

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #18

May 11, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 11 Board of Trustees, 6 pm
- 12 Exam: Math**
- 12-15 Exams
- 13 Science, then English, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 13 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Day of Reflection, 10:20, and Lunch
- 14 Spanish/Computer, then History, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 14 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Practice, 10:20
- 15 Religion, then Literature, Half Day, Noon Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**
- 15 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- 16 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Night, White Sands
- 18 Records Day, Final Detention, 8:00 – 10:00 am
- 19 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 9:30 am, Cultural Center**
- 19 Records Day, Awards Night for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 7:00 pm**
- 20 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, 7:00 pm, CC

June 8 Summer Camp begins  
8 Bridge Builders Camp

July 20 – 24 Academic Camp

**May**

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\*Special Exam Schedule (one exam)

\*\*Special Exam Schedules (two exams)

### LASALLIAN REFLECTION

Christian love manifests itself in services to other people and in treating others and ourselves with forbearance and care. True love is not always glamorous, but it is always blessed.

Let us pray: "Loving God, create in me a loving heart so that I may be generous in my giving. Help me love my neighbors as I love myself."

- Praying with John Baptist de La Salle, Meditation 7

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Exams

Exams in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades begin in about two weeks. All exams will be administered first thing each exam day. The policy for exemptions from fourth quarter exams as stated in the handbook is: *A student is eligible to be exempt from a fourth quarter exam if he has at least a 94 for each of the first three quarters and has at least a 94 at the time of the fourth quarter exam in that subject.* A student who earns an exemption may take the exam if he so chooses. (Yes, some students who are exempt have asked for permission to take the exam anyway!) However, the exam grade will be counted toward the final average – even if the performance lowers that student's average.

Students who are exempt from exams will be given the choice to remain in the classroom in order to use the time to study quietly for an upcoming exam or to report outside for structured play activities under the supervision of the PE coaches. Once a student makes a choice, he must remain in that location for the duration of the exam. **It is the school's preference that all students take exams during the scheduled exam slot. Please make every effort to be present for final exams.**

### Academic Camp

CBS offers an Academic Camp toward the end of the summer in order to prepare students for the beginning of the school year. This year's camp is July 20 – 24. The flyer is in this email and registration is on the school website. This is a great opportunity for students to brush up on forgotten concepts and to learn new, foundational concepts in preparation for the next grade.

### 26-27 Homeroom Placement

As a reminder, in order for a student to remain in an Advanced Accelerated class from one year to the next, he must maintain an overall average for the year of a 94.0 or higher with no rounding of the final average.

### Half Days During the Last Week of School

Please make a note that Wednesday, May 13 through Friday, May 15 are half-days with dismissal at 12:00. Furthermore, **After School Care will not be offered on those days.** Please plan accordingly. In addition, some students (particularly those who are exempt from exams on those days) have asked if attendance is required. The answer is: Yes! Other activities are scheduled for those mornings following the exams including graduation practice, auctions, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Day of Reflection, and special activities to name a few. Most importantly, those are the days when all books and materials will be collected and classrooms will be prepared for the summer. Consequently, student attendance is necessary. We won't need them here all day – that's why the dismissals are at noon. But, we do need them here in the morning. Thanks for your cooperation in having your sons in school on those half days. *Please note: Students are responsible for returning all school-owned materials. Students will be asked to reimburse the school for any missing items.*

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent-Son Volleyball Night

This event has become an annual tradition for parents and their graduating sons as the school year draws to a close. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at White Sands beach volleyball complex. A flyer will be emailed home in the coming days.

## **Fifth and Sixth Grade Report Cards and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 19**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Graders and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders– 7:00 pm, Cultural Center**

All fifth and sixth graders are to arrive for 6:45 in school uniform and should take a seat in the designated reserved area for students. Guest seating is first-come, first-served. The program will begin at 7:00. During the program, report cards will be presented and students will be recognized from each homeroom. I expect the ceremony to last approximately 1 hour. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY!**

### **Seventh Grade Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 am**

Graduation for the CBS Seventh Grade Graduating Class of 2025 is set for 9:30 in the Cultural Center. The students will practice for graduation during one of the exam days, when they will receive specific directions regarding the ceremony. As you have already been made aware, graduates are asked to report to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for 9:10 in the appropriate attire. The ceremony will include Mass, presentation of diplomas and awards, and a student speech. Additionally, a professional photographer will be available for formal photographs.

Picture envelopes will be distributed at the graduation practice. Individual pictures and the class composite (which will be on display at the graduation) are available for purchase. I expect the ceremony to conclude for 11:30. Teachers will remain on campus until 12:00 to say good-bye to graduates and their families. Graduation packets including tickets and final correspondence will be sent home this week with the students. Four guests per student will be permitted to attend. Contact Mrs. Anne if you have a question.

### **Outstanding Invoices**

If you have any outstanding invoices for various activities or events, you are asked to pay those immediately.

### **The School Uniform**

As we approach the end of the school year, I realize that you may be struggling to have your son's uniform make it through the last day. Please know that I have received numerous requests that students be excused from uniform obligations as the end approaches. I have denied all requests in the interest of maintaining order and discipline during a time of year when that objective is often more difficult to obtain. If one or two students are permitted to be out of uniform, then a flood of similar requests follow. When many students are not in uniform, student discipline is compromised. Therefore, I ask for your cooperation in this matter as we work our way down the home stretch. Thanks for your understanding.

### **Thanks and Happy Summer**

On the occasion of this final newsletter of 2025-2026, I wish to thank you for blessing us with the gift of your sons this school year. I hope that after reflecting upon the challenges and achievements of this school year, you conclude that it has been a good one. For those families who are not returning, you have our prayerful best wishes for a wonderful future. May a part of CBS always be with you as you will always be a part of CBS. For those who are returning, enjoy your well-deserved break. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Christian Brothers School, we thank you for all you have done to make 2025-2026 memorable. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Michael J. Prat, Jr.

