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## Yoel Zachariah '23 Speaks to Bergen Catholic Honors Research Class



Yoel Zachariah '23 (left) poses with Mr. Brian Rendine '01 after speaking to the Honors Research class (Photo courtesy of BC Communications)

**ORADELL**, **NJ**, **December 5**, **2023** – Bergen Catholic's senior Honors Research class was joined by a special guest when recent Crusader alum **Yoel Zachariah** '**23** spoke to the class about his own unique experiences as a former BC student in the Honors Research class, as well his personal battle against testicular cancer upon graduating from BC last June.

Zachariah gave advice to the assembled seniors on how to go about preparing for their final research papers, which they each will need to defend later on this May. The recent BC alum also spoke about his harrowing personal health journey, and how after rounds of chemotherapy, he is now cancer free and will be starting his own college journey next Fall at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In the Honors Research class, Bergen Catholic seniors are given the opportunity to receive 40 internship hours alongside a physician at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, NJ in addition to gaining valuable experience with the APA writing format prior to college or medical school.

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