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# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

## President's Corner

Dr. Robert Stickles, Ed.D., J.D.

Our Next President - John Merritt, '71 !

I'm delighted to advise you that Bishop Sweeney has appointed John Merritt, from the DePaul Catholic Class of 1971, as DePaul's next President. Now our Vice-Principal for Student Affairs, John will assume his new duties on July 1, 2021.

John joined the DePaul community in September 1967 when he entered our school as a freshman. After graduating in 1971, he left Alps Road for Manhattan College, and returned, to teach and to coach, in 1976. He's been here ever since. In those 40+ years, he's held just about every imaginable position within our walls, no job too big or too small. He carries the institutional memory (together with Sister Jeanne), the go-to guy for answers to questions about DePaul's patterns and practices over a full generation of experiences.

John's appointment comes after months of an intense selection process. A number of highly qualified candidates expressed interest in this position, and Bishop Sweeney's choice of John from among such an exceptional field of Catholic educators speaks to the confidence he has in John to lead DePaul to even bigger and better things.

In the three years since I've been here, I've come to develop a deep regard for our next President. John is a man of faith, modest and self-effacing, slow to criticize but quick to encourage and praise. And he loves DePaul, and will work tirelessly for its welfare. We are lucky to have him.

I know you join me in thanking Bishop Sweeney for John's appointment and in wishing John every success.

Best regards,  
Dr. Robert Stickles, President

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community,

As we enter the final week of April, it is important to reflect upon this school year and all that we have been able to accomplish by working together and cooperating with the everchanging guidelines and restrictions imposed on us. No matter the challenge, we successfully faced it head on and have been able to keep our doors open and students engaged in their academic studies.

This week we will be offering the school day SAT on Tuesday, April 27 and almost 60 members of the Junior Class will be taking this exam. On Friday, April 30, the Senior Class will be sporting their College Sweatshirts/T-Shirts as May 1 is the recognized day that commitments are made to their prospective college.

The month of May is the start of the sprint towards the end of the school year. Advanced Placement exams will be administered from May 3 to 17 and Senior Final Exams are scheduled for May 24 to 27, 2021. Bishop Sweeney has given the school a day off and the Bishop's Holiday will be Friday, May 28, with no classes in session.

We continue to monitor the information and guidance from the New Jersey State government agencies as it relates to end of the year activities and hope to be able to provide firm details in the coming weeks. Please continue to check here and your school email for information as it becomes available.

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

### Yearbooks

--When I moderate detention after school or as we sometimes call it, credit remediation, it is a very peaceful hour. We hold detention in the Commons (the old Assembly Room) and it is filled with books including old yearbooks.

Quite often, as the kids are sitting there, I pick up an old yearbook and take a long look back in time.

If the book is from the 1960's I remember names that I have heard about and I am always interested in putting a face to the name. If the book is from the early to mid 70's I look for photos of my brothers or perhaps a photo of the famous music group "Eddie and the Emeralds".

If I look at books from the 80's I see a young teacher trying to figure things out and a group of high school girls with incredibly high hair. The 90's begin to see the hair flatten out a bit and the school continuing to welcome kids from just about everywhere.

If you pick up a yearbook, you are going to be reminded of a few things from the past as you turn the pages.

You find out that early in his coaching life Coach Keil ran the single wing offense that then evolved into the wing t. You also find out he was not the first Coach. Coach McCarren was the first football coach. You find out that Jack Gleason was the first Athletic Director. You are reminded that DePaul began on the second story of Holy Spirit School in 1956.

You will see, as you move through the pages, photos of teachers and fellow students that you have not thought about in years and also photos of teachers and coaches that you will never or can't ever forget.

Looking through an old yearbook offers pictures and memories of a DePaul frozen in time. The cows in the pasture next door. The typing room. The home economics room. The sewing room. Kids hanging at the Milk Barn after a game or after school. Lockers that could barely fit your coat.

Senior pictures on the Peninsula in Packanack Lake. No student cars in the parking lot but a few parked on Joyce Lane across the bridge. The new wing being completed in 1962 (we still call it the new wing) and the old dirt field being transformed into a beautiful state of the art Field. No more glass and rocks.

High School happens only once. It was or it is a big deal.

DePaul was, and continues to be, a big part of that big deal.

When you have a moment, take a look at your old yearbook. I am sure it will rekindle a few memories.

It might be fun!

Stay in Touch!

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## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Mr. John Merritt '71

Interim Admissions Director

On Saturday, we welcomed all of our newly registered students to Alps Road for placement testing and Parent Orientation. The Class of 2025 (Yes, 2025!) is the largest (over 135) and perhaps most academically gifted group that we have enrolled in 6 years. By the numbers, the incoming 9th graders are 45% female, 55% male. They hail from over 50 different towns, and more than 50 different middle schools. Many have been accepted into one of our Honors Academies. We are looking forward to having them, and our 8th Grade Prep students, officially join us in September.

In order to remain true to our motto "large enough to challenge, but small enough to care", we will have to implement a waiting list for the Class of 2025 soon. If you, or your friends, are planning to enroll or apply, please be sure to do this as soon as possible. You can email [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org) for additional information.

We are still accepting applications for our 8th Grade Prep and transfer students (limited seats) at this time. More details about this will be provided at our Virtual Open House on Sunday, May 2nd. Please be sure to RSVP below.

Brynn Merritt Campbell



## 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](http://WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG)



SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

## 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](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 and we anticipate starting a waiting list in the coming weeks.**



*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.

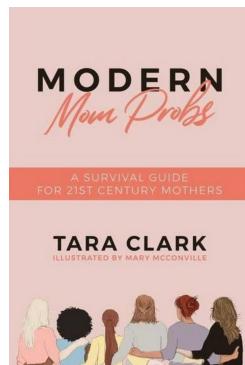


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# Alumni & Advancement News

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

**Congratulations Tara Clark, Class of 1998  
on your Publication!**



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## 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 here 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!

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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

## 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

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



[Click here to listen to what some of our current sponsors & scholars are saying.](#)

### 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!

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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](mailto: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.



## National Honor Society

The senior members of the National Honor Society held their annual fundraising drive for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during March and April. As always, they asked donors to sponsor them in a Trivia Contest. Then, very early on the morning of April 13<sup>th</sup>, they gathered in the Commons and online to participate. Scoring 110 points or higher were Evan Thomas, Lilly Tea, Dana Tagliaferro, and Sofia Tea, with Mia Nguyen leading the way with 120 correct answers.

However, the real winners are the children and their parents at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The NHS members were happy to do their small part to help them by collecting over \$2100. Thanks to all who donated to this cause.

## Theology Department

The Theology Department continues to move forward during this Easter Season. Students are participating in individual class Mass with Fr. Jhon Madrid throughout each week in the Chapel. Classes are continuing their course work and also focusing on Christian Service as we approach the May due dates for completed Christian Service Projects (CSP). The Theology teachers have shared numerous service opportunities so that our students can complete their CSP requirements.

During the month of May, with a focus on our Mother Mary, our DePaul community will be encouraged to participate in a service project collecting baby supplies that will be

shared with women served by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the House of Discernment (CASA) in Paterson. Any type of baby item may be donated. Gift cards, baby clothes, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby creams, baby toys and the like are greatly appreciated. There will be a baby crib at the school entrance for donation drop offs. Gift cards should be given to Ms. Bock.

Our students will also be participating in regular Rosary prayers at the Mary Grotto on campus throughout the month as well. If you have any specific prayer intentions you would like to include please email any of the Theology teachers and we will be sure to include your intentions in our prayers.

Spring Joys to All!

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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  
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](http://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](http://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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Tricky Tray Prep!  
Committee Members Working Hard!





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#### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada **Secretary-** Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuiti  
**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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## The Sister Jeanne Academic Scholarship Fund



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