

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DEAR FAMILIES:

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. This is a special time for Lasallians worldwide as the Catholic Church celebrates the Year of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church and the Institute of Brothers of the Christian Schools. Our Institute, and the entire Lasallian Family, have been called together by Brother Superior Robert Schieler to join all the People of God in celebrating the year dedicated to St. Joseph. As an Institute, the Brothers have also selected the Lasallian theme for the 2021-22 liturgical year, "To dream is our way forward!" Together, we are embracing this unique opportunity to pray, reflect, and dream big as we chart new paths to transforming the lives of our students, inspired by St. Joseph's devotion, humility, and faith.

With this in mind, we will be partnering with [Challenge Success](#) to take a comprehensive look at school operations with a goal of increasing student well-being and academic engagement. The group, born out of Stanford professors and educational researchers, will be working with students, parents, faculty, staff, and administrators to gather data that will be used to create tangible plans to improve the student experience at CB. We will also begin some important long-term educational visioning and strategic planning to ensure that Christian Brothers High School remains *the place to be* for generations of young men and women.

Beginning with us on this journey are new members of our CB community. Please join me in welcoming: Seth Alexander – Religious Studies Teacher; Jermaine Brown – Registrar; Luca Cerati – Director of Alumni Engagement; Alberto Edradan – Math Teacher; Tom Edwards – Engineering and Science Teacher; Joe Flores – Dean of Students; Anthony Hock – Math Teacher; Laura Hohlwein – Art Teacher; Chris Jackson – Chief Financial Officer; Eugene Jones – Director of Human Resources; Nica Jordan – Athletic Trainer; Kiana Lacaden – Athletic Trainer; Nathan Malinowski – English Teacher; Steve McLaughlin – Director of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement; Kim Pacatte – Lasallian Student Life Coordinator; Amanda Pickren – Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction; Cristina Sasso – French Teacher; Catherine Shackelford – Religious Studies Teacher; Elinor Tappé – Director of Parent Relations, Matthew Taylor-Viruet – Assistant Dean of School Safety and Security; Claudia Ugarte

– Administrative Assistant to the Principal; and James Wykes – Religious Studies Teacher. Together, we are all committed to making this a wonderful year of faith-filled community and quality education.

As we have learned throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, we are not quite certain what lies ahead in the coming days and months. What I do know, and have seen repeatedly this past year, each time our faculty and staff encounter a new challenge, the care and concern for students is truly built on a model of St. Joseph's abiding faith and loving care of Jesus. We are grateful for the gift of your children and for the trust you place in us as partners in preparing your sons and daughters with the knowledge, skills, and integrity to meet the challenges ahead in college and beyond.

With prayers for a wonderful year,



Annemarie Bacich, Ed.M.

Principal

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COUNSELING

The Counseling staff welcomes all new and returning students and families! Counselors are helping students plan strategies for academic success, distributing college planning information, and assisting students in resolving personal issues. Grade-level counselors will schedule individual and/or small group conferences with each of their students. All students will be seen by their counselor this semester.

Class of 2025

Mr. Riley-Portal will introduce the freshmen to [Scoir](#) and how to access this website for college and career planning and personal awareness. During the freshmen small group conferences, each student will receive a packet of helpful information on how to be successful at CB and best utilize the counselors.

Making the Most of High School and Athletic Orientation for Freshmen Parents

On **Thursday, September 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center**, counselors will host all freshmen parents for **Making the Most of High School**, a preview of academic, college, and personal counseling, followed by the **Athletic Orientation for Freshmen Parents** presented by the Athletics department.

Class of 2024

Mr. Diaz will have the sophomores log into [Scoir](#) to complete the Career Profile Assessment. Students will receive the Student Guide to the Pre-ACT to prepare for the October 13 test. It includes sample questions and a practice test that gives a preview of the full-length ACT.

Class of 2023

Mr. Purdy will be visiting junior English classes to discuss college planning, along with College Counselors Ms. McClellan and Mrs. Melarkey. Juniors are encouraged to begin the college search process on [Scoir](#) this year. They will be receiving their Official Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT to prepare for the October 13 test.

Class of 2022

College counselors, Ms. McClellan and Mrs. Melarkey, will be working with the senior class until Mrs. Gormley returns from maternity leave in January.

Important and timely information will be provided at **College Night for Seniors and Parents on Thursday, September 2** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center.

There will be an **all-class meeting on Wednesday, September 15** to give seniors specific information on how the counselors will assist in the college application process this year.

Other Reminders

Parents, please monitor these early weeks of school and make certain your son or daughter attends to the following tasks:

- **Juniors and seniors should consider scheduling visits to the colleges they haven't yet seen. They are each allowed two excused days to visit colleges but must complete the proper paperwork in advance.** [Click here](#) for the College Visit Request Form. Seniors will soon be refining their list of "target," "reach," and "likely" colleges and initiating the application process.
- Make sure your student listens to the daily announcements and reads the [Daily Bulletin](#), watches KBFT, and checks Schoology to hear about all the events happening, including college evenings presented by specific colleges/universities and dates and times for our college application workshops.
- Remind them to sign up on [Family Connection](#) for any of the many [college rep visits](#) that will be held on our campus. **Juniors and seniors are invited to attend the Virtual College Fair on Monday, September 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Over 30 colleges will be in attendance. **Pre-registration is mandatory at [this link](#).**
- Attend office hours after school for help in classes where students may be struggling. Our teachers are our best resources!

Test Preparation for SAT and ACT

See the [Counseling page](#) on the CB website for information on SAT and ACT test prep, testing dates, and test registration.

STAY CONNECTED!

For more information on updates and events happening at CB, check out the [daily bulletin](#), [weekly update](#) and the [online school calendar](#).



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LASALLIAN STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

The LSLO is excited to bring you important community events throughout September!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Liturgy

We will celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Wednesday, September 8** with an all-school liturgy. Our community will gather on the Main Lawn at 10:30 a.m. for our Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Liturgy. Students are invited to bring a towel or blanket to sit on during mass.

Holy Bowl Rally

On **Friday, September 10**, our Falcon Force will ramp up the school spirit at our Holy Bowl Rally, getting the crowd hyped to "sink the ship!" It will be the first Holy Bowl Rally hosted at the new Peter P. Bollinger '57 Stadium! Students will be dismissed at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Friday after this mandatory school event. The LSLO wishes the best of luck to our CB football teams!

Club Day

Did you know studies find that the more students are involved, the more they enjoy their high school experience? Christian Brothers offers a wide range of co-curricular activities to help students get involved and feel more connected to their community. Whether students are passionate about photography, want to learn how to play the ukulele, or dream of taking flight as our school mascot – there is a club for everyone. Perhaps students wish to celebrate a specific culture and its traditions – they are not alone! We encourage everyone to explore our various student-led clubs at our annual **Club Day beginning at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15** (Activity Wednesday) on the Main Lawn.

Frosh/Soph Dance

The LSLO invites all lower division students to our Frosh/Soph Dance on Saturday, September 18. The Mary Lawn makes an excellent dance floor to show off our students' latest moves. DJ High-Top will be ready to get the party started at 7:00 p.m. and keep the energy pumping until 10:00 p.m. Students must arrive between 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and doors will only reopen for departure at 9:30 p.m. There are no in and out privileges. Tickets are \$10 and purchase information will be available starting on September 10.

Our September school events will take place outdoors. However, we highly encourage all attendees to wear their face masks given their close proximity to others at these large gatherings. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. The LSLO Coordinator, [Ms. Kim Pacatte](#), will be happy to assist you.

MEDIA, VISUAL, AND PERFORMING ARTS



The school year has started and campus is brimming with creative energy now that our Falcon artists are back on campus!

KBFT

KBFT opens its 20th season of scholastic broadcasting with a new schedule. **The Talon Morning News will now broadcast two times per week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The first broadcast of the school year will be on Friday, September 10.** Tune in at www.youtube.com/kbft.

Visual Arts

A big shout out to two of our Visual Arts teachers whose work will be featured in the 16th annual Sac Open Studios! Ms. Hohlwein's work will be on display Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 922 8th Street in Midtown. Mrs. Kerr's paintings can be found Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 10191 Mills Station Road in Rancho Cordova. They join 240+ artists in the region's largest open studio tour!

Theatre Arts

Theatre is gearing up for the fall production of **Call Me Madam. Set building on Saturdays begins September 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Students and parents interested in building scenery should contact [Ms. Christianson](#) for more information and a waiver form.

Open Mic

Open Mic will be holding auditions for its first show on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6 after school in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. That means it's time to start working on your act! Or, if you'd like to be a part of organizing and producing these fun-filled evenings, join the Open Mic Club on Club Day, Wednesday, September 15. Please email [Mrs. Schorn](#) if you have any questions.

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ATHLETICS

Upcoming Sports Events

- **Thursday, September 9** – Women's Golf vs. Del Campo at Bing Maloney Golf Course (3:30 p.m.)
- **Saturday, September 11** – Football vs. Jesuit: Holy Bowl at Hughes Stadium (JV at 4:30 p.m., Varsity at 7:00 p.m.)
- **Thursday, September 16** – Men's and Women's Water Polo vs. Del Campo at Sacramento City College
- **Wednesday, October 13** – Cross Country League Meet at Willow Hills Reservoir (3:30 p.m.)
- **Saturday, October 16** – Women's Volleyball vs. St. Francis at St. Francis (Frosh at 4:00 p.m., JV at 5:00 p.m., and Varsity at 6:00 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, October 19** – Women's Tennis vs. El Camino at Laguna Creek Racquet Club (3:30 p.m.)

Holy Bowl

CB football will take on Jesuit at Holy Bowl on Saturday, September 11 at Hughes Stadium at Sacramento City College. JV plays at 4:30 p.m. with varsity kicking off at 7:00 p.m. CB is the home team this year.

Tickets are now on sale at [this link](#). General admission tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$7. **Tickets will only be sold online, and no more than 10 tickets may be purchased per household.** All attendees will be required to sign a COVID-19 waiver before downloading their digital tickets, and students will be required to show their student ID to enter. **More information can be found at www.holybowl.com.**

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Grade Checks

The Athletics Department will conduct grade checks of all student-athletes based on team rosters. **The first grade check of the school year will occur on Tuesday, September 21.** Any student-athlete falling below a 2.0 GPA will be suspended from all sports practices and contests for at least one week, until he/she meets minimum requirements. Suspended student-athletes must attend mandatory study hall Monday – Thursday until 5:00 p.m. Once a student-athlete acquires the minimum 2.0 GPA, and one week has passed, he/she will be immediately reinstated to his/her sport.

Open House for Prospective Families

See firsthand why CB is *the place to be* for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community.



Join us for Open House

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plans are underway to make Open House a fun and safe event. Be sure to register so we can provide you with important information and updates.



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CBHS-SACRAMENTO.ORG

[Click here](#) to register for Open House.

Please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@cbhs-sacramento.org or 916-733-3690 if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help the Lasallian Parent Ambassadors (LPA) with hospitality at Open House on Sunday, October 3, 2021. If you are interested, please contact Joy Prevost at (916) 733-3633 or jprevost@cbhs-sacramento.org.

The Christian Brothers Auction is slated to return in-person in March 2022! The planning and organization of this fantastic event starts now. If you are interested in helping, please contact philanthropy@cbhs-sacramento.org. Working on the Auction is a great way to get involved while getting to know other CB families!