



# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

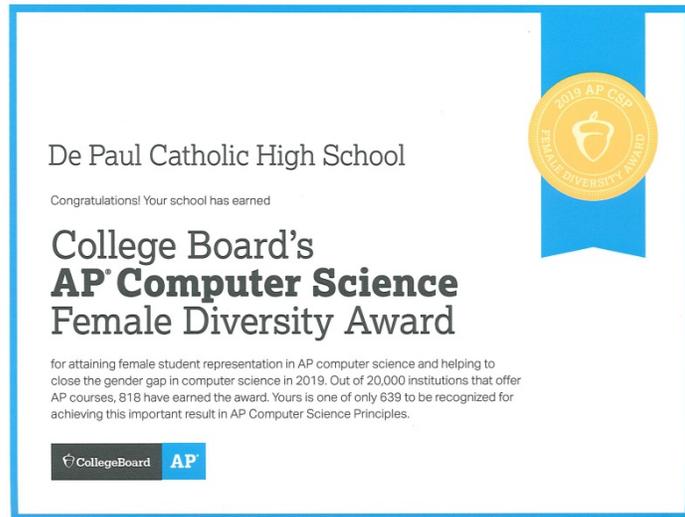
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## **Principal's Corner** Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

Since I last reported to you, I have been the recipient of wonderful news related to our students and programs and I am proud to share these accomplishments with you:

- *Hanna Vaidya has been named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Of the 16,000 Semifinalists named in September, 2019, she has met all of the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition. All Finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered later this school year.*
- DePaul Catholic High School has earned the *College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award*. This was presented to DePaul for attaining female student representation in AP Computer Science and helping to close the gender gap in computer science in 2019. Out of 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, 818 have earned the award. DePaul Catholic High School is one of only 639 to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP Computer Science Principles.
- In September, 2020, the SAT Prep Course that is taken by all juniors during Marking Period 1, will be offered by *The Princeton Review*. Being able to secure the services of this nationally recognized organization will be an added benefit to all students. We are proud to offer an overview of the DePaul Catholic Princeton Review SAT class presented by Robert Franek, the Editor in Chief of Princeton Review. Robert Franek is a nationally known expert on higher education issues and directs The Princeton Review annual surveys of colleges and universities throughout the United States. The Princeton Review overview will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM. All parents of all grade-levels are invited to this informative evening.



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!



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*This*

**Certificate of Merit**

*is awarded to*

**Hanna N. Vaidya**

*Who has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program of two-thousand and twenty by demonstrating through distinguished performance high potential for future academic accomplishment.*

*Timothy W. McInerney*  
President, National Merit Scholarship Corporation



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## **Moving Forward...**

Mr. John Merritt '71

**Vice Principal, Student Life**

### **Chores**

A missed opportunity for some kids..... and parents

Growing up with 2 brothers was an adventure, wrestling matches, headlocks, boxing gloves, sports, school and yes, chores.

We hated chores. Make your bed. Wash the car. Mow the grass. Help paint the house. Weed the garden. Put down the fertilizer. Vacuum. Take out the trash. Shovel the driveway and the sidewalk and the old lady's driveway next door. I remember my father standing at the bottom of the ladder one day and telling me I missed a spot while painting. I did not appreciate the comment.

We all had jobs. These were jobs you could not get fired from. Mom and Dad had a "no fire policy". Their policy was to say, "do it again, the right way". We hated it, but we did it. We learned from it.

Nothing better on a 90 degree day in the summer than mowing the grass. Nothing better than washing the car, several times in a row, because you missed a spot. Now our car was a '59 VW so it was small but 3 times in a row is crazy. "Do it again, the right way", Mom said!

Then we got older and could drive. At first we borrowed the family car, but that meant refilling the tank with gas when we used it. My Father was an engineer and he could calculate how much gas was used. It drove us crazy and made us broke. But we did not joy ride and could not speed as the horsepower of a '59 VW was a whopping 36 horses.

Then my friend bought a car. A '63 Comet that was completely falling apart. We learned how to fix it. Clothes hangers and muffler tape to hold up the muffler. Oil changes, tire changes. Used tires we bought for \$2.00 at Firestone. Replacing the cracked back window. All to keep the car running. That '63 Comet made it to Seaside, LBI, Wildwood and Cape Cod many times.

I bought my first car using the \$25.00 Savings Bonds I had received for 18 years from my grandmother. The car was \$350.00 '64 Dodge Dart. Indestructible. I bought it with 65,000 on the odometer and put another 70,000 on while I had it. It finally just rusted away, but I could basically fix everything. In fact, on my first day teaching at DePaul in October of 1976 I had to climb out the window when I arrived at school because the doors were rusted shut. The kids saw me climbing out and then had me as a teacher. A bad start for me.

So what is the point of all this reminiscing?

The point is that sometimes we sell our kids short by doing everything for them. Chores, such as mowing the grass, help to teach a work ethic, plus parents, if your high school student gets home too late, a great punishment is to get your night owl up early to cut the grass. Your child will learn a lesson without you yelling at them or grounding them. Kids need to learn the dignity of work from their parents. Not just working for money, but working to help the family. They need to do chores, fix things, ask for help, to tackle and solve a problem, and do things right.

So, maybe a few of the things that parents pay others to do around the home should be done by the children. Teaching a work ethic is important. Teaching a child to do the work they hate is even more important. (Homework for example.)

By the way, my brothers and I did our chores and still had time for participation in sports, to drive my parents crazy and to just hang out... Just like your child is doing or could do, we learned to balance our time.

Happy car washing and try the "no fire" policy!

## Notes From The President

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

### New Turf Planned for Alumni Field

Our athletic field, known as "Alumni Field," is an important part of life here at DePaul Catholic. It's home to seven different sports for both girls and boys teams; softball, baseball, soccer and lacrosse for both genders, and football. These teams use Alumni Field for practice and for contests against other schools. Some of them compete at three levels: varsity, junior varsity and freshmen. Our gym classes use the field as well. And so it sees lots of activity, resulting in lots of wear and tear.



The current turf was installed in 2008, and has now reached the end of its useful life. Recent testing has convinced us that we should replace it, and we have taken steps to do that. After receiving bids from three reputable vendors, our Board of Trustees has selected Field Turf, Inc. to help us. Field Turf was the obvious choice: in addition to submitting the lowest bid, it already enjoys a positive relationship with our school due to its previous engagements here, one we can build on once more.

We expect that this work will begin as soon as this school year is finished, and we look forward to our new field being ready in time for our fall teams to use in September.

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### A Message From Sr. Jeanne

#### **\$100.00 TUITION PER YEAR**

That is what it takes for a child in the poorest areas of Haiti to attend the little school that Sr. Dianne and the Sisters of Charity are trying to support and keep going there!

Sr. Dianne came in September and spoke to our students on the feast of St. Vincent DePaul. Her stories of extreme poverty, violence and corruption touched the hearts of our community. Her pictures and stories of the beautiful children and families, as well as the dedicated, caring teachers there led us all to want to help.

So...after some fundraising and generous personal donations, the DePaul Catholic family recently was able to send boxes of school supplies and a check for \$1500.00 to her. Sr. Dianne closed her recent note with these words: "We have no idea what will happen in Haiti in 2020. The issues that underpin the current problems still remain unsolved. But this we know. Our school WILL continue!!"

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## DePaul Catholic High School Earns Lifetime Achievement Award

On Sunday, February 16th DePaul Catholic High School and the DePaul Catholic Football Team were honored at the 50th Murray House Dinner Dance, hosted by The Murray Family and Catholic Charities.

As stated in the program, " DePaul students have had an unmatched, spiritual connection to the individuals of DPD for many years. Throughout the last decade, with the support and motivation from Dianne Macchia Hanson '82, DePaul has become more involved with DPD than ever before. Dianne, with the help of DePaul administration, has fostered a culture for the students to give back to their community. Each year the DePaul Football program hosts numerous annual events for the residents and staff of DPD including a luau dance party, a Christmas giving endeavor, a Valentine's Day event and more. We are truly proud of our connection with the leadership and young people of DePaul High School!"



### Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

### Important Admissions Dates

- **Thursday, February 27th**
  - Our office will be open until 6:30pm
    - *Are you a student looking to make an immediate transfer to DePaul?*
    - *Would you like more information about our 8th Grade Prep Program?*
    - *Can't miss time at work to come meet us?*
    - *Need to take the HSPT test, but don't want to miss a morning of school?*
    - **Please call Darlene at 973-694-3702, ext. 442 to schedule an evening appointment with The Admissions Team.**
- **Saturday, April 4th**
  - Placement Testing & Parent Orientation for Class of 2024
  - Times: TBD
- **Wednesday, April 8th**
  - Spring Open House
  - 6:30pm

DePaul Catholic High School  
**CLASS OF**  
**2024**

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

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**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

The Sheraton Crossroads  
Route 17 North \* 1 International Boulevard  
Mahwah, New Jersey 07495  
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)

# 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame

THE DE PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

## 2020 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

6:00PM - 9:00PM

\$95 PER PERSON

COCKTAIL HOUR WITH FOOD STATIONS & BUTLER PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES  
FOLLOWED BY  
INDUCTION CEREMONY  
(COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT)

THE GROVE  
697 POMPTON AVE, CEDAR GROVE, NJ

Inductees:

Natalia Sisti Cappello '06  
Frederick (Fred) Faherty '63

David Lennon '98

Michael Ludwig '78

Patti Meringer '06

Glenn Peano '97

Lana Rae Peterson '89

Michael Pierce '68

Travis Reinhardt '98

Msgr. Geno Sylva

Anna Veltri '07

The 1972 State Champion Football Team

[Click Here To Reserve Your Tickets Today](#)

Contact: Coleen Brophy, brophyc@dpchs.org or 973-694-3702, ext. 286



### 8th Grade Retreat

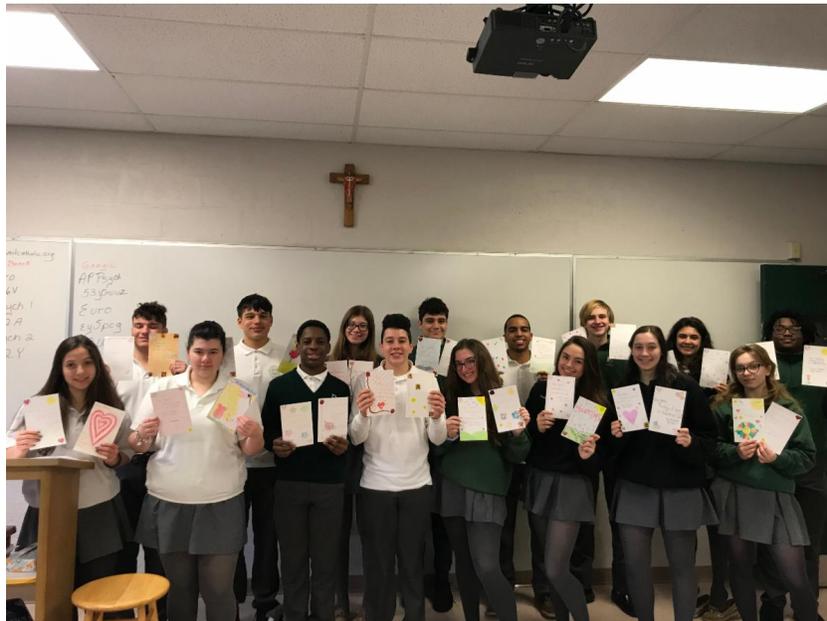
On Feb. 5th, Grade 8 students participated in their retreat which focused on overcoming obstacles. The program began with a short movie, "The Butterfly Circus" about a man facing overwhelming physical challenges and his ability to overcome them. Each student then wrote on an index card the obstacles they felt were preventing them from moving forward. After an afternoon of discussion and team building activities, the cards were burnt to symbolize rising above their obstacles. A gathering for

Mass concluded what all felt was a very uplifting and inspiring retreat.

### Interact Club

As part of their ongoing ministry to veterans, members of the Interact Club created cards for Valentine's Day to send to our veterans at the East Orange Veteran's Hospital. Here

some of the club members display the cards they designed.



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## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association 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!

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### 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>

**DONATIONS!!!!:** Please send in your donations! Consider contributing a larger item with another family so we have more prize options at the event. Make sure to include your name and retail value of the items so we know whom to credit for the donation and what level to place it. The success of this event is dependent upon our entire Spartan Family. Thank you in advance for your support & a special thanks to the families that have already sent in their donations!

**BASKETS!!!!:** We are in need of LARGE wicker or plastic baskets, but we will accept 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](mailto:donnam59@optonline.net)

Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848 [dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)

Maryann Marren 973-580-3401 [school12marren@yahoo.com](mailto:school12marren@yahoo.com)

**Ad Journal:** Each year we ask for your support in our Ad Journal for the Tricky

Tray/Fashion Show. This event will be the Parents' Association's largest fundraiser of the year and our Ad Journal will be distributed to each attendee.

Ad Journal purchases are 100% tax-deductible and are an excellent resource for you to promote your business. You can also send a message to one of our students, the 2020 graduating class or you could ask a local business you frequent to support our event. *Remember our Senior Models would love to see something special from their parents in the Ad Journal... put in a photo of your child and write something special about them. They are sure to LOVE it!*

Kindly submit your artwork or business card with payment by Friday, March 27, 2020!

Ad Size Approx. Dimensions Cost

Full Page 5" x 7 1/2" \$150

Half Page 5" x 3 1/2" \$ 75

Business Card 3 1/2" x 2" \$ 40

Please make checks payable to: DePaul Catholic High School and send to...

DePaul Catholic High School

1512 Alps Road

Wayne, NJ 07470

Attn: Ad Journal/Debbie Lozito

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact:

Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848 [dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)

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**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada

**Secretary-** Jean Raftery, Mina Farrell

**Treasurer-** Kim Wilderson

**Tricky Tray-** Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito

**Hospitality-** Deb Murray, Julie Sullivan **Ambassadors-** Andie Pegel, Jo

Spaulding **Calendar Raffle-** Cindy Winkler

**Snack Stand-** Bob Niemiec, Allison Beshada **Public Relations-** Brenda Salamon

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