CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear Sophomores and your Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you are enjoying a restful summer. As we prepare to return to school in September, the School and College Counseling Office wants to provide you with an outline of your sophomore year. Additionally, we are excited to announce that Ms. Anna Maria Demonte will be joining our team at CBA! Ms. Demonte first began her career in education in the classroom as a teacher with a background in special education. After completing her master's degree in School Counseling, she began working in the counseling office at high schools in New York and New Jersey. During her time as a school and college counselor, Ms. Demonte has also been named the Student Concerns Coordinator and the Interim Academic Advisor. Her years of experience as both a counselor and teacher will be invaluable to our students during their high school years. Please join me in welcoming her to our CBA community.

Sophomore year will be a vital one for you. You will continue your academic progress while beginning to look ahead to life beyond CBA. In order to facilitate and ensure that you continue to build on the success of your freshman year, your counselor will meet with you at different times during the year. As counselors our primary objective is to provide you with the support you need to maximize your potential both in the classroom and beyond. This will help you to realize your dreams and goals. Our goal is to be a positive ally for you throughout your high school career. We are here to answer your questions, provide counseling and advice and aid in your overall CBA experience.

Some of the topics that will be discussed in the sophomore appointments are:

- The continued pursuit of your academic progress
- Start the discussion on your possible future goals and career choices
- Discuss the college search process
- Help prepare you for the PSAT's
- Help you build a well-rounded, diverse resume/profile for the college application process

As sophomores, you are assigned a new counselor that will work with you and your family for the next three years as you continue your time at CBA. Below is the breakdown of the counselor assignments.

Counselor Assignments by Last Name

Mr. David Frick----------A – Ch
Mr. Kevin McCaig----------Ci - F
Mrs. Rosellen Leo----------G - L
Ms. Anna Maria Demonte —--M - Se and Benilde Students
Mr. Patrick Brennan----------Sh - Z

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There will be several events throughout the year where we will share more about counseling at CBA. Parents and Guardians are invited to attend the Sophomore Parent Night on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00PM. If you have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to your son's counselor. A student/parent meeting can be scheduled during the school day whenever necessary.

Each of us has a special role to play in order for the counseling process to be successful. This team approach will enable you to receive the best support possible. We look forward to working with you and your family during your high school career.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you in September!

Sincerely,
The CBA School & College Counseling Office