Holy Water and traced the Sign of the Cross for him. My puzzlement increased when they got into their pew. There the father gently took his son's coat off for him.

As Mass began, the human mystery disappeared. Occasional low moans and inappropriate hand gestures made it clear. The young man only **looked** like he belonged at Fordham or Fairfield or Loyola. In reality, that young adult likely experiences one of those enigmatic disorders which have become so prevalent in our times, something along the autism spectrum, perhaps combined with Tourette syndrome. Whether he is out in the world or at home, his life is nevertheless, by necessity of such conditions, spent all but entirely inside himself. Generally not disruptive, the young man was once or twice quieted by the slightest touch from his attentive father.

Though I was trying to pay appropriate attention to the religious ritual unfolding, I must admit my mind did wander and make some connections based on this example. I thought of a contrasting encounter in front of school earlier in the week with one of our upperclassmen returning from a bowling tournament. With a twinkle in his eye, he drew my attention to a Christmas gift, a pair of backless fur-lined Uggs, the antithesis of dress shoes. "Brother, can I wear these to school?" he provoked. "Only if you would like your day to end at 4:00," I put him in his place.

The contrast reminds me that we can often take things—not little things, but essential things—for granted. Imagine what it must be like not to be able to banter with the teenager in your life, to appreciate his growing intellectual capacity as manifested in wit, to spar gently yet deftly with him, knowing the past training you've provided has shown him where the line is. In less happy circumstances, perhaps one feels his son shouldn't have been cut or should be a starter; consider instead his growing up being unable even to fathom the **concept** of team, let alone participate in one. It is perfectly normal to become exasperated with a high school boy at times, especially when he slacks. At least your son, while he may not understand or accept the reasons for your pique, can at least identify and resonate with such emotion. All such blessings we can easily take for granted without the occasional "living parable" to highlight them for us.

Apart from confrontations, we may often experience a range of something like "communication disorders" when dealing with the young men in our lives. A lot of things we'd like to say to them—we're pleased with how they've grown up, the compassion and generosity they show; we'll miss them when they're gone next year and view that red-letter departure day next August with something akin to dread—but the words fail. He'd only hear such sentiments with an embarrassed shrug or a grunt anyway and quickly change the topic to something pertaining to the use of the car or cash disbursements.

The lessons of New Year's Mass, though, remind us that words aren't always necessary. That day's short Gospel recalls the Christmas marvels and concludes, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." We don't always need to **say** things to communicate them. The father of that autistic young adult communicated everything through gestures: the love he has for his son, the faith that gives him the strength to fulfill his parental responsibilities, perhaps for many years to come. Teenage boys, typically, will only accept the rarest opportunities to say "I love you." Perhaps they should be our teachers in this regard, following as they will the example of my earliest composition teachers who invariably enjoined, "Show, don't tell." Watch them and discover how they can often find ingenious ways to show their true affection: with their peers, with us their guides, you their parents, and, on miraculously rare occasions, to their siblings.

Jesuit spirituality and pedagogy includes a key concept called *magis*, in English simply meaning "more." A constant essential quest to do more for God and for others is implied in this ideal. Perhaps our New Years resolution this year could be to leave that virtue to the Jesuits. I can only imagine that the parent of a profoundly autistic young person must need to look for and be satisfied with **less**, with the smallest gestures of understanding, awareness, and affection. Let us ask God in this new year for the gift of being able to make that understated gesture in our sons' lives when needed, the gift of impeccable timing that father at St. Catherine's manifested. Let us ask as well for Mary's gift, the ability to apprehend and reflect upon such small gestures from our sons when they come our way. For there can be no surer sign to a parent of God's own love.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. Butler, FSC". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Brother James Butler, FSC  
Principal



***From the Principal...***

*Please mark your calendar for:*

- 15 January .....Second Marking Period Ends
- 15 January .....Italian Cultural Society Befana Dinner
- 18 January .....Martin Luther King Holiday
- 19, 20, 21 January .....Semester Examinations
- 21 January .....Registration Day for the Class of 2014
- 22 January .....Faculty Rating Day (No Classes)
- 25 January .....Beginning of the Second Semester
- 1 February .....Mothers Club Meeting
- 2 February .....Report Cards Distributed  
Course Selection Process Begins
- 4 February .....Parent Teachers Evening
- 5-7 February .....Mother Club Art Show
- 9 February .....100 Days Dinner for Seniors and Parents
- 11 February .....Fathers Club
- 15 February .....Presidents' Day Holiday
- 17 February .....Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 19 February .....Freshman-Sophomore Semiformal
- 23 February .....Progress Reports Expected
- 25 February .....Honors Convocation/NHS Induction

1 March.....	Mothers Club Meeting
4 March.....	Fathers Club Meeting
6 March.....	Alumni Mothers Craft Show
8 March.....	Principal's Holiday
10 March.....	Language Honor Society Induction
12-13 March.....	Spring Musical
14 March.....	Father-Son Communion Breakfast/Tuition Raffle
16 March.....	Winter Athletic Convocation
24 March.....	Mother Son Dinner

***Announcements:***

- 1) **Class of 2014:** Registration is scheduled during exam week for our newest class. We look forward to a robust and talented class resulting from our acceptances mailed in the week of 5 January. Thanks for all you do in your communities to support this process, and congratulations to those among you who will be freshman parents once again (It's much easier the second time around!).
- 2) **Examinations:** Once again, I caution freshman parents that semester exams at CBA are not merely an exercise or a "big test" as they may have been in some grammar or middle schools. They count for 1/3 of the semester mark here, and your son needs to prepare carefully over several days. If he hasn't started by the point you're reading this, it may be time to "jump start" the process.
- 3) **Senior 100 Days Dinner:** Senior parents will have received a letter reminding them of this event on the ninth of February. This can be a special night for you to spend some time with many of the parents with whom you have interacted socially and at extracurricular or athletic events as we prepare to say good-bye to the class of 2010. I will only reiterate two points of the letter here. First, if your family is in economic difficulty at this time, please do not feel compelled to stay away. Contact my assistant, Mrs. Foote, and she will have me get back to you to arrange a way for you to attend with your son if you desire. Second, the limitation to parents is meant, for reasons of space, to remind families that siblings or more distant relatives regrettably can't be accommodated at this special event. This is really a gathering for your son and those who raised him. So, if that happens to be a mother and grandmother, a father and stepmother, or a pair of grandparents, those are the persons who should consider themselves most welcome to attend. In the case of a blended family where both sets of parents have been involved in the young man's life, please know that both sets are welcome as the letter describes. I look forward to seeing you there.

- 4) **Inclement Weather:** Please remember to review the material on school closings and delays contained in the *Handbook* on page 23. We may have to use it between now and the next newsletter. Hopefully your contact information has been given to the school so you can be a part of the early notification email/text/voicemail system. Please contact Mr. Fales' assistant Mrs. Repoli if you have any doubts in this regard. Should we be having a delay, please remember that the school will open for those who may come early at 7:30 AM, not before 7:00, as is the usual practice. In general, please remember that many seniors throughout history have been compelled to take the bus or ride in with their parents on days when bad weather is forecast. All are reported to have eventually rebounded from the shame and disgrace of being a passenger once again. Making such a decision will preclude much worry on a day when the weather is supposed to degenerate and prevents the flurry of communications which accompany a parent's anxious request for a spontaneous early dismissal so he can begin a long and dicey commute home.
- 5) **Mothers' Club Fundraisers:** Your support for the Mothers' Club Art Show and the Alumni Mothers' Craft Show are deeply appreciated. These events, along with the Fall Luncheon, generate much of the revenue the Mothers' Club is able to donate to the school each year, which in turn enables us to help needy families and provide many amenities for your sons. Please volunteer if you are able by using the Club's webpage and support the events by your attendance and patronage if at all possible. Thank you!
- 6) **Freshman-Sophomore Semi-Formal:** Please note that the date of this annual date dance has been moved from what was in the calendar sent to you over the summer. The new and correct date is Friday 19 February 2010, a week following what was originally scheduled.

### ***Mothers' Club President Message – Marie Neidermeyer***

A Healthy and Happy New Year to all of our CBA families, faculty, and staff! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready for 2010.

We began December by joining with the Fathers' Club to celebrate the season with a Christmas Liturgy and reception for the CBA parents. Over 100 parents, faculty and staff attended the event with many agreeing that this Liturgy really puts them in "the Christmas Spirit". Thank you to Father John Folchetti for taking time from his busy schedule to celebrate the mass for us. Many thanks also to Dolly and her staff for catering the reception. We are grateful to those who donated to the "Cash Giving Tree". The cash donations, along with our monthly paper product donations, were given to Project 180, Turning Lives Around in Hazlet, NJ.



The next big event for the CBA Mothers' Club is The 35th Annual Art Show and Sale. A gala Preview Reception, which will again be catered by Merri Makers, will be held on Friday, February 5th, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to join us for a night of music, wine and fabulous food as we greet artists from throughout the east coast and preview their artwork. The show continues on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The CBA Progressive 50/50 Raffle will be drawn on Sunday. I hope you can attend and experience the outstanding array of talented artists that the Art Show committee has arranged for us to enjoy.

Throughout December and into January **each CBA family has been or will be contacted with a request to make a donation to the Art Show Preview Reception. We appreciate and depend upon your support, as well as your attendance, at this beautiful evening.**

If you cannot make it to the Preview Party, please try to come to the show over the weekend. All three days are a CBA social event and you really come to appreciate the CBA family by attending. The artists love to see a lot of people at the show, so try to stop by for at least a little while. Walking through the gyms looking at art and having a snack or lunch at our Café can make another hectic weekend a bit more relaxing and fun!

Art Show volunteers are needed for many different activities. You can volunteer by logging onto the Mothers' Club website at [www.cbamothersclub.org](http://www.cbamothersclub.org) and clicking the ART SHOW button. There you will find a list of volunteer opportunities and instructions for signing up. The success of all Mothers' Club events is dependent upon our volunteers. We appreciate and are thankful for any time you can contribute.

Please check your school calendar for all school and Mothers' Club upcoming events. The second half of the year is extremely busy and we would love to see some new faces. Along with the Art Show, the Alumni Craft Show on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Mother/Son Dinner on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Mothers' Club Retreat on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Stella Maris Retreat House are all among the events we have coming up. If you would like to offer your time and talents to any of these committees, you can email me through the Mothers' Club website. **It's not too late to get involved!**

Watch your mail for the Annual Tuition Raffle tickets. First prize is one year full tuition for the 2010-2011 school year and second prize is ½ year tuition for the 2010-2011 school year. The raffle will be drawn at the Father/Son Communion Breakfast on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

Our next Mothers' Club meeting will be held Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 pm in Alumni Hall. I would like to thank all who attend our monthly meetings and those who work on our committees. Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting and/or our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale.



***From the Guidance Office-Mrs. Kathy Bracken***

**Seniors:** by mid-February, the Guidance office will be forwarding the mid-term grades to all colleges that have already received senior applications.

If you are planning on applying for financial aid, you must submit the FAFSA form as soon as possible. Also many private colleges require the CSS PROFILE Form in addition to the FAFSA and their own college form. Please check the individual college requirements and deadline dates because they do vary. Applying on-line is strongly recommended. Web-site for FAFSA is [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and CSS Profile [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

If you are planning to compete as an athlete, you must complete the NCAA clearinghouse form for eligibility using their web-site [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Do not forget to request that a transcript be sent from the Guidance Office and SAT's sent from College Board.

Please bring copies of ALL acceptance, deferred, non-acceptance and scholarship letters to the guidance office. A list, which continues to be updated on available scholarships, can be found on the CBA website.

**Juniors:** any Junior parent who has not met with Mr. Brennan (ext. 106), Mrs. Hayes (ext. 106) or Mr. McCaig (ext. 210) is reminded to call for an appointment. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ONLY THROUGH APRIL 16, 2010.

Juniors are urged to take the SAT 1 twice in Junior year. March 13th (deadline is Feb. 4th ), and May 1st (deadline is March 25th ). The SAT II subject exams should be taken on the June 5th test date (deadline is April 29th).

**Freshman & Sophomores:** Hopefully your son has had a successful semester in and out of the classroom. The new semester is an ideal time to review goals for academic and extra-curricular participation at CBA. Remember, homework is more than written assignments teachers give in class. Encourage your son to develop good study habits through daily review of notes, reading and taking advantage of extra help opportunities when needed.

Sophomore PSAT Results: These were distributed to your sons before the Christmas holiday. Your son's guidance counselor will be reviewing those results with him in his next appointment. This review will help identify areas of strength and areas in need of improvement.

Freshman ED Testing will take place on May 28th.

**Summer Programs:** Deadline will soon be approaching for many programs. A list (with links) of summer programs is available on CBA's website. We invite you to look at the opportunities available to high school students for summer study, enrichment, community service, and/or travel. Attendance at a summer program may help your son develop interest in college and career planning, leadership and independent living skills, or simply enhance his growth as a student and individual. Applications and information are available through the web or in the Guidance Office.

### ***SAT Preparation at CBA - Mr. Joseph Fili***

**Winter: 2010**

**Targeted Test Date: March 13th**

**Group Math and Verbal SAT Prep Classes**

Afternoon *and* Evening Classes: 3 to 5PM and 7 to 9PM

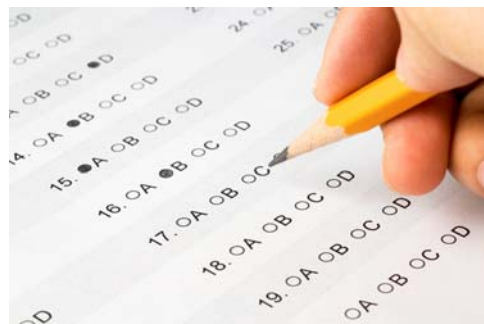
Monday, February 8th

Monday, March 1st

Tuesday, February 16th

Tuesday, March 9th

Monday, February 22nd







The show continues on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for Adults. Lunch will be available on both days at our lovely **Artist's Palette Cafe** for a nominal fee. Take a break from browsing and enjoy a delicious meal at the café, you'll be treated like royalty.

Each year the artists donate a piece of their art for the **Artists Raffle**. There is a raffle for every day of the event and the pieces for each day are on display. Tickets can be purchased at the show, and a drawing will take place at the end of every day.

Also being sold for the event are chances for our **Progressive 50/50** drawing. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are on sale now in the Academy Store and will be available throughout the 3 day event. The lucky winner will be drawn on the afternoon of the last day of the show, Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The winner need not be present, why not surprise a relative or friend with a chance on this progressive 50/50 cash prize?

As always, none of this would be possible without the **volunteer** efforts of our mothers! There are still many opportunities for you to volunteer to be a part of this fantastic event! It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet other Moms - many names of which you may know through your sons. Please log on to the CBA Mothers' Club Web site to sign up and for further information on the show.

Each family is being asked to make a donation to the Art Show Preview Reception. We appreciate and depend on your support. We will be grateful for monetary donations of any amount and they can be sent to the school office clearly marked as Art Show donations. (checks only, please)

As you can see this event is a big undertaking and promises to be a memorable event! Mark your calendars, contact your friends and plan to attend The Annual CBA Art Show and Sale! The Preview Reception is an event not to be missed!

### ***Alumni Mothers' Craft Show - Kathy Plath & Lorraine Connolly***

This will be our 15th year of fine, juried crafts, including jewelry, pottery, florals, hand-knits, quilts, photography, and gourmet food items, just to mention a few of our variety of crafts. All are hand-crafted by over 100 fine crafters from our area, as well as other states. Please mark your calendars - Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Admission \$3.00.



Alumni moms and moms of present students are invited and encouraged to join in the fun(d) raising effort. To volunteer and help on the day of the show, or decorate on Friday, March 5, you can go to our website, [cbamothersclub.org](http://cbamothersclub.org), click on Alumni Craft Show and go to the Volunteer Section, or you can call Lorraine Connolly at 732-741-4867. For inquiries about participating in the craft show as an artisan, please call Kathy Plath at 732-495-9109, or visit the website for information and an application. Hope to see all of you at the show!

## ***CBA Mothers' Club Retreat– Chrys Raheb-Gileta***

It's that time of year again for you to treat yourself to a special day.

Please join us as we gather together at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Elberon for a day of reflection, prayer and friendship. The speaker for our Mothers' Club retreat this year is Father Douglas Freer from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Belmar, NJ.

**PLACE:** STELLA MARIS CONVENT  
981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 14, 2010  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**COST:** \$50.00 (Please make check payable to  
CBA Mothers' Club)

The format for the day is usually as follows

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Pastries
10:00 – 10:45	Session
10:45 – 11:15	Reflection Time
11:15 – 12:00 p.m.	Session
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Session
1:30 – 2:00	Reflection Time and/or Penance
2:00 – 3:00	Mass



Seating is limited, so please reserve early!

**Directions:** Garden State Parkway to exit 105. Take Route 35E to Route 71S past Monmouth University. Stay straight past the University on Cedar Avenue. At the end of Cedar Avenue, make a right onto Ocean Avenue. Stella Maris Convent is approximately one mile ahead on the left.

Please mail your reservation, *including your email address*, along with a check for \$50.00 payable to CBA Mothers' Club to:

Chrys Raheb-Gileta  
16 Village Drive  
Matawan, NJ 07747

Questions? – contact Chrys at 732-832-1705 or at [craheb@aol.com](mailto:craheb@aol.com)



## ***CBA MOTHER-SON DINNER – Lisa Murray***

Save the date for the Mother-Son Dinner on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Addison Park in Aberdeen, NJ. Invitations will be mailed out in early February and information will be available on the Mothers' Club website, [www.cbamothersclub.org](http://www.cbamothersclub.org). This event is EXTREMELY popular and sells out every year! Don't procrastinate and get your response in right away. This is a truly wonderful evening for both mother and son. There is a terrific Gift Basket Raffle and a Photo opportunity for both mother and son. Volunteers are needed to help and sign up can be done right on our MC website. Please contact either Lisa Murray at (H)732-291-8760, [lisa\\_murray@verizon.net](mailto:lisa_murray@verizon.net) or Maria Yurkowski, (H) 732-834-0506, (C)732-673-3003, [mariay2002@aol.com](mailto:mariay2002@aol.com), with any questions.



## ***CBA SERVICE HOURS – Maureen Staub***

*Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!*

We receive many compliments on the quality of the CBA Students as they perform their Service Hours. A director of one of the organizations gratefully described our sons as "going over and above, self-motivated, personable, helpful directing their peers who come to volunteer, respectful, appropriately dressed, and they are there for the right reason...to follow in the footsteps of Christ."



**REMINDER TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Service Hours must be completed and submitted by March 24, 2010.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** If you need suggestions for Service Hours, go to the website and click SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. There are some terrific suggestions on the website such as Best Day in the Snow (like Best Day at the Beach from last summer that many of the students enjoyed), Calico Thrift Shop, The Bridges Program, Barn for the Poorest of the Poor, Trinity Saturday Soup Kitchen and The Sanctuary Saturday Soup Kitchen. Descriptions of the service and contact information are provided.

**50 HOURS FOR 50 YEARS** To honor the celebration of CBA's 50th Anniversary, students are encouraged, though not required, to increase their normal service requirement for this year (10 hours for Freshmen, 15 hours for Sophomores and Juniors, and 10 hours for Seniors) to 50 hours as a gift in honor of CBA's 50 years. If a student wishes to participate in 50 FOR 50, he will have until May 31, 2010 to complete the incremental hours.

## **TO SUBMIT COMPLETED CBA SERVICE HOURS**

www.cbalincroftnj.org

click SERVICE PROGRAM

click SERVICE SUMMARY FORM

Please carefully complete all of the information requested and verify the information.

click SUBMIT

If you complete additional Service Hours during the year, you can make additional online submissions and your submissions will be combined and totaled.

Your submission will be reviewed by the Service Committee.

**You will only be contacted if there is a question or problem with your Service Hours.**

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Service Committee:

### **CBA SERVICE MODERATOR**

Brother Joseph Miggins      732-747-1959 x123

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### ***Tuition Raffle - Janice Fannan***

The Annual Tuition raffle will be held at the Father-Son Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 14, 2010. The raffle consists of two prizes: one full year tuition and one half year tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year. Tickets will be mailed to each family by the end of January. One ticket is twenty-five dollars or five tickets for one hundred dollars. Any questions can be e-mailed to Janice Fannan at [fannan@verizon.net](mailto:fannan@verizon.net).



## *Fathers' Club News - John McNamara*

- The Pot o Gold Raffle was a great success with more than 1600 tickets sold! A real bonus for this years' annual raffle is that all three prizes were won by parents of CBA students!
  - For the first time, CBA participated in the Order of Hibernians Annual Polar Bear Plunge in Sea Bright on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The Plunge takes place every year to raise money for Catholic Schools. All money raised by participating Plungers is given to their school. Although we got off to a late start we are pleased to have had 3 CBA students take the plunge along with hundreds of students from local schools. A check in the amount of \$1422.61 was presented to CBA for their efforts.
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- **Evening Presentation for CBA Parents:**

We are all aware of the undetected pressures that can be affecting teenagers and on sad occasion lead to the devastation of teen suicide. Mr. Joe Giunuzzi, Principal of Holy Cross HS in Queens tragically lost his 16 year old son to suicide. We have invited Mr. Giunuzzi to speak from personal experience to the parents here at CBA about the types of pressures that our children face and how we can help them handle those issues. Please join us on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, for this informative talk about teenage suicide prevention. Joe Giunuzzi will share his personal experience and discuss how losses like that of his own son can be prevented.
  - Mark your calendars for the following events:
    - Joe Giunuzzi on Teenage Pressures and Teenage Suicide – March 4
    - Father/Son Communion Breakfast – March 14
    - NCAA Finals Beef & Beer Party – April 5
    - Father/Son Fishing Trip – May 15
    - Parent/Son Bowling Event – Date TBD
    - Father/Son Golf Outing – June 8
    - Brother Andrew Second Annual Golf Outing – 10/4 at Trump National
  - Local chapters of the Knights of Columbus and the AOH have asked for our help in raising awareness among the adults in our community about a young man in Middletown who desperately needs a bone marrow donor. The screening is January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-4. Call 732-414-1625 for information.
  - The next Fathers' Club Meeting is February 11, at 6:30 pm in Alumni Hall. I urge all Dads to get involved and make a difference in your son's experience here at CBA. Check the Fathers' Club Link on the CBA Website frequently for details of all upcoming events.

## *The Academy Store*

Don't forget the Academy Store has many wonderful things for your son, alumni, grandparents, newly accepted and enrolled students and yourself. Stop by to see their extensive line of CBA apparel and gifts representing all interests. A few 50th Anniversary Plates are still available.

***The Art Show Progressive 50/50 tickets are for sale at the Academy Store, winner to be drawn on Sunday, February 7th***

Store hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm  
(Closed on Wednesdays) The Academy Store is frequently open during athletic events and special events at the Academy.



## **General Reminders**

**Daily Mass** is celebrated each day in the school chapel at 7:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Attendance** - A **phone call** on the day of the absence (Ext. 300) and a **note** upon return to school are a must!

**School Vacations** have been planned and are quite lengthy. Please **do not add days** before or after vacation times. See the school handbook for regulations concerning vacations etc.

**Messages** - Classes will not be disturbed to give messages to students. Unless there is an emergency, any message for your son will be announced after school.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

***The Christian Brothers Academy Newsletter is published by the CBA Mothers' Club.***

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