



August 2018

Dear CB Families:

On behalf of the Christian Brothers High School community, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2018-19 school year! As we embark on our 143rd year of Lasallian Catholic education in Sacramento, we are grateful for the trust you place in us as your partners in preparing your sons and daughters for success in college and life.

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, are available on Power School for all returning sophomore, junior and senior students beginning Wednesday, August 1. Parents of new freshmen and transfer students will receive their class schedules via email. The class schedule is password-protected using the student's date of birth as the password. To view the schedule, the student's birth date must be entered in this format: XX/XX/XXXX. For all students, questions regarding the class schedule should be directed to the Registrar, [Mrs. Becky Woods '02](#), or Assistant Principal [Mr. David Desmond '94](#).

Prior to Thursday, August 16, all class change requests must be submitted online using the **class change request form** available [here](#) on the Counseling Department page of our website. Beginning August 16, any course change requests from 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.**

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.

The 2018-19 [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 should 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 2018-2019 Parent/Student Handbook.

The online [School Calendar](#) has been updated for the 2018-19 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 10, 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 **voluntary student accident insurance** to cover school-time accidents and/or illness. Please follow the link to the [Appryse](#) student medical database to enroll in the Appryse system which is required for all students.

Freshmen and transfer parents are cordially invited to our **New Parent Orientation** which takes place on **Friday evening, August 10**. Freshmen students and their parents are invited to an **Ice Cream Social** on the Main Lawn from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**; **9th grade students** will then begin their **Lock-In** experience in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. All new CB parents will join us from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** for New Parent Orientation in the Ron Limeberger '53 Gym. We hope to see you there! **Transfer students** will have their **orientation on August 15** from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Room 105.

PowerSchool is an important resource for accessing information regarding student attendance and academic progress. Student and parent access to PowerSchool begins on August 1. 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, check and submit homework, participate in class discussion threads, access resources, communicate with teachers, and more! **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.

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/y9b2wy5n>. 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 of incoming freshmen and transfer students are invited to attend a **Parent Technology Workshop** on Monday, August 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. 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 23**, 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 Thursday, 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 and the second day of school for pictures (dress code shorts are permitted).

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!



Chris Orr
Principal