

SOME COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CO-EDUCATION

With the decision to make Christian Brothers High School co-educational in the fall of 1990, many questions have been asked of the CBS administration. Here are some responses to frequently asked questions.

How will the school be identified?

The school will continue to be called Christian Brothers High School. This name reflects the religious order that owns and operates the school (not the gender of the students), is a familiar reference throughout the Sacramento community, and is a source of pride not only for the current students but for thousands of alumni as well. Christian Brothers also will continue to have the Falcon for its mascot and will maintain its traditional school colors of red and blue.

Will Christian Brothers be accepting new students at all grade levels?

Yes, the school will be accepting qualified students at all four grade levels. While the school's admissions policies assign priority to Catholic students and schools, CBS also welcomes the applications of non-Catholics and of students from public schools.

What will be the overall student-teacher ratio for 1990-91?

CBS has always sought to provide conditions that allow for effective classroom instruction and individual attention to students. Next year the school will continue its practice of maintaining a low student-teacher ratio. (The current ratio is 23-1.)

What will tuition be next year, and will it be the same for all students?

Tuition for CBS next year will be maintained at its current rate of \$3,200. This rate will apply to all students, male and female. Christian Brothers makes a concerted effort every year to provide financial assistance to as many needy families as possible. Funds are awarded on an equal-opportunity basis to those with demonstrated financial hardship. It is the school's goal to make a Christian Brothers education possible for every qualified student who wishes to attend.

Will all classes be open to both girls and boys?

With the exception of physical education, all classes will be open to both sexes. PE classes will be single sex but will combine at times for certain sports or activities.

What type of athletic program will be provided for girls?

The school's intent is to offer girls the same high-caliber sports program that it has traditionally provided boys (and for which it is so well known throughout the area). CBS expects to field girls' teams in eight sports next year: softball, soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, swimming, tennis, and track. Christian Brothers' approach to girls' sports will be the same as its approach to boys'—to encourage participation (except where it interferes with academics), to provide adequate support (including fully qualified coaches), to promote healthy activity and enjoyment, and to teach values and foster growth.

Will girls have opportunities to become fully involved in next year's student government, clubs, and activities?

CBS is already making plans that will enable its new female students to participate fully in student government and clubs and to help shape next year's activities program. A student committee, composed of both girls and boys, will be making recommendations regarding student body and class election procedures, activities coordination, possible summer programs, and so forth.

Will CBS sponsor a drill team next year? Also, will cheerleaders be chosen from among its own students?

Yes. CBS's drill team will be modeled along the lines of Bishop Manogue High School's very successful program. The team will be open to all CBS girls who wish to try out. Only CBS students will have the opportunity to try out for cheerleaders.

What type of dress will students be expected to wear next year?

CBS will require a dress code of all students that reflects the school's philosophy towards student attire—specifically, that such attire should:

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main. Academic excellence, personal growth and development, attention to individual needs, student-teacher friendship, the *esprit de corps* of the student body—qualities such as these are fundamental to the Christian Brothers experience, and I can assure you that they always will be. CBS is about to expand its family, but the tradition goes on.