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DEPAUL CATHOLIC

H I G H S C H O O L

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

Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

A new school year is upon us and, as one of my favorite sayings goes, *Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes!* We opened the doors of the 2020-2021 School Year on September 8 with our new academy course offerings and this promises to be a great year. It is different but the students here on campus have been complying with the new safety guidelines that have been implemented in order to keep everyone healthy. There have been small bumps in the road but we are working through them so that we can deliver the best instruction and provide the most effective learning environment for all students. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to email us. All visitors to the school must have an appointment in order to be admitted into the building. Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

It's been a while and it's good to be back in school. A school is only a building when the kids are away. DePaul returned to being a school on September 8th.

The year ahead should be interesting as we, the Staff, kids and parents, chart new educational waters and navigate through what we hope are the final days, weeks or months of the pandemic.

It will be a time that will require patience by all, toughness by all, teamwork by all and gratitude by all.

Patience: to allow things to play out a bit before we start to praise or criticize.

Toughness: to stay the course, fight through the challenges, and other people's negativity. We see and hear a lot of negativity from everywhere. We will need to be tough enough to see the glass as always half full.

Teamwork: Students working with the school staff to keep each other safe while continuing to be educated. Staff promoting the positive and how fortunate we are to all be in school together.

For the students and staff of DePaul it is time for "all hands on deck".

Gratitude:

I am grateful to our Spartans and Spartan parents for having faith and trust in DePaul. Thanks for sticking with us and being strong.

I am grateful that we have the largest 9th grade class in 5 years joining us and a growing student body of great kids.

I am grateful that as an old guy, I still get to think young when around the kids at school.

I am grateful to be coaching again, after some time away.

Finally, I hope you are grateful for something in your life.

I hope your life is not an endless quest of “gimme, take and entitlement.”

There will be setbacks, mistakes, victories and, I hope, some fun as we move through September.

A suggestion to all....

Before the complaint department reopens, as I know it will, please look at your life and the things you are grateful for.

When you have gratitude:

Your mood will immediately lighten.

You will become more tolerant.

You will not need instant gratification.

You will be less stressed.

You may even be happy and content.

Adapt and overcome.

Prayer helps a lot!

Welcome back!

News From The Advancement Office

Mr. Joe Lennon

Director of Development

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

**27th Annual
DePaul Catholic Golf Classic**

Monday, October 12, 2020
North Jersey Country Club
Wayne, NJ

**Limited
Space
Available !**

[Click Here To Register!](#)



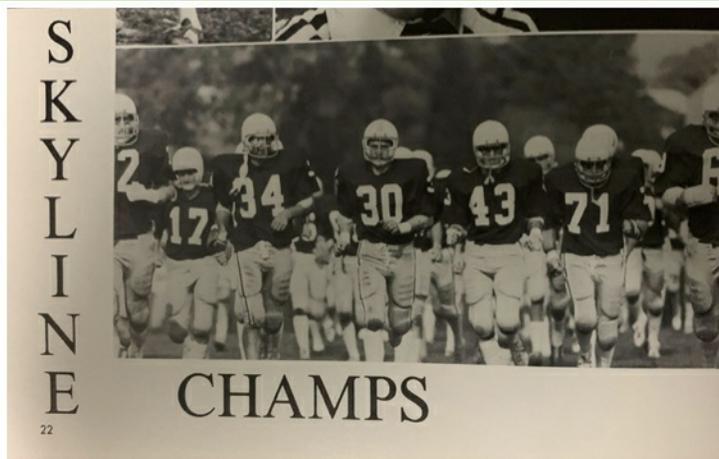
✓ Refresh your memories of your Glory Days at DePaul.
✓ Find out more on how DePaul is doing.

Call or Email The Advancement Office
Set Up Lunch, Dinner, Reunions or a Golf Date.

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1980 WAY BACK WEDNESDAY!



HOW MANY PLAYERS CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

[Click Here To Submit Your Guesses](#)

School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory
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Dear DePaul Family:

Welcome Back! We are so grateful and happy to see our students. This past year has been a year of firsts and we will continue to help guide and protect our students this year. The School Counseling Department is sad to see Mr. Wooster leave the school but we are very excited to welcome Ms. Kelsey Hall as our new school counselor and Mrs. Darlene Saporito as our Administrative Assistant.

Many students were not able to visit colleges in person due to the pandemic. Please take the time to attend the NACAC virtual College Fair this Sunday September 13th. More than 600 colleges and universities will be in attendance. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/>

Coalition for College is also having a virtual college fair on September 16th from 6-10:00 PM and September 17th from 7-10:00 PM. There will be more than 130 coalition member colleges in attendance. Here is the link for information:

https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/september-virtual-college-fair?utm_source=counselors&utm_medium=email&utm_content=students&utm_campaign=events

Stay Safe and Well!

Welcome, Future Spartans!

[Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell](#)
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Hi, Everyone,

Welcome back to our "new normal". Last week we welcomed 130 Freshmen, our largest class in 5 years, and a number of 8th Grade Prep and Transfer Students to Alps Road. It's been a busy four days, but we are so excited to see our halls full again -- socially distanced and masked, of course!

You are going to hear people say this often, but this year is going to be unlike any other. For the time being, we will not be hosting any in-person Admissions events at DePaul. This means that the Shadow Program and all Open Houses will be done virtually. It's a good thing we had a whole Spring to practice! All of our interviews and meetings with prospective families will be conducted online, as well. While many things may seem different this year, please know that DePaul remains true to our roots. Since 1956, DePaul Catholic has been, and continues to be "The Place To Be".

Like I said, we had a lot of virtual practice this Spring. We conducted a major portion of our Admissions Season from my dining room (my dog is still trying to get on payroll!). We hosted a Virtual Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020 and the 8th Grade Prep. The 114 members of the Class of 2020 earned almost \$20million in scholarships. That averages out to about \$175,000 per student! **Whether we are on Alps Road or on our computers, it is abundantly clear that we are Spartans: "people of great courage and self-discipline".**

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions. I look forward to "meeting" all of you in the coming months.

Go Spartans!

Register Today For Our Fall Virtual Open Houses

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 12pm
Wednesday, Oct. 28 - 6:30pm

RSVP: WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG

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



[RSVP Here](#)

Class of 2025 Admissions Process

Attend a Virtual Open House

Sunday, October 4 - 12:00pm
Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30pm
RSVP on our website: www.depaulcatholic.org

Fill Out Your Online Application before December 4, 2020.

www.depaulcatholic.org
Cost: \$25.00

Send Your Transcripts, Test Scores, & Teacher Recommendation before December 4, 2020.

Transcripts from 6th, 7th, and 1st Marking Period of 8th
Test Scores = any State testing completed in Middle School
Teacher Recommendation = Middle School Academic Teacher

Sit for A Scholarship Test

Students who are interested in being considered for an Academic Scholarship or applying for an Honors Academy will need to sit for a Scholarship Test.
Dates: TBD... Information will be available on our website.

Attend An Academic Scholarship Interview

Students who are interested in being considered for an Academic Scholarship or applying for an Honors Academy will need to sign up for an interview slot.
Dates: TBD... Information will be available on our website.

Yearbooks for Sale!

There are a limited number of Class of 2020 yearbooks for sale (\$135). Please contact the Main Office (973-694-3702, ext. 204) to purchase one today!

The Theology Department

The Theology Department is happy to see the students return this Fall. We have updated some

of our requirements for the Christian Service Program (CSP) to accommodate some of the restrictions during the pandemic. All DePaul Catholic students are still required to complete Christian Service Projects, at least in a virtual capacity. Theology teachers will share the list of approved sites. See your individual Theology teacher for approval of any site not listed. Please see Ms. Sevean for virtual projects,



instructions on submitting videos and availability after school to do WebEx with assisted living facilities, daycares and more! Service is always appreciated by anyone we serve, but even more so for those with limited communication or exposure to others.

We welcomed Bishop Sweeney to DePaul to celebrate our first Mass of the school year on September 11th.

The Peer Ministry Program is underway. Starting with seniors who have gone through an application and interview process, this peer to peer mentoring program is intended to support our younger students throughout the year. Sophomores through seniors can apply (see the application on the school's website under "Faith") and they can also see their individual Theology teachers for more information. These student leaders have already shared words of wisdom to the freshman, 8th grade, and transfer students on the Theology Instagram and Twitter accounts (check out @dpchstheology). Words of advice included, "try new things because high school is where you should take that opportunity" and "don't be afraid to ask for help".

We look forward to a great year!

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

**Stay tuned for our next PA Executive Board meeting.
All are welcome to attend.**

Hello and welcome from all of us! We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again as soon as possible. In the meantime, we'll be planning for all the programs you're accustomed to seeing from us plus a few new ones. The beginning of every school year always brings with it an air of uncertainty, but rest assured we're here to help introduce you to new people, help you get involved or lead you to the right person for answers to your questions. After all, that's what family is for.

Please take a look at the available [volunteer opportunities](https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/parentvolunteer.html) (<https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/parentvolunteer.html>) and choose at least one you'd be interested in. A little help from many will go a long way to ensuring our success and that directly benefits every DePaul student. The Spartan Sentinel and the DePaul website are the best resources to follow our progress and to check to see what we're up to.

We wish you and your student a safe, healthy and successful year!

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BLANKET RAFFLE

Enter to win a Spartan blanket by submitting your volunteer form by September 21st. Your name will be automatically entered to win a warm, homemade Spartan blanket. One entry per family please.

Drawing on September 27 (Rescheduled from April 22, 2020)!

For more information contact:

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SUPER 50/50

Tickets due by 9/21/20. The new prize amount is \$2,000. Have you already bought your tickets? ***If so, please return unused tickets and give someone else a chance to get in on the action.*** Thank you for your participation.

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Have you been shopping from home? If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with smile.amazon.com

Choose DePaul Catholic High School Inc as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!

Sign up for A+ School Rewards

DePaul Catholic School

ID# - 08465

<https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards>

Are you doing some fall cleaning?

Just drop your items that are ready to move on into the bin at the back of the parking lot. It's an easy way to help DePaul, help those in need, and make some much needed room!

From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

Mother Earth's Garden Party Tricky Tray

Save The Date....Tuesday, April 20, 2021!

Below is a list of the Tricky Tray Committees.

Ad Journal, Basket Making, Decorating, Dinner Tickets, Female Models, Male Models, 50/50 (Night Of), Prize Runner, Prize Tickets, Prize Wheels, Publicity, Set Up, Solicitation, Super 50/50 Raffle, Wine Pull

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