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DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

Principal's Corner Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

Happy New Year as we welcome 2020 with tremendous anticipation and excitement. January promises to be a very busy month, highlighted by the Acceptance Letters that we will be sending out to the Class of 2024!

On January 23 and 24, a contingent from DePaul Catholic High School will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life. I am proud, once again, to be part of the student and faculty team representing DePaul Catholic High School.

Mid Term Exams will be administered from January 21 to January 24. A complete schedule will be sent home with students in the coming weeks and after school preparation sessions will be scheduled to ensure that students are prepared for these exams. If students are not scheduled for an exam during a particular time period, they are not required to be present in school. Once the schedule is finalized, it will be shared with our entire community.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 26 with our Catholic Schools Week Mass celebrated on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. The Accepted Students Reception for the Class of 2024 will held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus. If you are a graduate and are in the neighborhood, please stop in and say hello.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Russell D. Petrocelli
Principal

Moving Forward... Mr. John Merritt '71 **Vice Principal, Student Life**

For the parents of a senior at DePaul, 2020 is going to be quite a year. It will begin in January and continue until you are truly exhausted, but happy.

Your student will or might be:

- Figuring out how to finish senior year on a strong, upward trajectory
- Staying friendly with other students whom they might, frankly, be sick of
- Celebrating college acceptances, hopefully
- Recovering from college denials, we hope not
- Worrying about the cost of college. Yes, the kids worry about that, too.

- Figuring out the possibility of other options outside of college: military, trade school, work
- Getting a little nervous, or a lot nervous, realizing the security of high school is ending
- Wondering about leaving their high school friends in June.

Parents, you may or will experience many of the above but yours may also include:

- Financial worries about the cost of higher education
- Hoping you continue to guide your child in the right direction, for them, without telling them what to do
- Getting sad, knowing that there will be an empty bed in your home in September when college starts
- Continuing to parent, but from a greater distance each year
- Praying that your child will be able to enjoy a fruitful and happy life after high school
- Saying goodbye at graduation in June to parents you have met through your child. Life may not offer the opportunity to stay in touch.
- The knowledge that you did the best you could do in raising your child
- Oh yes, going to the summer sale at Target if your child is living away at school. Got to buy a lot of stuff. Everyone buys the storage cube.

Parenting should not be easy, nothing that important ever is, but it can always be joyful.
 Congratulations!

You brought a little child into the world and now it's almost time to let them go.

Just not quite yet!

Theology News

December was a busy month in the spiritual life of De Paul Catholic. Advent brought many opportunities for focusing on the birth of Christ and how we are called to live out our faith. The Senior Class of 2020 took the lead in the celebration of the Senior Mass of Light, as the school community closed out the first half of the school year before Christmas break. The seniors dressed up in their “Sunday best” to participate in the reverence of the Mass.

On December 21, students across the grade levels met at Straight and Narrow in Paterson to assist in preparing donated gifts for the clients and their families to “shop” for Christmas! It was hard work, especially because of how generous people were in giving to Straight and Narrow this year! Closets were emptied and gifts were sorted and displayed. Our friend at Straight and Narrow worked with us to truly get into the spirit of Christmas!

As we enter 2020, we look forward to our students attending the March for Life in Washington DC on January 23, under the supervision of Mrs. Haggerty and Fr. Andrew. We also continue to prepare for events celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 26 to January 31. Look for details as the dates get closer!



Spartan Nation

Frosh Boys Basketball Winners

Our Freshman Boys Basketball Team won the North Jersey Holiday Hoop Fest in Teaneck during Christmas Break. Congratulations.



Girls Basketball Tournament Winners

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team! Champions of the Blue & Gold Christmas Tournament (Pequanock H.S.)



Important Dates From The Athletic Department, 2019-2020

- **March 19th**- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (@ The Grove)
- **June 15th** - 27th Annual DePaul Catholic Golf Classic (@ North Jersey Country Club)

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

CLASS OF 2024

We are just 10 days away from the release of Class of 2024 admissions decisions. Remember to check your email at 12:01am!

**Still need to apply?
[Class of 2024 & 8th Grade Prep Apply Here](#)**

Shadow Days

**Come Spend A Day As A Spartan!
[Register Here](#)**

DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep "The Place To Begin"

Looking for more information about our 8th Grade Prep Program? Please call our office to set-up an appointment with a member of our team.
973.694.3702, ext. 442

What's Happening At DPCHS?

[Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79](#)
Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

Happy New Year!!
2020 is bringing in many events to look forward to.

Class of '75 45th reunion
Weekend of 10/17/2020
More information to follow

Tuition Raffle
The Tuition Raffle for the 2020-2021 school year begins this Friday, January 10th.
Tickets are \$100.00.
A separate email will be sent with details.



School Counseling Office

We hope you had a blessed and relaxing Christmas break. Quarter 2 ends January 17th and midterm exams start January 20th. It is important for each student to prepare for the exams because they count for 10% of the final grade. Seniors, all colleges require mid-year reports to be sent. This will include your first semester grade for each class. Many colleges use these grades to decide whether or not to admit you, so make sure to give it your best. Juniors, Mr. Wooster and Mrs. Gregory will start meeting with you in a couple of weeks for your college advisement meeting. Start thinking about colleges, majors and interests. We can't wait to help you get started in your college search.

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?



The DPOCHS Parents' Association
is pleased to partner with

Positano Restaurant & Pizzeria

For Dining Out Fundraisers

Every Thursday in January 2020

Make sure to mention Spartan Special!!!

Please consider supporting this event and pick up dinner after you pick up your Spartan!

Simply order a "Spartan Special" family of 4 meal and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to DePaul!

Each family of 4 meal costs \$40 and includes:

Garlic Knots

Choose one: House or Caesar Salad

Choose one:

Chicken Marsala

Chicken Parmigiana with Pasta

Chicken Balsamic

Eggplant Rollatini

Baked Ziti

Brothers Penne

(Penne in Vodka Sauce w/ Chicken Cutlet & Fresh Mozzarella)

Good for Delivery & Take Out *ONLY*. Allow 30 minutes for preparation.

Please mention DePaul Spartan Special when ordering!

Local Home Delivery Available-call Positano for details

Positano Restaurant & Pizzeria -245 Berdan Avenue, Wayne- 973-628-6863

We Need Your Help in Thanking Our Teachers

"They say that experience is the best teacher, but for us having you as our teachers is the BEST EXPERIENCE." We want to thank our teachers for all of their efforts giving our children a truly wonderful education.

On January 22, we will be celebrating our teachers with a luncheon. The luncheon will take place during mid-term exam week. You can show your appreciation for all the gifts and talents our teachers share with our students by making a cash donation or contributing a homemade dessert.

We truly need everyone's help.

Please contact Deb Murray (demurray@hotmail.com) or Julie Sullivan (juliesullivan7399@gmail.com) as soon as possible in order to make arrangements for the baked goods or any other questions you may have about the donation.

You can also send your donation in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation Luncheon" (checks can be made out to DePaul Catholic).

Thank you in advance for your contributions!

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