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*Expansion and Modernization Program*

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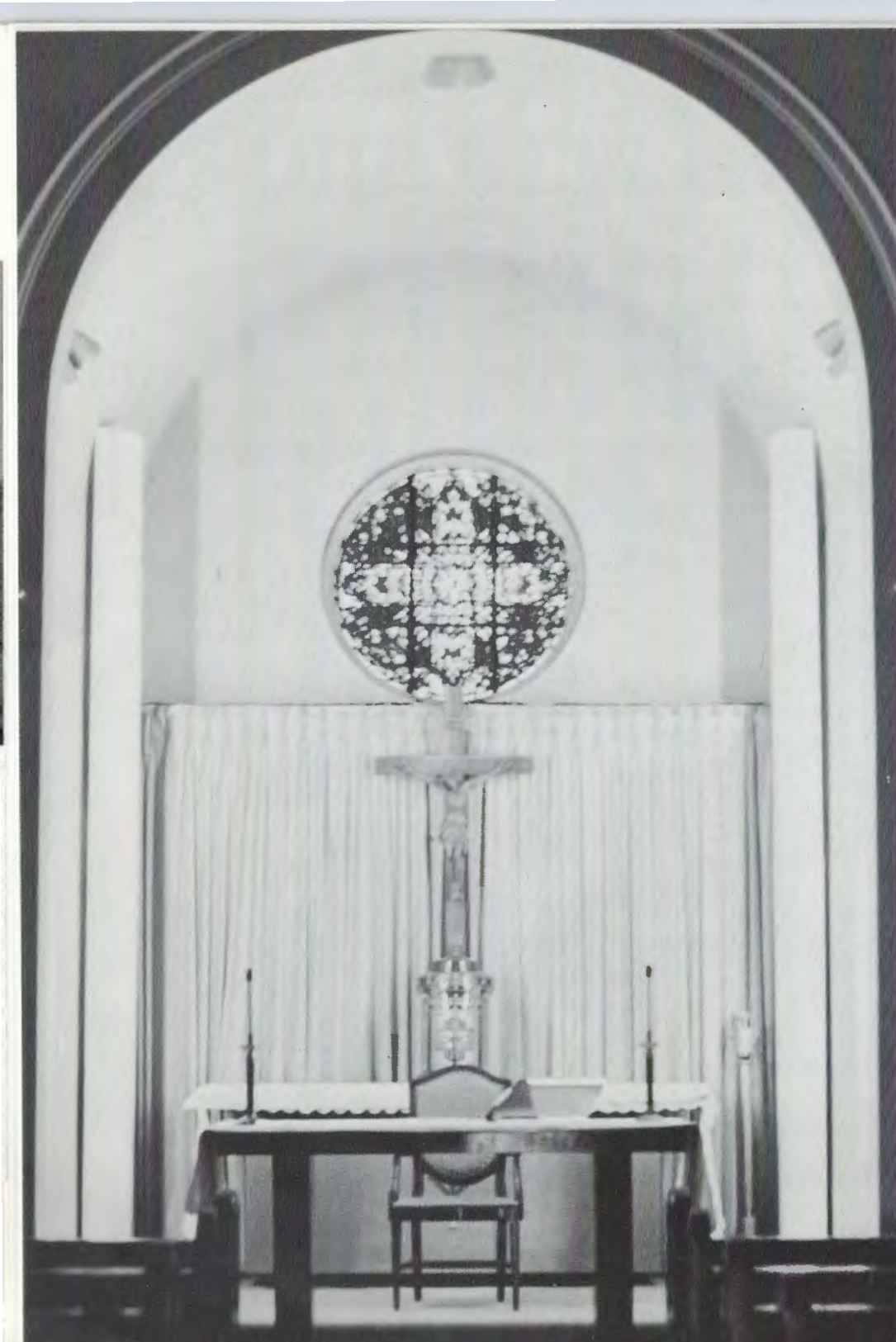
# FROM A HUMBLE BEGINNING

When St. Louis was just a little river town of 40,000 people and there was less than one priest for every four parishes, Bishop Kenrick secured the services of the Christian Brothers for his diocese. In 1852, after three years of operating grade schools, the Brothers opened Christian Brothers College on Eighth and Cerre Streets. One of the few institutions of higher learning in the area, CBC fame spread until boarders could be listed at the College representing all of the midwest States, several Eastern and Southern States, and Latin American countries.

Students came to the Brothers as boys and walked away men. This was partially due to the school structure of the age, taking knickered Pre-Freshmen and keeping them to Senior maturity. It was also due to the dedication of the Christian Brothers to develop the whole man: academic, physical, moral, and cultural. They were, and are, men called to a particular vocation that weds secular studies to their religious zeal. They use their own gifts and talents to the betterment of those entrusted to their care.

Christian Brothers College suffered from two peculiarities which plagued the times: war and industrial progress. The Civil War disrupted higher education, separating the Brothers' Boys into





### **SOCIAL**

With "Signum Fidei" ("Sign of Faith") as our motto, CBC challenges students to a free and joyful life of service to God, family, friends and the community at large.

### **SPIRITUAL**

At the heart of the CBC tradition is our emphasis on the formation of Catholic values in a loving, family atmosphere. That emphasis is ultimately directed toward the nurturing of total Christians — in mind, heart and will.

# INTO THE FUTURE

As any of our Alumni will tell you, the CBC education is much more than four years of lessons, books and homework. It is a lifetime of friendships, experiences, values and love which cannot help but permeate careers, home lives, involvement in church and community activities, and relationships with family, friends and co-workers.

Many graduates maintain ties to CBC throughout their lives by enrolling their own children at CBC and by Alumni projects — long after the letters on their own diplomas have faded. An education at Christian Brothers College is truly a lifelong experience.



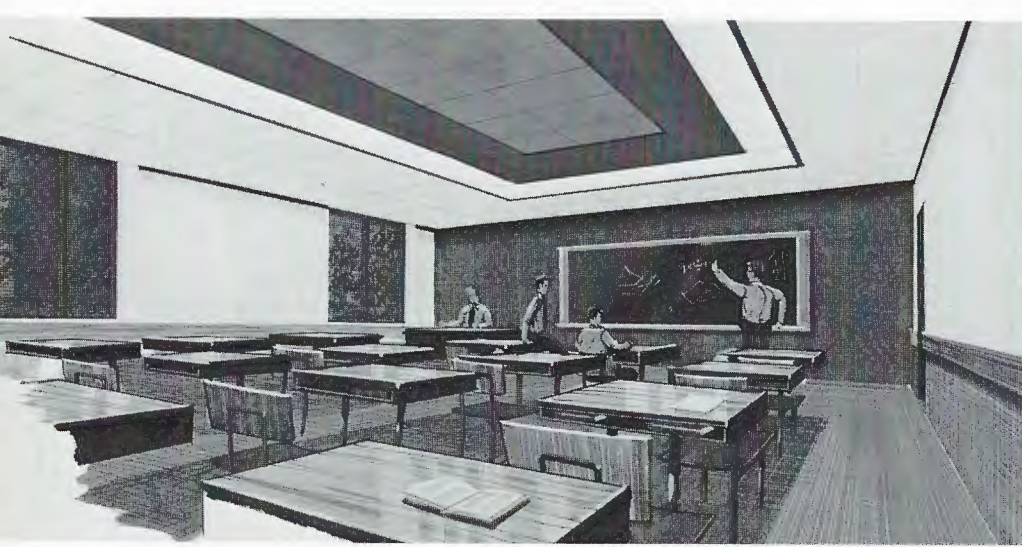
## CHANGING NEEDS FOR CHANGING TIMES

Today, an all-important mission challenges us to recommit ourselves to CBC and the tradition of excellence which we have proudly upheld for so many years.

To provide our present and future students all the resources necessary to develop completely their desires and capacities to learn, Christian Brothers College High School has set the following priorities:

- The development of more individualized and personal education for all our students.
- The enlargement of our high school curriculum so that more students will be able to participate in Christian action projects.
- The construction of a regulation-size gymnasium with modern bleachers and shower facilities. The building is designed to double as an Assembly Hall and arena for the performing arts.

With the realization of these most necessary plans, CBC can continue to offer our students the increasingly rare opportunity for a well-rounded and value-centered education — an education which will instill in them a Christian view of society and a sense of social responsibility so essential in our leaders of tomorrow.



## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

### DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

To continue the CBC tradition of excellence, CBC has embarked upon a progressive development program. The purpose of this progressive expansion program is to provide our students, teachers, and administration with the “tools” they need to uphold our tradition of excellence.

The development program has two aspects, curriculum enrichment and improved physical facilities. The curriculum will continue to be expanded to give increased learning opportunities. The improved physical facilities are evolving over a two-phase program.

**PHASE I** Renovation and modernization of the main building interior is completed.

**PHASE II** Expansion and modernization of the existing gymnasium is in the planning stage.

The new wall paneling, lighting, carpeting, thermopane window design, renovated corridors and guidance offices, came to a total cost of \$400,000. This was financed by the Christian Brothers Community through a loan which demonstrates the Brothers’ commitment to continued existence and growth.





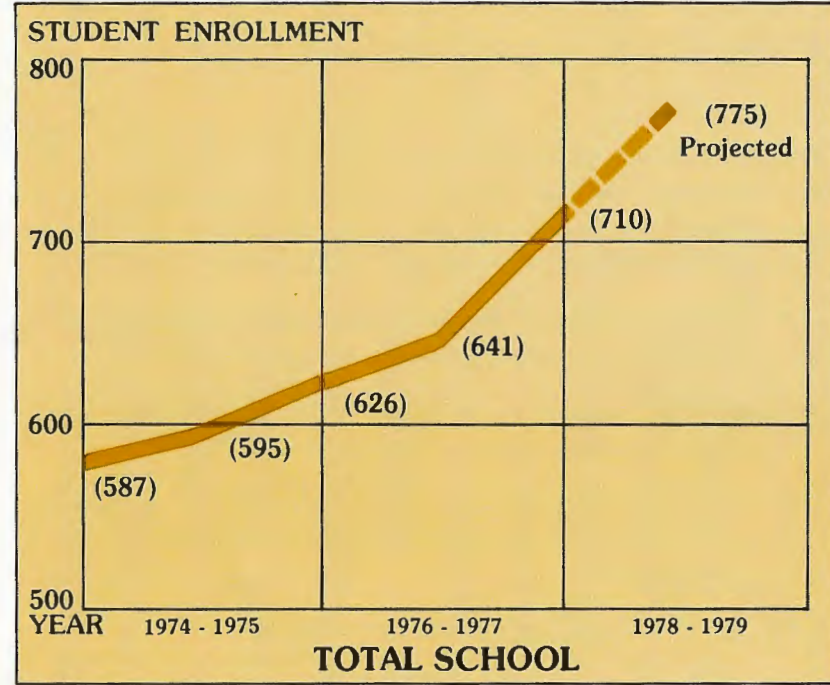
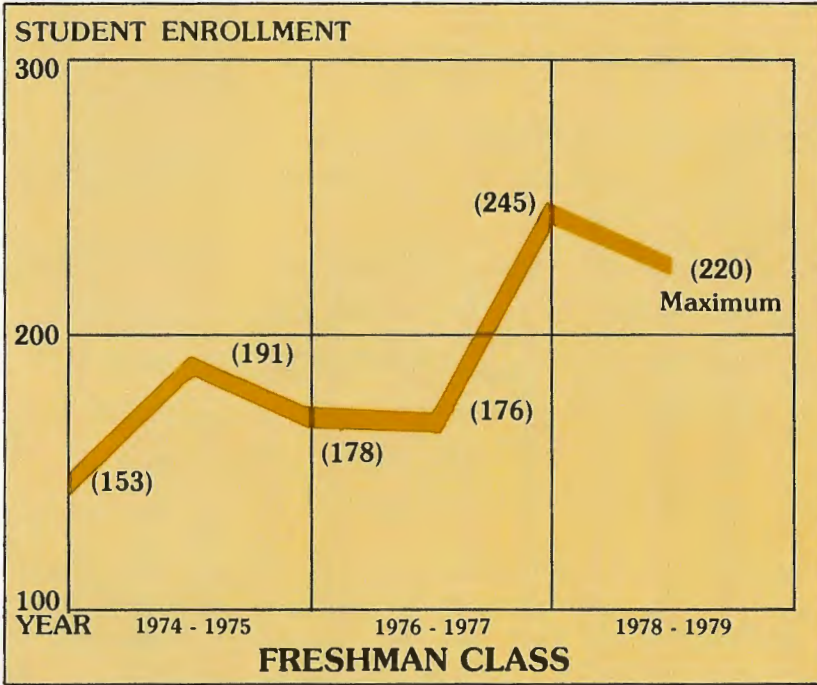
## AN OVERDUE NEED

Ground was broken to build the present gymnasium in 1922 and at that time it was the finest athletic facility in the city — but that was fifty-five years ago! By today's standards of performance the building is inadequate. Seating is crowded and cannot accommodate game attendance, the basketball court is non-regulation size and poorly lighted, shower and locker room

facilities are antiquated, and it cannot provide the space required for student and parent functions, nor does it allow space for fine arts and drama.

All these short-comings, plus the dramatic 40% (176 to 245 enrollment) expected rise in the 1978 Freshman class (as the following charts illustrate) demonstrates the crying need for this new facility.





## TIMETABLE

This expansion program depends on the response to the appeal. It is hoped that the response to this appeal will justify the groundbreaking in the spring of 1979. If this schedule proves to be feasible, the new facility could be available for the basketball season in 1979-80.

This facility will include a regulation-size gymnasium with adequate spectator seating, practice areas, shower room, drying

room, locker rooms, physical education office with instruction area, and large lobby. The existing functions will be redefined and space reapportioned so as to utilize the enlarged area in the most efficient manner.

Projected building costs:	<b>\$ 800,000</b>
Supporting equipment costs:	<b>200,000</b>
Total project cost:	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

## YOUR GIFT MAY BE A MEMORIAL OR SPECIAL GIFT

While the main motive of a donor's gift will be one of charity so the expansion of CBC facilities and programs can be accomplished, his generosity can receive special significance through a Memorial or Special Gift Designation.

The building provides a range of Memorials which offer excellent opportunities to honor loved ones, living or dead.

Industrial and commercial firms and other organizations may consider a Memorial or one of the Special Gift Plans.

The subscription for a Memorial is not determined by the cost of the item but rather in consideration of the privilege of designation and desirability.

A full list of Memorials is available upon request.

Leadership . . . . .	<b>\$50,000 and up</b>
Builder . . . . .	<b>\$25,000-\$49,999</b>
Patron . . . . .	<b>\$10,000-\$24,999</b>
Challenge . . . . .	<b>\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999</b>

Plaques, tastefully designed and appropriately inscribed, will be placed in a prominent place in the school.

Memorials and Special Gifts may be pledged over a three to five year period according to the wishes of the donor. Longer payment periods may be arranged for more substantial Memorials and Special Gifts.

## ADVANTAGES OF GIVING

Federal and state laws on both income and inheritance taxes are designed to encourage charitable gifts. Gifts may be made in a number of ways:

- Current income
- Stocks or bonds
- Corporations
- Annuities
- Bequests
- Insurance
- Property
- Works of art

Memorial and Special Gifts donors are encouraged to use the deferred payment plan which has been developed to permit payments over a three year period, which can involve four tax years or longer for more substantial gifts.

To finance this progressive program Christian Brothers College High School must invest \$1,000,000 over the next five years.

We are confident this program will be most successful because the alumni, the present and past parents, the teachers and staff, and the community of St. Louis take pride in CBC and are dedicated to the continuance of the "tradition of excellence."

## MEMORIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

<b>TO NAME</b>	<b>GIFT COST</b>
THE NEW BUILDING .....	<b>\$250,000</b>
DEDICATE THE BUILDING .....	<b>100,000</b>
ENTRANCE LOBBY .....	<b>50,000</b>
MAIN GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT .....	<b>25,000</b>
HOME TEAM LOCKER ROOM .....	<b>25,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>4,500</b>
ASSEMBLY HALL AREA .....	<b>25,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>3,000</b>
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE .....	<b>15,000</b>
BASKETBALL COURT (10 UNITS) .....	<b>10,000 ea.</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>6,000</b>
WRESTLING ROOM AREA .....	<b>10,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>2,500</b>
VISITORS LOCKER ROOM .....	<b>10,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>3,000</b>

<b>TO NAME</b>	<b>GIFT COST</b>
SHOWER ROOM .....	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>3,000</b>
WEIGHTLIFTING ROOM .....	<b>10,000</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>1,500</b>
PERFORMING ARTS AREA .....	<b>10,000</b>
ATHLETIC STORAGE AREA .....	<b>6,000</b>
PRACTICE COURTS (4) .....	<b>5,000 ea.</b>
EQUIPMENT .....	<b>2,400</b>
INSTRUCTION (CLASS ROOM) .....	<b>5,000</b>
STAGE .....	<b>3,000</b>
DRESSING ROOMS (2) .....	<b>2,500 ea.</b>
BLEACHERS (12 UNITS) .....	<b>2,500 ea.</b>
BAND ROOM .....	<b>1,500</b>
BATTING CAGE .....	<b>1,500</b>
300 GYMNASIUM SHAREHOLDERS ..	<b>1,000 ea.</b>



two hostile camps. Some went home to fight; others could no longer leave their families for study. The school itself was confiscated and used as a Union prison. After the war the College was at the focus of industrial growth in St. Louis. Of particular interference was the rail yard operating only a couple hundred yards away.

So, late in the 1870s the Brothers retreated out to the rolling hills of west St. Louis. Thirty acres were purchased on Kingshighway and a beautiful building was erected. The new CBC was to become the only boarding college in the city. It acted as a seminary of the diocese and produced a fine alumni that distinguished itself in literature, science, civic leadership and Religion. At one time over half of the priests ordained for the



diocese were Brothers' Boys. Its band, acting guild, and various literary societies won reknown. Its sport teams contended with the best of the day: De Paul, Missouri U., Notre Dame, and of course St. Louis University.

This glory proved to be short-lived. After thirty-four years of operation on the Cote Brilliante campus the College caught fire and was destroyed in hours. Two Brothers, a watchman, and seven firemen were killed in a blaze that was reported nationally. For the remainder of 1916 the Brothers operated the College from Smith Academy.

In 1922 the ghost of CBC was again embodied. Much of the original college faculty joined their confreres in college at Mem-



phis and Winona, but the rest rebuilt the Brothers' role in St. Louis education. They opened a private boys high school bearing the name of their beloved college. Christian Brothers College High School grew quickly in enrollment and in reputation. A powerhouse in the athletic field, it was a dynamo in academics. Again CBC could point with pride to an enterpris-

ing, success-filled alumni. Large numbers went on to college, into business, or into civil or religious service.

Yet another change in the character of CBC gave the school a uniqueness that molded its public image and its role in the community. In 1935 the Brothers added an Army JROTC program.

CBC had, and has, the only Army JROTC in the St. Louis area. The value of the program proved to be greater than the shaping and disciplining of the young cadets alone.

As the nation was plunged into a second World War, CBC took an energetic role in the war effort. Students raised money by selling War Bonds, enough to purchase an ambulance, a jeep, and two fighter planes for the Army. Tons of paper, scrap metal, and clothing were collected. Blood by the gallon was donated by

Brothers and Cadets to help the Red Cross. Hundreds of CBC alumni put to practical use their military training as officers and soldiers in the Armed Services.

The post-war years were years of growth for the turret-clad school on Clayton Road. A Brothers' Residence had been added shortly before the war to free more classroom space. A fourth floor and Band room was then added. In the 1960s the school benefited by the construction of the Annex Building.

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## TO THE PRESENT

Eighteen years have passed. A divisive war in the Far East, a decline in Catholic educational institutions, and two turbulent decades have taken their toll. Yet CBC stands and is prospering. Enrollment has been on the increase for four consecutive years. The curriculum has been revised to give a real college preparatory training to the students as well as remedial work for those who need it. The sports teams stand victorious. JROTC is optional and first-class, attracting area students interested in military training. A proud spirit reigns at CBC. Proud in its new vitality. Proud in its 128 year old heritage.

### A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...

One hundred and twenty-eight years is a long time to maintain a tradition of excellence in Catholic education.

Since 1849 Christian Brothers College High School has been doing exactly that. Combining the ingredients of diversity, in-

tegrity, character, and most important, love, we have worked diligently to provide our students with a quality education within the setting of a faith community.

Crucial to the realization of that goal have been close faculty-student-parent relationships, an ever-expanding curriculum, and a highly capable administration, all factors through which we reach out to enable each student to grow in accordance with his own abilities.

### CONTINUING TODAY...

Christian Brothers College High School strives to prepare students for well-rounded and productive lives in a constantly changing world, a world which will require the best of their intellectual, emotional, spiritual, social and physical capabilities.



## ACADEMIC

Our faculty and administration, consisting of Christian Brothers and a dedicated lay staff, have effectively managed to synthesize both traditional and progressive instructional techniques in a curriculum which revolves around personal encounters and the development of the total human being.



## MILITARY

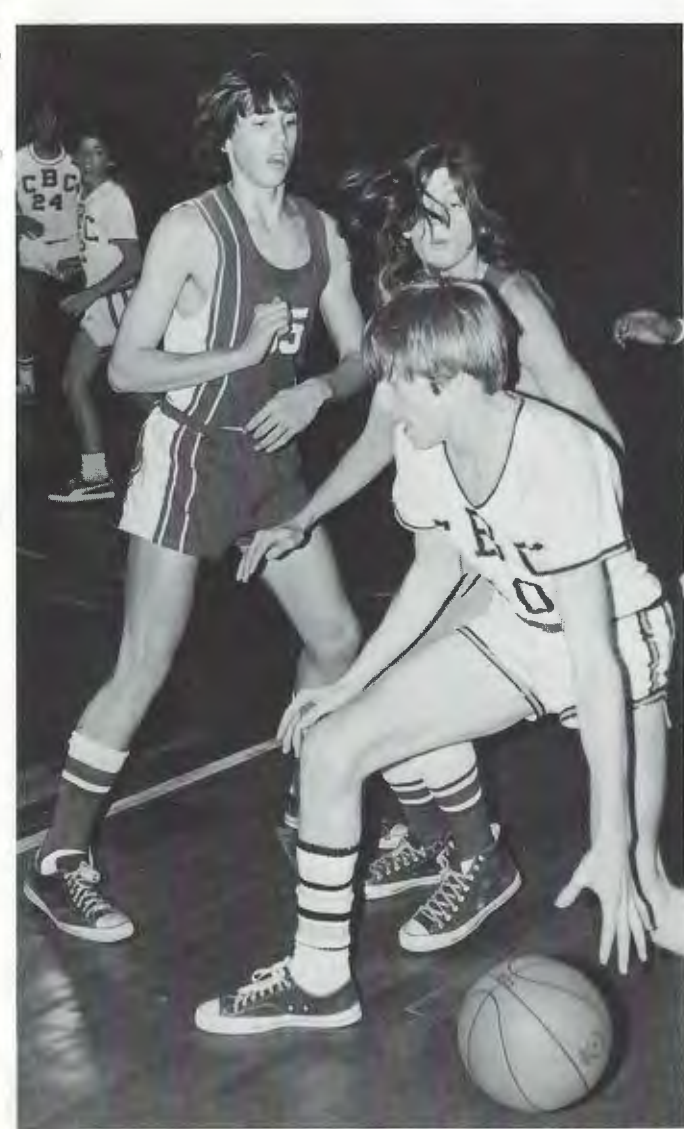
For decades Christian Brothers College High School has been identified as the only secondary school in the St. Louis area that offered a compulsory Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program to its students. While discipline and training continues in the less formal military sense for all, and is still very much a part of every day CBC life, formal JROTC is now offered to students on a voluntary 'elective' course basis within the broad curriculum.

## PHYSICAL

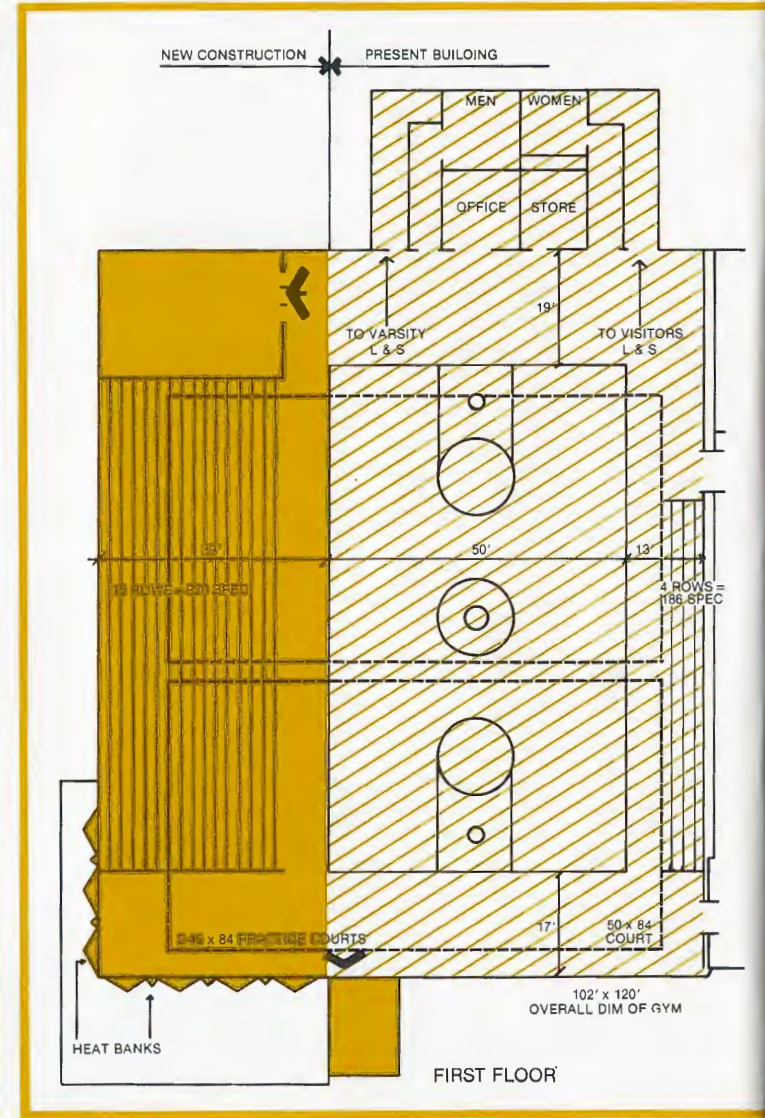
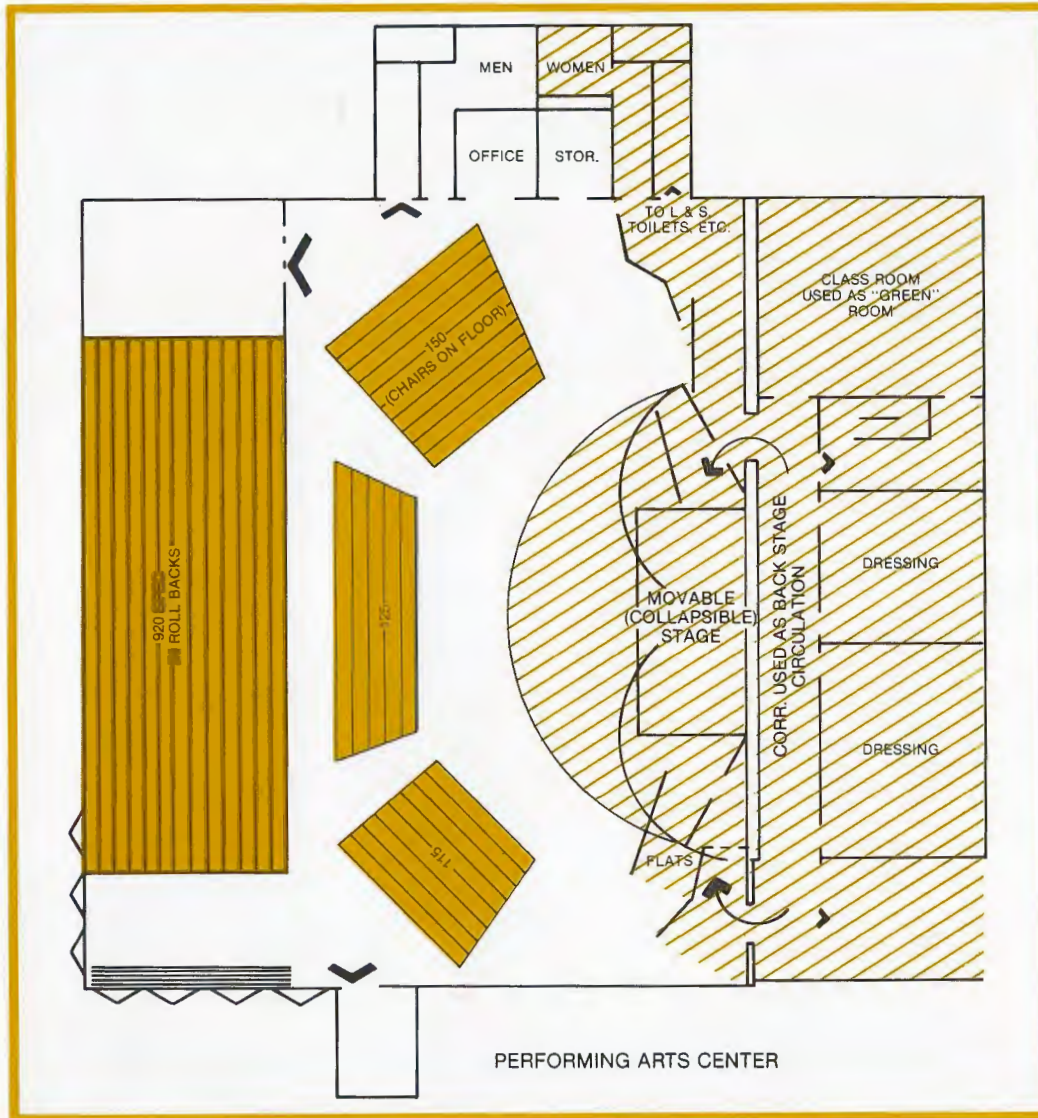
CBC believes that a broadly-based physical education program is essential to the development of healthy bodies, as well as high standards of sportsmanship, peer group interaction and sharing.





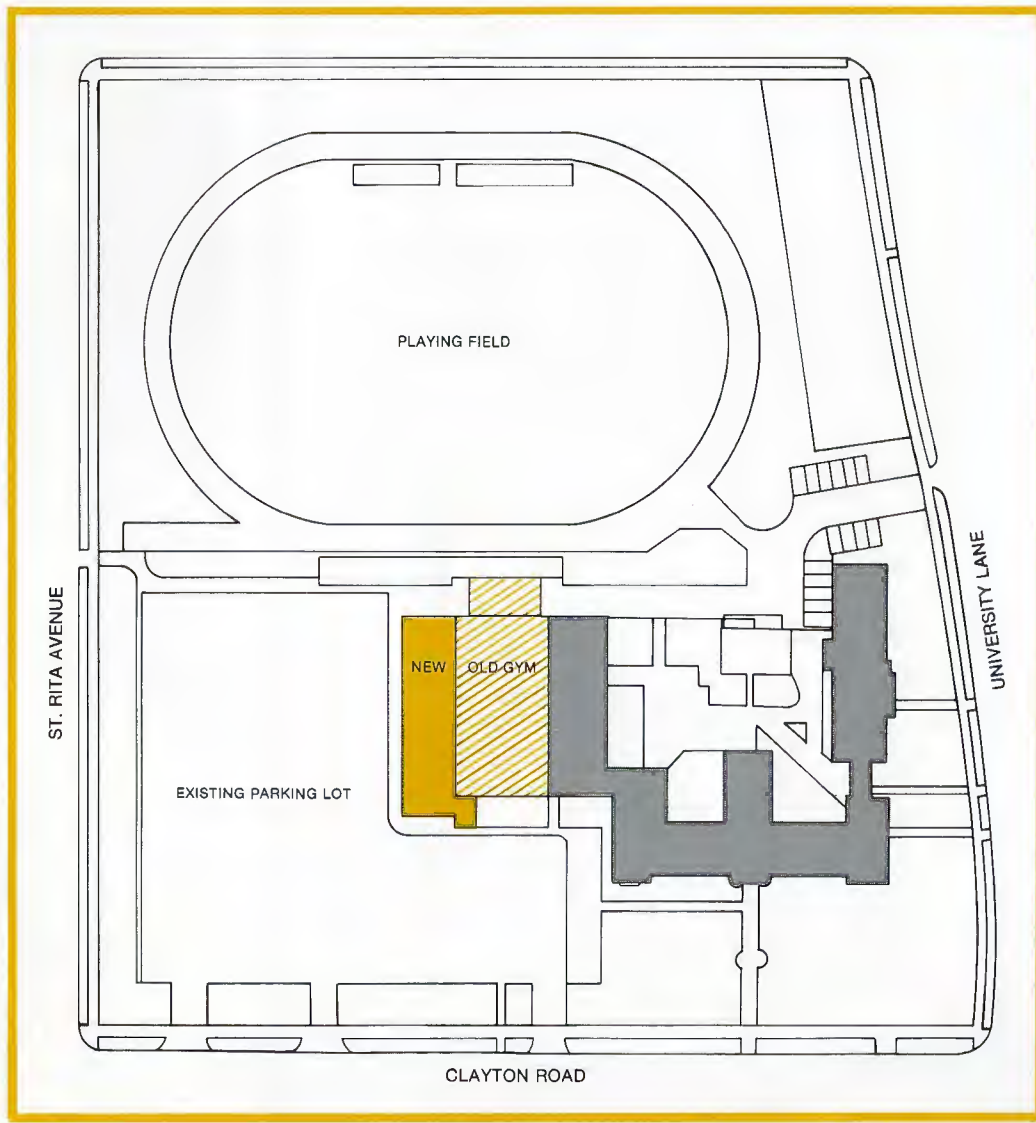
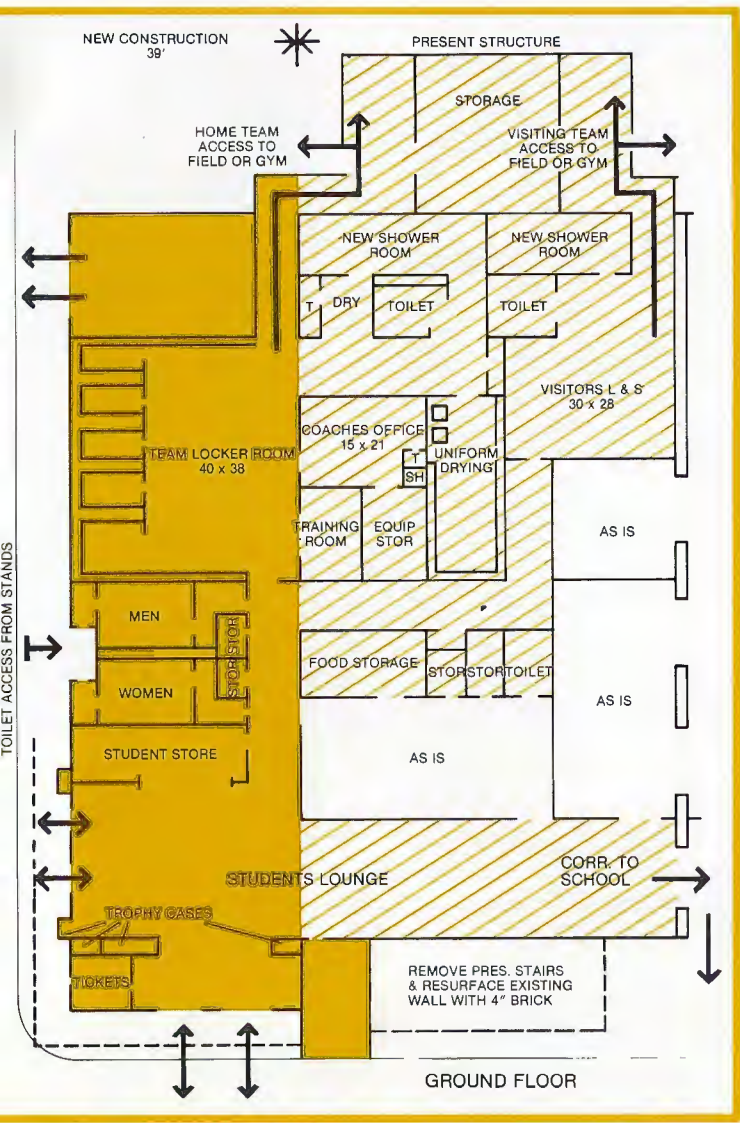


# OUR NEW GYMNASIUM AND ASSEMBLY



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- EXISTING STRUCTURES

## **THE CHRISTIAN BROTHER PRAYER BEFORE SCHOOL**

**“Thou, O Lord, art my strength, my patience, my light and my counsel; it is Thou that makest submissive to me the children confided to my care. Abandon me not to myself for one moment. For my own conduct and for that of my pupils, grant me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of holy fear of Thee, and an ardent zeal to procure Thy glory. I unite my labors to those of Jesus Christ, and I beg the Most Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, the Guardian Angels and St. John Baptist De La Salle to protect me in the exercise of my employment. Amen.”**

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