

October 18, 2021

# 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

The fun of working in a high school is, of course, working with kids and parents to help them both move forward.

It was great to see our parents this week as they stopped by school for parent teacher conferences. The conferences are about both sides gathering the information needed to best educate the students. Sometimes parents are surprised to get certain information about their child and teachers always welcome information from parents to help bring clarity to questions about academic performance. Without information from both sides, the student will not receive the best possible education we can provide. It is vital that parents stay connected to their child's progress, not just on conference day but everyday.

I still firmly believe that kitchen table homework works as parents can view and guide their child when necessary. A closed bedroom door with the student studying (maybe) may not work for all. The kitchen table approach does work for all. In regard to the kitchen table, the table is a great place for family discussions, disagreements, resolutions and celebrations.

No one is too busy to say there is no time for kitchen table talk with their family. We make time for other things. We need to always make time for kitchen table talk. And of course, the children are not excused until the adults are finished eating. Simple rules can go a long way.

I am especially interested in observing the seniors here as they are well into the college admissions process. Some of the kids have positioned themselves over the past 3 years to be accepted into the colleges of their dreams. This was done through classwork, homework, sacrifice and toughness. Other seniors are still working towards that goal and sadly some seniors are now seeing the fruit of having not worked to their capacity over 3 years. There is still time, but their college choices are a bit more limited.

This is an important message for parents. Colleges look at all grades from high school. Getting off to a slow start in 9th and 10th grade can lead to a painful senior year of watching friends being accepted into college while your child waits and waits and waits.

A suggestion for all. Homework every night. Understand that academics is forever while sports and activities are only temporary. Help your child prioritize their high school life with that in mind and things will probably go well.

And parents, being demanding of your children in academics is necessary and important. Yes, they may get angry with you, but in the end they will respect you for giving them strong direction. Strong direction however is not just saying: "you have to do better". It is helping your child gather the tools to achieve that goal. Kitchen table homework. Curfews. Stay at home nights and okay to go out nights. And please, never accept less than your child's best effort. Effort is the key because all students have the ability to give their best effort. However, the outcomes will never be the same for all. Effort is the key to successful living

And please... do not use the phrase "boys will be boys" to accept less than your son's best effort. This hurts your son more than you realize.

Successful parenting is exhausting....but isn't that what you signed on for?

Best and be well!



A green graphic titled "Giving Days TOTAL GIFTS" with a timer in the top right corner showing "0:19". On the left, a woman with glasses and a grey sweater holds a sign that says "thank you" with a drawing of a person and a logo. To the right, a list of donation categories and amounts is shown in white and yellow text. At the bottom, the total amount raised is displayed in large white text. The website "giving.depaulcatholic.org" is at the bottom left.

Donations	\$36,982.33
Matching Gifts	\$12,165
Virtual 6.5K	\$1,424.75
Winning Class	1975

**TOTAL RAISED**  
**\$50,572.08**

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### Dedication of The Vergara Family Fitness Center

Thanks to a generous donation from Morgan Stanley via Martin Vergara '01, DePaul Catholic High School has added a brand new fitness center. This area, which is stocked with cardio machines, light weights, a stretching/yoga room, and other weight machines, was officially opened on October 14th. The Vergara Family Fitness Center, as it is now known, will be available for students, small teams, and staff to use after school each day.



Pictured from left to right: Maya Vaidya '22, Student Body President, Sr. Jeanne Agans, Vice Principal, Ms. Mary Baier, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Vergara '01, Mr. Russell Petrocelli, Principal, Dr. Robert Stickles, Former DP President, Mr. John Merritt '71, Current DP President.

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear DePaul Catholic High School Community:

October is here and we have completed the first month of the school year...I asked the students, "With 10% of the school year completed, have you accomplished 10% of your goals? If not, what are you doing about that?"

The month of September is always exciting as we start a new school year...we welcomed Bishop Kevin Sweeney for our opening of school mass; hosted a very successful Back to School Night; and celebrated the Feast of St. Vincent DePaul.

I am pleased to share with you the news that we are bringing back a tradition that slipped away for the past few years and that is the ordering of Class Rings by the Junior Class. Later this month, members of the Junior Class will have the opportunity to purchase a class ring with a ring ceremony to be held just prior to the Semi Formal in February. It is my hope that this tradition continues to be a strong one here at DePaul Catholic High School. Mrs. Haggerty, the Junior Class Advisor, is taking the lead on this project.

We are in the planning process and getting ready to announce an addition to our Academy Program that will be an option for the Class of 2026 – The Academy of Business. For students who are applying for admission as a member of the Class of 2026, please check the website in the near future for more information about this new academic program.

The Senior Class will observe the time-honored tradition of celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 29. This is an anticipated senior privilege that is well deserved by this Senior Class.

We thank you for your continued support of DePaul Catholic High School as we continue to navigate through these difficult times of COVID. This is the third school year affected by this pandemic and we pray that the conclusion is in sight. Until that time, please continue to reinforce to the students the requirement of wearing masks while inside the school building.

St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

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September 27, 2021

### **DePaul Catholic High School Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program**

Russell D. Petrocelli, Principal of DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, announced today that Maya R. Vaidya has been named a



Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

It takes a village.

Thanks to all of our Ambassadors/TourGuides, teachers, administrators, coaches, and, of course, Mrs. Baldo (and her ART tree!) for hosting another super successful Spartan Open House! This was our only Open House this season. Please contact [admissions@dpcsh.org](mailto:admissions@dpcsh.org) if you need more information about the application process.



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### Next up... HSPT Exam

The HSPT examination will be administered on **November 5, 2021**. The makeup examination will be administered on November 13, 2021.

The examination is required for all eighth-grade students applying to participating Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ, the Diocese of Paterson, NJ, and Rockland County, NY.

Online application will be open from September 7 - October 22, 2021.

For more info or to register for the HSPT [click here](#).

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**Spend A Day As A Spartan**  
Shadow Days begin October 5th

Students MUST register online.



Reserve Your Shadow Date Here

### 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](#)



## DePaul Catholic Homecoming

Friday,  
October 29, 2021

DE PAUL CATHOLIC

VS

SETON HALL PREP

We welcome all alumni and family of  
DePaul Catholic High School back to campus  
for our annual Homecoming Game!  
The festivities begin at 5:30pm in the "link" of Flarity Hall.  
Join us for lite fare, drink and tours prior to the game.

Kick Off - 7:00pm

Welcome Home Spartans!  
For More Information and to Register  
[Click here!](#)



The Class of 1970 recently celebrated their 50 (+1) reunion at DePaul. The Class presented John Merritt '71, President, and Joe Lennon, Director of Development with a \$5,000 donation toward the school's Alumni Scholar Program.



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**Thanks to everyone who came out for our SOLD OUT 9 & Dine!**





### Dogs of DePaul: Bandana Contest

Contest is open to all current families, staff and alumni.

Winner will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges.

**Prize:** \$50 Chewy Gift Card & your dog will become The Spartan Shop bandana model.

Purchase your bandana and take your dog's photo while wearing it.



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

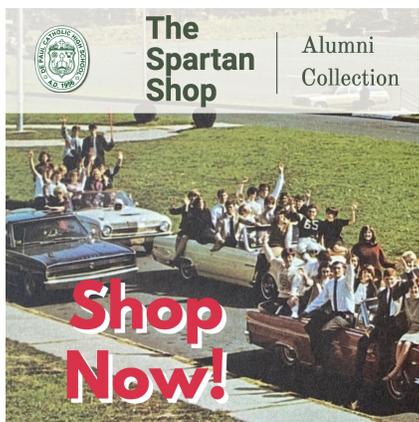
Send all photos to: [baldoj@dpchs.org](mailto:baldoj@dpchs.org)  
Include your name (and graduation year if applicable),  
your dog's name,  
your email address,  
and phone number.

The winner will be notified on November 8th.

Photos will be posted online and at DePaul on the "Dogs of DePaul" board.

**Contest closes at midnight on October 31st.**

Questions? [baldoj@dpchs.org](mailto:baldoj@dpchs.org)



Alumni Shop

Spartan Shop

# Spartan Nation

Mr. John McKenna  
Athletic Director

Congratulations to the following varsity softball players who have earned EASTON / NFCA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS for the 2020-2021 academic year:

- Anna McHugh
- Lea Rubenacker
- Megan Chorba
- Natalia Barranco
- Samantha Suter



and the following members of the Class of 2021:

- Brianna Garcia
- Catherine Serek
- Katelyn Heaney
- Laila Aponte
- Mia Nguyen
- Reesa Passeri



In addition, the 2021 Varsity team has earned recognition as being among the **TOP 5 NATIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAMS**.

The team, players, and coaches will be recognized at halftime of the football game on October 29 as our Spartans host Seton Hall Prep.

## Around The Halls

### The DePaul Catholic School Ring Is Back!



Our junior class will be given the opportunity to have a beautiful legacy reminder of their years at DePaul; the class ring is back! The class ring sale will take place between October 18- and November 5, 2021. The rings have a handsome emerald colored stone with the graduation class of 2023 engraved on its side, to become for each of our students a “forever keepsake”! All of this for the unbelievable price of \$85! Order forms will be in the junior homerooms and the front office. Please hand

in your order to the front office and your name will be put in a drawing for a free ring!

Added bonus...a special night has been added to the DePaul calendar for a RING CEREMONY on February 15th-just in time to wear to the junior -semi on February 17th!

### March for Life

On January 20 & 21, 2022, DePaul Catholic will be taking 40-50 students to Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. In preparation for this, the Right to Life Club at DePaul Catholic will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to raise money for the trip. Orders for glazed doughnuts will be taken from October 4th thru October 22nd (a dozen doughnuts for \$12) with delivery on October 29th. For further information please see Mrs. Haggerty in room 100 or e-mail [haggertyv@dpchs.org](mailto:haggertyv@dpchs.org)



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News from the Theology Department

The juniors and seniors took part in the Cardboard City solidarity retreat on Sunday, October 10th. The students created individual sleeping spaces and participated in spiritual reflections through meditation in the chapel. Donated foods were all the participants ate, and monetary contributions were earmarked for 3 of our 5 Midnight Runs, where our students will go into New York City and feed the poor. This is a vital part of our school's mission to serve!



DePaul has been blessed to have Fr. Chris Han join us as Chaplain. Fr. Chris immediately began engaging with students and has been such a welcome addition, especially to the Theology Department. Each Theology class will have the opportunity to learn about Mass through an interactive experience with Fr. Chris. The classes have already begun their instructional Masses with Fr. Chris, which has gotten off to a wonderful start. "Student voluntolds", as Fr. Chris calls them, either volunteer or are chosen by Fr. Chris to participate as an active member of the Mass. A young man is chosen for the vocation of priest, while young men or women are chosen as lectors and altar servers. The rest of the class is the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to participate. This gives all students the opportunity to be fully involved and educated through a hands-on approach. It has been a wonderful experience so far and we can't wait to continue to learn more! Each class will have two parts to the course: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Theology Department encourages all parents to engage their students in conversation about what they are gaining from this educational experience!

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

Our next Parents' Association meeting is **Tuesday, November 2nd at 7pm** in the NEW DP Commons Room! Enter Through Flarity Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to hear all of your ideas no matter how big or small.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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### From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

Interest Meeting....October 20, 2021 – 7pm – Cafeteria (all are welcome)

This year's theme will be announced at this meeting!

Save The Date....Tuesday, April 7, 2022!

We would like to welcome Janelle Feather and Giselle Micchio to the Tricky Tray team. They will all be working together for a smooth transition so Janelle and Giselle can take the reins next year. They both bring a lot to the table so get ready for an amazing Tricky Tray!!!!

Below is a list of the Tricky Tray Committees.

Ad Journal, Basket Making, Decorating, Dinner Tickets, Female Models, Male Models, 50/50 (Night Of), Prize Runner, Prize Tickets, Prize Wheels, Publicity, Set Up, Solicitation, Super 50/50 Raffle, Wine Pull

If you are interested in joining any committees, please contact:

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### From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE

Keep selling your raffle sheets! If you are unable to sell your sheets, please return them to the main office. Completed sheets can also be handed in to the main office. The first drawing is Dec.

24! They make a great stocking stuffer!!!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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The smell of pumpkin is in the air and that means the holidays are right around the corner. If you are making purchases on Amazon, please consider supporting 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 bins 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!



**Thank you to all our Volunteers at the Snack Stand and Gates!**



Jennifer Luzzi



Maria Maranao, Angela Morisco, Veronica Corbutt, Heather Rattacasa



Rosa Calle-Ponte and Maryann Marren



Lisa Capizzi Marain and Chris Marren



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Angela Morisco, Kim Checinski, and Pauline Barranco

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