CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Class of 2030 Family,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our CBA community and to what I know will be an amazing school year! I hope that each of you has had a great summer filled with fun and relaxation. As the school year begins there are many activities to introduce your son to the traditions of CBA, as well as help him prepare for the start of his important journey.

On Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the Class of 2030 will have their first day of Freshmen Orientation Week where they will meet their big brothers from the Class of 2028 at the Big/Little Brother BBQ. Ms. Maccarella will be sending out more information shortly**. Freshmen will report to the Henderson Theater at 12:30PM for a brief program, they will then meet their big brothers and participate in a variety of activities. During the Big/Little Brother BBQ there will be a freshmen parent program starting in the Dining Hall at 1:00PM. The program will start with a brief social followed by the School and College Counseling Presentation in the theater.**

Freshmen will report on Wednesday September 2, 2026 for the second day of their orientation week. Freshmen should report to the Henderson Theater by 8:05AM to begin the day. This is a very important day for the Class of 2030 as they will participate in Freshmen Oath Day. Oath Day is an opportunity for our freshmen to learn more about the Academy Oath. The day includes speakers, discussions and a class teaching mass. Students should wear the normal school dress code with a blazer. Also on Wednesday, Freshmen will have their yearbook pictures taken. Enclosed in this mailing is the Normandy Studio photo form. Please bring the completed form to school on the 2nd. All students should be in full dress code. Students are photographed in sports coats/blazers. Please refer to Mr. Horner's letter on the CBA Class Page for more information. Dismissal will be at 12:34PM.

Freshman Orientation Week continues on Thursday, September 3, 2026. Freshmen should arrive at school no later than 8:05AM and will report directly to homeroom. All grades will be participating in Welcome Back Day. **For the Class of 2030 that will include the Heath Run and Freshmen Welcome Day.** The Freshmen Run has been a tradition at Christian Brothers Academy for more than fifty years. In addition to the run there will be orientation activities and some friendly class competition among the freshmen homerooms. Freshmen should arrive at school wearing their gym clothes and sneakers suitable for running. Students requiring an inhaler should have one with them. Backpacks and computers should be left at home. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Dismissal will be at 12:34PM.

There is no school for students on Friday September 4th and Monday September 7th. Freshmen will report to Homeroom on Tuesday September 8th by 8:05AM. Dismissal will be at 12:34PM. This is the final day of Freshmen Orientation. The day will begin with a school wide mass followed by orientation activities.

Other Important Dates:

- The President's Reception for Freshmen/New Parents September 11, 2026
- Back to School Night September 17, 2026 at 6:00PM

The School and College Counseling department will be scheduling meetings with each freshman early in the school year to assist with the transition to high school. Students and parents can reach out to their son's counselors for assistance at any time.

- Included in this mailing is our 2026-2027 Calendar Handbook.

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- 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 supervised 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 online on the 2030 Class Page or by bringing cash or check (in an envelope with student's name) to the Main Office. Yearbook orders are due by December 4, 2026. The cost is $65 if purchased by **December 4, 2026**. Yearbooks ordered after that will be $75. No orders will be accepted after February 19, 2027. 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.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to urge your son to get involved in the many extracurricular and co-curricular activities offered at CBA. Clubs meet both before and after school and during the enrichment period to ensure that students have as many opportunities to participate as possible.

In keeping with our mission, CBA's extracurricular activities provide a unique opportunity to nourish the whole person--mind, body and spirit. 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. From competitive activities such as our science, math and academic teams, to spiritual activities such as our worship ministries, to cultural activities such as our world language and culture clubs, CBA currently offers a myriad of unique clubs and activities that encompasses a wide range of academic fields and interest areas. Students will be able to provide service to CBA and the wider community through organizations such as SADD and LaSallian Youth. It is our hope that students will be inspired to participate in the range of opportunities being offered to serve, including several overnight service immersion trips.

In addition to service organizations, competitive clubs and cultural activities, CBA also offers a full range of performing arts activities including theater, the pipes and drums, jazz band and men's choir. All in all, I encourage each and every member of the Class of 2030 to be adventurous and to take a step outside of his comfort zone. Our wide range of activities will allow each student to expand his interests and develop lifelong hobbies and passions. Further, if students have an interest or hobby which is not currently covered by one of our many clubs; students are encouraged to start a new one!

It is my hope that your son will immerse himself 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.

However your son chooses to become involved, I ask that he remain committed to his 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 his four short years at academy. If you have any concerns or questions about your son's transition to high school or his level of involvement in campus life please contact me. I am happy to assist your son as he adjusts to high school.

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. If you have any interests or passions that you would like to share with our community I would love to hear from you. It is wonderful when parents can share their career experiences or other interests with our students.

I look forward to working with you and your son as he begins his journey at CBA and wish him much success!

Sincerely,

Maureen Szablewski
Associate Principal of Student Affairs