

May 4, 2020



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:

Sunday, May 3, 2020...where has the time gone. May has always been a special time of the year for me. I remember as a child, May was the month of First Communions, the May Crowning and as I got older, my college graduations were in May...always events in our lives that we remember with a smile.

Most importantly, May is the month that we celebrate Mother's Day. That day will be different this year. There will be no taking mom out for brunch or dinner...no BBQ (if it was not a rainy day)...this year will be different, but please don't forget mom in a special way next Sunday. A phone call (no, not a text message...an actual, pick up the phone and have a conversation phone call) or a card. I have been sending birthday cards to my family members except I don't always have the chance to go and get a birthday card so they get a Christmas card with some of the words crossed out and changed...necessity is the mother of all invention!

May is also the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother and some of us have a special devotion to Mary under some of the various titles that she is known...Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Good Counsel, etc...if you google the names that Mary is known by, the list is over a page long! In these difficult times, we turn to our Mother's protection and ask that she intercede for us. The love of a mother is like no other love and we pray for Mary's loving protection and strength in these days that lie ahead.

Over the next few days, you will be receiving information from me and other members of the administration related to the end of the school year. As we receive information from the state government and the Diocese of Paterson, we will make decisions as to how the school year will come to close. I have heard people say that the schools are closed and that is partially true...the brick and mortar buildings are not open but DePaul Catholic High School is alive and well and prospering under difficult times. My sincere thanks to the teachers who are preparing the lessons and to the students who are being so vigilant in their studies – signs of a true Spartan Spirit!

I look forward to the day when we can meet in person and look back on these days and I urge you to please keep in touch. If we can be of service to you, please do not be shy to ask. We are socially distanced, but we are not socially disconnected. We are a family and as one, we will get through this. Please pray for each other.

St. Vincent DePaul – Pray for Us!

Russell D. Petrocelli, Principal

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Parents As Teachers

This time of year, as a teacher, I was generally running out of gas and was looking forward to the summer and painting houses. I enjoyed painting because houses in most cases don't talk back or give a bad time. Some did, but not too many.

Parents, many of you are nearing the end of your first year teaching high school. I suspect that you are tired as you are also worried about paying the bills and other "small" matters. It's been a grind for all.

I remember my first year teaching high school. Class size of 35, 5 classes per day, 50 min with lunch duty or something else. By the end of the school year I was pretty tired.

I can't imagine how parents feel now after the past few weeks: working, teaching etc.

Just to let you know parents, your hard work is paying off. Most of your Spartans are completing their online work and have continued to show industry and optimism.

That is a credit to you as parents or grandparents or aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, and anyone who is helping to educate your kids. When your kids do their work it is a reflection on you. They must have witnessed your hard work over the years.

Someday, when we get back to "normal", I hope you look back at your time as a high school teacher fondly. You have given your children the best chance to succeed by encouraging your children "strongly" to do their work and to help them in their studies.

If you are like me, I suspect you may have always wondered why you had to learn Algebra in high school. Now you know why. You learned Algebra so that now, during this time at home, you can help your children learn their Algebra. And someday, your children will be able to help your grandchildren with their Algebra.

The wheels on the bus of life never stop. They keep going round and round.

A big round of thanks to all who are supporting their Spartans as they travel down the road of online education.

Be Well.

How Can We help?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

The Sr. Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

"Spartans for Spartans" is a unique fund dedicated solely to assisting current Spartans in crisis. It is funded by you, the Spartans of the past and present, many remember Sister Pat or some who are just proud to say, "I am a DePaul Grad".

Each June, a portion of the funding comes from the Sister Patricia Flarity Annual Golf Classic. This year, as with so many other events, The Classic has been put on hold and will not take place in June. Still, the need for funding continues and we are hoping you can once again be generous to the Sister Pat Fund - "Spartans For Spartans".

Your generosity will help to build a bridge for a family in a temporary crisis to continue to receive a DePaul education. The same education you were fortunate to receive. You can be assured that your generosity is appreciated and needed. The challenges facing all of us have hit some "Spartans" extra hard through illness and or job loss. Sometimes a little help can go a long way in helping a fellow Spartan in temporary need.

Thank you for being part of DePaul's history, DePaul's legacy. As Sister Jeanne says, we must stay together and follow Sister Pat's example by caring for one another all the time.

If you can help, here is the donation link:
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/sisterpat2020>



**Click the video above for stories from John Merritt '71, Joe Lennon,
& Sr. Jeanne Agans**

An Alumna from the Class of 1982
is seeking our assistance to help out the
Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa.
See the Alumni Events Page for how you can help.



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[Click Here For
Details](#)

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



Join us for a virtual look into why over 10,000 graduates believe we are "The Place To Be".

RSVP: WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG

Hi, Future Spartans,

We are just a few days away from our **first ever Virtual Open House**. This event was a labor of love and, I believe, it truly shines through. It took a DePaul village to be able to virtually bring you into our "Home", but there were zero complaints while doing so.

The **Virtual Open House (8th Grade Prep and High School)** will be available on our website on Thursday at 6:30pm, but if you would like the link emailed directly to your inbox, please [RSVP here](#). RSVPing also ensures that you will be included into our future mailings.

Because the fun never stops here, and apparently my new job is to put my phone on a tripod and talk to you (my dog and husband still cannot figure out if I am talking to them or you most days!), we have a few more **Virtual Events** coming your way.

- **Virtual Parent Orientation/Placement Testing**: 8th Grade Prep and 9th Grades Class of 2024 students who are registered for September 2020 will take part in a Virtual Parent Orientation and Online Placement Testing on Saturday, May 16th.
- **Virtual Shadow Days**: if you'd like to sign up for a Virtual Shadow Day, please email: admissions@dpchs.org subject line: Virtual Shadow Day. (Grades 7-11)

Is this different? Yes. Is it easy? No way. But **we are Spartans**. And, as we all know, Merriam-Webster says a **Spartan is a person of great courage and self-discipline**. We never back down from a challenge.

I hope you will all join us on Thursday for our Virtual Open House.

Happy Hand-washing!

Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

PS: There are still a few seats available in our Class of 2024 (9th Grade) and 8th Grade Prep that will start in September of 2020. We are also accepting transfer applications. Please email admissions@dpchs.org and a member of our team will be in touch.

Still need to apply?

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis.

[Class of 2024 & 8th Grade Prep Apply Here](#)

New Admissions Process

Apply online (link above)

Send us a copy of your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade report cards. If you cannot get transcripts from your school, a screen shot of your report cards will work.

Ask your favorite teacher to write a few paragraphs about you and send it to us.

We will set up HSPT exams when we return.

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

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EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

The place to begin



College Acceptance List Class of 2020

Adelphi University	Hofstra University	Pennsylvania State University
The University of Alabama	Iona College	Plymouth State University
Albright College	Ithaca College	Point Park University
Alvernia University	James Madison University	Providence College
The University of Arizona	Johnson & Wales University (Denver)	Purdue University-Main Campus
Auburn University	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Quinnipiac University
Baldwin Wallace University	Kean University	Radford University
Ball State University	Keiser University	Ramapo College of New Jersey
Belmont University	Keystone College	University of Richmond
Bentley University	La Salle University	Rider University
Berkeley College	Lafayette College	Rowan University
Boston College	Lasell University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
University of Bridgeport	Lipscomb University	Sacred Heart University
Bryant University	LIU Post	Saint Anselm College
Bucknell University	Loyola Marymount University	Saint Joseph's University
Cabrini University	Loyola University Maryland	Saint Leo University
Caldwell University	Lynn University	University of San Francisco
Catholic University of America	Manhattan College	University of Scranton
Cedar Crest College	Manhattanville College	Seton Hall University
University of Central Florida	Marist College	Sewanee: The University of the South
Central State University	University of Maryland-College Park	Siena College
Clarkson University	Marymount Manhattan College	Simmons University
Clemson University	Marywood University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Coastal Carolina University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of South Florida
The College of Saint Rose	McDaniel College	St. John's University
Concordia University	University of Miami	St. Thomas Aquinas College
University of Connecticut	Michigan State University	Stevens Institute of Technology
County College of Morris	Misericordia University	Stockton University
Dartmouth College	Monmouth University	Stonehill College
Davidson College	Montclair State University	Stony Brook University, State University of New York
Dean College	Morgan State University	Suffolk University
Delaware Valley University	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Susquehanna University
University of Delaware	Muhlenberg College	The University of Tampa
DeSales University	University of New Haven	Temple University
Dickinson College	New Jersey City University	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Drew University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Drexel University	New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark College of Engineering)	Union College - Schenectady
Elon University	The College of New Jersey	University of Oregon
Fairfield University	North Carolina A&T State University	Virginia Tech
Fairleigh Dickinson University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Wake Forest University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Notre Dame of Maryland University	Washington and Lee University
Felician University	Oklahoma City University	West Virginia University
Florida Atlantic University	Pace University-New York	Wilkes University
University of Florida	University of the Pacific	William and Mary
Fordham University	Passaic County Community	William Paterson University of New Jersey
George Mason University		University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Georgian Court University		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
University of Hartford		
Hartwick College		

“The Place To Be Accepted”

Ladies, Are You Called?

Religious are amazing people. They are unassuming, holy people who seem to have a kind word and warm heart whenever you need one. I used to think they were born this way; that this came naturally to them, and the Convent was just a logical place to send them all.

But then I realized that as they were growing up, they were just like normal lay people. They loved God, like us. They loved to serve, like us. They loved to pray, like us. So why are ‘they like they are’ and ‘we are like we are?’

A sister once talked about this difference. She said to think of an athlete. They can go for a run anytime, but only a few of them are going to compete in the Olympics. Those Olympians will be dedicated and able to focus on a mission and something bigger than themselves. They are not just running by themselves whenever they want; they are running with their Olympic teammates, they are training in obedience to their coach, and they are living a disciplined life. They shine in a way no other can because their life is ordered to

that great end they are pursuing. It is the same with Religious Sisters.

Yes, they were just like us, but then they entered, lived, and learned in a world that helped them become finely tuned Olympians in their discipline, recognizing and dispensing God's love.

Now, this is not a plea for numbers. We should never desire to live a vocation other than the one God, Himself, desires for us. But for many reasons, the number of Religious Sisters in the U.S. has dropped 72% over the past 50 years, from 180,000 in 1965 to 50,000 in 2014. Without their presence, we have witnessed Catholic school closures, Catholic hospital buyouts and mergers, and convent consolidations, to name only a few. Everything about them is needed desperately in our world today.

Our previous article was about charisms. Have you identified yours? Is it caring for the sick, educating the youth, praying for others, fighting for social justice? Are you called to inspire others with your words, feed or shelter those who are suffering, comfort victims of abuse, help the lost find Jesus again? Are you concerned about how to live out your charism? Do you feel that God may be calling you to be His Olympian?

Do not be afraid! The Bible records this sentiment many times, perhaps to remind us often to do those things that scare us, to make those decisions which change our lives forever, to choose what others cannot.

If any of this resonates with anyone, if it inspires questions, if it stirs your Spirit, please contact me or your home Parish Office for information and advice.

Religious are amazing people!

Peace, Fr. Andrew

Spartan Nation

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

We still plan to hold our Summer Camps - both Academic & Sport, though all dates are tentative for now. Click the link below to see what we have planned.

[**Summer at DPCHS**](#)

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association



*The hardest times
often show the
greatest parts
of your life.
Keep going!
Tough situations
build strong people!*



From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

The 2020 **Mother Earth's Garden Party** Tricky Tray/Fashion Show
Has been tentatively rescheduled to....Tuesday, August 4, 2020!
We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.



Have you been social distancing and shopping online? If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) Choose DePaul Catholic High School Inc as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!



Have you cleaned out your closets and drawers!
The donations bins at the back of the parking lot are open for donations. It's an easy way to help out DePaul, help those in need and make some much needed room!

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 **Stop & Shop-** Rosalind Tomeio

Distance Learning

We may not all be together on Alps Road, but Zoom, Google Hangouts, and Email are keeping us more connected than ever. Check out some scenes from the last two weeks.

Please Stand For Our Morning Prayer

Join us each morning around 7:30am on social media as we come together for our morning prayer.



Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unyielding strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'

Saint Francis de Sales

QuoteMaster.org

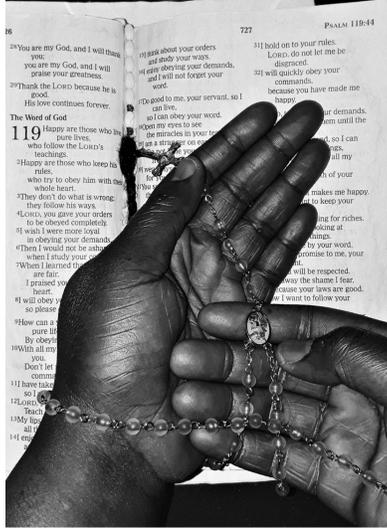
Our social media pages are always changing, but there are a few things that will remain the same each week.

MOTIVATION MONDAY with Mr. Merritt
Takeout Tuesday
Wellness Wednesday
Thankful Thursday with Mr. Petrocelli
Faith-filled Friday with Sr. Jeanne

Photoshop Winners!

The FAPAD is proud to announce that 3 of our Photoshop students were chosen as winners in the Ocean County Camera Club NJ Youth Photography Competition.

Maleah Jn-Louis photo entitled "119" was awarded First Place in the category of Photographer's Choice - Monochromatic.



Other winning entries are noted below, of which four * were submitted to the National Competition which is scheduled to take place some time in May.

Maleah Jn-Louis

First Place and a Medal for her photo "119" *

Honorable Mention for her photo "Red Radishes", category of Photographer's Choice Color.

Award for her photo "POW" in the category of Architecture.*

Amanda Callahan

Honorable Mention for her photo "The Color Orange"

Award for her photo "Lost" *

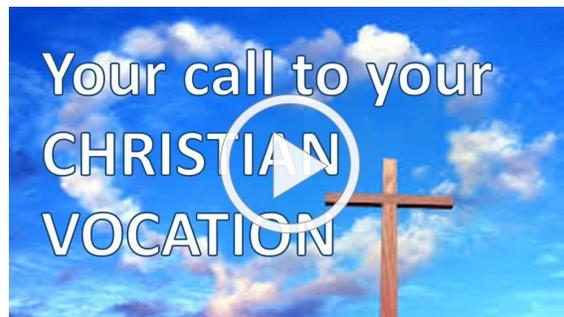
Both were in the category of Photographer's Color Choice

Katie Szuszkowski

Medal and a Judges Choice for her photo "Going Down" * in the category of Architecture.

From The Theology Department

A DIVINE CALL TO
GOD'S SERVICE OR TO
THE CATHOLIC LIFE



Scenes Of A Spartan

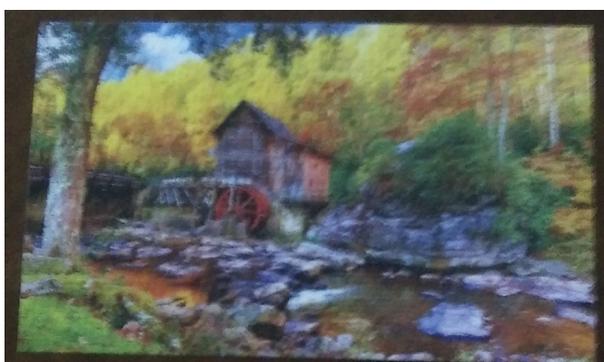
A look behind the scenes of our new classrooms and offices.



Mrs. Dacles in her new classroom.

Catch all of our "Scenes of a Spartan" on our social media pages.

Desi's Jigsaw Puzzle Of The Week " Old Grist Mill West Virginia"



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STAY CONNECTED

