



August 2017

Dear Families:

I hope you are enjoying your summer and resting up for what I'm certain will be an exciting 2017-18 school year. My name is Chris Orr and I am honored to introduce myself as Principal of Christian Brothers High School. As I shared in the August *Falcon Family News*, joining this phenomenal community is the culmination of both my professional and personal aspirations as this role allows me to combine my educational vocation, Catholic faith and passion for CB.

For those of you new to our community, the [Falcon Family News](#) is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents and students that contains important information relative to all areas of school life. The *Falcon Family News* will be posted on the CB website under the "About Us" tab and emailed to you at the beginning of each month.

Please read the following important information prior to the start of school on August 16:

Final **class schedules** with teacher and counselor names, room numbers, and assigned lockers, **were mailed to new freshmen and transfer students, and are available on Power School for returning sophomores, juniors and seniors.** All class change requests must be submitted to Assistant Principal David Desmond '94. **The deadline for all course changes is 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16.** Any course changes after that date require a fully completed pink course transfer form available from the student's counselor. After the first week of the semester, class schedule changes may only be initiated by a student's teacher or counselor on his/her behalf. **Class change requests based solely upon teacher preference will not be considered.**

The **2017-18 [Parent-Student Handbook](#)** is posted on the CB website under the "Parents" tab. The handbook establishes the parameters of our partnership as a school community. ***Please read and review it carefully.*** Particular attention needs to be given to CB's Attendance Policy, our Honor Code, the Responsible Use Policy regarding technology, and the **Dress Code policy that will be enforced beginning the first day of school.** A reminder that submitting registration and enrollment materials for a student at Christian Brothers High School is deemed an agreement on his/her part, and on the part of his/her parents/guardians, to comply with all policies, rules, guidelines, and regulations of the school as outlined in the 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook.

The **[online school calendar](#)** has been updated for the 2017-18 school year. It contains important dates, events, and activities for the upcoming school year and the daily rotating schedule for classes. ***Always re-check the calendar posted on the CB website for the most up-to-date information!*** Weekly events are also noted in the *Daily Bulletin* posted each day on the website. Beginning on Friday, August 11, you will continue to receive a **weekly email message** with timely information about upcoming meetings, events and activities that may involve your student.

There are several important items that are available as needed on the CB website under the **[Parents tab](#)**, Information and Forms. These include an invitation to our **Ice Cream Social/New Parent Orientation**; a **letter for seniors** and their parents; a **volunteer sign-up** link; a **confidential request form from our Counseling department** regarding specific requirements your child may need to have addressed while at CB; and information about the **[Appryse student medical database required for all students](#)** and **voluntary student accident insurance** to cover school-time accidents and/or illness.

**Freshmen and transfer parents** are cordially invited to our **New Parent Orientation** which takes place on **Friday evening, August 11.** Freshmen students and new parents are invited to an **Ice Cream Social** on the Main Lawn from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**; **9<sup>th</sup> grade students** will then begin their **Lock-In** experience in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center, and

parents will join us from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** for New Parent Orientation in the Jack Witry Field House. We hope to see you there! **Transfer students** will have their **orientation on August 15** from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in Room 105, followed by a New Student Tech Boot Camp from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**PowerSchool** is an important resource for accessing information regarding student attendance and academic progress. Student and Parent access to PowerSchool will begin on August 1. Students may access this web-based program using their Christian Brothers username and password which was mailed with the July 1 letter and course schedule. If you have misplaced your student's PowerSchool, Schoology, and WiFi logon information sheet, which was sent with the course schedule on July 1, a copy will be available on August 16 starting at 7:00 a.m. at the iPad helpdesk. Parents of incoming freshmen and/or transfer students will be provided with information on how to create their account and log into PowerSchool. Questions regarding access to PowerSchool may be directed to our Registrar, Mrs. Becky Woods '02 (916-733-3632). **Quarter report cards** are finalized on PowerSchool. **Semester report cards will be** mailed home.

Our **Learning Management System** called **Schoology** is another powerful tool for students to manage and monitor learning. All teachers post homework assignments to Schoology on the day the homework is assigned so students may easily access what is due in each class. Schoology is a terrific way for students to organize their time (acts as an agenda/datebook), check and submit homework, participate in class discussion threads, access resources, communicate with teachers, and more! Students may access this web-based program using their Christian Brothers username and password which was mailed with the July 1 letter and course schedule. **For parents, checking for assigned homework on Schoology and grade postings on PowerSchool regularly continues to be the most efficient and accurate way to monitor your child's school progress.** Parents of incoming freshmen and/or transfer students will be provided with information on how to create their account and log into Schoology. Questions regarding access to Schoology may be directed to Brittany Williams at [bwilliams@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:bwilliams@cbhs-sacramento.org).

By this time, all incoming freshmen should have signed up for one of our **Freshman Technology Boot Camps**. If you have not registered, please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/z4aab5t>. ALL STUDENTS must make sure their iPad is ready for the school year by following the instructions under the iPad Program tab of the school's website.

**All parents** are invited to a **technology workshop** in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center on **Monday, August 14, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** We hope you join us as we partner together to enable our students to become healthy and responsible digital citizens.

**Back-to-School Night** will take place on **Thursday, August 24**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their child(ren)'s teachers and learn more about curriculum content and teachers' instructional goals, classroom policies and procedures, assessment methods, etc. We look forward to seeing you there!

We will begin our new school year together celebrating who we are as a community as we ask God's blessing upon all that we will share and experience together. Parents are welcome to remain on campus following the **Welcome Back Coffee on Wednesday, August 16**, and join us for the **opening day of school Prayer Service at 9:30 a.m.** **All students are to wear CB polo shirts the first day of school for the prayer service** (dress code shorts are permitted).

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!



Chris Orr  
Principal