CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Class of 2028 and Family,

Welcome back to what I know will be an amazing junior year! I hope that each of you has had a great summer filled with fun and relaxation and will soon be ready to return to an exciting and challenging junior year.

There are several notable events in the first months of the school year including:

- Tuesday September 1, 2026 Big/Little Brother BBQ
- Tuesday September 8, 2026 Junior Tie Ceremony and Luncheon (more information below)
- Wednesday September 23, 2026 Junior Parent School and College Counseling Night 6:00PM
- Wednesday October 14, 2026 PSAT Day for all sophomores and juniors
- Friday October 16, 2026 CBA Fall College Fair

Other things to note as we return to school:

- Included in this mailing is our 2026-2027 Calendar Handbook.
- Juniors should arrive at school no later than 8:05AM on **Thursday, September 3, 2026** and report to homeroom. Juniors will participate in school wide Welcome Back Day, which for juniors will include workshops and other presentations tailored for the Class of 2028. Dress is casual and each junior will be given a special Welcome Back t-shirt in homeroom to wear that day.
- Juniors should arrive at school no later than 8:05AM on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** and will report to homeroom to begin the day. Dismissal will be at 12:34PM. All juniors will have their picture taken on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Enclosed in this mailing is the Normandy Studio photo form. Please bring the completed form to school on the 8th. All Students must be in dress code for the yearbook photos. Please refer to Mr. Horner's letter on the CBA Class Page for more information.
- There are no classes on Friday, September 4, 2026
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 is the first full day of classes.
- The school building will be open daily at 7:30AM. Students arriving early should report to the Library or the Dining Hall. The Dining Hall 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 2028 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.
- 2025-2026 Yearbooks will be distributed in homeroom in September to those who ordered them. Please make sure that your son receives his yearbook if he ordered one.

Junior year is certainly a notable time here at Christian Brothers Academy as your sons are no longer viewed as boys, but are considered true men of the Academy. This is an accomplishment to be proud of and celebrated, since it marks a commitment to Christian Brothers Academy and changes your son's status into that of an upperclassman.

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He is now expected to be a leader and example to those classes behind him. As mentioned in last month's email, we hold the Signum Fidei Junior Tie Ceremony to commemorate this rite of passage. Signum Fidei is the motto of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and means "sign of faith." This ceremony is a sign of faith from the administration and faculty that these young men, after making it to this crucial year, will continue and graduate from CBA in May of 2028 as "Academy Men."

As such, we would like to invite you to attend the **Signum Fidei Junior Tie Ceremony** on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** at 1:00PM in the Varsity Gym during which juniors will receive their Class Tie. This tie, in Academy colors and designed uniquely for the Class of 2028, can be worn only by them from that day forward and will hopefully become a cherished keepsake. A luncheon reception will follow this event. There are no additional charges for the juniors, for the ties or the lunch, and it is expected that they will all attend. Parents/guardians who wish to attend this ceremony are most welcome. Those wishing to stay for the luncheon must reserve a space in advance. The cost of the luncheon is $35 per guest with a limit of two guests per student. For reservations by credit card, please visit the 2028 Class Page by August 28, 2026 or you may return the enclosed form with your check made out to Christian Brothers Academy. *No reservation will be accepted after August 28, 2026.*

It is my hope that many of the juniors have applied to serve as big brothers to the Class of 2030 as they make the transition to high school. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the Class of 2028 to develop their leadership skills while helping members of the Class of 2030. There will be Big Brother Training on August 17, 2026 and August 20, 2026. Those serving as big brothers will receive an email with information about the training. Members of the Class serving as Big Brothers will meet their Little Brothers at the **Big/Little Brother BBQ** on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. If you have any questions about the program please contact Ms. Maccarella or Ms. Gnerre.

Finally as we kick off another school year I would like to take the opportunity to encourage the juniors to continue to be involved on campus. CBA's extracurricular activities provide a unique opportunity to nourish the whole person--mind, body and spirit. Please immerse yourself 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. Attend the various student performances throughout the year and marvel at the talents of your classmates. Join the Colt Crazies and be part of a long tradition of support and brotherhood which is an integral part of our athletic success. Indeed, the strength and positivity of our fans is a strong component of what makes CBA great. All in all, I encourage each and every one of you to be adventurous and to take a step outside of your comfort zone. Our wide range of activities will allow you to expand your interests and develop lifelong hobbies and passions which will expand your horizons.

However you choose to become involved, I ask that each of you remain committed to your 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 your four short years at academy.

Finally, to our dedicated parents, I thank you all for your continued dedication and support and I look forward to another amazing year at the Academy!

Sincerely,

Maureen Szablewski
Associate Principal of Student Affairs