

April 12, 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:

With Easter Break behind us, I have heard it said that we are now in the “home stretch” of the school year but we must continue to be vigilant in following all of the health and safety protocols that we have followed all year and have allowed us to successfully enter this home stretch.

On Tuesday, April 13, we welcome Bishop Sweeney for our official School Mass. Although he has been with us many times since his ordination and installation on July 1, 2020, it is always an honor and privilege to have him on campus and interacting with the students.

We also continue to plan for the start of the end of the school year activities: AP exams, followed by Senior Final Exams, Prom, and, ultimately Graduation. A full calendar of those events will be published in upcoming editions of this newsletter. As with all aspects of our society, we continue to monitor the updates from both the federal and state government as we plan for these events as it relates to attendance limits, etc. We encourage you to continue to keep your students focused on their school work and finish the year strong and in a positive manner.

Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus.

I wish you, your family and friends a Blessed and Holy Easter Season.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Russell D. Petrocelli
Principal

School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory
gregorya@dpchs.org



This week we are proud to announce **Jayden Correa** has chosen to attend his top choice school of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Jayden says “I chose Fairleigh Dickinson because of the sense of



community that I felt as soon as I walked onto the campus. I was automatically welcomed by everyone I saw and that is what drew me in. They have so many resources and opportunities to help their students grow and become the best version of themselves! I truly could not imagine myself going anywhere else!”



Madison Miniutti, a member of the Class of 2022, has been selected to attend NJ Girls State.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State program is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. It is a participatory program to develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. Female high school students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected based on scholastic, leadership, and service accomplishments.

At Girls State, participants learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government. Due to Covid restrictions, this year's session will be held virtually.

Following the formation and success of The American Legion's Boys State program, the ALA developed a similar citizenship training program in order for high school girls to have the same opportunity. The first Girls State was conducted in 1937 and since 1948 has been a regular part of the ALA's better citizenship programs. Girls State sessions were held in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Congratulations Madison!

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Mr. John Merritt '71
Interim Admissions Director

SPRING VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

8th Grade Prep, Transfers,
Class of 2026 & beyond.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
12NOON

A direct link will be emailed to registrants
when the event begins.

RSVP:
WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG



SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

[RSVP For The Open House Here](#)

Class of 2025 Admissions Process

Attend a Virtual Open House

Spring Virtual Open House

Sunday, May 2, 2021

12noon

[RSVP here](#)

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

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 and we anticipate starting a waiting list in the coming weeks.

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

To be considered, please apply here:

DePaul Catholic

EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

The place to begin

https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in

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



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

Alumni & Advancement News

[Joe Lennon, Director of Development](#)

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

The Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund Est. in 2010

Kristen graduated from DePaul in 2002. She had a strong sense of belonging in DePaul Catholic and loved her days there as a student.

The scholarship supports a DePaul Catholic junior who best embodies the life and legacy of Kristen. The scholarship is for two years.

If you would like to make a donation please click on the link below.

Thank you for your continued support!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

Kathleen Walsh Softball Classic

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. Click on the link below to register!

[Register Today!](#)



**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

**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

Book your foursome Today!

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 / 973-865-8725 or Coleen Brophy at brophyc@dpchs.org/973-865-4787.



Click here to listen to what some of our current sponsors & scholars are saying.

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!

Amanda Gryzmolowicz, Class of 2007



Amanda Gryzmolowicz, 32, a senior manager in informatics operation and supports at Pfizer, photographed March 11, 2021 at Pfizer's research and development facility in Pearl River, N.Y. Gryzmolowicz is on the team of scientists that worked on the COVID-19 vaccine. *Seth Harrison/The Journal News*

Gryzmolowicz said she knew Pfizer was well positioned to create an mRNA vaccine quickly. As a senior manager in research informatics in the vaccine unit, she knew the company was already well positioned to quickly develop an effective vaccine.

From the moment the effort began, Gryzmolowicz said, it has been "24/7". There's always someone working on it.

During the past year, Gryzmolowicz said there were moments when the importance of their mission sunk in.

It really hit Gryzmolowicz in December when the Pfizer vaccine was about to head across America.

"As soon as the news came out, texts, phone calls, emails from family and friends," Gryzmolowicz said, expressing congratulations and thanks.

Soon Gryzmolowicz was watching TV and saw trucks carrying vaccine doses rolled out from Pfizer's manufacturing facility in Michigan. "I really felt like, wow, we just had such an impact on this world," she said.

The sense of pride showed through the following Monday, Gryzmolowicz said, when she was on a video conference call with co-workers. "Everyone was just glowing," she said. "I've never seen such big smiles."

Then in January, Gryzmolowicz, 32, got to take her 89-year-old grandmother, Lorraine Cannarella, to get her first vaccination dose at a New Jersey state vaccination site at the old Modell's Center in Woodland Park.

Gryzmolowicz said she was so grateful to get Cannarella protected against COVID-19. She joked that she barely minded that her grandmother received a Moderna shot that day. "My nana is one of the most important people in my life."

While at the vaccine site, Gryzmolowicz wore a Pfizer scarf and facemask that read "Science Will Win." Two older gentlemen came up and asked her if she worked at the pharmaceutical giant. She said yes. "Well, thank you so much for your contribution," she recalled one telling her, "It was just so wonderful."

Gryzmolowicz grew up in West Milford, New Jersey. She attended DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne and then earned a bachelor's degree in biology with a chemistry minor from Ramapo College in Mahwah. She still lives in Passaic County. She got her first job at Pfizer at the recommendation of Ramapo College Prof. Dr. Paramjeet Bagga. "I found in her a unique ability to recognize the problem to be solved," Bagga said of Gryzmolowicz.

"She had the most organized and professional approach." Bagga's expertise is bioinformatics — Ramapo College established first bioinformatics major in the U.S. in 2002 — and he said Gryzmolowicz was clearly cut out for the field. "The field is very interdisciplinary," Bagga said. "It focuses on data applying data science, computational

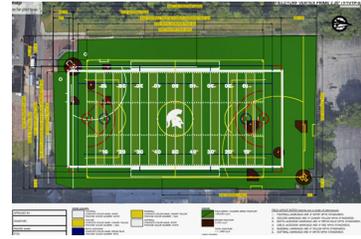
concepts to solve biological problems." He added: "That's what this vaccine's all about."

Congratulations Chaz Cervino Class of 2007



Chaz Cervino has opened up his own consulting practice, called Cervino Co, where he will be helping agencies, partners, athletes, from a sales, business and digital perspective.
(ChazCervino/@ChazCervino Instagram)

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 **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!



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Grades 3-9

Register Here!



Test Prep at DPCHS

July 12-22, 2021

The Test Prep course focuses on preparing middle school students who intend to sit for a High School entrance exam. Students will navigate through the structure and setup of a variety of entrance exams and practice sample content while receiving valuable test-taking tips. Our goals are to familiarize students with possible formats, help them build confidence in their abilities, and give them a competitive advantage on test day.

Questions: forsythk@dpchs.org

Enroll Today!

AROUND THE HALLS

This year, the **Fine and Performing Arts Department** is traveling to the land of Agrabah, a city of mystery and enchantment. As a melting pot of social classes, Agrabah is home to the wealthy Princess Jasmine (Lauren Sahu), as well as the so-called "street rat", Aladdin (Zachary Ruighaver). Aladdin has all but given up life when he discovers a magical lamp that is home to a Genie (Tyler Olechowski). As a gesture of gratitude, the Genie

grants Aladdin three wishes for freeing him.

Join us on **May 1st at 3pm** virtually on our website, as we watch Aladdin use his wishes to transform from a "street rat" into Prince Ali.



Students in the Freshman Class, under the direction of Ms. Sevean and with the help of Mr. Monticello and his talented a/v students, presented the Living Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. The students became more familiar with Jesus' suffering and crucifixion, putting themselves into each scene, as well as developing new friendships.

Some of the Freshmen had this to say:

Katie McGuire - "It was fun participating with my classmates and learning more about Jesus."

Julia Prospero - "I grew closer to my classmates and Jesus over the course of the experience. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year!"

Isabel Nasra - "Participating in the Living Stations made me feel closer to Jesus, knowing what he went through."

Katelyn Correa - "It felt good to use my talents to teach others about Jesus and his sufferings."

Valeria Nunez - "I had fun cooperating with people and learning how to work with others, while using my editing skills."



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 **WALK-THROUGH Tricky Tray**

Saturday, May 22, 2021

DePaul Catholic High School

Attendees can choose from **3**
time slots

12pm - 1:30pm 1:30pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm
- 4:30pm

(these slots are first come first serve)

Entrance Fee - \$20 Ticket packages
start at - \$35

Entrance Fee includes: admission,
1 sheet of small prize tickets and 1 small
door prize

6 pm - Tickets for Small, Medium &
Large prizes will be pulled,
recorded to a spreadsheet and uploaded
to www.depaulcatholic.org

8 pm - Video of Calendar Raffle, Grand
and Super Grand Prizes, Prize Wheels,
Super 50/50 and 50/50 pulls will be
uploaded to www.depaulcatholic.org

Winners can pick up prizes from 8:30 pm
- 10 pm on May 22, 2021
or from 12 pm - 2 pm on May 23, 2021

All sales will be done online.

Social distancing guidelines and executive orders will be in place at all times.

A mask **MUST** be worn at the event.

**Purchase your Entrance and Prize
Tickets Here!**

**Purchase Your 50/50 Tickets
Here!**

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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Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848 dlodoc@aol.com
Maryann Marren 973-580-3401 school12marren@yahoo.com

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*In
Loving
Memory*

Please remember in your prayers members of our Spartan Family that have

passed away recently.

Tyler DiRussa, Class of 2013 Son of Kevin, '81 & Sharon, Sister of Miss Courtney DiRussa
and Nephew of Brian DiRussa, '84

Mr. Thomas Gillooly former Theology Teacher

The Sister Jeanne Academic Scholarship Fund



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THANK YOU!

TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 1ST FISH FRY
IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



STAY CONNECTED

