



February 21, 2020

Dear Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of the Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees, I am pleased to share that Dr. Crystal LeRoy has accepted our invitation to serve as President, effective July 1, 2020. Dr. LeRoy, who will be the fifth president in school history, brings deep faith and considerable experience as an educator and administrator, currently serving as Superintendent/Chief School Business Official of Kenilworth Public Schools in Kenilworth, Illinois and adjunct professor at Northeastern Illinois University. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Northwestern University and attained her master's degree in cultural education and policy studies from Loyola University. She later earned her school business official certification from Northern Illinois University before earning her doctorate in educational administration and supervision from Loyola University.

This news is the culmination of a thoughtful and thorough process that began with the formation of a Presidential Search Committee in September and securing the services of an executive search firm later in the fall. Following an extensive nationwide search and in-depth review of applications, 18 candidates were identified and interviewed. Seven men and women advanced to a more extensive interview after which three finalists were identified. The three finalists were invited to meet with members of the community including parents, faculty and staff members, alumni and other stakeholders. The Board of Trustees then conducted an extensive interview with the three candidates and came to the conclusion that Dr. LeRoy will best serve our community as we move into our 145<sup>th</sup> year and beyond.

"I am deeply honored and profoundly humbled to be invited to serve as President of Christian Brothers High School," says Dr. LeRoy. "The opportunity to unite my Catholic faith with my vocation as an educator is a dream come true. To do so in the rich and transformative Lasallian charism of the Christian Brothers is a blessing and a trust that I hold sacred. I so look forward to working with the wonderful faculty, staff, families, alumni and friends of the school to ensure that CB continues to be a strong, vibrant and faith-filled community for generations to come."

We are grateful to the members of the President Search Committee comprised of Willie Nolan '69, Chair; Don Fitzgerald, Board Vice Chair; Marianne Evashenk, Board of Trustees member; David Walrath, Board of Trustees member; Jennifer Alpert of the Lester Consulting Group, David Holquin '99, President of Justin-Siena High School; Kamal Khaira, alumni parent; Brittany Adkins-Williams; Tom English; and Courtney Hendry. Their willingness to share of their time, expertise and commitment to Lasallian Catholic education was vital to the process. We are also grateful to the families, alumni, faculty, staff and stakeholders who attended candidate forums and provided invaluable insight helping to ensure that an outstanding candidate would be identified and selected.

Dr. LeRoy is looking forward to working with all of you. She will be on campus intermittently throughout the spring as she facilitates the principal hiring process and participates in formation activities with the District of San Francisco New Orleans.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued partnership. We recognize that this has been a year of uncertainty and change. As we move forward, may we continually be strengthened by our common bond of faith in God and faith in each other.

Sincerely,

Stephen Mahaney '69  
Chair, Board of Trustees

1. CB's Interim Principal: Trina Koontz. She works at CB 60% of the time, and is also the Regional Director for the Catholic Schools Department at the Diocese of Sacramento. Prior to that, she was the Principal at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Elk Grove for 10 years. Her son Will is class of 95, and she has two grandkids currently enrolled at CB.
2. The new President will select the next Principal with the assistance of a committee that's begun accepting applications. The process is expected to be complete this month (March).
3. Dr. Crystal LeRoy will be CB's next president. This change is effective July 1, 2020. She brings considerable experience as an educator and administrator. Currently serves as Superintendent/Chief School Business Official of Kenilworth Public Schools in Kenilworth, Illinois. She has her b.a. in international relations from Northwestern University, masters in cultural education & policy studies from Loyola University, and a doctorate in educational administration from Loyola.
4. Athletic track & field now open with practices starting on them this week. The softball field are being worked on, but hopefully they will be back up for practice soon.
5. The Women's Varsity Basketball team became the Division 3 Section Champions last Friday at Golden 1 Arena. The head coach of the team is Shandyn (Hicks) Foster, Class of 2000; this was her 3<sup>rd</sup> year coaching. Coach Foster was a four-year starter for the Falcons. She says "I coach because I love the game... and the relationships I build through the game...I love teaching the girls life lessons & prepare my players with life skills to be better citizens for the future." She was particularly grateful to see the support of alumni for the team. It encouraged the team and made a difference in their spirits!
6. Bowl-A-Thon – students will decorate bowls for the River City Food Bank's Empty Bowls Event (March 16 & 17).
7. Spring Production is: "The Twentieth Century!" a screwball comedy about a scheming theatrical director set on a train journey from Chicago to New York. Performances run March 20-22 and 27-29, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Student tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$10.