



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:

The first marking period of the school year came to an end on November 2 and now Thanksgiving has passed us by... as I get older, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the school year passes. I asked the students earlier this month, with the end of the first marking period – have they accomplished 25% of their goals for the school year?



Our Mass of Thanksgiving was a joyous and prayerful way to usher in the long holiday break. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the people and all that we have that give us joy and peace. As the DePaul Catholic High School Community, we are grateful for the people that comprise this community and allow it to thrive and prosper.

Sunday, December 2, 2018, we enter the holy season of Advent in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Take the four weeks of Advent to continue the period of reflection for all that we are thankful for and the joyous birth of Our Lord.

We invite all parents, families, friends, and alumni to our Senior Mass of Light, which will be celebrated on **Friday, December 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM**. At the conclusion of Mass, school will be in recess for the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

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

Questions Your Child Needs Your Help Answering

- 1) Should I hang out with people who do not enhance my life, but are fun to be around?
- 2) Should I drink, smoke, vape or juul so I can fit in?

- 3) What if my friend or acquaintance is having a problem with the above substances? Should I say something?
- 4) Should I take the car keys if my friend is not capable of driving safely?
- 5) Will my parents be able to afford the college of my dreams if I get in?
- 6) What should I major in?
- 7) Is there a future in what interests me for my life's work?
- 8) Should I live at school or live home when I go to college?
- 9) Why do I need algebra?*

**I've heard it said, by a wise educator, that one of the reasons you should learn and master algebra is so you can help your children with their algebra homework someday.*

- 10) How should I handle myself on social media?
- 11) Should I quit the team?

(These first 11 questions are the easy ones. They get much more complicated as your child gets older.)

These questions and many more are anchors holding your child back from moving forward.... until they are answered.

The more questions answered, the fewer the anchors, the lighter the load to pull as your child moves forward through life.

I hope you are never too busy to assist your child in finding the answers!

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Thanksgiving Mass & First Quarter Honor Roll

photos submitted by [Ms. Gabriele](#)

On Wednesday, November 21st our community gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving. We welcomed a number of alumni back to our school, and as always, invite all of you to join us at any of our Masses.

After our Thanksgiving Liturgy last Wednesday, our DePaul Community congratulated 191 students for achieving Honor Roll status for Quarter One. As always, we encourage ALL students to strive to make the most of their God given gifts, and aim to do their best. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!!

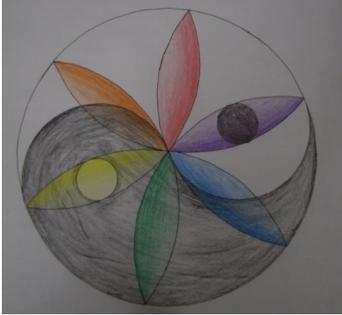


What's Happening In Geometry?

submitted by [The Math Department](#)

Temporarily stepping away from calculations, Mrs. Amols had her Geometry students create shapes. Equipped with only a compass, pencil and straightedge, they produced these designs using the pure form of geometric constructions.





ESOL Enjoys Thanksgiving

submitted by [Mrs. Percontino](#)

The ESOL class created their own fall/Thanksgiving holiday bulletin board. Included was a Thankful Turkey that included what the students were thankful for.



It wouldn't be a proper American Thanksgiving without turkey and all the trimmings. The ESOL class was treated to a special lunch after our Thanksgiving liturgy.

The students enjoyed turkey, potatoes, homemade cranberry and more. Don't forget the pumpkin pie!

We gave thanks and have plenty of blessings to be thankful for.

Delicious and joyful!

Interact Club News

submitted by [Mrs. Dacles](#)

Members of the DePaul Catholic Interact Club stand before 155 Christmas tags. Each tag represents an item that needs to be purchased for our Christmas drive. Please stop by Room 104 to pick up a tag. Then purchase your item and return it, unwrapped, by Tuesday, December 4. Help make Christmas a little Merrier for others!





Members of the Interact Club load the Thanksgiving Food Drive donations into the Catholic Charities van. Thanks to the generosity of the DePaul Catholic Community, we were able to donate enough food to feed over 40 families. Great job!

Midnight Run

submitted by: [Mrs. Haggerty](#)

Another group of 25 juniors participated in a 'Midnight Run' on November 17. The students encountered many grateful people and their efforts, along with ten parent chaperones, were very well received! Thank you to all who so generously donated during this season of Thanksgiving!



Thank you, Parent Volunteers

photo submitted by HSA



2018-2019 Tricky Tray Committee



Thanks for keeping the grill going no matter what the weather!

Bill Hart, Bob Niemiec, Deon Otto and Karl Halpin

Admissions News

Mrs. Anne Brewer

Director of Admissions

Another month has come and gone in the Office of Admissions, and we have been busy hosting many visitors over the past couple of weeks. We hosted several Discovery Days for prospective parents, which provide an opportunity to meet with our President, Principal, faculty and current students. If you, or someone you know, are still interested in attending a Discovery Day, the next event will be held on **Friday December, 14 at 9:00AM**, registration is [available online](#).

Application season is fast upon us. ***The deadline to submit an application for the 2019-2020 school year is December 7.*** If you have any questions please call the Office of Admissions, our team is available to assist you through the process. Admissions decisions will be emailed and mailed home on **January 10-11** to all completed applicants. HSPT scores will be released to high schools during the week of December 12. For any student who missed the HSPT, the test will be offered at DePaul Catholic during the week of January 14, 2019. Please call the office to schedule a testing date. We wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Spartan Nation

Coach Joe Lennon

Athletic Director



Congratulations, Coach McKenna!

On Monday, December 3rd, Coach John McKenna will be receiving the Football Coaches Honor Award from the NJSIAA.

Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti

Director of Advancement

DePaul Catholic Alumni Association new!

The new Alumni Association will be recruiting **class captains** to help keep our alumni networks informed and engaged. Be sure to update your contact information via [AlumniUpdate18](#) More to come!

The Alumni Field Lights Project

Though the Field is looking brighter nowadays, the Lights Project is still a work-in-progress. We are looking forward to celebrating with you all, come Spring and the official Launching of the Lights!!

To donate, just click [LightOurFuture](#).



Sister Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

The Sr. Pat Fund provides much needed tuition assistance to deserving students whose stay at DePaul is in jeopardy. Our thanks to all who have contributed to the Fund. The appeal is still underway. To donate just click, [SrPatFund](#).

Welcome Back Class Reunion

The Class of 1978 celebrated their 40th Anniversary!
Thank you Debbie and Alice for leading the way.

If you are planning a reunion for your class year,
Advancement can assist with reaching out to your
classmates. Just let us know.



Upcoming Reunion celebrations are being planned for the
Classes of 1969, 1999, 1979 and 1964.



WHAT'S THE SCOOP!

Submitted by the Parents' Association

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Save the Date April 10, 2019 WE NEED YOU!

Come join our Tricky Tray Team!!! It's not too late to sign up to volunteer to help with the biggest event of the year. If you're interested please contact one of the chairpersons. If you have any baskets you don't want, the Tricky Tray Committee will be happy to take them. You can drop them off at the front office starting NOW! Also, it is never too early to start sending in donations! Just include your name and retail value on the items so we know who to credit for the donation.

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Our next PA Executive Board meeting is
Wednesday, December 5th at 7pm

In the Commons Room!
All are welcome to attend.
Hope to see you there!



It's CYBER MONDAY!

Are you planning to do any online shopping for your favorite people? Grab a Peppermint Mocha and start going through your list! (Don't forget to check it twice!)

This year consider supporting DePaul while you do your holiday shopping at no extra cost with [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Choose **DePaul Catholic High School Inc** as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!



It's time to start decorating, which means making room! A green clothing bin for donations is in the back corner of the parking lot. NOW is a great time to donate that sweater you haven't worn in a year. Just drop your items in the bin when you drop off or pick up your kids from school.

The holidays are a great time to clean out your closet and donate while you organize!

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CALENDAR RAFFLE

Drawings begin 12/25!
With the holidays approaching, sell to family or buy some yourself as stocking stuffers. Please help our DePaul Family by selling your 10 raffles that went home in late Sept. If you need more, the office has some or contact one of the chairpersons.



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