

June 21, 2021



DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

The Sentinel will return in September. Have a great summer!

A Message From The President

Dr. Robert Stickles

Greetings, Fellow Spartans:

In a few days, on July 1, John Merritt, '71, will take over as President of DePaul Catholic. Our school will be in very good hands. I know you join me in wishing John every success as he assumes his new responsibilities. I'm happy that I'll be staying on in a consulting capacity, helping out however John may wish.

I'm finishing three wonderful years as the DePaul President. I'm grateful to Bishop Serratelli, Bishop Sweeney, Superintendent Mary Baier and Board Chair Ken Marshall, '83, for giving me this opportunity. And I'm grateful as well to all of you, the many friends of DePaul, whose support has been invaluable to me.

A few days ago, I had the privilege of addressing our graduates and talked about what Professor Marcus Borg calls a "thin spot," a place where we feel especially close to our generous God. I told them that I hoped DePaul had been a thin spot for them, where they had sensed, in some form or fashion, God's love, mediated through their teachers, coaches and friends. I know of what I speak: our school has certainly been a Borgian thin spot for me, a corner of God's creation where I've felt especially blessed to be.

A final note: last year, as many of you know, I had a serious tussle with the demon virus. The prayers and good wishes of the DePaul community made a real difference in getting through that, both for me and for my wife and family. You can't imagine how thankful we are for that support.

Good luck and God bless!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Vincent DePaul, pray for us!

Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

We have reached the end of the 2020-2021 School Year and preparations and planning have already started for the 2021-2022 School Year. We pray that we never have another year like this one again but we can never thank you enough for your support and the teachers for their dedication and commitment to the students and the school community.

Just a few reminders as we start the summer...the week of June 21, the office hours will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Summer hours will be from Monday, June 28 to Friday, September 3, 2021 and those hours will be 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

All School Offices will be closed on all Fridays starting on June 25 to August 27, 2021. Offices will also be closed on July 5 and September 3 - 6, 2021.

Important dates to remember:

September 7 – First Day for 8th, 9th and Transfer Students – Full Day (7:30 AM to 2:30 PM)

September 8 – All Students – Full Day (7:30 AM to 2:30 PM)

September 22 – Back to School Night (7:00 PM)

Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus. If you are a graduate and are in the neighborhood, please stop in and say hello.

Please enjoy the summer break and we will be in touch over the summer as we are made aware of the health and safety regulations that may be in place for September, 2021.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71
Vice Principal, Student Life

Happy Summer!

This edition marks the end of another school year of Sentinel Moving Forward articles.

Thanks for reading the articles and for your feedback. I especially appreciate the one feedback comment that stated, in no uncertain terms, that I was "out of my mind and still living in the dark ages". I have since purchased a miners helmet with the light on the front. I will wear it with the light on forever as I attempt to find my way into the light of modern thinking.

Well, I'll try.

Bishop Sweeney has appointed me President of DePaul Catholic beginning July 1st. I am thrilled, excited and humbled. I am, of course, a bit nervous so a little prayer directed in my way will really help.

Today, I was visited by Monsignor O'Rorke the second Director (President) of DePaul. It was great to talk about the times between 1975-82 when he was "the Boss".

Father O'Rorke was my 9th grade Theology teacher, and he is the person who hired me in 1976 as a History teacher. It was a great day when he offered me a teaching contract. That 4 figure salary I was offered made me feel like a rich man.

Father O'Rorke continues to be a great role model of faith, grace and dignity.

The last day of June will, sadly, be the retirement day of our current President, Dr. Robert Stickles. Also a great role model of great faith, grace and dignity.

Although the good Doctor may be retiring as President, DePaul in this case, will become the Hotel California for him. He may check out, but he will not be permitted to leave. The Doctor will remain in a consulting basis to assist the new guy and to continue, in his own unique way, to improve DePaul.

Here are some ways DePaul is better than it was 3 years ago when he arrived.

1. Enrollment is up a total of 80 students. (unheard of during this difficult time for Catholic education)
2. We are fiscally sound now and positioned well for the future.
3. We have an improved infrastructure and will soon see other improvements.
4. We have been gifted with an improved sense of purpose and a new found sense of humor.

5. We continue to be a school where Faith, Family and Friends are and will always be "the way we roll".

Not too bad for an interim President of 3 years, who spent an entire summer napping while battling, and beating, a serious bout of COVID-19.

So, how do we Spartans thank a guy like Doctor Stickle?

1. Stay the course.
2. Continue to challenge ourselves to improve each day.
3. Remember to laugh and to pray and to be grateful.

Finally, the best way to say thanks is to just say...

Thanks Doctors Stickle and we will see you at work, consulting, bright and early in July, about 11:00am in the Conference Room. Bring a sandwich.

The Hotel DePaul is always open!

"True Spartans may check out, but they never really leave."

Best and Be Well!

Moving Forward will return in September.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

THE HSPT ENTRANCE EXAM IS BACK FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

The HSPT is a mandatory exam for all students who will be applying to a high school within the Diocese of Paterson or Archdiocese of Newark. Due to COVID-19, this required test was not administered for the Class of 2025, but will return for the Class of 2026.

DePaul Catholic offers a summer prep course for this exam. Information on how to register for a spot can be found by clicking the link below. This course is for students who will be starting 8th grade in the fall.

[HSPT Test Prep Course](#)

Class of 2025 Admissions Process

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.***

**Apply Online, Send Your Transcripts,
Test Scores, & Teacher
Recommendation ASAP!**

[Click Here To Apply](#)
Email is best: admissions@dpchs.org

DePaul Catholic High School
CLASS OF
2025

Class of 2025
Only a few seats left!

Apply Now! Register Today!

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

View our Virtual Open House.

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

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

Alumni & Advancement News
[Joe Lennon, Director of Development](#)
[Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations](#)

Brian Buczek 3rd Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, July 17, 2021
Sunset Valley Golf Course
Pompton Plains, NJ

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BuczekGolfOuting2021>



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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The Alumni Scholarship Program

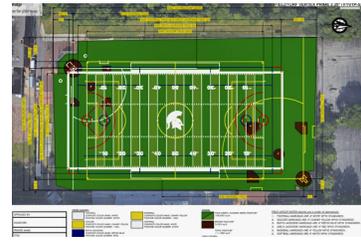
Calling all Alumni! Want to be a part of giving the gift of a Spartan education? The Alumni Scholarship was created in the 2020-2021 school year by DePaul Catholic Alumni. For more information on how to be a part of this scholarship program contact Joe Lennon at

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.](#)

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>



For God, Country, and DePaul Catholic Veteran Families

In order to honor and remember our DePaul Catholic Military Veterans and their families, a Military Memorial site is being developed and planned during the Summer months. Our School Administration and Staff members pictured here will be actively planning future fundraising events and activities in order to honor and remember our DePaul Catholic Military Families.

Pictured from left to right: Russel Petrocelli (Principal), Dr. Robert Stickles (President), Desi Maik (Facilities), John Merritt (Vice Principal), Joe Lennon (Director of Development)

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan



**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

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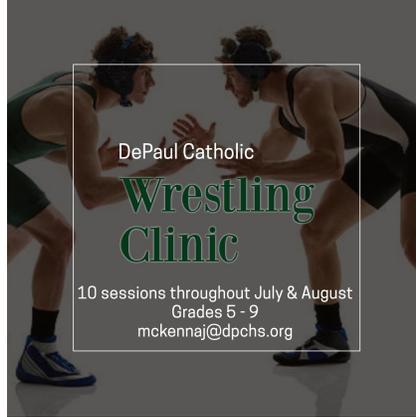
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Spartan Nation

Fred Keil Award for Excellence, Perseverance and Leadership



Congratulations to Kenny Pierce, a rising Senior football player. Kenny was chosen to receive the 4th Annual Fred Keil Award for Excellence, Perseverance and Leadership. Kenny's actions and dedication over the past few years have stood out and this scholarship will cover his senior fees. We are so proud of you, Kenny!

This scholarship is named in memory of Coach Fred Keil, and is presented by his family. Pictured here: Carlin Keil (granddaughter), Nancy Keil, DPC Athletic Trainer (daughter-in-law), Kenny Pierce, Eric Keil (son).



Alumni Lacrosse Game

AROUND THE HALLS

Christian Service Hours

The Theology Department is encouraging all students to start work on their Christian Service Program (CSP) activities during the summer months. There is a list of suggested sites and activities along with the updated program description and required documents. Please check the "Faith" page on the DePaul Catholic High School website for Christian Service Program information!

A Special Thank You

Dear DePaul Catholic High School,

On behalf of the Veterans at VA NJ Health Care System, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your recent donation of thoughtful Memorial Day cards for the Veterans.

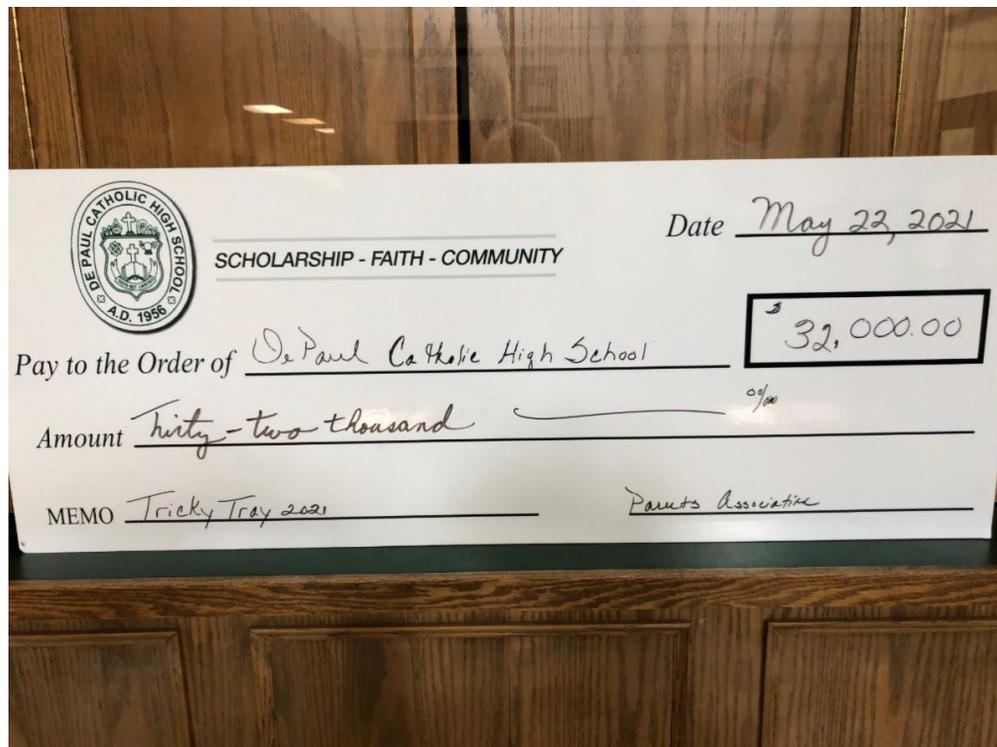
Your interest and generosity contributed to the welfare and comfort of our hospitalized Veterans, we are grateful that you have us in your thoughts and appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,
Lastisha Eaves
Center for Development & Civic Engagement, ADPAC

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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The Sister Jeanne Academic Scholarship Fund



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