

February 22, 2021



# 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:

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the start of the holy season of Lent and it is ok to wish people a Happy Lent. It is a penitential season, no doubt, but also a time of reflection and renewal. A friend of mine always says, if you exit Lent as the same person that you entered, it was not a successful Lenten season. Take some time during the next 40 days to reflect on this past year and what rebirth will we all hope to experience when we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Today, Thursday, February 18, 2021, is the interim point of Marking Period 3. I encourage all parents/guardians to log into the parent portal of PowerSchool and sit down with your student and review their academic progress and plan out the rest of the school year so that we maximize the remaining time of this school year.

Once we get past this snowy weather, we will have an Honor Roll assembly to celebrate the academic success of Quarter 2.

In the next couple of weeks, we will begin course selection and scheduling for next school year. We are blessed that we are looking forward to another large 9<sup>th</sup> grade class entering in September, so we want to begin the process now for our returning students.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 is slated for our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, which will be held in the evening but will have limited attendance. Students will be notified once the selection process is complete and we are looking forward to celebrating and honoring these students.

Finally, a Staff Professional Day is scheduled for Friday, March 19 (the Feast of St. Joseph in this Year of St. Joseph) and no classes will be held on that day.

From the DePaul family to your family, Happy Lent!

St. Vincent DePaul – Pray for Us!

Russell D. Petrocelli, Principal

## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71  
Vice Principal, Student Life

## Being Accepted

There are many ways to know you've been accepted.

In the Fall of 1966, I took the entrance test for admission into DePaul Diocesan High

School, now known as DePaul Catholic.

I remember at that time there was a book to study prior to the test and my mom gave me the old, "study or no dinner" order. It was always a persuasive argument to get me to do something. (The all time best was when she ordered, "wash your father's car or no dinner". Thank God the car was a '59 VW Beetle. I washed the car. She inspected. I washed it again. She inspected. I washed it again, passed the inspection and had dinner.)

But I digress...

In January 1967, I received the word that I had been accepted into the Class of '71 at DePaul.

No fanfare; no Signing Day; no announcement that I was taking my exceptional talents to DePaul. I really didn't have any exceptional talents to bring.

(I barely knew where DePaul was even though I grew up a mile away.)

I did get a hearty handshake from my father and then a warning...

It went like this "you know John, sending you to DePaul is a great sacrifice for your mother and me. We could easily send you to Wayne High School". (I wanted to go there at first with my friend, Lenny.) As it was then and continues to be today, Wayne has great high schools, public and private. My father said the only thing I needed to do was to do my best while at DePaul. That meant, good grades, get involved and be respectful to the Sisters and the teachers.

If I did that, then he and mom would have no problem footing the tuition bill ***It was \$200.00 a year.*** I used to take a \$20.00 bill to Mrs. McGrath in the Main Office each month who, in turn, would give it to Sister Margaret Veronica to send to the bank. The bank never recounted the cash that Sister Margaret brought in. No need to.

Being accepted into DePaul was a big deal, but it also forced the family to make a decision about school. I did not have much say in the decision, but of course it was: Go be a "Spartan".

We are in the middle of Admissions Season here in 2021. We have already reached 85% of our enrollment goal for the Class of 2025 and new applications keep coming in.

It is pleasing and rewarding and the result of everyone's hard work here at school and parents seeing the value in Catholic Education, A DePaul Catholic Education.

By March 1st, I believe we will achieve our enrollment goals and then begin the process of officially welcoming the Class of 2025.

There will be an Orientation, some placement tests, sign ups for Fall Sports, summer cheerleading practice for freshman cheerleaders, summer practices for Fall Sports, summer camps for future Spartans, and hopefully some time to rest and recoup as we get ready to wind it up again for the Labor Day start of school.

I hope the new students who have already enrolled, or will soon enroll, are as excited as I was back in 1967. I hope their experience will be as good as mine was. I hope that after they register they remain a Spartan for the rest of their lives.

For those of you that have yet to enroll into the Class of 2025, it is time to move forward and complete your registration paperwork.

I wouldn't want you to miss out on being a member of the Class of 2025.

Young men and women from many places are ready to spend the next four years at 1512 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey.

## School Counseling Office

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

# DePaul Catholic College Corner



This week we are proud to announce Allie Pegel has been accepted into one of her top choice universities, Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. With her love for animals in her heart, she has been accepted in the university's Veterinary program to major in Animal Sciences. Her bond with pet Doberman Pinscher Roxy has sparked her passion for animals and inspires her to help other animals in her future. "Clemson is a beautiful school with an incredible Veterinary Science program, I am incredibly fortunate to be accepted!" She believes that after stepping foot on campus that this could be her home for the next four years.



## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Mr. John Merritt '71  
Interim Admissions Director

### ***Seats are 85% filled for the Class of 2025.***

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis, but cannot guarantee when we will need to move to a waiting list. If you have not yet applied, or you have been accepted and not yet registered, please be sure to get this completed before March 1st.

If you have any questions about the Admissions Process, please feel free to email:  
[admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org).

# 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>

### 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 ASAP!

*Email is best: [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)*

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

**While we are still accepting applications for the Class of 2025, items submitted now will be reviewed on a rolling basis if there is room in the incoming class.**

**DePaul Catholic**  
EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

*The place to begin*

We are in the process of interviewing our next group of Prep students.

To be considered, please apply here:

[https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign\\_in](https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in)

Be sure to indicate that you are interested in 8th Grade Prep.



# The Spartan Shop

## Get Your Spartan Gear Here!

The Winter Edition of the Online Spartan Store is now available. Click the button below to order today. Items can be shipped or picked up at school.

[Click Here For The Spartan Shop!](#)

### Alumni & Advancement News

[Joe Lennon, Director of Development](#)

[Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS !

Martin Vergara Class of 2011

Appointed

Managing Director

Morgan Stanley



## Save the Date:

The Friends and Family Kathleen Walsh Classic is scheduled for April 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The full-day event begins with a high school softball doubleheader scrimmage at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Walsh Classic at 2:00 p.m., and concludes with a second high school softball doubleheader scrimmage at 6:00 p.m. All action takes place on Alumni Field at DePaul Catholic. **Save the date!**



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## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars

#### DePaul Catholic Hall of Fame

**New Date: May 20, 2021**  
More Information to Follow

#### DePaul Catholic Tricky Tray

**New Date: May 22, 2021**  
More Information to Follow

#### 2021 Golf Classic

**Honoring the Atieh Family**  
June 14, 2021  
North Jersey Country Club  
More Information to Follow

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## The Alumni Scholarship Program

Calling all Alumni! Want to be a part of giving the gift of a Spartan education? The Alumni Scholarship was created in the 2020-2021 school year by DePaul Catholic Alumni. For more information on how to be a part of this scholarship program contact Joe Lennon at

[lennonj@dpchs.org](mailto:lennonj@dpchs.org) / 973-865-8725 or Coleen Brophy at [brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org)/973-865-4787.



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## 2021-2022 TUITION RAFFLE

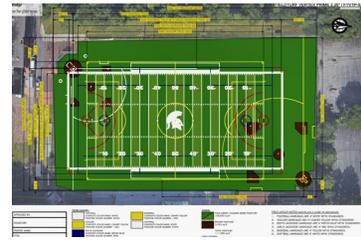
### **Hurry Limited Tickets Available!**

Don't miss the opportunity to win up to a \$10,000 tuition credit! This tuition award will be applied toward your child's 2021-2022 academic school year. You can gift your award to a current or incoming DePaul student. Invite your relatives and friends to participate.

[Purchase your tickets here!](#)

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# Annual Fund For The Future



DePaul Catholic would like to thank all alumni who have sent donations to offset the new athletic turf installation, the Annual Fund, The Alumni Scholars Fund and the Sr. Patricia Flarity Fund.

DePaul Catholic's most pressing issue is the need for a **new roof** for the gym and for the west wing. The cost is \$300,000.00. Starting on February 11, 2021 all donations to the Annual Fund will go towards the new roof. Anyone who would like to donate directly to that fund can send their donation to the Development Department in care of Joe Lennon or Coleen Brophy.

When Coach Lennon first started working at DePaul, Monsignor John McHugh said that DePaul's foundation was based on the students & alumni, teachers and parents. That foundation has remained strong for the past 64 years. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Stay Safe and God Bless  
Go Spartans  
Joe Lennon & Coleen Brophy

To donate, please use this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/spartanfund>

## Congratulations to DePaul Alumni that are "Making A Difference"

Joe Laborsky '68, President DePaul Alumni Association

### DePaul Alumnus Steven Beneventine '11

#### "Making a Difference"

### Wayne Police Officer Jump-Starts Children's Toy Drive During Pandemic



Steven was watching the news and the report said that holiday toy drives were down over 60 percent this Christmas. Charities came to the realization that during the COVID-19 pandemic that people were short on money and donations were not coming in as they normally do.

He kept thinking that he did this once before while at DePaul as his senior Christian Service project and thought this was the right time to restart it. The toy drive started with a bin at DePaul and the Giggles Children's Theater, located at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson. The toy drive collected more than 100 toys that brought some much needed Christmas happiness for area boys and girls.

"I'm glad I did it because I found out despite the pandemic there are a lot of good, generous people who care about giving to kids at Christmas time."  
Are you or do you know of a fellow Alumni or a group of Alums that during this Pandemic are giving back and making a difference in their community? Please reach out to Coleen Brophy at [brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org) and tell us how you/they are "Making a Difference" in their community!

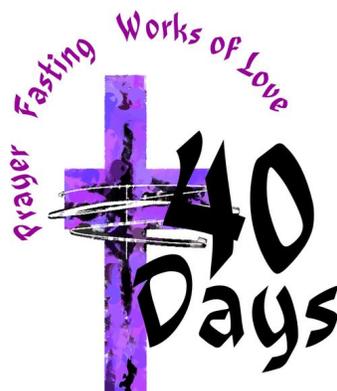
## AROUND THE HALLS

### Theology News

#### DePaul Catholic High School Theology Department/Campus Ministry/Chaplain's Office Pastoral Guide for Celebrating the Season of Lent

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. Services were held in the chapel with Fr. Madrid. Ash Wednesday symbolizes repentance, mortality and our desire to renew our lives and walk close to Jesus.

During the Lenten season, DePaul Catholic invites all staff, students and families to participate in daily challenges throughout all of Lent. Theology classes will attend Mass during Lent to join in prayer, preparing students' hearts and minds for Jesus' suffering and death.



## Daily Mass with Theology Classes

All are encouraged to prepare their hearts and minds by joining in prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. A schedule of masses will be prepared for different classes to attend Mass during the season of Lent.

## Stations of the Cross

Will be celebrated every Friday during Lent in our chapel. Here is the schedule.

2/19: Ms. Bock

2/26: Ms. Sevean

3/5: Mrs. Haggerty

3/12: Mrs. Bullman

3/26: Faculty/Staff

4/1: Living Stations of the Cross in the gym (streamed to classrooms and families)

## Mondays of Mercy: "You Are Forgiven"

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Monday in the Chapel. A schedule for Penance services will be prepared by the Theology Department.

## Almsgiving Fridays

Just as Jesus got down to wash the feet of his disciples, so too are we called to touch in a real and tangible way the poor, the sick and the neighbor who is in difficulty. We want to invite all our school community to donate 50 cents each Friday of Lent to help missionary outreaches in Haiti and Uganda.

## #Challenge of the Day

Each day our students and school community will be challenged to do something that will help their personal spiritual journey or make a difference in the life of others. The #Challenge of the Day will be announced each day after morning prayer and will be posted on our website & social media.

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## SPIRIT WEEK SCHEDULE

### March 8th - March 12th, 2021

Monday, March 8th Class Color Wars Begin

Tuesday, March 9th Twins with Jeans (or sweats) Day

Wednesday, March 10th Sports Team Shirt Day

Thursday, March 11th Class Shirt Day - Color Wars!

Friday, March 12th DePaul Pride Day

Volleyball Tournament Finals 7PM

### Ongoing All Week

#### Food Drive (in main lobby)

Seniors - Soup Juniors - cans of fruit Sophomores - past Freshman - cans of veggies 8th Grade - boxed potatoes Staff - canned sauce

**Participation Points.** Each day, points will be tabulated in homeroom. Students who are correctly participating in the event of the day will gain points for their class. Plan on getting involved every day to contribute the most points. Out of dress code and LTS will lose major points for your class.

**Uniforms.** All students are responsible for having their uniforms in their lockers in case

something worn is deemed out of the code for the day or inappropriate.

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

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



### From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

### Mother Earth's Garden Party Tricky Tray

When: Saturday, May 22, 2021

Where: **DePaul Catholic High School**

Attendees will be given a designated time  
slot to enter

Tricky Tray Rooms beginning at noon

Prize drawing starts promptly at 7:00p.m.

Entrance Fee - \$20.00 Ticket packages  
starting at - \$35

\*\*\*1 sheet of tickets included with  
entrance fee\*\*\*

Winning numbers will be posted

Baskets will be picked up On May 23,  
2021

At DePaul Catholic High School

**All sales will be done online. (Link  
coming soon)**

We will be having a **Volunteer Meeting**  
on **February 25, 2021** at 7PM at  
**DePaul Catholic High School**. Please  
email Debbie Lozito at [dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)  
with your contact info if you would like to  
join us. If you are unable to attend, a  
follow up email will be sent out with all  
information discussed. We need as many  
volunteers as possible, so please make  
sure we have your contact information if  
you would like to help. We hope to see  
you on February 25th! **Don't forget to  
wear a mask!**

**DONATIONS!!!:** Please send in your  
donations! 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!

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

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Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848 [dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)  
Maryann Marren 973-580-3401 [school12marren@yahoo.com](mailto:school12marren@yahoo.com)

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## **From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE**

Our 2020-2021 Calendar Raffle provides 97 opportunities to win \$5700 in prizes! Prizes are drawn weekly at 12 noon on Fridays and tickets may win more than once. There is still time to get your forms in. We have a basket in the front lobby where you can pick up extra forms or drop them off in the Money Box. Drawings began on 12/25! Please help our DePaul Family by selling your 10 raffles.

**If you have any questions or need more, contact:**

Cindy Winkler - [cinwinkler@optonline.net](mailto:cinwinkler@optonline.net)  
Rosa Calle-Ponte - [caller61@gmail.com](mailto:caller61@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the first winners of the Calendar Raffle! You can check the DePaul website (link provided) to see if you have won.

<https://depaulcatholic.org/raffle.html>



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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>



### **OUT WITH THE OLD**

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!

### **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  
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STAY CONNECTED

