

CB Welcomes Principal Chris Orr

Christian Brothers High School is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Orr as the 48th Principal of the school. His ties and personal commitment to Christian Brothers run deep, as his wife Tashia '90, brother Mark '94, sister Tia '95 and his son, Nicolas '17 are graduates. Orr's son Solomon '20, is a current sophomore at CB.

Growing up, Orr frequently attended Christian Brothers events with his family. He attended St. Anne's School first through eighth grade and participated in Parochial Athletic League (PAL) football. Friday nights were reserved for CB football in the Orr household. "If CB was playing football, we were there. I remember going to games to cheer on the boys and to watch my cousin, Bruce Slaughter '81, play for coach Jeff Tisdell '74. Then on Saturday mornings, I would play in my PAL football games and the CB football boys would be there to referee. Many of my best childhood memories are in one way or another tied to CB."

With CB being such a part of his childhood, it made sense that Orr would attend. However, it was only his father's decision to coach football at John F. Kennedy High School that led Orr to change his mind at the last minute and attend Kennedy. Yet, he never forgot the CB community he was born and raised in.

Chris Orr comes to Christian Brothers with 15 years of experience in education as a teacher, coach, dean of students, athletic director, assistant principal and principal, primarily in the charter school realm. He most recently served as Principal at Langston Hughes Academy, a charter academy located in Stockton.



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Orr participated in an in-depth examination of Lasallian philosophy over the summer at the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies at Manhattan College in New York. Buttimer is an intensive, three-year Lasallian education and formation program that studies the life, work and spirituality of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the origins of the Lasallian educational mission.

"I knew that Christian Brothers was a special place," says Orr. "I recognized that it was the only place I wanted to entrust with the sacred partnership of educating my sons. At Buttimer, I learned just how intentional the Brothers are in building these incredible communities where young people learn and thrive. This is no accident, this is 300 years of educational excellence."

"Chris Orr is a talented and dedicated educator with a strong desire to lead and serve," says CB President Lorcan Barnes. "His personal character, professionalism and resolute dedication to our mission are exemplary. Together we look forward to building on CB's 141-year tradition of excellent education in a faith-filled community."

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to combine my educational vocation, Catholic faith and passion for Christian Brothers High School in this vital role," says Orr. "CB holds an important place in the hearts of my family members and generations of families across the region. It is an incredible honor to be entrusted with the stewardship of continuing the school's unparalleled legacy and Lasallian Catholic mission."