

## **Christian Bros. Wants More Oak Park children**

Christian Brothers High School is a four-year college preparatory Catholic high school operated by the Brothers of the Christian Schools (also known as the Christian Brothers). It is the second oldest high school in Sacramento, completing its 126<sup>th</sup> continuous year of operation.

Christian Brothers High School began in 1876 on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and K streets in Sacramento. The present campus dates from 1955, when the upper grades moved to the Martin Luther King Blvd. location.

Christian Brothers High School has made a commitment to remain in Oak Park. "As far as a high school we have a big responsibility at getting the kids to be familiar and comfortable on the grammar school level," explains Janie Desmond Ison, Christian Bros. Vice-President for Institutional Advancement.

She goes on to state, "We have all kind of tuition assistant programs. One of the programs is called the SAGES (Students Achieving Greater Educational Success) program. Kids can come in here that are testing far below the freshmen level and we put them in a 11 month matriculation program." She continues, "Through summer school and freshman year and by the time they are sophomores, they would have caught up."

Compared to other schools

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## **"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"**

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Christian Bros. has more counselors per students. They have just hired the first ever Wellness (drug and alcohol) Counselor.

Christian Brothers High School gives the heart, mind, soul and body to its students to build their character and make them feel good about themselves.

The total school population is 1,017 students (Male: 58% Female: 42%). The student body is ethnically composed of Caucasian (61%), Latino/Hispanic (17%), Asian/Pacific Islander (10%), African-American (7%) and Multi-Racial (5%), Native

American and other (1%). The ethnic diversity of the school closely mirrors the ethnic diversity of the County of Sacramento.

"Our goal within the next 5 years is to have 5% of the entire student body coming from at or below the federal poverty level. That will translate into 50 or so children," expresses Ison.

Approximately 60% of recent graduates applied and were offered admission to 4 year colleges/universities and 39% entered community colleges with the intention of transferring to a universities.