THANK YOU, CBA

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY
Thank You CBA for providing the complete package – outstanding academics, discipline/leadership, competitive athletics, and religious education.

– Monica and Bob Marini, Parents
JOYCE BASSETT – PARENT OF JOHN ’13
Seven years ago I drove my son from Clifton Park to Albany to drop him off for his first day of sixth grade. He looked over and said to me “I can’t believe I’m a brother!” It brings tears to my eyes thinking about that day, which seems like yesterday. Now he is in his graduation year and CBA has been all we hoped for and more.

JILL KOLBE – PARENT OF JOE ’15
I am happy that my son is at CBA because HE is happy, more confident, and enjoying academic success. CBA has provided the framework of Christian values, structure, and brotherhood I believe he needed to feel successful and, thus, be successful. Go Brothers!

TOM AND GRACE DiNOVO – PARENTS OF THOMAS ’12 AND ANDREW ’17
The quality of the Advanced Placement courses offered at CBA has helped our son with the development of skills necessary for college. The AP courses were a valuable part of the college admission process and with the AP credit, he was able to meet some of the core course requirements at Boston College.

STEPHEN McCauley ’80 AND MIMI STEFFENS – PARENTS OF THOMAS ’13
CBA has been an incredible experience for our family. The standard of academic excellence and the emphasis on moral and character development has far exceeded our expectations. The teachers don’t teach the class; they teach the individual.

DAVID AND JUNE LAZZARO – PARENTS OF DAVID ’13
We look at CBA as a partnership. We as parents want our sons to be successful in life, and so does CBA. Most importantly, we teach our son to be a caring, thoughtful and respectful young man. We have always felt Christians Brothers Academy instilled the same values as we did at home. Together we have raised an amazing young man who we are proud to say is our son!

THANK YOU CBA for being a place where everyone knows everyone else and we are all friends. It is what makes the school’s Brotherhood so strong.
– Ryan Early ’14
John Bassett ’13
Not only do you get a quality education at CBA that prepares you for college, you also become a part of the CBA brotherhood that lasts a lifetime.

Joe Kolbe ’15
I am happy at CBA because it’s like having a second family. The education is great, the faculty is great, and the sports are great. Everyone treats each other like brothers, and it is a true brotherhood. I know that CBA will be a part of my life forever.

Thomas A. DiNovo ’12
I have many happy memories of my years at CBA. My experience as a member of the marching band was particularly incredible. Playing the saxophone in the parade down Main Street in Walt Disney World, as well as 5th Avenue in New York City on St Patrick’s Day, were once in a lifetime experiences that will never be forgotten.

Thomas Steffens ’13
I have been a Brother for almost seven years and I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. To be a student at CBA is a privilege! I have made lifelong friendships and already get a sense that I am a part of something even greater. I will be graduating in May with an awesome education, leadership skills, time management skills and a desire to be more involved in my community.

David Lazzaro ’13
CBA is a fantastic environment for kids to try new things. From sports to clubs to new classes, there are a lot of things at CBA that I wouldn't be able to find in a public school. The number of options is awesome!

Thank You CBA for providing the safe environment that has allowed our son to reach his full potential.

– Jim and Paola Horvath, Parents
Education and Achievement

Parents entrust us with their most prized possessions – their children. And we take that responsibility seriously. We challenge our boys with instruction that makes them think, and engage them in thoughtful and deep discussions. Advanced Placement and “College in the High School” courses are available to help them obtain credit in preparation for their college careers. CBA is a Middle States Accredited school, an achievement made possible through our talented educators, who are highly trained in their field and beyond.

Academic achievement stands at the center of our mission. Perhaps that’s why all of our boys over the last 30 years have been admitted to college. Perhaps it’s also why students each year leave our halls to attend some of the greatest universities in the world. Education at Christian Brothers Academy is truly unique. And as countless parents have discovered over the years, it continues to inspire boys on their journey to adulthood.

Thank You CBA for being the best option – even though we live in a great school district – for teaching boys.

– Anne Carroll Fernandez, Parent
Leadership and Morality

Two words could never mean so much. Leadership means having the courage to stand up for what’s right, even when it isn’t popular to do so. Morality is integral to the development of well-rounded individuals. But it’s the combination of both of those character attributes that becomes a true recipe for success.

At Christian Brothers Academy, instilling leadership and morality is central to our mission. As a Catholic school led by Lasallian Brothers, we make morality and honesty central tenets in our education philosophy. With help from our JROTC program, which has earned the highest designation of Honor Unit with Distinction, we teach our boys what it is to lead and have others rely on them.

Too often, educational institutions focus solely on nurturing the mind. At Christian Brothers Academy, we also nurture the soul.

Thank You CBA for enriching our son’s faith while teaching him the importance of respect and responsibility.

– J. Scott and Tina Payne, Parents
Brothers For Life

It’s a mantra that courses through the Christian Brothers Academy locker rooms, fields, and cheering sections. When our athletes put on their purple and gold uniforms, they become a part of something bigger than the individual. CBA athletes enter into a fraternity, founded more than a century ago, that values teamwork, support, leadership, and respect. A football player’s individual performance is no more important than his Brother’s winning shot on the basketball court. When a baseball player falters, fellow Brothers – both young and old -- are there to support him. Championships are commonplace, but they pale in comparison to the lasting relationships our boys form on the field.

Athletics at Christian Brothers Academy is different. It’s not about success on the field or a legacy on the court; it’s about being a Brother, one for all, and all for one. It’s about sharing a bond that cannot – and will not – be broken.

Go Brothers.

Thank You CBA for making me proud to be part of a school with an excellent sports program that’s recognized all throughout the Northeast.

– Aidan Murphy ’14
Band of Brothers

Fitting in is something kids often think about. They worry over how peers will perceive them or how their interests might impact their social lives. New students at Christian Brothers Academy walk into the school with those same fears, but quickly discover their fellow Brothers readily accept them into their favorite clubs and teams.

Many of our boys will find lifelong friends marching in our award-winning band. Those seeking intellectual challenge can join the Forensics team and compete in lively debates on topics that matter most in our world. Each year, our Military Ball and Junior/Senior prom are opportunities for our boys to treat their female friends to the elegance and class that sets their school apart. Our dedication to service requires all of our students to complete 70 hours of community work. In the vast majority of cases, our boys do much more on their own accord.

Christian Brothers Academy embraces the idea that academic achievement is just one small part of the education young boys experience. That’s why we work each day to ensure the extracurricular activities we offer help our boys not only become a part of something, but also feel fulfilled in any activity they participate in.

Thank You CBA for the teachers, music department, athletics, and the excellent education that will help me get into a great college.

– Davis Payne ‘17
$900,000

Approximate amount of scholarships CBA awards to our families each year

96%

Of CBA students participate in at least one extracurricular activity of CBA families receive scholarships and financial aid

Sixty-seven percent of our students each year are accepted to college

100%

OF PARENTS SAY THEY WOULD RECOMMEND CBA TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

100%

ALUMNI SAY THAT CBA'S ACADEMIC PROGRAM IS ITS GREATEST STRENGTH

100%

ALUMNI RESOUNDINGLY SAY THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND CBA TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Thank you CBA for your high academic standards and placing an emphasis on teamwork and leadership.

– Peter and Kathleen Tunny, Parents
A Proud Tradition

It’s not often you hear of a school that has successfully educated students for over 150 years. But Christian Brothers Academy has done just that. Founded in 1859 in Albany, Christian Brothers Academy traces its roots to the De La Salle Christian Brothers, the world’s largest religious order of men dedicated to education. Brothers are still involved in CBA, ensuring their central tenets of morality, respect, and service to the community are upheld.

Tradition and history matter greatly at Christian Brothers Academy. While we are constantly striving to stay ahead of the curve, we look to our past for inspiration, wisdom, and insight. That’s something few schools can say. And our boys benefit because of our unique ability to strike that balance.

Thank You CBA

for delivering a learning environment that partners with responsibility, integrity, and friendships.

– Kellie and Mike Fisher, Parents
Thank You, Brothers

“There’s something special about Christian Brothers Academy.”

It’s a comment I’ve heard often from parents, teachers, and students. They marvel at the brotherhood that develops between the kids and the feeling that even after a boy leaves CBA to embark on a bright future, a part of him will always be tied to his school.

It’s easy to say that CBA is special because of its dedicated faculty or the quality of its education. Others would call CBA special because of its award-winning band and an athletic program that wins championships while still ensuring players achieve academic excellence.

But in my time at CBA, I’ve discovered that our true blessing is the student body. None of our success over the last 150 years would have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and commitment to achievement that our boys have exemplified.

I consider it a privilege to lead CBA. I have the opportunity to see our boys when they first enter the school, worried over how they will fit in, quickly assimilate into CBA’s culture. I watch our boys, challenged daily by our college-level curricula, rejoice when their hard work leads to success in the classroom. I watch with pride as they treat everyone in the school with dignity and respect, and even more so in public, when they represent their families and the alumni of CBA with honor and distinction.

I watch mothers and fathers smile as their son, who takes pride in his appearance, opens the door for them as they come into the school, who looks people in the eye, and enters the world with confidence. I see parents cheer at honors nights, athletic contests and concerts and see them cry at graduation.

A boy’s time at CBA is not about education; it’s about life’s journey. There will be ups. There will be downs. There will be challenges and triumphs, but through it all, something special happens at CBA. Success becomes commonplace. Boys become men.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our students and parents. And at CBA, we thank you for that.

James Schlegel
Head of School

Thank You CBA for preparing my son extraordinarily well for the next steps in his life’s journey.

– Joyce Bassett, Parent
ALMA MATER

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Of thy fame we sing today,
And our hearts exult within us
As this tribute we thee pay.

For we love thy sacred precincts,
Thy fair banners, bright today,
And thy name shall live in honor,
Though thy walls fall to decay.
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ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRAY FOR US. LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS, FOREVER!