



DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Spartan Sentinel

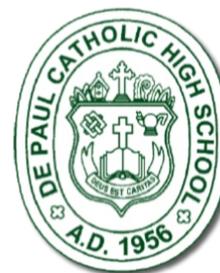
Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

As I get older, it always amazes me how quickly the school year goes by...it is October and 10% of the school year is complete. I ask the students every month, "Have you accomplished 10% of your goals for this school year?" I told the students at the start of the school year, the academic year is a marathon and not a sprint. Pace yourselves well and you will be successful!



After a great start of the year, we head into a busy October. **The Freshman Class Retreat and Sophomore College Night (10/3), a visit from the Board of Trustees of the Tri-County Scholarship Fund (10/4), Parent Conferences (10/11), and Open House – October 14 at 12:00 PM** are just some of the highlighted events as we start the month of October.

Everything that we do here hopefully leads to the same end result – student success! If you are a current parent/guardian of a student and want to talk about your child's academic progress, please plan on attending the **Parent Conferences scheduled for October 11, starting at 1:30 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.

We are looking forward to seeing you at **Parent Conferences on Thursday, October 11, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

Class, Early Bus, Back to School Night, Work, Games, Practice, Homework, Drama, Grades

As we move towards October school fatigue may set in. School fatigue is a temporary physical and mental condition you may experience until you get your second wind.

Suggestions on how to combat school fatigue

- 1) Early to bed.
- 2) Healthy diet. Try something not fried or dipped in sugar, maybe a fruit or vegetable.
- 3) Drink water to stay hydrated.

- 4) Balance your time between academics and other responsibilities.
- 5) Put your phone down and trust you can disconnect for a few minutes each day. Clear your mind.
- 6) Ask for help if you sense you are falling behind in class.
- 7) Read a great book.

Your second wind will be here soon.

Keep the faith!

Purple Turtles

Submitted by Mrs. Baldo



On Sunday, September 23, 2018 a group of Nancy Zambito's co-workers participated in The Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Walk in Paramus NJ.

The team, The Purple Turtles, raised over \$1600 in honor of their friend. Nancy, the DP school nurse for over 10 years, was diagnosed in 2017 with Pancreatic cancer and is bravely fighting this devastating disease at home with the help of her husband and children.

If you would like to become a Purple Turtle there are still shirts available for \$10 or you can make a donation to The Purple Turtle team through the [Lustgarten Foundation's website](#) or by contacting Mrs. Baldo at 973-694-3702 extension 200.

Welcome to DePaul!

Submitted by: Mrs. Percontino

DePaul Catholic is pleased to host the first cohort of the Beijing Haidian School freshman class in 2018-1019. This group of 17 eager and dynamic young international students take academic classes at DP as well as ESOL class with veteran teacher Giovanna Percontino.

The group enjoys a hands-on authentic approach to learning English as second-language learners. The TPR, Total Physical Response, nature of the class allows for success and enjoyment of the English language. The group will be going on

experiential field-trips, watching films and enjoying Karaoke Fridays. Join us in welcoming the BHS Cohort! We are blessed to host them.



An Evening With The Sisters and Bishop

Submitted by: Mrs. Bullman

Photos: Sammi Buttitta '19



DePaul hosted sisters from 8 different religious orders and about 30 young women came to hear about vocations and charisms of the sisters. Bishop Serratelli led the women in a scriptural reflection and Fr. Julio Barrios guided them all through the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before they enjoyed a pizza dinner together.

New Faces in The Social Studies DePARTMENT

Submitted by: Mrs. Dacles

The Social Studies Department welcomes three teachers to the DePaul Catholic Community.

Tamara Brogan will be leading our AP Psychology students and our US History classes.

Joseph Cook will instruct our AP US History students as well as other US History classes. He will also lead our Constitutional Law students.

Finally, **Michael Trommelen** will guide our freshmen through their Modern World Studies classes.

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A Busy Theology Department

Submitted by: Mrs. Bullman

What's going on in the Theology Department? A lot is

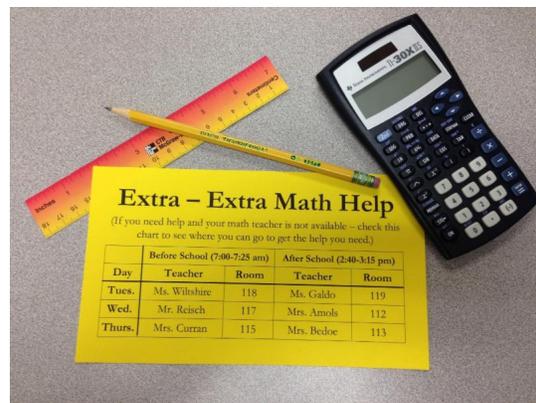
happening here:

Our students are actively working on their studies, ranging from Creation to The Commandments, and more!

The sophomores in Mrs. Bullman's class are getting very creative with their Creation stories. From songs, to games, to artistic impressions of Creation, they are proving their understanding and knowledge.

All students are getting ready to submit their first requirement of Christian Service. The freshmen and sophomores focus on service to children, senior citizens, and the disabled. The juniors will focus on the poor and underprivileged. The 8th grade and senior class can serve in any area of need.

All DePaul Catholic students will be learning about abuse and abusive situations through the "Protecting God's Children" program in Theology class this month. As done in the past, these lessons have been prepared through the Diocese of Paterson's Virtus training program.



"Extra-Extra Math Help"

Submitted by: Ms. Wiltshire

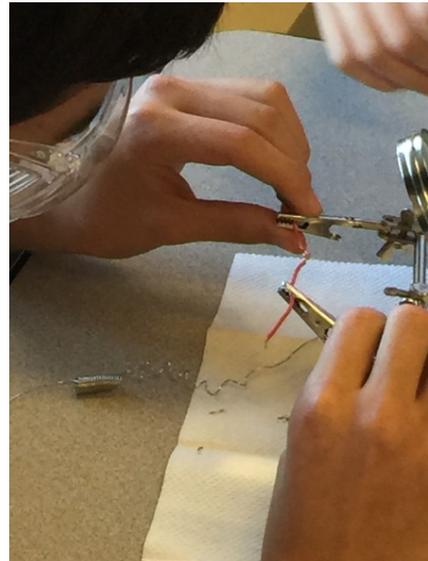
The Mathematics Department will continue the "Extra - Extra Math Help" program this year before and after school. Refer to the chart outside each math teacher's room.

Engineering News

Submitted by: Ms. Sue Parler

Director of Technology

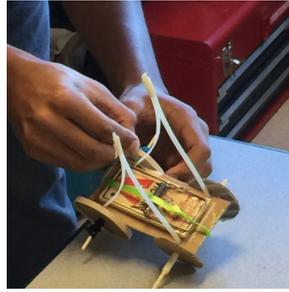
DePaul Catholic's foray into Engineering began in 2013 when two of the best A+ Certification students desired a greater challenge than simply dealing with break-fix technology. It was at that point we entered the Maker Movement, loosely defined as a technology-driven do-it-yourself culture. Our first adventure was to hack a table and make an interactive touch-screen computer. The two young men, already well-versed in woodworking and construction techniques, learned about infrared and haptic technology to convert a 42" television into an interactive multi-touch table driven by a repurposed laptop. It took us nearly three months to accomplish the task to our own degree of satisfaction, but once complete, we were ready to move on.



Five years later, DePaul Catholic's curriculum offerings in Engineering include **Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)**, a largely electronics project-based course, and **Honors Engineering 1 and 2**. Honors Engineering 1 picks up where IED left off with structural, mechanical, and computer science-based design. Engineering 2 is a mechatronic-based course, focused on robotics – computer systems for control, sensory feedback, and information processing.

Rounding out the Engineering department, are two new courses this year: **Design for 3D**

Printing and Interactive 3D Design, both of which use industry-standard development environments to open the DePaul Catholic students to the robust, creative world of 3D.



Science Field Trip

Submitted by: Ms. Ferrito

The DePaul Science Department attends special events in the area to stay current, keep material relevant, and connect classroom with real life. We will be attending the Gulliver's Gates exhibit in midtown New York, which is a collection of miniature interactive and animated models of places from around the world. An artist from each country created these very detailed miniature masterpieces that transport visitors. It really is scientific disciplines in action. This special exhibit is worthy of our second visit. <https://gulliversgate.com/>



Fine & Performing Arts Department

Submitted by: Mr. Monticello

The Fine & Performing Arts Department is excited to announce our 2019 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods*! We are currently seeking students who are interested in participating in any capacity. Whether a student can sing, dance, act or just wants to be a part of our amazing crew, all are welcome to join our production. Anyone who may have missed our initial interest meeting on September 26, don't worry – it's not too late to sign up. Simply email Mr. Monticello or see him in person, and he will be happy to give you more information about the show!

We are especially excited to offer a new course at DePaul this year, **DePaul Voices**. This *capella*, glee club-styled vocal group performs arrangements of pop music by artists such as Bruno Mars, Pentatonix and Deke Sharon (the music director for the movie 'Pitch Perfect'). Come see us in our first public performance at the October 30th Open House, where we'll be performing Bruno Mars' *Count on Me*.



College Guidance

Ms. Christine McGovern '90

Director of Guidance

Our seniors are very productive as they head into the college application process. Admission reps

will be very impressed with our students as a majority of the Class of 2019 will have applied to college by the first major early deadline, **November 1**.

Don't forget the FAFSA opens **October 1**.

On **October 3, 7PM**, the guidance department will be hosting **Sophomore Guidance Night**. All sophomores and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Interact Club

Submitted by Noah Marchese '19

DePaul Catholic's Interact Club has already entered into its new year in full swing! Having already completed its first project, during which it donated school supplies to the Father English Community Center, the club has taken up two new, exciting



projects for October. The first project, with a deadline of **Monday, October 15**, is the collection of gently used Halloween and Dance costumes. The costumes can be in sizes ranging from children as young as toddlers to teens in High School. The Interact Club wants to help ensure that everyone can enjoy the spirit and fun of Halloween! Along with this project, the Interact club will also be collecting new and gently used books for young children under the age of 12, with a deadline of **Friday, October 26**. If anyone wishes to help out the Interact Club, all donations can be dropped off to Room 104 or to the designated boxes located in the main lobby!

The DePaul Catholic Interact Club is sponsored by the Wayne Rotary

Pictured above, The Interact Club prepares fall artwork to be distributed with Meals on Wheels and in children's wards in hospitals.



Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti

Director of Development

Class of 1978. Save the Date November 17th for your 40th anniversary celebration. Contact Alice Breeman (ambreeman@gmail.com) or Debbie Lozito (dlodoc@aol.com) for info.

The Class of 1983 celebrated their 35th reunion on September 22nd here on campus and rekindled their friendships. Thanks to Paula Kotowski and Lynne Douglas for their leadership!

The Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th reunion as well at The Regency. Several alumni from out of town stopped by during the week to visit the school before returning home. Thanks to Bob Brown for leading our alumni home for their Jubilee year.

Admissions News

Ms. Anne Rotundo

Director of Admissions

The Office of Admissions is gearing up this week to welcome our Future Spartans for a Day! All current 8th graders are invited to Spend a Day as a Spartan, to experience a day in the life of a current DePaul Catholic student. Appointments are filling up quickly, if you know of, or have a Future Spartan, please extend the invitation to shadow.

Our first Open House is right around the corner.

We will welcome prospective students and families on **Sunday, October 14 at 12:00PM**. Our goal is to showcase all that DePaul Catholic has to offer. All are welcome! If you would like to attend one of our Open House events register online at www.depaulcatholic.org.



We are excited to welcome 21 new student Ambassadors to the Admissions team this fall. Ambassadors have a key role in the Admissions office. Our Ambassadors are excited to share everything they love most about DePaul Catholic with prospective students and families.

We welcome you to come visit us anytime for a school tour or visit with a member of our Administration!

Spartan Nation

Coach Joe Lennon

Athletic Director

Update on the Lighting Project

Lights have been installed, however we do not yet have town approval to turn them on. We are working in conjunction with the town, the county, and our contractor to rectify these issues as soon as possible. We thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during these unanticipated delays.

Sunday, October 21, 2018

DePaul Catholic High School

9am - Mass
9:30am - Check-in
10:15am - Start



Registration for DePaul Catholic's first Color Fun Run/Walk is well underway. We are closing in on our goal of 200 registrants. The members of student government have been making a big push to both our DePaul students and parents as well as their outside community. We hope to see all of you on October 21.

This color walk/run features a designated FUN 2.2 mile course. During the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line.

Register Today: <https://secure.getactivefundraising.com/event/DPCHS>

Questions?
Christine McGovern, '90
Director of Guidance
mcgovernc@dpchs.org

WHAT'S THE SCOOP!



DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?



If you have any questions, contact us at DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com



Sunday, October 21st

We are still looking for help.
E-mail us if you are interested in volunteering.



Save the Date -- April 10, 2019

Send us an e-mail if you are interested
in volunteering to help with our
BIGGEST event of the year.
Thanks to all who came to the
Interest meeting on Sept. 26th.

PA Volunteer pic of the week!

Special Thanks to Snack Stand Volunteers



Maria Mercaldi, Ben Otto, Deon Otto, Taraj Jn-Louis

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is

Wednesday, October 17th at 7pm

In the Commons Room!

All are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!



Stop&Shop

Sign up for A+ School Rewards

DePaul Catholic School ID# - 08465

<https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards/>

Know someone interested in
attending DePaul?



October 14 12pm - 2pm

October 30 6pm - 8pm

We are looking for Ambassadors to greet
potential families. This year, you will be asked
to join new families in the cafeteria where we
will have a "Meet the Spartan Family" mini
cafe style forum. If you are able to volunteer,
please e-mail us.

What to keep on your radar...

Calendar Raffle

and

Pot of Gold Raffle

Please feel free to contact us at DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com

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