

Dear CBHS Community,

At the beginning of the school year we addressed the faculty and presented some of the goals for the coming year. Developing a more pro-active outreach to gay students was one of them.

Over the years, we have met with gay graduates who have asked about the school and we have assured them it is a kinder and gentler school and that this generation of students is very welcoming of students from all backgrounds. They are not homophobic and we are proud of their brotherhood.

To help move the school forward with this goal, a Catholic gay graduate was appointed to the Student Life Committee of the CBHS Board of Trustees. He has been most helpful and he sees that the school is quite different from his years at CBHS.

We also formed a committee which included four staff members (three of whom have a gay sibling or son). Their task was to develop a program of education and outreach which will gradually be implemented in the school, starting with the seniors. The outreach would include more intense training of faculty members to aid in their counseling of gay students.

They also had the task of creating a dance policy where ALL CBHS students could be included. It had to follow current school policies, Catholic teachings, and Lasallian principles (of which inclusivity is one). This was not an easy task. The Homecoming Dance was changed to a format similar to our courtyard dances. No longer is it a date dance. The school has never let boys from other schools attend these dances as the mixing of boys from other schools in such an open atmosphere can cause problems.

We imagine our boys are uncomfortable being the center of attention and being exposed to the "screaming" in social media. Twitter and Facebook are great outlets to express opinion but not discussion. We ask for your patience and understanding and know that important topics such as this are not taken lightly.

Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are always in ours.

Fraternally,
CBHS Administration