

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL

DEAR FAMILIES:

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is Trina Koontz and I am honored to serve the families, students, faculty and staff of Christian Brothers High School as interim principal for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. I hold this school and its mission close to my heart and in the highest esteem as my son is a Class of '95 graduate, and two of my grandchildren are currently attending and thriving.

My background and experience include the following:

Current:

- Associate Superintendent/Regional Director for Diocese of Sacramento – Catholic School Department with oversight/supervision for Solano and Yolo Catholic schools
- Ex-Officio Board member for St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo, CA: three years

Previous:

- Principal, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Elementary School, Elk Grove, CA: 10 years
- Principal and Curriculum Assistant Principal – High School and Middle School; Director of Secondary Education – public education: 13 years
- Teacher – public education: five years

Prior to the Christmas break, I was blessed to spend several days on campus. Having seen firsthand the faculty, staff and administrators in action, I can certainly see why CB is *the place to be!* Christian Brothers is tasked in its mission as a "Lasallian Catholic coeducational college preparatory high school... dedicated to inspiring and empowering young men and women with a challenging, relevant, and diverse academic program and co-curricular activities. Students thrive in a Christ-centered community that fosters faith, integrity, global citizenship, leadership and service, preparing students for college and life." Through successes and challenges, this mission has neither changed nor waived in its intent nor delivery.

As the hiring process continues for the school's next president and principal, 2020 brings with it an exciting opportunity to create a new and vibrant chapter in the book that is Christian Brothers High School. I am grateful to play a role in providing daily leadership and support, as the Board of Trustees and school administrators continue their steadfast efforts to identify an outstanding leader who will sustain the school's high standards and passionate dedication to the Lasallian Catholic mission.

I look forward to meeting you all and pray that 2020 is filled with hope, joy and blessings.

Live Jesus in our hearts!



Trina Koontz
Interim Principal

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Parents: If your child has 'D's or 'F's on his/her report card, PLEASE READ THIS!

As stated on page 13 of the [CB Parent/Student Handbook](#), 'D's' and 'F's' are bad news on report cards! It is important for you and your student to understand that neither 'D's' nor 'F's' are acceptable. 'F' grades must be repeated for credit to graduate from Christian Brothers High School. 'D' grades, though worth five credits toward graduation, are not accepted by four-year colleges and universities. **All California State University campuses, University of California campuses, and most private institutions require a 'C' or above in all core courses** (Core courses are approved history, English, math, lab science, world language, visual and performing arts, and elective courses – also known as the 'a-g' list of approved courses. See the chart below for these requirements). If students have 'D's' on the transcript in any a-g courses and do not remediate them, they are not eligible to apply for admission to CSU and UC schools, therefore seriously limiting their choices for college.

	Subject	Requirements for UCs and CSUs
a	Social Science	2 years (1 year of world history & 1 year of U.S. history or 1 semester of U.S. History/ 1 semester of government)
b	English	4 years , including frequent writing
c	Mathematics	3 years, including Algebra II; 4 years recommended
d	Laboratory Science	2 years; 3 years recommended (one must be a life science and another a physical science)
e	Foreign Language	2 years (of the same language); 3 years recommended
f	Visual & Performing Arts	1 year
g	College Preparatory Electives	1 year; more recommended

If your child would like to keep his/her options open and remain eligible to apply to a four-year college, the Counseling Department highly recommends that he/she remediate (repeat for credit) any 'D' grades earned in a-g approved courses. Students may enroll in a variety of classes during the **2020 CBHS Summer School** session to remediate a grade. While previous grades are never removed from a student's transcript, if a student completes the course in summer school with a 'C' or above, his/her transcript will reflect the new credits and the new grade will be used when calculating the grade point average.

For example, if your child is currently enrolled in biology and received a 'D' the first semester, he/she should consider repeating biology this summer. If he/she is currently enrolled in a math

or world language course and received a low grade the first semester ('D' or 'F'), it is important to receive a 'C' or above at the end of the spring semester. CSU and UC will "validate" (count as successful) the whole year of a math or world language course if the student shows marked improvement the second semester (i.e. goes from a 'D' to a 'C,' 'B,' or 'A'). Therefore, students have a choice – work very hard this semester in math and/or world language and bring the grade up or repeat it in summer school or next school year to raise the grade. **Since a full four years of English is a basic requirement for eligibility to a four-year college, any 'D's' in English should be remediated in the summer.** One year of world history is the minimum requirement for eligibility, so students should be sure to have a 'C' or above for at least two of the four semesters of frosh/soph world history. Any U.S. history 'D's' should also be remediated.

Please contact your child's grade-level counselor if you have questions about remediating grades. If you intend to register for **summer school, registration will be available online on the CB website beginning January 1, 2020.**

Standardized Test Scores

PSAT 8/9 (grade 9), Pre-ACT (grade 10) and PSAT/NMSQT (grade 11) test results will be returned to students during classroom visits in January and February. Counselors will go over results with students by explaining and analyzing their scores and will also assist students with **pre-registration** for classes in the 2020-2021 school year. Please ask your son/daughter to see his/her exam results (scores are also already posted on [Family Connection](#)). **Look for a mailing regarding pre-registration in early February.**

Attention Seniors and Their Parents:

Please remember to **turn in copies of your admission decisions and scholarship letters** to Mrs. Cynthia Grajeda, Ms. Melissa McClellan, Mrs. April Melarkey, or Mr. Armando Diaz '94 in the Counseling Center as you receive them. It is also very important that students update their admission status on [Family Connection](#).

SAT Test Prep

On-campus SAT prep courses will be offered this spring to help juniors prepare for the exam. Our Saturday morning class (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), taught by CB teachers, will begin on February 1 and will lead up to the March 14 SAT. **Dates for the classes are February 1, 8, 15, and 22. Registration forms are available in the Counseling Center and on the Counseling webpage.** The cost is \$200, which includes the textbook and practice tests.

Please contact [Melissa McClellan](#) (916-733-3679) or [Cynthia Grajeda](#) (916-733-3680) with any questions.

Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve

VENAVER: Los Angeles

Congratulations to the following 12 students for their upcoming service to VENAVER: Los Angeles. Please keep in prayer the following students as they prepare and embark in a week-long service immersion: Olivia Chandra '21, Elizabeth Cotillo '21, Isabella Esquivel '21, Addison Kinter '21, Carly Krause '20, Sarah Louie '20, Clara Martinez '21, Ellis Richburg '21, Jessica Salyer '21, Zachary Santsche-Chavez '21, Gregory Stone '21, and Isabella Warren '21; Adults: Ms. Grapé and Mr. Havey '81. The students will be partnering with Dolores Mission, which is best known as the birthplace of Homeboy Industries, the now prominent intervention and rehabilitation ministry to gangs, several of which operated at the Mission.

Advent Almsgiving Appreciation

Thank you to our CB Social Action Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.) for sponsoring the Advent Prayer Service, and to families, students, faculty and staff for participating in the Advent of Almsgiving and finishing strong!

Impact From Your Giving

- For the [ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS](#), we donated two *Frozen*-themed Christmas trees to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
- [CB'S GIVING TREE](#) collected nearly 40 gift cards for CB families in need.
- The [OAK RIDGE TOY DRIVE](#) provided Christmas gifts to students in the after-school program.



Service Opportunities

For a list of service opportunities, log in to [Family Connection](#). Click the "x2Vol" tab to see a list of non-profit organizations.



Happy New Year from Student Activities!

Falcon Force is ready to cheer on our women's basketball team at Holy Hoops on Saturday, January 11 in the Ron Limeberger '53 Gymnasium. Come dressed in your best CB blue to cheer on our Falcons as they take on St. Francis in this next installment of the Holy Games!

Tickets for the Saturday, January 25 Family Dance will go on sale online beginning Monday, January 13 on the [CB Ticket Hub](#). Tickets are \$30/couple and \$10 for each additional family member. You can also purchase tickets at the LSLO window at lunch during the week of Tuesday, January 21 through Friday, January 24. Online sales close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, though tickets may still be purchased at the door.



Desserts from Ettore's and Freeport Bakery will be served in the cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. with dancing from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Ron Limeberger '53 Gym. **This year's theme is "CB at the Big Top."** Our families are encouraged to dress up for this circus-themed dance and come bring your best and biggest energy to dance the night away! Don't miss the best dance of the year!



Join the Asian Cultural Alliance as they celebrate the Lunar New Year on Thursday, January 30 with lunchtime activities. Food will be served, and the club will also have some fun events, including dancing and Japanese game show-style activities to participate in for the day. Of course, we welcome the return of the Fire Noodle Challenge as well. It is sure to be a fun day!

The first Spirit Day of the semester and the Winter Rally will also be on Thursday, January 30. A special dress code will have the whole school decked out head to toe in spirit dress. See the Schoology calendar or the [Student Activities page](#) on the CB website for the modified dress code as the date approaches. This is also an opportunity for spirit points, so students should make sure to have their student IDs with them to get checked in!

Blessings for the New Year!

Happy New Year and may you be blessed with God's abundant goodness as we journey into 2020! As we continue to pray with our school theme of "Vision & Seeing with Eyes of Faith," I offer a quote by Marcel Proust, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes." At the dawn of a New Year we are afforded new opportunities for growth. We can look more carefully at people and situations around us, and perhaps see something that we hadn't before. We can commit to seeing through the lens of faith while continuing to pray for God to open the eyes of our hearts. Wherever our pathways may take us in the New Year, may we set our eyes on Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life.

Here is a simple prayer for you as you begin the New Year:

Lord, at the beginning of this new year, I offer You my life. Come take my eyes – may they see with compassion and kindness. Come take my voice – may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take my hands – may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take my feet – may the journeys I walk be led by Your Spirit within. Come take my life Lord, for I love Your goodness, Your truth, and desire to do Your will. Amen.

May you and yours be filled with blessings of peace!
- Jen Yearwood, Director of Campus Ministry

Prayer & Worship

Please join us as we worship in the New Year as a CB family!

All CB families are invited to join us for our **Falcon Family Mass on Sunday, January 12** in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. with donuts, coffee and fellowship to follow. Families are asked to RSVP no later than January 6. [Click here to RSVP now!](#)

"The Power of Love:" All are invited to join us for an **All-School Prayer Service hosted by the CB Black Student Union (BSU) on Thursday, January 9 at 9:45 a.m.**

Retreats

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR OVERNIGHT AND SENIOR KAIROS RETREATS IS IN ITS FINAL DAYS! Thank you to all who registered for our overnight retreats! There are a few spots open for:

- [JUNIOR OVERNIGHT](#) March 2-3
- [SENIOR KAIROS](#) March 17-20

Contact the Campus Ministry Office if you are interested.

Sophomore All-Class Retreat: "Quest"

On **Friday, January 10**, the Class of 2022 will come together to further build and strengthen class bonds and unity, and also to reflect on the very important theme of "Values and Choices." **Retreatants will begin their day together at 8:30 a.m. at the CSU Alumni Center (on the back side of the Sacramento State University campus). Parents are responsible for bringing them to the retreat site by 8:15 a.m. and picking them up from the retreat at 2:30 p.m. There is no transportation from Christian Brothers to the retreat. Students should wear dress code pants and their Class of '22 spirit shirt, and bring a non-microwaveable lunch and a drink.** The retreat will be led by Ms. Yearwood, Ms. Grapé, and the members of the Senior Retreat Leadership Team (SRLT). An email with the retreat day information and directions to the retreat was sent out to sophomore families on December 20. If you did not receive this communication, contact [Ms. Yearwood](#) immediately!

SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Be sure to keep track of Thursday start and dismissal times!

[January Schedule](#)

Spring semester classes begin on Tuesday, January 7

- **Thursday, January 9** – 8:00 a.m. start; 2:30 p.m. dismissal (three-block day, Prayer Service, Falcon Flex)
- **Thursday, January 16** – 9:00 a.m. start; 2:25 p.m. dismissal (three-block day, Falcon Flex)
- **Thursday, January 23** – 9:00 a.m. start; 2:25 p.m. dismissal (three-block day, Falcon Flex)
- **Thursday, January 30** – 9:00 a.m. start; 2:25 p.m. dismissal (three-block day, Winter Rally)

POWERSCHOOL UNAVAILABLE DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

To give our students and families a break from academic demands during Christmas break, **access to PowerSchool will be closed until Monday, January 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** Posted semester grades will be available at that time. We hope that our students and families will use this time to relax, decompress and enjoy time with loved ones. **Semester report cards will be sent by email on Friday, January 10.**

ATHLETICS

Sport passes are on sale for the 2019-2020 winter season. You may purchase a sport pass in the [Ticket Hub](#) on the CB website.

Download the **CB Falcons App!** This is the official app for Christian Brothers High School athletics, which brings fans closer to the team than ever before. Get game coverage, news stories, game previews and recaps, enhanced stats, customized game alerts, player profiles and much more! Follow the CB Falcons all season long on your mobile device.

CONGRATULATIONS to our **CB football team** who tied as the Section's Academic Team Champion for football with an overall 3.33 GPA. Additionally, our **women's tennis team** ranked fourth in the Section's Academic Team Championship with an overall 3.65 GPA.

Holy Games



Holy Court

The **Holy Court basketball games** will take place at Jesuit High School on **Saturday, January 4, 2020**. Game times are 3:00 (freshmen), 4:30 (JV) and 6:00 p.m. (varsity). General admission tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased at [this link](#).

Holy Hoops

The **Holy Hoops basketball games** against St. Francis are scheduled for **Saturday, January 11, 2020 at CB**. Game times are 2:30 (freshmen), 4:00 (JV) and 5:30 p.m. (varsity). **Tickets will be available online for Christian Brothers' families, students, teachers and staff in the Friday weekly update message starting Friday, January 3, 2020.** Tickets are \$7 each with a \$1 service charge and must be shown at the door on an electronic device or printed out. **There is a limit of four tickets per person.** There will be no in and out privileges.

Live Streaming

Every home freshmen, JV, and varsity basketball game will be live streamed on [nfhsnetwork.com](#). The [link](#) is also on the [CB athletics website](#). You must create a username and password to view the live streams. All games are free except for the playoffs.

FinalForms and Spring Tryouts

All athletes must have the [FinalForms](#) athletic medical clearance with a valid physical prior to any participation or tryouts for athletics. If your son/daughter plans to join an athletic team, a parent or guardian must sign their student up through the tryout button in your individual FinalForms account.

Spring tryouts officially begin Monday, February 3, 2020. To obtain other specific sport tryout times and practice information, please contact the head coach directly.

MEDIA, VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

It's a new year in The Arts!



The **Choral** and **Instrumental** programs capped off 2019 with packed houses and joyful music in their Christmas concerts. Be sure to catch them in action again at the end of the spring semester!



Open Mic is halfway through its shows, with the next one coming up at the end of February. Students, start working on your act now!

The **Visual Arts** students decorated a Christmas tree with ceramic ornaments in our main hallway before the break to spread some Christmas cheer.



Now they'll be getting to work preparing their best pieces for the **La Salle Art Show in April**.

Media Arts is anticipating their annual trip to the **Student Television Network (STN) Convention in mid-March**, this year in Washington D.C. They'll submit videos for competition in several categories including the "Crazy Eights," in which they only have eight hours to write, shoot and edit a video on a given topic.

Theatre Arts is always working on the next project, with work underway for the **CB Theatre Showcase on February 7**. Come see all the pieces heading to the Lenaea Theatre Festival, held at Folsom Lake College's Harris Center on February 8 and 9. We will also start building scenery (a train interior!) for our spring play, **"Twentieth Century,"** as soon as we get back from break. If that is something you'd like to participate in, please contact [Ms. Christianson](#).

2020 is going to be a busy year for The Arts. We hope you'll come out and join us!



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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL
AUCTION & DINNER

MARCH 14, 2020



5:30 p.m. Jack Witry Field House
Check In, Hosted Cocktails & Appetizers,
and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Ron Limeberger '53 Gymnasium
Live Auction, Dinner and Entertainment

Tickets & Table

Table of 10: \$1,100

Tickets on or before February 14, 2020: \$120
Per person after February 14, 2020: \$150

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Table for 10 with preferred placement, full-page color auction catalog ad,
one golden raffle ticket, membership in the Ambassadors' Club

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2 auction tickets, acknowledgment in the auction catalog

\$500 FRIEND SPONSOR

Acknowledgment in the auction catalog

Contact the auction committee at 916-733-3643
All proceeds benefit the students and programs of
Christian Brothers High School.

PLACEMENT EXAM FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Eighth graders interested in attending Christian Brothers in the 2020-21 school year are required to take the **High School Placement Exam on Saturday, January 11, 2020** from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Online applications are due on Thursday, January 9, 2020.** Please visit the [Admissions section of our website](#) or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@cbhs-sacramento.org or 916-733-3690 for more information.



SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER FUN 2020

Christian Brothers' Summer School & Summer Fun Program is *the place to be* for active, student-centered learning. Excellence is the standard as teachers challenge students to meet their full potential with well-rounded curriculum, strong core academics and an enriching array of specialty camps.

Most classes meet for six weeks (June 15-July 24, 2020). Registration opens January 1 at <https://www.cbhs-sacramento.org/summer-program/>.

For more information on events in January, please follow along with the [daily bulletin](#), [weekly update](#) and [the online school calendar](#).



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