

CBA News Brief



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Brother's Making News

Matthew Hunt '09 continues a family tradition

April Sports Calendar

Baseball

4/7 @ Gibbons
4/8 @ Ballston Spa
4/13 @ Amsterdam
4/15 Catholic High
4/20 Saratoga
4/22 @ Bishop Maginn
4/23 LaSalle
4/25 @ Bethlehem
4/27 @ Schenectady
4/29 @ Albany High

Lacrosse

4/1 @ Albany Academy
4/3 @ Bethlehem
4/7 @ Ballston Spa
4/9 @ Amsterdam
4/14 Schenectady
4/18 Holy Trinity
4/23 @ LaSalle
4/24 Duxbury
4/28 Troy High
4/30 Shenendehowa

ATTENDANCE POLICY/EARLY RELEASE

As stated in the Student Calendar/Handbook, "A student who will be absent or late must have a parent call the school between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. An attendance extension to leave a message has been set up at extension 199. If a student is missing and not reported absent by the family, the school will call to notify the family and seek an explanation. Parents are expected to provide a written explanation for the student's absence upon his return to school. The note must specify days absent and specific explanations. It is the responsibility of the school to be aware of your son's presence at all times during the school day. If a student needs to be dismissed early, he must bring a note, signed by a parent, to the Main Office before formation or homeroom. An early release slip will be given to the student to present to the teacher at the beginning of the class to allow the student to be dismissed at the appropriate time. The student's name and time of release will be added to the morning attendance sheet to inform teachers of the student's absence from class. A phone call from a parent confirming the time of the early dismissal is required before the student may sign out. Notes brought to the Main Office at the requested time of release, rather than in the morning before school begins, may not be honored.

AVON

Christian Brothers Academy continues to provide the community with Avon products throughout the year. Books are available in the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Prescott at 372-7008.

BOSTON TRIP

There will be a CBA trip to Boston on Monday, April 13th. This trip includes stops at Quincy Market, the Boston Aquarium, sections of The Freedom Trail (including the site of the Boston massacre and the old Boston cemetery), and the USS Constitution. The bus will leave at 8:00a.m. The cost is \$38.00 per person. Payment is due by Tuesday, April 7th. For further information, see Cory Ramsey or call Mr. Atkinson at 366-2239.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Breakfast is served every day in the cafeteria between 7:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. Meal cards can be purchased for \$30.00 in the kitchen. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Alan, the food service director, at 452-9809, ext. 161.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Mass cards for all occasions may be found in the school chapel. When you use them, you send a donation to the St. La Salle Auxiliary in Lincroft, N.J. Your donation assists the Brothers in their efforts to care for the elderly Brothers who reside at DeLaSalle Hall. This is a wonderful facility that allows the Brothers to retire and live in community. It also provides outstanding medical care and health related assistance for those that need it. For more information, please contact Owen O'Leary at 452-9809, ext. 116.

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please remember to recycle your empty printer, copier and fax machine cartridges. CBA will realize a \$1.00 to \$4.00 reimbursement for each cartridge returned with no incurred cost to the school. Funds received help support the Music Department. Any cartridge with a print head can be recycled. Epson is an exception to this program (they are ink tanks with no print head). A box outside the Campus Ministry Office is available for your used cartridges.

HEALTH OFFICE

Any student who is injured in school or during practice or competition in interscholastic sports must have an accident report on file in the Health Office. This report should be filled out by the teacher, moderator or coach as soon after the incident as possible and turned in to the nurse. Any student requiring the use of crutches in school or who is not able to participate in sports/gym must have a note from his physician on file in the Health Office.

ALUMNI OFFICE NEWS

CENTURY CLUB DINNER

The Century Club Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the Century House in Latham, N.Y. The dinner is for all donors who have made a pledge and payment of \$250.00 or more to the Annual Phonathon.

CBA CUSTOM SWAROVSKI SILVER RHINESTONE PINS

CBA Custom Swarovski silver rhinestone pins are available in the CBA Alumni Office or the CBA bookstore. The cost for these elegant pins is only \$25.00 each. For any questions, please contact Susan Corcoran at 452-9809, ext. 111 or smcorcoran1@hotmail.com.

CBA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The CBA Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at Albany Country Club, possibly the finest golf facility in the Capital District. Many great prizes, including New York Yankees and New York Giants tickets, are raffled at the dinner. We are looking for golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and donations of prizes to make this event a success. Last year, we had 106 golfers participate in the event and this year's event should fill up quickly with our new location. The cost of the event is \$185.00 (\$140.00 for those who are 35 years and younger). The cost includes your greens fees, cart, lunch and dinner. If you would like to participate, assist us

HOLIDAYS/EARLY DISMISSAL

Thursday, April 9th to Friday April 17th – Easter Recess. Classes will resume on Monday, April 20th with a "C" day.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS

If a student is going to be absent from school for a day or two, there is no need to request assignments during his absence. We suggest he contact a classmate to obtain any missed assignments. If a student is going to be out of school for three days or more, you are asked to call your son's guidance counselor to arrange for his assignments to be picked up.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Sweaters, jackets, shoes, books and other personal items are turned into the junior high office on a daily basis. Quite surprisingly, there are no names in any of the items. PLEASE label all your son's personal belongings.

Haircut inspection will be Monday, May 4th. Please plan accordingly to ensure that all students have a haircut that meets the school regulations as stated in the student handbook on page 3.

Only the black winter jacket purchased from Student Styles is authorized to be worn to and from school. Other jackets are not permissible and do not adhere to the uniform regulations. Students are also asked to wear a black knit hat if they choose to wear a hat. Black knit hats are available in the CBA bookstore. Unauthorized items of clothing will be taken and not returned.

MAIN OFFICE

The Main Office cannot give out money for lunch if a student forgets his money. Please be sure to send lunch money with your son daily or take advantage of the monthly lunch card that Chartwells will provide if you send a check payable to Chartwells for \$30.00.

MAIN OFFICE HOURS

C.B.A.'s Main Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MILITARY NEWS**ANNUAL FEDERAL INSPECTION**

The entire cadet brigade will be inspected on Tuesday, 21 April, one day after we return from Easter Vacation. The outcome of this inspection determines if we maintain our rating as an Honor Unit with Distinction (HUD), the highest rating possible for a JROTC unit. We must achieve a 96% in every area, including individual uniform/personal appearance. In order to ensure that we meet the proper grooming standards, there will be a haircut inspection on Monday 20 April, the day we return from Easter Break. Students should get a haircut no less than seven (7) days prior to the haircut inspection. Students who fail haircut inspection on the 20 April will be asked to leave school and get a proper haircut, prior to returning. The uniform for the inspection is dress blues with hat. We will lose points for every student who is out of uniform. Please make sure to pick your uniform up from the cleaners prior to 20 April. We have never failed to earn the Honor Unit with Distinction rating, and I know that this year will be no different. With hard work and dedication we will uphold the high standards we have maintained for 150 years.

MILITARY HONORS NIGHT

Honors night is 30 April at 7:00 PM. Over thirty (30) students will be recognized by various civic organizations for their demonstrated leadership abilities. We will also recognize members of the band, color guard, drill team, Honor Company and the rifle team for their dedicated service to the cadet brigade. In addition we will recognize five (5) seniors who received scholarships to West Point, The United States Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC. These scholarships are valued at over two million dollars. Please join us in recognizing the future leaders of tomorrow.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP

The summer leadership camp will be held from 28 June thru 02 July at Camp Edwards (Cape Cod). The cost is approximately \$35.00. The camp focuses on leader development and confidence building. Students learn about themselves, how to motivate others and teambuilding. Activities include the leader reaction course, confidence course, obstacle course, land navigation, and rappelling. Selection is made on an order of merit list which is based on military science grade, the President's Physical Fitness Test and cadre recommendation. Information will be passed out in class between 6 and 8 April. We are allocated thirty slots for this one of a kind leadership development camp.

SENIORS

Seniors must turn in or pay for their CBA issued uniforms PRIOR to graduation on 17 May. Specific turn in instructions will be given in military class. Students who have not cleared the supply room will not be allowed to walk across the stage on 17 May.

MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- If you would like to join the CBA Mothers' Association, download the membership form found on this website and mail it along with your check to Mary Prattico at the address listed on the form.
- The Senior Liturgy Committee is in need of volunteers for the Senior Liturgy scheduled for May 16th. It is being planned by the eleventh and twelfth grade moms. To volunteer, please contact Nina Mucha at 796-8697 or Colleen Guarino at 583-4428.
- Mothers' Association Meeting is Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

MUSIC NEWS

- The CBA Band is again selling \$25 and \$10 Simply Certificates and Regal Movie Tickets for \$7.50. The Simply Certificates are good for the face value at hundreds of area restaurants, golf courses, day spas, ski areas and theaters. They can also be used at participating businesses in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other areas of NY State. They make wonderful gifts!! For more information, or to purchase certificates or movie tickets, please contact Barbara Boynton at gbkc@nycap.rr.com or 899-2820

NAMETAGS

Nametags for all students, both junior high and senior high, are a mandatory part of the uniform. In recent weeks, there have been a number of students without nametags at school. Please be aware each student is issued two (2) nametags when they enter C.B.A. If the nametags have been lost or misplaced, there is a \$5.00 fee to replace them. We now have nametags with magnetic backings so they will not ruin your shirts! We are asking all parents to please check with your son(s) to make sure they have a nametag or please take the steps necessary to replace them.

NHS/JNHS INDUCTION

National Honors Society /Junior National Society inductions will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the "Ned McGraw" Gymnasium.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

If you plan to have your son return to C.B.A. in September 2008, re-enrollment forms were due by February 27th. This will guarantee a seat for your son for the coming school year. Please return your forms with payment to the Main Office. If you have any questions or need a re-enrollment form, please call Mr. Mancari at ext. 103.

SCHOOL AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

To provide safety for students, faculty and parents, it is requested that:

1. All drivers park in a marked space provided in the main parking lot when dropping off, picking up, or waiting for a student. Drivers should avoid driving behind or parking between buses parked at the curb. This safety precaution will allow for the safety of everyone.
2. Drivers, especially those dropping off or picking up student athletes, should refrain from driving past the parking lot areas and driving or parking behind the school building. All cars should be parked in the marked spaces provided in the front of the school.

"SEND WORD NOW" NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

CBA now has a notification system in place with the capability to contact all parents here at school. If you have not received any messages from CBA recently, or would like to change your contact number please contact Mike Smith, Technology Director, at ext. 162 and Mrs. Linda McGraw at ext. 101.

SPORTS NEWS

For information regarding athletic schedules, go to the "Athletics" link and choose your sport.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

The magazine/cookie/cheesecake drive starts on Monday, March 30th. The turn in dates for the magazine/cookie and cheesecake orders is April 7th, April 21st and April 30th. The cookies and cheesecakes will be delivered on May 12th at dismissal. Please make arrangements to pick up your orders, otherwise they will be returned to the vender.