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## Loretto Transfers Become Proud CB Falcons

In January of 2009, the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary announced to faculty, students and staff that after more than 50 years of serving the young women of the Sacramento area, Loretto High School would be closing its doors at the end of the school year. Disbelief, profound sadness and countless tears marked the days and weeks to follow.

"I met with school administrators prior to the public announcement," explains CB President, Lorcan Barnes. "In the meeting, their main concern was the students' ability to continue at a Catholic school. My immediate response, which was echoed by our entire faculty and staff, was that these young women would absolutely be welcome to continue their Catholic, college preparatory educations at Christian Brothers."

A total of 128 young women transferred to

CB. Each in her own unique way has added to campus life, whether in student leadership, athletics, the arts, homecoming week activities, Campus Ministry, or Christian Service.

In order to ensure their transfer was as seamless as possible, CB administrators, guidance counselors, teachers, Campus Ministers and student activities directors began the process of organizing retreats, facilitating the transition from trimester to semester course credits, identifying appropriate class level and course assignments,

scheduling orientation sessions for the varying grade levels, and arranging student body elections to ensure a presence on student council.

"Our faculty and staff really worked together to welcome these young ladies into our community," says Lorcan Barnes, president. "Our admissions office staff worked tirelessly to expedite the admissions process. Guidance counselors volunteered their Saturdays to meet with our new students and their families to address any academic concerns and provide college admissions information.

Our student activities and Campus Ministry directors worked with student leadership members to organize a Saturday retreat in May. The entire staff worked incredibly hard to ensure that these young women would begin to feel at home from their first day of school on August 17.

"CB is wonderful!"



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