

March 2, 2020



# 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:

As we have passed the mid-point of Marking Period 3, I invite parents/guardians to **Parent Teacher Conferences** which will be held on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** from **1:30 PM to 5:30 PM**. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM on that day. Please take some time over the next couple of days to review your child's academic progress and come in and speak with any teacher in any class where you see your child struggling. It is always a best practice to have the student present for this conversation.

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 in the cafeteria. All parents of all grade-levels are invited to this informative evening.

As we look forward to next year, we continue to focus on this school year and finishing strong. We ask your assistance in complying with dress code (proper school shoes, hair length for boys, etc.) and arriving at school on time. Students are to be seated in homeroom by 7:30 AM. We always take into account weather conditions, but failure to arrive on time to school will result in students having to make up the lost "seat time" before the end of the school year. If you have questions about attendance or tardiness, please feel free to contact us.

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!

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## **Congratulations to the 2019-20 Quarter 2 Honor Roll Students**

- Principals Honor Roll: No grade less than an A.
- First Honors: No grade less than a B+.
- Second Honors: No grade less than a B.

[Click here for the full Honor Roll](#)

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## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

### Why a Spartan?

DePaul Catholic is hard.

We ask kids and families to do hard things.

We ask families to sacrifice in many ways:

Financially, Academically, Athletically, Socially

**We grow with God every day.**

- The financial sacrifice is tuition, fees and everything else the school requires. We receive little or no financial assistance from any other source except tuition and through fundraising.
- The academic sacrifice, or benefit, depending on how you look at it, is ishonesty. We place new students at the academic level to which their academic history says they belong, always offering the opportunity for growth and advancement. We require homework, students must take exams and there is no social promotion. Entry into honors societies is very difficult with a higher GPA requirement than most surrounding schools. We require 4 years of Mathematics and go well beyond the normal high school academic requirements for graduation.
- The athletic sacrifice, or benefit, depending on how you look at it, is DePaul belongs to the toughest league in NJ and possibly the country. This means, in order to be successful, more time must be spent preparing both physically and mentally and not every athlete will get maximum playing time or be varsity ready by 10th grade. Some athletes will not be ready to play until Senior Year. The gain is that every athlete, in our building, will have the opportunity to test their skills against the very best.
- The social sacrifice is not new. Throughout our 60 plus year history, DePaul has welcomed students from over 60 towns. Our students meet other students throughout North Jersey and many become friends for life. We are diverse in all ways, including economic diversity, and that allows for a great teaching lesson for young people. The sacrifice begins freshman year when students leave their middle school friends, and the security of the same, and begin the new journey to expand their boundaries, their friends, and their horizons. You learn, while at DePaul, how to get along and to find out that you may not always get what you want, but you will always get what you need. (to paraphrase The Rolling Stones)

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We are a tough, scrappy bunch at DePaul. A small group of young men and young women with the faith, courage and humility to think outside the box. We take a different and, more often, challenging path. We compete hard against a sometimes superior foe. (maybe in numbers, but never in heart) We adapt to those around us without giving up our individual spirit.

**We are Spartans!**

Thank you to our alumni for having had the courage and faith to have attended a real life Catholic High School and thank you to our students and families of today.

“If being right means being different, then by all means be different”.

Msgr. John P. McHugh, Director 1956-76

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### A Biblical Reflection

Click the link below for a biblical reflection in the form of a pastoral letter to all the faithful, religious and clergy of our diocese - entitled "God's Chosen: The Weak to Shame the Strong" from Bishop Serratelli.

**From Bishop Serratelli**

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

### Alumni Scholars

This week, we had the honor of presenting 8 future Spartans with the Alumni Scholar Award. These students were selected to receive awards up to \$5,000 per year for each of their four years at DePaul. Thank you to our alumni who have come together to donate over \$200,000 to the Class of 2024. Stay tuned for more presentations in the next few weeks.

### Immaculate Heart of Mary School



From L to R: Sydney Jacobs, Sr. Jeanne Agans, Carson Guzman, Russ Petrocelli, Nicholas Fiorita, John Merritt

### Saint Gerard of Majella School



From L to R: Dr. Robert Stickles, Sr. Jeanne Agans, Sr. Jo-Ann Pompa, Principal St. Gerard, Martin Vergara (St. Gerard & DP Graduate, DP Board of Trustees Member)  
Omayra Fernande, Mrs. Ciarfella, 8th Grade Teacher, Ivan Exebio, John Merritt

## St. Mary's School



From L to R: John Merritt, Katie Struble, Mrs. Schnaars, Principal,  
Mrs. Pereny, 8th Grade Teacher

## Saint Philp Preparatory School



From L to R: John Merritt, Haleigh Skinner, Justina Perdek, Russ Petrocelli

## Important Admissions Dates

- **Tuesday, March 3rd**
  - *Need to take the HSPT test, but don't want to miss a morning of*

school? We will offer the test at 3:30pm.

- 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

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# 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**

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## Shadow Days

Come Spend A Day As A Spartan!

[Register Here](#)

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## 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.*

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## Alumni News

Erin Westdyk '09

In July 2020, Erin will be traveling to Southern Russia to climb Mt. Elbrus with WHOA Travel! As she climbs, she will hold two special ladies, her mom and her fiancé, Mark's, mom, and one great cause in her mind as inspiration.

She will be climbing as a fundraiser for the Tisch MS Research Center of New York with a goal of \$18,510- a dollar for every foot!!

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/ewmec/>

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## 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!\*\*\*



## Class of 1960!

The 60th anniversary of our  
graduation is fast approaching!

An ad hoc committee is planning our  
**REUNION DINNER**  
for the evening of  
**OCTOBER 2, 2020**

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## Tuition Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Patricia Donohue-Dixon, parent of Sean a current sophomore. The Dixon family won \$5,000.00 in tuition credit in our raffle that took place this past Friday. Congratulations and a special thank you to all who participated!!



## 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 '08  
Glenn Peano '97  
Lana Rae Peterson '89  
Michael Pierce '68  
Travis Reinhardt '98  
Msgr. Geno Sylva  
Anna Veltri '07

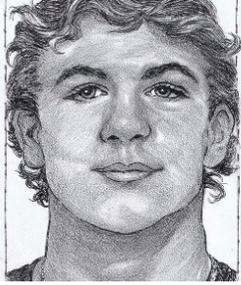
The 1972 State Champion Football Team

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

Contact: Coleen Brophy, [brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org) or 973-694-3702, ext. 286

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Congratulations to basketball player, John O'Reilly, who scored his 1,000th point on



**Ticket Punched**  
**Region 2 Champion**  
**Connor O'Neill**  
**is Atlantic City Bound!**

February 25th against Summit.

Connor O'Neill competed at the Wrestling Region 2 Tournament on Friday, February 28th, and is your 170 Region 2 Champion. This was Connor's fourth appearance at Regions and his third title. Congratulations Connor!

Congratulations to DeMere White, who placed 3rd in the NJSIAA Group State Championship on Friday, February 28th. DeMere finished 3rd in the 55m dash and will move on to the "Meet of Champions" on March 8th.

Just a reminder that spring sports start on Friday, March 6th. All athletic medical paperwork must be completed in order for athletes to be able to practice on Friday.

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## Swim Team Banquet



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## Notes From The School Counseling Office

### Notes to Parents

High school students are becoming more independent and self sufficient, but they still need direction, guidance, and support from their parents. Here are some specific things you can do to help your student have a great school year.

#### Provide a place to study

Your student needs a place to study that is quiet, well-lit, and comfortable. This area should be equipped with supplies.

#### Insist on good attendance

Your student needs to be in school on time everyday unless he/she is ill. *Attendance is the #1 school success factor.*

#### Develop routines

Having a good morning and nighttime routine makes everyone's day run much more smoothly. Help your teenager establish routines that include getting up early enough to eat breakfast, and getting to bed at a reasonable time.

### **Monitor technology use**

Be aware of how, and for what purposes, your child is using his/her cell phone, laptop, tablet, and/or home computer. *Set limits and guidelines.* Limits might include turning off all cell phones during dinner, and/or docking all phones in a common place at 9 pm.

### **Set goals**

During the school year, help your teenager set some academic goals. You might think about what grade he/she should realistically be able to earn in each course for that grading period, or you could focus more on study habits (e.g., have all homework completed by 9 pm each night). Setting goals will help your child understand what your expectations are, and these goals will give your student something to work towards.

### **Encourage a healthy lifestyle**

With everything that's going on in their lives, it's important that high school students eat right, exercise, and get enough sleep. Have nutritious food at home, make sure that your teenager gets some exercise or does something physical on a regular basis, and insist on a reasonable bedtime.

### **Emphasize the importance of education**

Nothing will affect your child's opportunities in life more than education. Make education a top priority in your home.

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## **Theology News**

All classes have been preparing for the season of Lent with lessons and activities.

In Mrs. Bullman's classroom, the Honors Seniors are working on their Peace and Justice Week (March 16-19) activities. The focus this year is "Care for God's Creation" and stewardship of the earth. Seniors are preparing lessons they will share regarding the climate crisis and concerns that are addressed in Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*. Students will not only present pollution, overfishing, and various additional matters, they are challenging themselves to explore some solutions that all us can be a part of (recycling and lower consumption of certain items are just the beginning).

Ms. Sevean's Freshman Theology students are busy in class working on group projects reflecting topics in their first unit. Topics include the Trinity, Jesus' Incarnation, God's covenant with Abraham and more. Not only are they getting to know topics better, but they are using creativity through different art forms and bettering their abilities to work with others.

Ms. Bock's Juniors and Seniors are busy working on a project called "40 days of the Three Pillars of Lent"- Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Students are tracking their progress in a Lenten Journal. Ms. Bock's Juniors are also working on a Lenten talk about turning away from sin and embracing the Gospel. The Senior class is working on a Photo Essay on the Consequences of Sin. These projects allow the students to reflect on the nature of their relationship with God and identify personal impediments to moral living.

Mrs. Haggerty's classes have also been reviewing the Church precepts regarding Lent. The students were invited to take rice bowls home and contribute to the next Midnight Run on March 28th. Students were also invited to join in the Lenten meditations in class as well as the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons. They were also reminded of the opportunity to receive the many graces found in the confessional with Father Andrew on Tuesdays and Thursdays during 4th period. We shared different ideas for fasting and the students seemed energized to participate and hopefully have fruitful spiritual results by the end of Lent!

On March 5th, 15 students from the Junior Honors program will be participating in the *2020 Winter Teen Hunger Summit*. Our students will collaborate with students from many other high schools sponsored by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey at Seton Hall Prep. The students will learn about social justice issues related to hunger and how they can become the change they wish to see in the world. There will be a motivational keynote speaker with many interesting break-out workshops. Mrs. Haggerty and Father Andrew will be chaperoning this event.

## Cultural Activity

Last week Italian 3 Honors and Italian 4 Honors students worked on a class project, titled "La casa ideale" - "The ideal home."

This project had three parts: the construction of the house, verbal presentation, and writing portion. Students were asked to think about the meaning of the word "family" in order to succeed in this project. Meanwhile, building "the ideal home," students practiced the vocabulary and prepare to present verbally in Italian. This activity gave students the opportunity to be creative and at the same time practice the Italian language. Students were amazed with the final result and enjoyed the process of this project.



## Click the Article Below For Important Information Regarding E-Cigarettes

### E-cigarettes and Youth: What Parents Need to Know

**WHAT ARE E-CIGARETTES?**

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that deliver nicotine, flavorings, and other ingredients to the user. Using e-cigarettes is sometimes called "vaping." E-cigarettes do not create harmless "water vapor" – they create an aerosol that can contain harmful chemicals.

**HOW MANY YOUTH ARE USING E-CIGARETTES?**

- E-cigarettes have been the most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. youth since 2014.
- In 2018, CDC and FDA data showed that more than 3.6 million U.S. youth, including 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle school students, were past-month e-cigarette users.
- During 2017 and 2018, e-cigarette use skyrocketed among youth, leading the U.S. Surgeon General to call the use of these products among youth an epidemic in the United States.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR YOUTH?**

- Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can:
  - Harm brain development, which continues until about age 25.
  - Impact learning, memory, and attention.
  - Increase risk for future addiction to other drugs.
- Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to go on to use regular cigarettes.
- Many e-cigarettes come in kid-friendly flavors – including mango, fruit, and crème – which make e-cigarettes more appealing to young people.

**E-cigarette aerosol is not harmless. It can contain harmful substances, including:**

- Nicotine
- Cancer-causing chemicals
- Volatile organic compounds
- Ultrafine particles
- Flavorings that have been linked to lung disease
- Heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead

[www.CDC.gov/e-cigarettes](http://www.CDC.gov/e-cigarettes)

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Congratulations Saporito Family

On February 27, 2020, Pope Francis named the Rev. Michael Saporito as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. He is the Pastor of St. Helen Church in Westfield. Bishop-Elect Saporito is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Darlene Saporito of our

## 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!



### 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)

**THANK YOU!!!**: We would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who came out to make ticket baggies and everyone who came out last Monday to start wrapping baskets!



**DP DINE OUT NIGHT**

Dine Out at Panera on March 12, 2020 from 4pm to 8pm. Bring in a paper copy of the posted flier or simply show a picture of it to support DePaul! Make sure to order at the register. Using the kiosk will not give any credit to DePaul. Please enjoy a night out and support our school at the same time.



HELP SUPPORT

## DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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**WHEN** Thurs, Mar 12th

**FROM** 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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