



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 Catholic Schools Week! We started the week with our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Monday, January 27. We were pleased to welcome Fr. Edward Rama, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Paterson, as the principal celebrant for the Mass. Also, on Monday night, we hosted our Accepted Students Night for the Class of 2024. Over 100 accepted students and their family members joined us to learn more about the DePaul Catholic experience.

January 27 was a busy day as I traveled to Trenton with Ms. Sue Parler, the Director of Technology, and three students: Kayla Gelin, Joseph Giordano, and Jamielyn Juan, who displayed their engineering project at the State House in Trenton as part of a STEM symposium hosted by the Catholic Schools Offices of the five dioceses in the state of New Jersey. The project that they designed is a solar powered park bench that serves as a charging station that can be used on college campuses and public parks. It has a built in emergency call button that operates off of a hot spot that will notify local police in the event of an emergency. The symposium was visited by several members of the legislature and we were proud to represent both DePaul Catholic High School and the Diocese of Paterson at this event.

As I reported in previous issues of The Sentinel, 44 students and 4 chaperones traveled to Washington, DC on January 23 and 24 for the annual March for Life. On Thursday evening, we attended a Youth Rally at George Mason University and Friday started with the Rally for Life Mass at the CapitolOne Arena and then onto the National Mall for the March for Life. The students encountered and interacted with their peers from around the country and their passion and commitment to the Pro-Life movement speaks highly of their values and beliefs about the future of our church and society. I pray they never lose their zeal and that the day will come when we no longer have to march! I, again, thank the many benefactors who contributed to the success of this trip and to Mrs. Valerie Haggerty for organizing all aspects of this experience.

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!



Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

The Teenage Trap or My Parents Believe Everything I Tell Them.

Teenagers, when confronted for a mistake, quite often try to fib their way out of trouble. Fib is a nice way of saying lie. However, as we all know, calling anyone a liar in this day and age will hurt their feelings even if it's true..... so we can't say it. What we can say is.... the student embellishes the story, stretches the truth, etc.

So the trap we have set for teenagers is the stigma, as there should be for lying, has been removed. This is true for adults, too, as we listen to adults fib to get what they want, or get out of trouble. Believe it or not, there are some kids and maybe some adults who believe that if you lie it is not a lie if it gets you what you want. Like cheating on a test or your taxes. It is not cheating unless you get caught, especially if it gets you what you want.

For those parents, who try every day to establish a moral foundation for their children, these are really difficult times. Society is saying do not hurt feelings, believe your child all the time, and defend your child even when you know they are guilty. We all see and experience this every day. But in the end does it really help the child?

So what should adults do to help set the proper moral foundation for their children? Be honest and tough with your kids. They are kids, you are an adult and please do not be in awe of them.

Lying is wrong; cheating is wrong, Call it like it is.

Take them to religious services. You can see the difference, quite often, in kids who have a faith in something other than themselves or material things.

Stop making excuses for your kids, beginning at an early age. Kids, who are held accountable for their actions, have a freedom that is hard to explain, but it is truly there. It is funny how the fence built, by setting parameters for your children, actually offers them more freedom. Life becomes clear cut for kids when there are boundaries set by parents. Demand as much from boys, both academically and socially, as we do from girls. All kids will try to meet expectations when they are clearly stated and fair. Please stop saying "Well

you know how boys are”. Boys love it when you let them off the responsibility hook!

Finally, many of us want to be friends with our children. Hold off on that for a while, as it's tough to discipline a friend. Later in life you can be pals, but not yet.

Does this sound too hard to do?

It may be how your grandparents or parents were raised. I think the Baby Boomers and the Gen Xer's did okay in this world after being raised with the above rules.

Why the need to change?

The Bench Goes To Trenton



CS (Convertible Solar) Bench

Three members of the Honors Engineering 2 class, Mr. Petrocelli and Ms. Parler represented the Diocese of Paterson in Trenton on Monday, January 27th to kick off Catholic Schools Week with a presentation of STEM in action. The students were challenged to solve a problem through STEM. They chose to build a solar-powered convertible bench-to-table that would allow park visitors to contact local law enforcement with the push of a button, and to charge cellphones as well. The panel on top of the bench rotates to always get the greatest degree of sunlight. This was accomplished with the use of a solar tracker and a linear actuator.

Their project addresses two different populations: 1) working parents who pick up their children after school and want to stop by the park on the way home. These busy parents may wish to have a cellphone charging station available in the park. 2) The other population includes park-goers that recognize the need for emergency services and a simple push of a button can notify law enforcement of the emergency.



Pictured Left to right: Jamielyn Juan, Kayla Gelin, and Joseph Giordano.

March For Life

Written by Nick Tea '20

The March for Life was overall a very spiritually enriching experience. It was heartening to see so many young people, young adults and children alike, gathering together for one

purpose. Not only that, but the amount of people who attended the event in general was pretty amazing! It was also very eye-opening to hear the guest speakers talk about their experiences dealing with the right to life. On the actual march, I really felt like I was making a difference advocating on behalf of all unborn children, who don't have a voice. I would absolutely recommend this trip to any student who is even interested in the Right to Life.

Mrs. Haggerty, our Right to Life Club advisor, along with Miss Hall, Fr. Andrew and Mr. Petrocelli, joined 45 of the DePaul Catholic Right to Life Club students in the March for Life in Washington, D. C. The students wish to thank all of those who support them, financially, with donations, and spiritually, with prayers. As you can see, this important movement is powerful and life changing!

"The Right To Life Trip was a surreal experience. It was absurd seeing the amount of people that congregated here to support such an amazing movement." Devin Parkyn

"Everyone had such an amazing time during the Right to Life. The fact that people from different states came together and united as one was such a surreal experience. It is surely something I will never forget." Ryan Alonso

"Marching on Washington D.C. for a second year was just as exciting as the first year. The events we attended inspired all of us to remain faithful and steadfast in our mission to protect life at all times. The experience also reminded us of how important it is for us to be courageous enough to speak for those who do not have a voice." Christian Rosario

"The March For Life allowed me to peacefully protest abortion with thousands of like-minded people. It is important to be a voice for the voiceless and I was glad to be a part of that." Juliette Bianchi

Notes From The President

Dr. Robert Stickles, Ed.D., J.D.

Greetings, DePaul Catholic Community!

I'm delighted to advise you of some recent developments here at DePaul in our Athletic Department.

Joe Lennon, our Athletic Director, has managed our sports program, both for girls and boys, for almost forty years. Having joined our staff in 1982, Joe has presided over countless championship seasons, as A.D. and as head coach of our football and baseball teams. More importantly, he has imbued that sports program with his sense of integrity and fair play, teaching a generation of young Spartans by his example. DePaul has been very lucky to have had him at the helm.

Joe has decided that the time has come to pass the Director's torch. Fortunately, our school will continue to benefit from his wisdom and experience; at the conclusion of this school year, Joe will assume a position in our Advancement Office, helping us to generate the support we need to continue our mission. I have no doubt that he will be as successful there as he was on the field.

To take over for Joe, I have appointed John McKenna as our next Athletic Director, effective on July 1, 2020. "Mac" joined us in 1997 as a teacher in our Physical Education and Health Department and as a coach in several sports, most prominently as one of Joe Lennon's football assistants. John took over from Joe as head football coach in 2005. His record has been remarkable: several "Coach of the Year" citations, induction into the New Jersey State Hall of Fame, and five state championships in one of Jersey's most competitive divisions, among other achievements. But most critically, he is kid-centric, caring much more about his players as people than he does about posting W's. He's done a great job building on the legacy that Joe Lennon handed him.

John has agreed to coach one more season, and so he'll stay on the sidelines as our head

football coach for this year. When the 2020 season is over, he'll relinquish his coaching responsibilities and devote himself full time to his AD duties.

John's plan means that we'll need a new head football coach for the 2021 season. We didn't have far to look to find his successor. Nick Campanile joined us in 2016, as a teacher and as the offensive coordinator on John's staff. Since then, he's done a terrific job. Both Joe and John have recommended Nick as our next head football coach, and so I am pleased to appoint him to that position. Nick will continue to act as our OC for this year, and will take over the head coaching post upon the conclusion of the 2020 season. Nick is excited by this opportunity, and is looking forward to helping John have a great season this fall before taking the program over. We're fortunate indeed to have him lined up.

All of this means that the Athletic Department, and the football program in particular, will continue to be in very good hands. Our school has been blessed for many years with the services of these three talented and dedicated men. Now we can enjoy those blessings for years to come.

St. Vincent DePaul, pray for us!

Message from the President re: the Coronavirus Outbreak.

As many of you know, we have established a relationship with the Haidian School in Beijing whereby a number of their students come to DePaul for one year, studying our Freshman Curriculum. This school year, we had nineteen Chinese students from the Haidian School join us in September.

Those students all returned to China some weeks ago, to celebrate the New Year holiday with their families. They left before the coronavirus outbreak, and so were expected to return to us in early February. That, for obvious reasons, has changed.

The Chinese government has suspended travel out of China for students like our Haidians, and they are still there. They will not return to DePaul until both the Chinese government and our American authorities deem it safe for them to do so. There's no official prediction as to when that might be.

We have a handful of other students from China. With one exception, none of them left our country for home over the break. I am advised that one of them did return home for a visit late last year, but came back here well before the virus broke out.

All this means that this unfortunate situation doesn't present any dangers for our students here at DePaul.

Catholic Schools Week

January 27th marked the beginning of Catholic Schools Week with the theme for this year being "Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed". On Monday, Father Edward Rama, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Paterson, opened the week by saying Mass and celebrating vocations. Throughout the week our students helped to recognize their teachers, learned lessons about catholic educational influences in their communities, both locally and globally in many of their classes, and we prayed for our nation.





Catholic Schools

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

DePaul Catholic High School CLASS OF 2024

It's Time To Register

We'll be working late on Thursday, February 6th and the office will be open until 6:30pm.
Please feel free to stop by and register your student for next year.
Students must register by Saturday, February 8th to claim their Academic Scholarships or Tuition-Assistance Awards.

Still need to apply?

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis.
[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

DePaul Catholic
EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

The place to begin

What's Happening At DPCHS?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79
Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

Join Us on March 8th for the 11th Annual **Double K Basketball Challenge**



Each team of 3-4 members will play at least two games either the Varsity or JV division.
EACH PLAYER RECEIVES A FREE T-SHIRT AND WILL BE ENTERED IN THE FREE RAFFLES.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG! 

Player sign-in starts at 12:30pm. Suggested donation of \$50 per team. Please make checks payable to DePaul Catholic H.S. and specify Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund in the memo. If you can't play please consider making a donation. Please respond by March 1, 2020 to brophyc@dpchs.org or Patricia Koenig at 201-220-2883.

*Donations can be made the day of the event or mailed to
DePaul Catholic High School, 1512 Alps Road, Wayne, NJ 07470.*

All proceeds benefit the Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund, which aids a DePaul student for their Junior and Senior year.

Hello, DePaul Class of 1980!

We are so excited to invite you to our 40th class reunion on April 25, 2020, and we'd LOVE to see you there. In addition to the event, we've secured a block of rooms for a group rate of \$119 plus tax at the Hyatt in Morristown, NJ for those who'd like to stay overnight (Click for Group Link). We also have a Facebook group page, "DePaul Catholic High School Class of '80". Please join the group page for event updates and posting photos, etc.

Event details:

The Horseshoe Tavern/The Raven Room (Upstairs)
36 Speedwell Ave.
Morristown, NJ 07960
6-10 pm
\$85 pp includes open bar and endless apps.

Please try and mail your check by ASAP. We hope to see you there!
Make Check Payable to Carolyn Coon and mail to:
Carolyn Coon
27 Colonial Dr., Morris Twp., NJ 07960

Or by VENMO @Carolyn-Coon10 (2913)
Carolyn Scarperi Coon (973) 214-2913
Linda Ossi Gaffney (908) 692-8173
Laura McCann Chapman (551) 486-2879

50th Reunion
Still Rockin' the Sixties

Please join us in celebrating the fifty year reunion of
DePaul Diocesan High School's Class of 1970

Friday, April 24, 2020
Kick-off Reception 5:00 PM-9:00 PM
DePaul Catholic High School
\$30 per person - food, wine, & beer included

Saturday, April 25, 2020
5:30 – 11:00 in the evening
\$120 per person

The Sheraton Crossroads
Route 17 North * 1 International Boulevard
Mahwah, New Jersey 07495
201-529-1660

Checks to Janet Swisher Donlon by February 15, 2020
70 Winding Way, Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Hotel Information

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201-529-1660

Mention the DePaul Reunion for best rates of \$149/\$159 per night.

***We are competing for rooms with two large weddings. ***

DON'T WAIT to make your reservations!

Spartan Nation

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)
- Congratulations to Michael Ramundo (Boys Bowling) and Riley Sikorski (Girls Basketball) for being selected as DePaul's Moe's Student Athletes for the month of January.
- The Girls Basketball Team received the #1 seed in the Passaic County Tournament and the Boys Basketball Team received the #3 seed. Both teams will play at DePaul on February 15th.
- Congratulations to Connor O'Neill, who won the Passaic County Wrestling Championship on January 25th. Connor is a senior and has one the County Title all four years.
- The Swim Team competed in the Big North Championship on January 30th. The girls placed second overall and the boys placed fourth. Jamielyn Juan, Malia Enze, Jocinta Kitele, and Hailey Krajewski medaled in their events. Congrats to all!
- **Reminder: There will be a Spring Sports meeting on Thursday, February 6th in the cafeteria at 6:30pm. All students who plan on playing a spring sport, along with their parents, are encouraged to attend the meeting.**

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

The 2020 **Mother Earth's Garden Party** Tricky Tray is in full swing so get your tickets TODAY!

When: April 22, 2020

Where: The Westmount Country Club - Woodland Park, NJ

Tricky Tray Room doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Prize drawing starts promptly at 7:15p.m.

Tickets - \$60.00

All ticket sales will be done online.

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DePaulfashionshowtrickytray2020>

Please send in donations! Make sure to include your name and retail value of the items so we know who to credit for the donation.

WINE PULL: We are looking for donations of wine for the wine pull. Please drop them off at the front office. Contact Deb Murray demurray@hotmail.com or Julie Sullivan juliesullivan7399@gmail.com

with any questions.

BASKETS!!!!: We are in need of wicker or plastic baskets in any shape or size! Please drop them off at the front office.

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Donna DiPiano 973-766-3662 donnam59@optonline.net

Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848 dlodoc@aol.com

Maryann Marren 973-580-3401 school12marren@yahoo.com

From The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

On January 22, 2020 we hosted the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you to all who donated their time, baked goods and sent monetary donations. You made the event a great success. The teachers were extremely thankful for all the effort that was put into creating such a special luncheon.

Pictured: Leslie Miniutti, Allison Beshada,

Julie Sullivan, Deb Murray and Noelle Bikoff



If you'd like to volunteer for any future events please contact:

Deb Murray at 973-818-4841 demurray@hotmail.com

Julie Sullivan at 201-693-5629 juliesullivan7399@gmail.com

DP DINE OUT NIGHT

Dine Out at California Pizza Kitchen on February 12, 2020 from 11am to 10pm. Bring in a paper copy of the posted flier or simply show a picture of it

to support DePaul! Please enjoy a night where they do the cooking for you and support our school at the same time.

If you have any questions please contact:
Jo Spaulding at 973-800-6091
jo@goprologic.com .

Pizza with a purpose.

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we'll donate **20%** of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:
DePaul Catholic High School
Wednesday, February 12th, 11AM-10PM

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Willowbrook Mall
1415 Willowbrook Blvd.
Wayne, NJ 07470
(973) 837-9501

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Bring in a paper copy of this flier or simply show a picture of it to support DePaul!!



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Just drop your items that are ready to move on into the bin at the back of the parking lot when you drop off or pick up your kids from school. It's an easy way to help out DePaul, help those in need and make some much needed room!

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