

March 8, 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 DePaul Catholic Community:

March 1<sup>st</sup> has come and gone and that means that we have completed six months of the school year and I ask the students, "Have you completed 60% of your goals?". If the answer is no, what are you going to do to recover? I use the analogy at the start of every school year that the year is a marathon and not a sprint...you can't decide in March or April that you are going to have a successful year, it is something that evolves over time. March 26 is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period. Take some time now to assess your student's academic standing and develop a plan for a strong finish to the school year.

This past week we held Honor Roll Assemblies to recognize academic success in Quarter 2 and on Wednesday night, March 10, we will be inducting 28 new members into the National Honor Society. I look forward to next year when we can send out general invitations to events like this but it is always such a joy to honor the successes of our students.

The week of March 8-12 is Spirit Week so there will be days when students are not in their traditional uniforms and there is a staff Professional Development Day scheduled for March 19 and classes will not meet on that day.

We are in the process of starting the course selection process for next school year. The first step is teacher recommendations related to placement and then allowing students to make course selections. The School Counseling Department will be able to provide updates related to this process.

Spring Break is scheduled from April 2 to April 11. Please be mindful of quarantine restrictions and be in contact with Mrs. Gregory in the Counseling Office if you are traveling out of state during this time and how that may impact your in-school attendance.

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!

Russell D. Petrocelli  
Principal

## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71  
Vice Principal, Student Life

## Unsung

This is a tough time of year. Getting closer to Spring, but not there yet. Getting closer to

warmer, but not there yet. Getting closer to baseball season (and the Yankees), but not there yet.

Yes, March is tough, but it can be the month that builds character.

How?

You just keep working, showing up, studying even when it's just a grind. The grind is what builds character, builds a great team, and shows us who the best students are. It shows us who just does their job each and every day.

The month of March might be a good time to honor the worker, the person who just keeps grinding, the person who makes everything happen, the person who begins a sentence with the word "we" and not "I".

I mentioned the Yankees. They have not won the big games often in the last 18 years. My belief is they are too interested in stars and not enough in workers. Workers....Guys that can bunt, field, hit and run and always get a bat on the ball. These players don't care about anything, except winning.

Workers are offensive lineman. They allow every play to fail or succeed. Workers are the 6th, 7th and 8th person on a basketball team. They are the person who takes the charge and defends. Workers are the people who just keep showing up, and they are the reason a team or company succeeds.

There are not enough workers. We are all too busy trying to be first.

Have you noticed that every college and university markets the fact that they graduate leaders?

Well if that is true and more kids go to college, who's left to lead? It is a lousy and misleading strategy.

Leadership is about making everyone around you better. It is not about going first or being first.

Leaders need to learn from workers and realize that they may be the reason why things are going well, the reason the team is winning, the reason the company is turning a profit.

I guess what we need is balance.

It all begins with checking your ego at the door when you enter the workplace or anywhere else.

## School Counseling Office

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



### SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

We are proud to announce that Zachary Ruighaver was selected as a Finalist for this summer's New Jersey Scholars Program, *Mind and Body: The Future of Being Human*. The admission process is very rigorous and competitive. If chosen to participate

in the New Jersey Scholars Program, Zach will attend a tuition free five week summer program that creates an intense, interdisciplinary intellectual experience that will change students' lives by teaching them to think in a new way- relating disciplines instead of dividing them. Scholars participate in lectures and small-group seminars where they actively engage with the disciplines. They also have extensive reading assignments, and pursue research at world class libraries and museums. They write essays and work closely with a faculty member to produce a 10-15 page interdisciplinary research paper. They are also stretched as they hone their creative talents in art, music, writing, drama and public speaking by contributing to an Arts Festival that is thematically related to the Program topic.

Each year, 39 Scholars are selected from an applicant pool of nearly 300 candidates nominated from their schools, garnering an acceptance rate of approximately 13%.

We are confident that Zach will represent DePaul Catholic in an impressive way and we wish him luck in his interview process. The New Jersey Scholars Selection Committee will notify all Finalists of their decision by early April 2021.

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Mr. John Merritt '71  
Interim Admissions Director

### 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. Please note: The Class of 2025 is nearly filled to capacity.**

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**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.

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# The Spartan Shop

## NEW ITEMS ADDED!

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](#)

## ALUMNI LEADING THE WAY!

Julia DelMastro, '19 is a sophomore nursing student at Salve Regina University. She is a student leader advocating for the elderly. For the past year and a half, she has been an active volunteer at the Edward King House, a center for senior citizens. She has helped create and lead the Silver Surfer Program a class intended to teach basic technology, a Meditation Class and a Hand Care and Manicure Program. She is currently working to create more interactive programs for Salve students to participate in and raise awareness for the elderly population.



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*In  
Loving  
Memory*

### Please remember in your prayers:

**Michael F. Costello**, Class of 1978. Michael was called home to God on Saturday February 13, 2021.

**John T. Merriman**, Grandfather of MaryKate Dennerlein, '09 and Robert Dennerlein, '07, was called home to God on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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**GOOD FRIDAY TAKE OUT  
FISH & CHIPS DINNER CATERED BY ARGYLE**

**April 2, 2021 - 4:30 pm-7:00 pm**

**\$20.00**

Pre-Order & Select your Pick up Time

Click on the link below

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GoodFridayFishFry2021>

All proceeds to benefit the new roof

Contact: Coleen Brophy 973-865-4787 / Joe Lennon 973-865-8725

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**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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**2020 DE PAUL CATHOLIC  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:**

NATALIA (SISTI) CAPPELLO, '06  
FREDERICK (FRED) FAHERTY, '63

DAVID LENNON, '98

MICHAEL LUDWIG, '78

PATRICIA 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

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**2020 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021  
6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**\$95 PER PERSON**

**COCKTAIL HOUR WITH FOOD STATIONS  
& BUTLER PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES  
COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT**

**THE GROVE  
697 POMPTON AVENUE  
CEDAR GROVE, NJ**

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFIT  
DEPAUL CATHOLIC SPARTAN ATHLETICS**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**



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

**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.



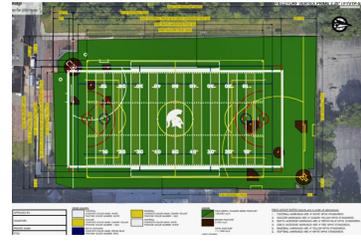
**2021-2022  
TUITION RAFFLE**

**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!**

## 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>

### SPARTAN NATION!



DePaul Catholic High School (Wayne, NJ) will offer a variety of Sport Camps (grades 3-9)

[Register Here!](#)

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FR. JHON MADRID

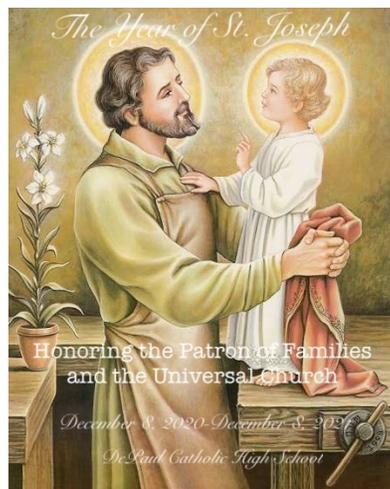
### On The Year of St. Joseph

With the Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the

150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “**Year of Saint Joseph**” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

His Holiness announced this special Year of St. Joseph against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

DePaul Catholic High School is encouraged to spend this year growing closer to St. Joseph by honoring him, imitating his virtues and asking for his intercession. As a school community, we will be praying the novena to St. Joseph beginning on March 10<sup>th</sup> and concluding it with the celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday, March 18. Every day prayers for the novena will be posted on our website. You can also join us praying every day this prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Francis.



### **A Daily prayer to St. Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father and guide us  
in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace,  
mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*

## **AROUND THE HALLS**

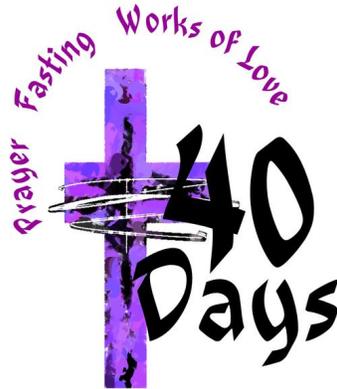
### **Theology News**

#### **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.

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.

## 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 - pasta  
Freshmen - 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.

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

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, April 27th at 7 pm** 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**

**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!

**BASKETS!!!!:** We are in need of wicker or plastic baskets in any shape or size! Please drop them off at the front office.

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

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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  
**Stop & Shop-** Rosalind Tomeio

STAY CONNECTED

