

THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MARK WARREN

In an effort to keep you, our benefactors and closest friends, informed about the goings-on here at Christian Brothers, we present the first issue of our newly created President's Newsletter. We will publish this Newsletter four times a year (fall, winter, spring and summer) and will bring you up-to-date on the latest information concerning Lasallian education and Christian Brothers High School.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN EXPANSION

We have been working with architect Ron Carissimi for the past few months to put together a Long-Range Campus Master Plan. The Plan was put together through the efforts of the school's administration and an ad hoc Oversight Committee. The Committee included **John Jackson, Jr.**, Jackson Properties, Commercial Developer, alumnus, chairman of the Oversight Committee; **Ron Carissimi**, Carissimi-Rohrer Architects, alumnus; **Jay Davison**, VANIR Construction Management (VANIR is the group that is responsible for all remodeling and new construction in the San Juan Unified School District); **Dave Higgins, Sr.**, H-M-H Construction (H-M-H built all of the Intel plan and recently completed construction of the Kaiser facility across from Cal Expo); **Tom Rutten**, Principal; **Chuck Sylva**, Sylva Kirk, Commercial Real Estate, alumnus; **Mark Warren**, President. The Plan shows the addition of: a two-story Science Wing at the north end of campus; a new and larger Gymnasium; a Performing Arts Facility; an expanded Cafeteria. In the next few months, we will be examining how we can best make this plan work and how, over time, we can accomplish the building goals set forth in the Plan.

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

Beginning in the fall of 1999, every student attending Christian Brothers will have a Community Service Learning requirement. We currently have students tutoring at St. Hope Academy, Oak Ridge Elementary, and Immaculate Conception Elementary. Some students volunteer at Wellspring, the Sacramento Food Bank, and local hospitals. On the last Sunday of every month, a group of students, teachers and administrators gather for Mass in our chapel and then hit the streets of Oak Park in our Street Sweeps program. We pull weeds and clean lots. We literally sweep streets. We paint houses for shut-ins. Service is an important component of Lasallian education and of our mission "to be of service to others."



Sophomore, **Keeley Vega**, won the National Junior Fencing title last spring.

Br. John Montgomery, FSC, a CB graduate class of 1981 and son of long-time Christian Brothers supporters Norm & Helen Montgomery, was recently appointed Principal of Cathedral High School, our Lasallian school in Los Angeles.

1998 graduate, **Victor Yeung**, achieved the status of National Scholar last spring by receiving a score of three or better on five National Merit Scholarship Advanced Placement Exams. This achievement places Victor, a participant in CB's Scholars Program, in the top 1% of all graduating seniors in the nation.

Mr. Greg Meegan's Advanced Placement History students had an 86% pass rate for the History AP exam, and **Mr. Dave Jablonsky's** Advanced Placement students had an 84% pass rate for the English AP exam. In their spare time, Greg and Dave coach our Varsity Football team.

We now have a **web page!** Designed and implemented by juniors, Adam Reyes and Nick Sylva, the web page can be accessed at www.cbhs-sacramento.org. Take a look!

ATHLETIC BUDGET INFORMATION

Some have asked about how we manage girls' sports and minor sports here at Christian Brothers. I offer, here, some statistics that you might find interesting. Regardless of the dollars spent per athlete, the important fact is that the coaches received the money they requested to run their programs.

% INCREASE - 1997 to 1999

Athletic Administration	22%
Boys' Baseball	44%
Boys' Basketball	1%
Boys' Soccer	13%
Boys' Tennis	3%
Cross Country	77%
Football	18%
Girls' Basketball	62%
Girls' Volleyball	164%
Girls' Soccer	36%
Girls' Tennis	106%
Golf	13%
Girls' Softball	141%
Swimming	76%
Track	1%
Boys' Volleyball	25%
Wrestling	51%

RANK ORDER BY AMOUNT SPENT PER ATHLETE

	Estimated # Athletes	Amt Spent Per Athlete 1998-99
Girls' Softball	25	\$552
Girls' Soccer	22	\$378
Cross Country	18	\$367
Golf	15	\$302
Boys' Basketball	47	\$300
Boys' Baseball	68	\$298
Boys' Volleyball	25	\$292
Girls' Basketball	45	\$275
Wrestling	25	\$256
Football	150	\$263
Track	45	\$227
Boys' Soccer	38	\$221
Boys' Tennis	15	\$211
Swimming	40	\$203
Girls' Volleyball	42	\$190
Girls' Tennis	30	\$174

District of San Francisco
ITS FUTURE AND PROMISE

In early October a large group of our Christian Brothers Community attended a Convocation in San Francisco sponsored by Brother David Brennan, Brother Visitor of the San Francisco District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Over 600 Lasallian educators - students, teachers, trustees and administrators from every high school in our district, from St. Mary's College, and from every other educational endeavor of the Brothers - met to review, discuss, and evaluate the *Context for Action* and the *Action Plan* proposed by the District's Leadership Team. I have been in Catholic Secondary education for over 26 years, and I have never participated in such an extraordinary event. I sat in small discussion groups with brothers who were teachers at St. Mary's, trustees from Justin-Siena High School in Napa, the Brother who is Sub-Director from Vietnam, and most importantly, students from LaSalle High in Milwaukie, a suburb of Portland, Oregon. The other discussion groups were similarly diverse. Six hundred of us talked about our responsibilities to educate the poor. We talked about our responsibilities to educate young people who will, in turn, recognize and act on their responsibilities to help the marginalized of our society. We talked about expanding the work begun by St. John Baptist de la Salle over 300 years ago. At this Convocation, we weren't Brothers and lay colleagues or partners. We weren't students and teachers, or trustees and parents. We were Lasallian educators. We shared a common vision and spoke with a common voice. And we did not simply philosophize. Specific actions were mapped out. Clear direction was forged. In an era when the numbers of Brothers are diminishing, we Lasallian educators are expanding our works. We are moving into new countries and into new works in our own areas. We have a Brother Principal at Immaculate Conception in Oak Park here in Sacramento. We have taken over the administration of St. Joseph's Elementary School in Yakima, Washington. We are considering opening both a new high school and an elementary school in Portland, Oregon. We have also expanded our Lasallian works in Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Vietnam, and Australia. Many people have told me they **feel** a difference here at Brothers. They **sense** a tangible atmosphere. It is certainly **friendly**. It is assuredly **family-like**. It feels like a **cohesive campus**, with a **committed community**. Our students are challenged academically. Many study very hard, and all are being prepared for college. There's something special about CB - and we all know it. The District Convocation brought that specialness a little more into focus.

NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

June Willey, CPA, has been hired as our new Director of Finance, replacing Jeff Knezovich, who has accepted a position with the National Diabetes Association. June received her BA and MBA from UC Irvine. June brings a wealth of experience from the private sector. We welcome her to Christian Brothers High School!

LASALLIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Tom Rutten, Principal; Cecilia Powers, Director of Student Activities; Dave Jablonsky, Chairman of the English Department and Varsity Football Line Coach; and I are completing our second year of the Lasallian Leadership Institute. This national program draws from every Lasallian

high school in the country and is a comprehensive program that is designed to train the Lasallian leaders of tomorrow. It focuses on three areas: spirituality, pedagogy, and school management.

ENROLLMENT BOOM

We budgeted this year for 923 students. This was decided after taking a careful look at the past five years of attrition and setting a goal of accepting 285 freshmen students. Today, we have 962 students. So much for careful studies. What happened? Our normal attrition did not happen. They are coming. They are staying.

The mission of Christian Brothers High School is to provide our students a comprehensive, Catholic education in a Christian Community, in the spirit of Jesus Christ and according to the educational vision of St. John Baptist De La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, commonly known as the Christian Brothers. Our students are offered a quality college

preparatory curriculum which meets their individual needs, therefore enabling them to gain knowledge, skills and understanding necessary to prepare for the future. Our students are presented with experiences which deepen and strengthen their faith based on the gospel of Christ, the traditions of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and the responsibility to be of service to others. Our students experience a community that maintains a culturally and economically diverse student body. In this environment, students are encouraged to recognize and accept their own self-worth and the unique diversity of others.

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