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# 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 DePaul Catholic Community:

This has certainly been an interesting couple of weeks and, it seems, no matter how careful we were, this virus has become part of all of our lives. The entire school community has worked so hard and diligently to stay safe, but we fell victim to this invisible threat. However, like true Spartans, we have come together and continued our mission of delivering rigorous education.

**The school will reopen on Tuesday, November 10th for in-class instruction...**it will be the second day of Marking Period Two! Over the days that we had been on remote instruction, the entire school has been cleaned and sanitized. We have used the ultraviolet light device in every classroom, the gym, cafeteria, Information Commons, and all offices. Everything that has been done has been directed towards one end goal - reopening the school for the safety of the students and staff.

I remind everyone that enters the building, a face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn at all times while on campus (except when seated and eating lunch), they maintain social distancing while moving around the building, there will continue to be temperature checks at least twice a day. Everyone is asked to wash his/her hands and use hand sanitizer. If we stay vigilant, we will be on the right path to staying healthy. We are in the process of rescheduling some events that had to be postponed due to the period of remote instruction, ***so please continue to monitor emails and social media for a revised schedule of events.***

As always, we thank you for your support and cooperation during this most unique time!

St. Vincent DePaul - Pray for Us!

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## **Moving Forward...**

Mr. John Merritt '71

**Vice Principal, Student Life**

“You don’t know what you have 'til it’s gone”.

When you spend a week away from school, and it is not vacation, it seems odd and unfulfilling.

That is how I felt this past week as we went full school virtual for a few days. Although virtual education seems to be working, there is nothing better than being in school together with the students and staff and being back to normal...at least semi-normal.

They say you can learn anywhere and I agree, but the feeling you get when school is in session is very uplifting for this teacher. The kids bring the building to life. The halls

become crowded with the chatter of young people, some just trying to make it through the day, some laughing, some pouting, some sleep walking, some just going about their business.

One of the best places to stand is in the Main Lobby. As we are a small school you get to see just about everyone as they move from class to class. Some kids try to avoid you as they may have the wrong sweatshirt on, some say "good morning", others just keep moving to the next class and the next challenge.

Yes, school buildings come to life when the kids arrive.

Now I am not saying it's always a fun time. School is work if you go about it correctly. Classes can be difficult. There can be social heartbreak and happiness. There are athletic ups and downs. But when you are in school your life fills out, you become more complete.

As we move towards Thanksgiving and Christmas we all hope that we can remain open for all our students. We hope the seniors have an opportunity to spend their final Christmas with us as seniors always have. The Senior Mass of Light is a great DePaul tradition.

But whatever happens, DePaul, our staff and our students will continue to move forward.

Moving Forward is what Spartans do. We face challenges, we do not back down, we make the best of everyday.

We also do something more.

We thank God that we have the opportunity to be with great people, kids and staff members (the kitchen staff are truly awesome people) each day whether in school or somewhere in the land of virtual education.

**Challenges? Spartans live for Challenges!**

Best and be well!

### **School Counseling Office**

Mrs. Anne Gregory  
[gregorya@dpchs.org](mailto:gregorya@dpchs.org)

It's hard to believe that we are a quarter way done with the school year. Quarter one is finished and Quarter 2 has begun. You all have a clean slate to do better and improve your grades. All students need to keep working hard, attending class and submitting their work. Ms. Hall, Mrs. Covello and Mrs. Gregory are always available to assist with any difficulties.

College applications are in full swing. Seniors, please be aware of deadlines and contact your college counselor with any questions. Ms. Hall has students with the last names ending in A-M and Mrs. Gregory has students with the last names ending in N-Z.

The School Day SAT scores will be available sometime this week and the PSAT scores will be available the week of December 7th. You can log into your college board account to view your scores when they become available.

God Bless

### **Welcome, Future Spartans!**

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

# INTRODUCING Connect with a Spartan

Our Shadow Program has gone virtual!

For the safety of everyone, we are not able to host visitors, so we're bringing our Ambassadors to you. (and they are so excited to meet you!)

Visit the website below to  
Connect With A Current Spartan.

[dpchsstudents.org](https://dpchsstudents.org)



[Connect With A Spartan Here](#)

## Class of 2025 Admissions Process

### Attend a Virtual Open House

Did you miss our Virtual Open Houses?

Check out our latest one here: <https://conta.cc/2JbdSYt>

### Fill Out Your Online Application before December 4, 2020.

[www.depaulcatholic.org](http://www.depaulcatholic.org)

Cost: \$25.00

### Connect With A Spartan

*We may not be able to host in-person Shadow Days at this time, but that doesn't mean you cannot connect with a current Spartan. Click the link below to Meet our Ambassadors.*

<https://dpchsstudents.org/#/>

### 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

**Please note: You MUST fill out a DePaul application before registering for the Academic Scholarship Exam, picking an Academic Scholarship Interview Slot, or applying to the Honors Academy.**

### 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.

**Saturday, November 21 at 8:30am**

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/academicscholarshipexam2025>

### 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.

**Date: December 10, 11, 12, 15**

Register here:

[https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public\\_calendars/academic\\_scholarship\\_interviews](https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/academic_scholarship_interviews)

## Apply to the Honors Academy

Students who are interested in applying for an Honors Academy will need to fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/c8boxPhFth4PCyww8>

## Advancement News

Joe Lennon, Director of Advancement

Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

### Annual Fund For The Future

Our Annual Fund will close on December 31, 2020. To donate, please use this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/spartanfund>



Thank you to everyone who supported our Moe's fundraiser. You will be able to order the third Wednesday of every month  
Next Date: Wednesday, November 18th.

The Class of '72 - be on the lookout for some exciting news!!! The committee has put on their running shoes and moving forward in planning your 2022 reunion.



It is with great sadness that we are remembering a fellow Alum, Lauren Raineri (nee Tanis, '01) of Wayne, who was called home on October 29, 2020. Lauren was the beloved wife of Kevin Raineri, '00, loving mother of Quinn Rose Ranieri, and daughter of Paul and Katherine Tanis of North Haledon.

Michael Carmen DeBenedetto '11, shared a photo with our newly appointed Supreme Court Justice, Amy Coney Barrett. Michael is a practicing attorney and graduate of St. John's University Law School.



## Spartan Nation



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Catch The Spartans LIVE by subscribing to the NFHS Network.

Visit: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/depaul-catholic-high-school-wayne-nj>

## Around the Halls

### The Interact Club

The Interact Club recently announced the officers for the 2020/2021 school year. They are Drew Clark, Kate Heaney, Isabella Sardina, Annabelle Schmidt, Cat Serek, and Cami Wolf.

The Interact Club is sponsored by the Wayne Rotary and participates in a variety of community service activities. Right now they are partnering with the Theology Department on the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Their next project is the Christmas Adopt-a-Family project, where they will coordinate a drive within the DePaul Catholic Community to collect gift cards for 25 families. The families all come from different programs led by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson.

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### National Honor Society

At the end of last year, a virtual ceremony allowed us to celebrate those students who were selected to the DePaul Catholic Holy Spirit Chapter of the National Honor Society. On Wednesday, October 21st, these students were formally introduced and, with candles in hand, Mr. Petrocelli led them in the oath as their parents looked on. They have now officially taken their place as members of the National Honor Society. Congratulations!



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## Theology

### *Junior Retreat, Midnight Run Prep, & Community Food Bank Presentation*



The senior retreat got off to a great start with breakfast from Ms. Barbara and watching clips of Wonder. Virtual students signed on and participated, as well! Being 6 feet apart didn't stop the seniors from experiencing their last retreat.



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## Remembering Our Veterans

The DePaul Catholic Peer Ministers are sponsoring a fundraiser honoring and benefiting those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

Flags are being sold for \$3.00 each. Each will be tied with a white ribbon on which the

name of the veteran will be printed. All flags will be placed in the front oval on Veterans Day where a commemorative service will be held.

To order a flag(s) please use this form.  
Completed forms with payment should be brought to the Main Office.

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## Desi Maik's Puzzle Corner



Cathedral Notre-Dame 750 pieces

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### DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

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

#### **From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE**

You should have received your packet of raffles in the mail or will be receiving them soon. Keep an eye out! Drawings begin 12/25! With the holidays approaching, sell to family or buy some yourself as stocking stuffers. Please help our DePaul Family by selling your 10 raffles.

If you need more contact:

Cindy Winkler [cinwinkler@optonline.net](mailto:cinwinkler@optonline.net)



Have you been shopping from home? If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with [smile.amazon.com](https://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

Our first meeting will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information!



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

If you are interested in joining any committees, please contact:

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

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada **Secretary-** Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuitti

**Treasurer-** Kim Wilderson **Tricky Tray-** Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito

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

**Calendar Raffle-** Cindy Winkler

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

**Stop & Shop-** Rosalind Tomeio

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