



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:

This past Sunday, October 14, we hosted our first Open House of the season and it is hard to believe that, as one school year is still in its infancy, we are planning for the next school year. Tempus Fugit! I would encourage our present families to be our "ambassadors" and spread the word of the positive happenings here at DePaul Catholic High School to prospective families. The Tri-County Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to many DePaul Catholic High School students and they host a gala each year to provide the funding for these scholarships. One student is selected from all of the schools that they support to address the gala, which will attract more than 600 dinner guests. This year's gala will be held on October 22 and I am pleased to inform you that this year Alba Rosario of our senior class has been given the honor of addressing the gala. This is a great honor for Alba and for DePaul Catholic High School.

We will be hosting a **Blood Drive on Monday, October 29** during the school day in the Information Commons. We would encourage all eligible students to consider the gift of life by being part of the Blood Drive.

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. St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

Learning to Win Well in Victory and Defeat

As educators we are constantly reminding our students, and student-athletes, of the importance of good sportsmanship, not being selfish, humility and grace, both in victory and in defeat.

Watching our student spectators (The Pit) and our student-athletes as they compete and/or attend games, I believe the message is getting through.

Learning to **Win Well** is important not just for our students. It is important for parents, friends and just visiting spectators.

Some suggestions:

- Enjoy the game. Athletic events should not make you angry.
- Enjoy watching the kids, your kids, play. They are still kids. Mistakes will be made!
- Always keep in mind it's high school sports, no matter what ESPN or the newspapers say.
- Respect the fans around you through positive behavior while attending the game.
- Yelling will not make your child play better, the coach coach better or the ref officiate better.
- Yelling is just annoying to the fan next to you in the bleachers and causes bad or hurt feelings.

Finally,
When the game is over, win or lose, it's over.

Your student-athlete, friends and others don't want to hear you complaining about the refs, the coach, the weather, the time of the game, etc. Be proud of the kids, your kids, and move on. **Appreciate and enjoy the athletic gift God has bestowed on your child.**

Best,

John Merritt, VP Student Life
Assistant Football Coach 1977-2003
Track Coach 1977-2012

Dia de los Muertos

Submitted by: Mrs. Gottesman

The Spanish Classrooms are discussing "Dia de los Muertos" On October 31 – November 2.

Dia de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead, is a lively Mexican holiday that draws on indigenous and European traditions. It combines Aztec ritual with Catholicism which was brought to Mexico by the Spanish Conquistadores. It is celebrated on All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Dia de los Muertos celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties, and activities that the dead enjoyed during their life. On Dia de los Muertos, the dead are also a part of the community, awakened from their eternal sleep to share celebrations with their loved ones.



Mu Alpha Theta

Submitted by: Ms. Galdo

DePaul Catholic's chapter of the National Math Honor Society Mu Alpha Theta congratulates their newly elected officers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Shown in the photo: President Sofia Holtje, Secretary Jesse Conklin and Vice-President Sofia Nasiek.

Fine & Performing Arts Department

Submitted by: Mr. Monticello

The Fine & Performing Arts Department will be holding auditions for our Spring Musical, *Into the Woods*, on **Tuesday, November 6 @ 2:45pm** in the Music Room. If you missed the initial interest meeting, 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. Our

performances of *Into the Woods* will be on **Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13 @ 7pm**. Mark your calendars now for one (or both) of these incredible evenings!

We are especially excited to offer a new course at DePaul this year, **DePaul Voices**. This *a 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*.



Facing History

Submitted by [Mrs. Bullman](#) and [Mrs. Dacles](#)

Mrs. Bullman, Theology Teacher, and Mrs. Duane-Dacles, Chair of the Social Studies Department, recently attended a screening at the HBO Screening Center in New York City. The event was sponsored by Facing History, an organization dedicated to promoting peace and justice through education. They saw a preview of a new documentary on Martin Luther King, Jr. and witnessed a panel discussion lead by Lee Daniels, director of the film *The Butler*.

A Trip To the VanRiper Hopper House

Submitted by [Mrs. Percontino](#)

The visiting Beijing Haidian Students learned about Dutch settlers at the VanRiper Hopper House in Wayne. The 17 students learned about weaving, candle making and the Dutch traditions the immigrants included in their new American lives. The students also played traditional games, used quill pens and enjoyed the tea salon! Such an interesting history lesson come to life.



Tri-County Scholarship Fund Visit

Submitted by Dr. Stickles

On Thursday, October 4th, DePaul had its annual visit from representatives of the Tri-County Scholarship Fund. Tri-County was established almost forty years ago, and has awarded \$27,000,000 since then in Catholic school scholarships to students from the Paterson Diocese's three counties.

DePaul currently enrolls forty-eight students who have received Tri-County Scholarships, scholarships totaling almost \$200,000 per year. Many of them joined our visitors for a reception in our Information Commons.

This year's visit included remarks from the Tri-County trustees in attendance, some "networking chats" whereby some of our Tri-County students enjoyed informal exchanges with our guests about careers, and tours of the school led by our Tri-County students where the trustees had a chance to see DePaul in operation.

All in all, this was a most successful day, and we look forward to welcoming Tri-County back again next year.



Professional Day at DePaul

Dr. Maria Nuccetelli treated the DP staff to pearls of wisdom and personal anecdotes at our most recent Professional Development Day. Having served education for over 50 years, including terms as the Wayne Superintendent of Schools and the Passaic County Superintendent, Dr. Nuccetelli brought a wealth of knowledge in an entertaining and educational morning for the DePaul Catholic teaching staff.

Another Midnight Run - October 20th

Submitted by Mrs. Haggerty

The Junior Honors Theology classes at DePaul are once again preparing for the first of three MIDNIGHT RUNS this year. What is a MIDNIGHT RUN? Well... about 25 students from Mrs. Haggerty's class, and parent chaperones are given 4-5 stops in MANHATTAN on a given night. The DePaul group comes to the designated stop and brings clothing, blankets, toiletries, backpacks, socks & underwear, fresh food, soup and coffee to the homeless population who in turn greatly appreciate the needed supplies. It's an amazing experience for all involved!!



Wayne EMS and the Medical Science Club

Submitted by Mrs. Ferrito

Our science department is vibrant, active, always seeking to improve our knowledge base. One such ongoing adventure in learning is the Medical Science Club activities. Here we have EMT William Hall '15 explaining to our students what it is like to be an active member of Wayne's First Aide Squad. Opportunities like this can take the students out of the classroom and help them to realize the possibility of their dreams.



Technology News

DePaul Catholic's 1:1 Tablet PC Program piloted in 2003 with a select group of students and all staff. The then cutting-edge Tablets by today's standards were clunky -- weighing in at just over six pounds apiece. Students were issued their Tablets as a freshman and graduated with the same Tablet PC four years later. The construction of the Tablet made in-house repairs possible through the IT Office.

Well, we've come a long way baby! Acknowledging the volatility of the consumer technology market, Sue Parler, the Technology Coordinator put forth a plan for a two-year, rather than four-year technology renewal program. New Tablet PCs are issued to all freshmen, collected at the conclusion of their sophomore year, and then all juniors receive new next generation Tablet PCs. The thinking behind the plan was three-fold: 1) Stay of the cutting edge, 2) Better assurance of reliable and available technology for classroom use, and 3) The newer Tablets are shipped out for repair rather than repaired in-house, alleviating the strain on the IT Staff.



Now in the third year of implementation, Parler could not be happier with the transition. "Students, especially seniors, have a tool that is fully functional. On average, I get three or four students to coming into the IT Office during open hours and most of their issues can be handled within minutes. Our entire school is using an industry standard, Microsoft Surface Tablet, with Office 2016, and access to numerous Adobe and Autodesk programs. At one point, we led the technology revolution to 1:1 computing, but there came a time, we were looking into the taillights of others that had surpassed us. Well, we are now back as the front-runners, with our staff and students doing some amazing work and honing authentic 21st Century Skills."

College Guidance

Ms. Christine McGovern '90
Director of Guidance

Over the past month numerous college representatives have visited DePaul to speak with our juniors and seniors about their respective schools. Some of the colleges that have visited are Villanova University, Sacred Heart University, Stonehill College, University of Alabama, Monmouth University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Ramapo College, Manhattan College, as well as many others. Next week the Guidance Department will be hosting George Mason University, University of Delaware, Fordham University, Penn State University, Lasell

College, The University of Scranton, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Pace University. The Guidance Department also hosted Sophomore Guidance Night last week. Sophomore counselor, Mrs. Covello and NCAA Compliance Counselor, Miss Hall, provided parents with information regarding rigor of the transcript, National Honor Society, dual enrollment, beginning the college process, NCAA eligibility, etc.



Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti
Director of Advancement

Reunion

Class of 1978 celebrates their 40th Anniversary on November 17, 2018, Saturday with dinner, entertainment and great conversation. RSVP to Alice Breeman at ambreeman@gmail.com, or, Debbie Lozito at dlodoc@aol.com.

Alumni Association

The Spartan Alumni Association is a work-in-progress. Let us know your thoughts and expectations for an Association. Reach out to Carmela Raiti at raitic@dpchs.org.

Sr. Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund Appeal

There are times when fate throws a family a curve ball and a student's continual stay here is in jeopardy. The Sr. Pat Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to deserving students whose families face unexpected financial demands.

The fundraising Appeal will arrive in your mailbox soon. Please give. (Thank you)

www.depaulcatholic.org/makeagift/

The Homecoming & Memorial Mass are cancelled, as the completion of the Field Light project is still pending. We look forward to bringing our alumni home to a full Spartan experience in the near future.

Admissions News

Ms. Anne Rotundo
Director of Admissions

The excitement is building in the Office of Admissions, our first **Fall Open House** was a big success! We still have space available for any interested student who would like to attend our next Open House which will be held on **Tuesday October, 30 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**. Open House provides visitors an opportunity to meet our faculty, coaches, club advisors, current students and DePaul Catholic parents. Tours of the building are offered as well as sessions which will include: Humanities & Celebrating the Arts, Engineering, Faith, Spirituality and Service, the First Year Experience, and Science Lab demonstrations. This is always an exciting day for our community, and we hope to see you there!

We welcomed a full house of prospective students last week as we kicked off the beginning of our **Shadow Days**. Space is limited, if you, or someone you know is interested in Spending the Day as a Spartan, [register online today!](#)

Applications for the 2019-2020 admissions cycle are open. Applications can be submitted online, with a preferred filing date of December 9th for our freshman applicants, and February 1, 2019 for our 8th Grade Preparatory students, all other students will be considered on a rolling basis. If you are 9th Grade applicant: don't forget to register for the HSPT. The registration deadline is fast approaching! If you have questions, or wish to schedule a visit at DePaul Catholic contact the Office of Admissions today, we look forward to meeting you soon!



Spartan Nation

Coach Joe Lennon
Athletic Director

[Play Like A Champion Today - Parent Notes](#)

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Champion Parent Note

Educating Parents and Developing Champion Athletes

Character Education Through Sports

Gratitude



Research has found that the practice of gratitude has a tremendous impact on our lives, with significant increases in our health and happiness. Sport parents, [watch the video](#) and learn the importance of setting an example of gratitude in your family. Whether we're grateful for the opportunity to watch our young athletes play or for specific moments along their sports journey, let's focus on the positive and remember to express our gratitude to the athletes and coaches who make up this wonderful experience.



The 10 Commandments of Sports Parenting

As sports parents, we want the best for our young athletes and we'll do anything we can to help them. Sometimes though, it's good to have a reminder of how we can help provide the best possible experience for them. With that in mind, Play Like a Champion created the [Sports Parents Code of Conduct](#) and the [10 Commandments for Sports Parents](#).

Committing to these commandments will help you to be a great supporter of your young athlete and set an important example for fellow sports parents.

Let There Be Light!

It's official! The town of Wayne has finally granted us permission to turn on our new field lights. **Tomorrow will be the first official game under the lights.** Girls Varsity Soccer will take on Hawthorne at 7pm in the quarterfinals of the Passaic County Tournament. **Friday, Varsity Football will host Don Bosco Prep for Senior Night. 7pm kick off. Senior Night festivities will begin at 6:30pm.**

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 wrapping up. We are well over our goal of 200 runners, and are closing in on the 300 mark!



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
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We are in need of donations!

If you can contribute any of the following, please let us know:
Gatorade, bagels, muffins, granola bars, bananas, fruit snacks, paper towels, wipes, etc.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP!

Submitted by the Parents' Association

If you have any questions, contact us at DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com
Click the photo for more details!



DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?



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Hold onto all those clothes the kids have grown out of! DePaul will soon have a great way to put them to good use! Make sure to check the next edition of the Spartan Sentinel for all the exciting details!

If you absolutely MUST get your clothing, linen and/or shoe donations out the door, you can still bring them in tied bags and drop off in the shed at the end of the parking lot.



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.

PA Volunteer pic of the week!
Special Thanks to our Gate Volunteers



Carmen Tomeio and Debbie Lozito

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

President: Chris Marren, Vice President: Allison Beshada, Secretary: Jean Raftery, Secretary: Mina Farrell, Treasurer: Kim Wilderson, Public Relations: Brenda Salamon, Advisor: Sr. Jeanne Agans

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!

Calendar Raffle

Drawings begin 12/23 but it's never too soon to **get your ticket in!**
For additional tickets contact:
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Dawn Curran dds4@verizon.net
Cindy Winkler cinwinkler@optonline.net

Know someone interested in attending DePaul?



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.



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