



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Freshmen and your Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the CBA brotherhood! I am Nicole Johnson, and it will be my pleasure to be your student's school counselor for his freshman year at CBA. This welcome letter will provide you with some very helpful information to refer to throughout the year as you and your student become acclimated to Christian Brothers Academy. I will be available throughout the year as a resource to help each freshman transition to life at CBA. An important date to add to your calendar is Thursday, September 18, which is the Freshman Parent School and College Counseling Information Night at 6:15PM, followed by Back to School Night at 7:15PM. This night will provide you the opportunity to learn more about the counseling approach we utilize here at CBA, while also giving you the chance to meet your son's teachers.

Freshman year is an important year. Christian Brothers Academy is a rigorous academic, college preparatory high school. The Academy provides all students and their families with 24-hour access to the online portal. I recommend, especially in the beginning, that you reserve time together to look online, perhaps weekly. You are to use the portal as a means of tracking your son's weekly progress, as well as to contact any teacher as soon as possible in the event of a concern. The teachers will inform their students in September how to access their Assignment Log/LMS, as well as when they are available for extra help.

Enclosed in this mailing, your student will receive a copy of the Student Handbook, which you are required to read together as a family. Along with the handbook is a Cooperative Agreement that you and your student are required to sign and return to school. This agreement maintains that you are aware of all policies and procedures outlined for the 2025-2026 academic year, as well as which extensions to call for such things as an absence, or, for example, the school nurse. Please make sure to read through this handbook carefully with your student when it is distributed.

Each freshman will receive a minimum of two one-on-one appointments, which take place once each semester. The rest are taught in a group setting to cover topics such as the handbook/rules and time management/organization, our college search engine: Maia Learning, wellness and resiliency, and finally, assisting them in creating their College Board accounts for the PSAT, which the students all take for the first time in their sophomore year.

In the first appointment, we discuss what their goals are and how important this year will be, and I will increase my appointments on an as-needed basis throughout the year or if one is requested. Should you wish for a family appointment, I will be happy to accommodate you. If you have anything specific that you want me to be mindful of with regard to your student, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Lastly, it goes without saying that each of us has a special role to play in the counseling process to be successful. Working together with you as their parent/guardian will enable us all to ensure the best support possible. You can contact me in one of two ways: (1) by phone at extension, 122, or (2) by email at njohnson@cbalincroftnj.org. My goal is to be a positive ally for your student during his high school career.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Very Sincerely,

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