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# 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DePaul Catholic 1956 High School 2021

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our monthly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

## Moving Forward

Mr. John Merritt '71, President

Welcome to the first edition of "Moving Forward" for the 2021-2022 school year.

There have been many changes since our last edition, however, I will only speak of one. My new position as President of DePaul Catholic offers a new challenge at a time in my life that is perfect for a new challenge. My love for DePaul Catholic is no secret, and I hope that during my time as President I can accomplish the following...always with God's help and your help.

- **Renew our connection with our 12,000 plus alums.** The everlasting connection between school and graduates needs to be strengthened and, in the next few months, you will hear and see more about that.
- **Revive, rebuild and repair.** Our challenge, after 65 years, is to do an inventory of ourselves as a school and to revive where necessary, repair where necessary and rebuild where necessary. This we will begin and be completed with your support.
- **The final challenge is preparing for the future.** Many believe that Catholic education's best days are behind us. I dispute that as I see, at DePaul, a growing enrollment, an excitement in our teachers and staff and the growing attendance by alums and friends at events. The challenges in Catholic education are clear. We need to watch and be sensitive to our tuition costs. The DePaul Catholic Alumni Scholarship Program is now making DePaul possible for outstanding boys and girls who might not be able to otherwise attend. We must strive to continue to be staffed by the best, the brightest and always faith-filled teachers. We need to go into the community to spread the good news of DePaul...and we will. This I promise you.

### So how do we begin?

We can begin with participation by you: the staff, the teachers, alums, current parents and friends: Back To School Night, reunions, athletic events, fundraising events.

We begin this year with our **Virtual 6.5k Competition**. [Here's the link to sign up](#). Last year we had a lot of fun. I completed my race last Sunday .

Contact Coleen Brophy ([Brophy@dpchs.org](mailto:Brophy@dpchs.org)) with questions

We will also have our **Giving Day in September beginning on the 27th**. The Giving Day will last for 65 hours to celebrate 65 years as your high school. I hope you will participate. The competition between graduating classes should be intense. Keep checking your email and other social media outlets or, of course, you can contact [Coleen Brophy](#).

Finally, for the Fall, we will have our annual **9 and Dine on October 7th**. [You can sign up right here](#).

*Everything you do to help DePaul ultimately helps a student. The kids appreciate it as much as I do.*

I am getting ready for my 50th reunion along with the members of the Class of '71. I hope you will attend your reunion when your year arrives.

**Faith, Family, and Friends is the foundation of our school. It always has been.**  
**To the staff, alums and friends of DePaul, you have my word that this will continue.**

Spartans for Spartans!

Best, be well, and see you soon!

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli



Dear DePaul Catholic High School Community:

Welcome Home as we have successfully started the 2021-2022 School Year!!!

The DePaul Catholic High School community was honored by the presence of Bishop Kevin Sweeney at our Opening of School Mass on Friday, September 10.

Just a few reminders that we ask you to please take note of:

When dropping off students in the morning, do not stop in the crosswalk and please pull as far down the driveway as you can to allow more cars to stop on the curb. DO NOT discharge passengers in the middle of the driveway; this creates a very dangerous situation.

All students are to be seated in their first period class at 7:30 AM. Please take this into account as you plan your travel time in the morning.

**Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM** . Parents should immediately report to your child's homeroom classroom. This will be in person and we ask that only one parent attend for each child and that no other children be brought to the school on that evening. In homeroom, you will receive your child's schedule for the evening.

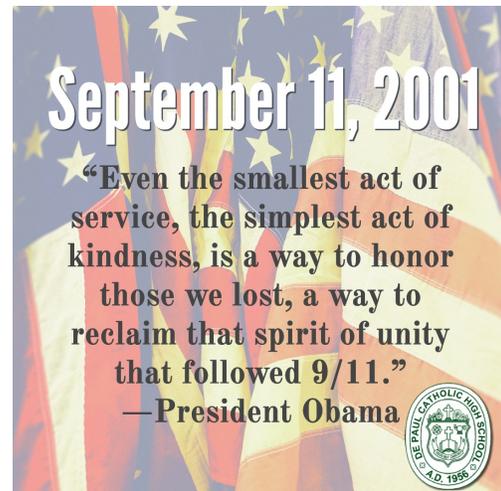
St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

## Student Message

Hello everyone, I'm Skyler Weaver a junior here at DePaul. As we know, the 20th anniversary of 9/11 occurred on Saturday. We will never stop honoring and remembering the lives lost on that day. We honor the brave souls who saved so many and risked their lives for the lives of people they did not know. We honor those who went back into the towers when others were running out. We honor the families who lost their fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and friends. May God bless them all.

I know that many of us may be apprehensive about our first full week of school. The start of the school year can be overwhelming and scary; however, we have to remember that God has given us another day to live. He has provided the opportunity to come together here every day, healthy and safe, as one community.

So please, for all those who lost their lives, give your parents the extra hug, hold the door open for someone you don't know, tell your friends you love them, laugh a little more, and be the best



person you can be. All we have is this moment. Today is truly a gift. Be grateful and live for today!

I wish you the most amazing year at DePaul Catholic. As Todd Beamer would say, "Let's roll!"

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

### Practice HSPT Exam

9th Grade Applicants Only

**September 23rd**

Test open until 8:00pm

Details and Registration: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/depaul/hsptpractice2021>

Questions: [forsythk@dpchs.org](mailto:forsythk@dpchs.org)

*All applicants to the 9th Grade are required to take the HSPT Entrance Exam. We are a testing site. The exam is offered on Friday, November 5th. Please register here:*

<https://www.njcoopexam.org/>



### Spend A Day As A Spartan

Shadow Days begin October 5th  
Students MUST register online.

Reserve Your Shadow Date Here

### Open House

Sunday, October 17th  
Tours will be offered from  
12:00pm - 3:30pm

RSVP HERE

A graphic for the 65th Anniversary Open House. It features a photo of two students in lab coats and safety goggles. The text includes: '65TH ANNIVERSARY OF DePaul Catholic High School 1956-2021', 'OPEN HOUSE', 'Sunday, October 17', '12:00pm - 4:00pm', '1512 Alps Rd, Wayne', 'Online RSVP Required www.depaulcatholic.org', a QR code with 'SCAN ME' below it, and '8th Grade Prep, Transfers, Class of 2026, &amp; beyond! See why over 12,000 graduates believe we are "The Place To Be".' At the bottom, it says 'QUESTIONS? ADMISSIONS@DPCHS.ORG'.

### **Meet with the Director of Enrollment Management**

- Opportunities to schedule appointments will be posted one week in advance.
- Please use the following link to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting:  
<https://www.depaulcatholic.org/pages/admissionsdirector.html>
- Due to the high volume of calls and visits outside of the building, phone messages are rarely returned. Please stick to the following methods for communicating:
  - Email: [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)
  - “Text” message: [www.dpchsstudents.org](http://www.dpchsstudents.org)

### **Alumni & Advancement News**

Joe Lennon, Director of Development

Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

## **Save The Date**



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**6.5K Spartan Virtual Run**

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DPCHS65thAnniversaryvirtualrun>

**Giving Days Begin 9/27/2021**

**Class of '71 Reunion 10/2/2021**

**Nine & Dine 10/7/2021**

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/depaul/nineanddine>

**Class of '70 Reunion 10/8/2021**

**Homecoming 10/29/2021**

Please note: the Class of 1975 reunion has been postponed.

# Remembering our Spartan Family

*May They Rest in Peace*

Gerard Arellano '97  
Andrew J. Brennan '75  
Stanley Buczek Jr.  
Patricia Canning  
Joseph Santo Cerza '66  
Gerald "Jerry" Costello  
Frank Di Gesu  
Thomas Drag '69  
Andrew Scott Hill '81  
Robert Hoffman  
Eugene Merlino '84

Meghan Moore '86  
Jack Moran  
Deborah Mulligan  
Louis Oberti  
Glen Petro  
Laura Pulford  
Anthony Rodano '09  
Ron Scott '75  
Tracey Timothy '80  
Dolores Zanga

## Alumni News

In Reed Karsen's (Class of 2021) first game and first touch at Montclair State, he scored the first goal of the season (and his career). MSU is currently ranked #8 in the country for D3 men's soccer.

<https://montclairathletics.com/news/2021/9/1/no-8-mens-soccer-rolls-past-centenary-in-season-opener.aspx>



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Shannon Marren '14 was named Head Coach and advisor to Monmouth University Dance Team!  
Congratulations Shannon!

## Spartan Nation

Mr. John McKenna  
Athletic Director

## IN THE NEWS....

*Click for articles.*

**Girls soccer: Blum double OT winner guides No. 10 DePaul past No. 16 IHA**

**DePaul football sends Big message with shutout win over St. Joseph**

**DePaul offense fires on all cylinders in win over Cardinal Hayes**

## School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory, Director

We are so happy to start the school year off strong. The halls have been filled with smiles and laughter. In order to prepare our students for their college application process we offer the PSAT as a practice test to 8th graders, Freshmen, and Sophomores on October 13, 2021. Juniors will be taking their official PSAT test, which enters them into the National Merit Scholarship program. Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (calculated by doubling the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either Commended Students or Semifinalists.

As part of our curriculum, we offer the Princeton Review Test Preparation Course during the first quarter of a student's junior year. Students will meet with instructors for 20 sessions and have 3 proctored practice tests. They will have the opportunity to take more practice tests online and have many additional online resources through their Princeton Review portal. In addition, all students and parents can tune in every week to hear The Princeton Review experts share their knowledge about the SAT, ACT, college admissions, and academic topics live via YouTube Live streaming by subscribing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ThePrincetonReviewUS>

Ms. Hall and Mrs. Gregory will begin meeting with the seniors to facilitate their college applications. Ms. Hall, Mrs. Covello, Mr. Campanile and Mrs. Gregory will also start meeting with underclassmen. The School Counseling Department has an open door policy, so we encourage students and parents/guardians to reach out to us with any concerns.

[Click here for information about the Passaic County College Fair](#)

## Around The Halls



Chaplain: Rev. Chris Han

Social Studies: Stephen Sokolewicz,  
Department Chair

Science: Christiana Seiffer

Mathematics: Matthew Marini & Carol  
Hobbins

Visual Art: Mary Carnevale & Kali Wallace

Physical Education: Alyse Muraglia

World Language: Eglah Dickson & Juana  
Parraga – Vidaurre

I grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada. When I graduated from Sierra Vista high school in Las Vegas, I joined the US Marine Corps in 2004. I was deployed to Iraq in 2007. I finished my service in 2010. After that, I began to study again at the University of Las Vegas, Nevada with the intention of becoming a dentist. However, I felt the calling to the priesthood toward the end of my study. With the help of my aunt, I visited New Jersey to discern my vocation because there are many religious orders. After spending enough time with each religious order, I talked to the vocation director of the diocese of Paterson. After the conversation with the vocation director, I was encouraged to embrace the vocation to the



priesthood. From this point on, I decided to follow Christ instead of becoming a dentist. I started my formation at the Mount St. Mary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. When I finished my philosophy courses, our former Bishop Serratelli sent me to Rome to complete my theological study. I was ordained a priest on August 1st, 2020. Now I am assigned as the chaplain at DePaul Catholic High School. I am very excited to learn and grow together with everyone here as a priest.

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Starting off the 2021-2022 school year with a new role as 8th Grade Program Coordinator is science teacher and DePaul Alum Adam Bradford. After Graduating DePaul in 2010, Mr. Bradford went on to study Earth and Environmental Sciences at Rutgers University and currently teaches various science classes at DePaul including the ever popular

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EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

*The place to begin*

upperclassmen elective "Earth and Space Science". He is passionate in teaching about science and the relationship humans share with the natural world. Bradford can be found during the winter months out on the ski slopes after school as moderator of the DPCHS Ski Club and also enjoys mountain biking, working out and playing guitar. Mr. Bradford can be reached for all questions by email found in the faculty/staff directory on the DePaul Catholic website.

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### **News from the Theology Department**

The Theology department is happy to be moving forward with many activities and lessons related to the opening of the new school year.

The Peer Ministry Team went on a leadership retreat in August to prepare for their service with our younger students. They worked at "challenge" course activities while at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. The 22 students learned how to work together and overcome their fears while recognizing their talents and strengths. Fr. Chris, Ms. Sevean, Ms. Bock, Mrs. Haggerty and Mrs. Bullman joined in the retreat.

We are happy to have participated in our first school Mass with Bishop Sweeney as celebrant and Fr. Chris Han, our chaplain. The Mass was live streamed for families to join in our prayer. It was a powerful way to start the school year as we took time to focus on the events of September 11, 2001 and remember the Gospel message conveyed by Bishop Sweeney's homily on overcoming diversity.

The Theology department kicked off the year with an emphasis on service and Mrs. Haggerty led an informational meeting with students after school on September 14 on volunteer work that can be accessed with a program led by "Young Life", a Christian non-profit that prepares the students for active leadership in service to others. We will be initializing a new program this year, utilizing the "MobileServe" app that will help all students record their service hours and access current opportunities. More information on this application will be forthcoming.

The Freshmen will have their retreat on September 16th, with a focus on transformation, overcoming obstacles and recognizing their God-given gifts. The Peer Ministers and Freshman teachers will be leading the students under the leadership of one of our former teachers and friends, Mr. Ed Craviolo from Eagles Wings.

We are planning the Cardboard City Poverty Retreat for Juniors and Seniors who missed the opportunity to participate due to the pandemic. The date for this overnight retreat (on campus) is Sunday, October 10th. It is a 12 hour retreat and monies from the retreat fund the Midnight Run program that Mrs. Haggerty leads with the Junior class. This year, there are 5 Midnight Runs scheduled. Cardboard City participants will be asking for "pledge" donations to help support their sleep out, and pay for the food that is provided at Midnight Runs for the homeless.

As you can see, the Theology department is active! Please pray for our students and their teachers and the staff at DePaul and we will continue to pray for all of you!

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### **The Class of 2025 is making quite the impression...**

The English Department is highly impressed by the new freshman class. This 9th Grade class is starting off the year with great excitement, focus and determination. We have great hope for their overall academic success and welcome them to The DePaul Catholic Family.

The Freshman Theology classes have had a faith-filled week! Students are getting acclimated to prayer at the beginning of class and including special intentions so they can experience the power of prayer. They have also been encouraged to live their lives filled with integrity and follow in the spirit of Saint Vincent dePaul, which includes Christian Service. The freshman class is filled with excitement as they prepare to serve others!

## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Stay tuned for our next Parent's Association meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Hello and welcome from all of us! We would like to announce our new Co-Presidents Kim Wilderson and Julie Sullivan. They are excited for all the amazing things in-store for the 2021-2022 year. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again as soon as possible. The beginning of every school year always brings with it an air of uncertainty, but rest assured we're here to help introduce you to new people, help you get involved or lead you to the right person for answers to your questions. After all, that's what family is for. Great things are ahead!

Please take a look at the available [volunteer opportunities](https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/parentvolunteer.html) (<https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/parentvolunteer.html>) and choose at least one you'd be interested in. A little help from many will go a long way to ensuring our success and that directly benefits every DePaul student. The Spartan Sentinel and the DePaul website are the best resources to follow our progress and to check to see what we're up to.

We wish you and your student a safe, healthy and successful year!

### Have you been shopping from home?

If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Choose DePaul Catholic High School Inc as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!



### Are you doing some fall cleaning?

Just drop your items that are ready to move on into the bin at the back of the parking lot. It's an easy way to help DePaul, help those in need, and make some much needed room!

STAY CONNECTED

