



# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Spartan Sentinel

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

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### Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

Hard to believe that we are here at Christmas Break...this is a busy and joyful time of the school year...Senior Class Christmas Lunch...Festival of Carols...Hot Chocolate and Caroling at lunch time...all the things that remind us of the greatest gift given to us – the Birth of Christ! We also remember the work done for those who are less fortunate than us...the collection of the giving tree gifts by the Interact Club and the students who traveled to Straight and Narrow to sort items for the clients. All of this speaks to the community of DePaul Catholic High School and the giving nature of our students and staff. It is a blessing for me to serve here!



Please take the time over the Christmas Break to enjoy time with family and friends. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

In order to recapture lost instructional days during the Second Marking Period, ***DePaul Catholic High School will return from Christmas Break and open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. This is a change from the originally published 2018-2019 School Calendar.***

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!

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### Remembering Former School Nurse, Nancy Zambito

The DePaul Catholic Community mourns the loss of our former school nurse, Nancy Zambito. Mrs. Zambito passed away earlier this month after an 18 month battle with cancer. Prior to her diagnosis, she was the DePaul school nurse for over a decade. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Zambito's family and friends.

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# Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

Forget Christmas! Forget New Year's Eve!

The thing that excites me most about the New Year are mid-term exams.

I have always enjoyed exams, especially mid-terms. Cold, dark days filled with studying and a bit of apprehension. Invigorating! As a student, it was the opportunity to raise your grade and check your academic progress. As a teacher, it was an opportunity to review the progress of all your classes. Plus, exams are just a flat out good time and also **important**.

That's why I can't for the life of me figure out why kids don't like exams. Because they don't like exams they sometimes do not prepare by studying for exams. This also makes no sense. Of course, all parents know the dates of exams and have marked the dates on their calendar. This allows the parents to be aware if their child is preparing or not.

## ***So how are kids getting away with not studying?***

- Could they be telling mom and dad that they study at school? Our academic schedule does not provide for many study periods during the week. So when is this, "in school, studying", happening?
- Could they be telling mom and dad that the teacher says they do not need to study? I am not sure I have ever heard a teacher say that.
- Could it be that the student is in his or her room, saying they are studying when in fact they are not?

## ***What should parents do to ensure that their children prepare properly for exams?***

Suggestions:

- Get the exam schedule in advance.
- Make sure your child discusses the value of exams with you.
- Your child needs to hear you discussing exams in a positive way, not as a chore.
- Be both excited and serious about the value of exams for your child.
- Know your child's academic strength and weakness beyond what the grades say.
- Make your child study publicly in your home. No phone available. You need to see them studying. Allow your child to invite one other student to study with them in that public place.
- Quiz your child, vocabulary, dates etc.
- Check your child's exam grades as soon as they are available.
- Discuss the outcome of all exams with your child and also the teacher, if necessary.
- Be embarrassed if your child does poorly and let them know it, as they should also be embarrassed.
- Be joyful when your child does well and let them know it, as they should be joyful when they do well.

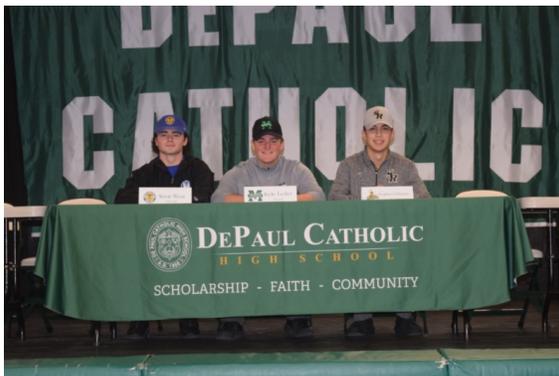
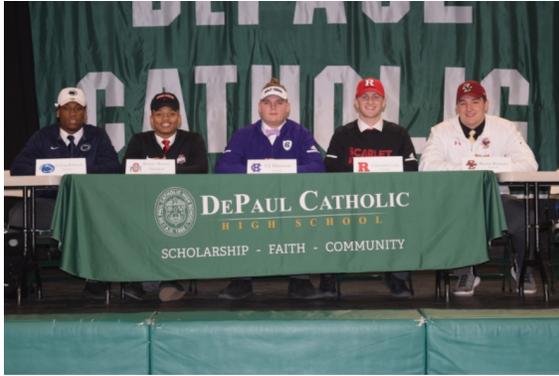
***Students are most successful when the education triangle is working properly.*** The triangle is School, Student and Parent all doing their job, to the best of their ability, to successfully educate the child.

Final thoughts:

Teaching is hard, however parenting is the hardest. There is no finish line in parenting. You will be a parent until the day you go home to God in heaven. There is no escape. Just try to be the type of parent you hope your child will be someday.

Best of luck! Hurray for exams!

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## Spartan Nation

Coach Joe Lennon

Director of Athletics

### Signing Day

On Wednesday, in front of a full school assembly, 11 student-athletes from 4 teams committed to play their sport at the collegiate level. Thank you to the parents, coaches, administration, teachers, and students who made Signing Day a huge celebration.

### Football

- **Ta'Quan Roberson** - Penn State University
- **Ronnie "Rocket" Hickman** - Ohio State University
- **CJ Hanson** - Holy Cross
- **Chris Conti** - Rutgers
- **Blerim Rustemi** - Boston College

### Baseball

- **Scott West** - Western New England University
- **Kyle Lesler** - Manhattan College
- **Stephen Orlando** - St. Rose

### Girls Soccer

- **Victoria Carnevale** - Coastal Carolina University

### Wrestling

- **Ricky Cabanillas** - Brown
- **Nicky Cabanillas** - Brown

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### Links To Articles From The Event

[NJ.Com](#) - Andrew Koob

[NorthJersey.Com](#) - Darren Cooper

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*Merry Christmas!*



Senior Christmas Lunch at  
La Neve's in Haledon.



Ugly Sweater Day  
*Styled by Queen Baldo*



Photos with Santa

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## **Festival of Carols**

submitted by Mr. Lombardi

The sounds of the season filled the halls of DePaul Catholic recently as the Fine and Performing Arts Department presented A Festival of Carols. Directed by Mr. Andrew Monticello, the program included nine traditional Bible readings for Christmas interspersed with songs performed by the DePaul Voices singers and student musicians. Members of the Forensics Club, guided by Ms. Oresta Ferrito, lended their talents as the lecturers. As visitors approached the school they were delighted by beautiful luminaria lining the walkway and stairs. Several attendees commented on how much they enjoyed the holiday sing-along that concluded the program. Hot cocoa, cookies and candy canes provided a perfect ending to a peaceful, inspiring event!



## DePaul Football Celebrates Christmas with Friends

submitted by [Mrs. Gorski](#)

Residents of the Barnet and Fitzpatrick Houses came to DePaul Catholic to celebrate an early Christmas complete with presents and Santa. Players and coaches from the DePaul football team were there to lend a hand to the guests as they built gingerbread houses, danced and enjoyed a Christmas dinner. Of course, the highlight of the night came with the arrival of Santa who brought giant Teddy Bears for each resident – they were thrilled!! It was a night of memories made, time shared and a wonderful experience for all who were there.



## Christmas Drive

submitted by [Mrs. Dacles](#)

The Interact Club led the DePaul Catholic Community in a Christmas Drive for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Paterson. The club committed to providing 150 different gifts. Through the generosity of our Community, we were able to surpass that goal. Thank you to everyone who participated.





## Sharing Holiday Traditions

submitted by [Mrs. Percontino](#)

The ESOL class enjoyed not only the classic DePaul Catholic holiday traditions, but started one of their own! The group took part in a Gingerbread House making contest. Students iced rooftops and decorated their houses with colored candies. Keeping them from eating the houses was tricky!

They also enjoyed their first "Hot Chocolate" Bar and chose toppings and treats. The students ended the evening at Festival of Carols and Ellie, one of our ESL students, said the performance was "So Great!" .

The group is truly experiencing a "Merry Little Christmas"!

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## Advancement News

[Ms. Carmela Raiti](#)

Director of Advancement

**SAVE THE DATE.** DePaul *Gala*, Thursday, March 21, 2019, at The Venetian.

At the *Gala* we will announce our inaugural *Distinguished Alumni Awards and Apostle of Charity Award*. These awards are in addition to the Hall of Fame, which has traditionally focused on athletic achievements of our Alumni. The *Distinguished Alumni Awards* recognize DePaul graduates who have achieved high rank or honor in their professions and have contributed extraordinary service to our school, their field or society. The *Apostle of Charity* award pays tribute to a member of the DePaul community who reflects a deep sense of Christian charity and has enriched the lives of others. Honoree announcements soon to follow!

### DePaul Catholic Alumni Association *new!*

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

**Gift Giving.** We hope DePaul has made its way to your Christmas gift list. Our two big appeals -- the Lights Project and the Sr. Pat Scholarship Fund -- would greatly benefit from your support.

### 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 [LightsProject](#).



### 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. To donate just click [SrPatFund](#)



### Class Reunions

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.



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### Admissions News

[Mrs. Anne Brewer](#)

Director of Admissions

'Tis the season to submit your application! 2018 might be coming to an end, but the excitement is just beginning in the Office of Admissions. **Admissions decisions will be mailed home on January 11, 2019 to students in the Class of 2023.** Although our suggested application deadline has passed, our Admissions team is available to assist all prospective students and families through the process. Our Shadow Days will begin again on **February 5, 2019**, at which time we invite all prospective 7th grade students to take advantage of our Shadow Day program. The Office of Admissions wishes you a very happy holiday and a blessed New Year!



### Service In The Community

submitted by [Mrs. Bullman](#)

DePaul Catholic High School students worked at Straight and Narrow in Paterson on Saturday, December 15th, sorting donations from local parishes and community groups in preparation for Christmas. They had fun while serving others and received the thanks of the community while also being reminded to be thankful everyday and to avoid making choices that will negatively affect their lives. The

manager of the residential buildings told the students that their work has a direct impact on the people that are often overlooked. Merry Christmas, indeed!

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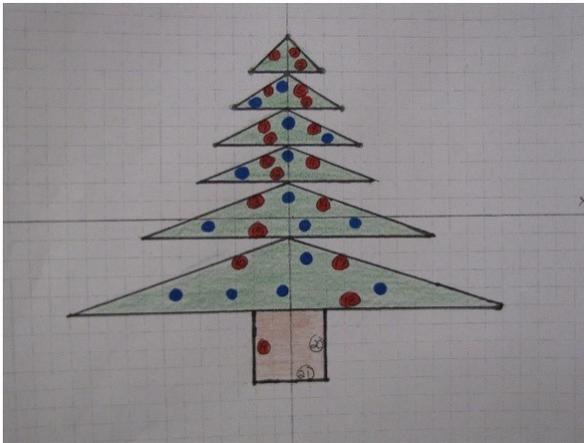
## What's Cooking?

submitted by [Mrs. Bedoe](#)



This week the Culinary Club made sliders and home fries

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## Updates From The Math Department

submitted by [Ms. Wiltshire](#)

Here is another critical reason why we all need to learn mathematics. The proper linear equations are required to create the perfect Christmas tree. This is demonstrated here by the work of Mrs. Bedoe's Algebra 1 students.

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## WHAT'S THE SCOOP!

Submitted by the Parents' Association

If you have any questions, contact us at [DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com](mailto:DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com)

Click the photo below for a larger version of the HSA news.

## Coming Up!

Calendar Raffle Drawings Begin 12/25



# DePaul Catholic Parents' Association

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### CALENDAR RAFFLE

Drawings begin 12/25! With the holidays here, 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.

**For additional tickets contact:**

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### Clothing Bin Donations

The New Year is the time for out with the old! NOW is the perfect time to donate anything you haven't worn in a year. Pass them along to someone in need. A green clothing bin for donations is in the back corner of the parking lot. Just drop your items in the bin when you drop off or pick up your kids from school.



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ID# - 08465

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

### Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon January 23

We are requesting all families make a monetary donation or provide baked goods for the event.

For more information, please contact

Deb Murray

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Our next PA Executive Board meeting is  
**Tuesday, January 15th at 7pm**

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



Time to make your New Year's Resolutions. Make DePaul part of your everyday shopping! This year please support DePaul at no extra cost with

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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



**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!** Check out those post-holiday sales for good deals!!! Just include your name and retail value on the items so we know who to credit for the donation.

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