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# 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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### **A Message From The President**

Dr. Bob Stickles

While we're certainly happy with things as they are here at DePaul, we're mindful of the need to keep improving, to build on what we've done in the past to insure an even better future.

That better future depends in part on a stable enrollment, and we've worked hard this admissions season to build a terrific Class of 2023 to join us next fall. Under the able direction of Anne Rotundo, our staff has produced a sizable pool of highly qualified applicants, many of whom have spent a day with us over the past few months, "Spartans for a Day," getting a first-hand experience of life in our classrooms, hallways, and playing fields. These students (a hundred or so of them having joined us for Accepted Students Night this past Monday), are mulling over their options, and we're confident that a goodly number of them will choose us.

We're also working on our curriculum, so that those students who choose us will have the best academic experience possible. To cite just one example, we'll be opening our Academy of Science and Technology this fall, a program with competitive admission, whereby students can emphasize Mathematics and the Sciences in their course selections and earn a special endorsement on their diploma at graduation. Other special curricula, including some in the Humanities, are on the drawing board.

Our physical plant demands our attention as well. We're paying particular attention to our locker rooms, which, we all freely admit, have long needed a lot of work. This affects all of our students, not just interscholastic athletes, and so we must address this as soon as we can. To that end, an ad hoc committee has started to take a hard look at these spaces, with a view toward generating a realistic plan for modernizing them. I'll keep you posted.

Wishing everyone a successful 2019!

Dr. Robert Stickles, Ed.D., J.D.  
President

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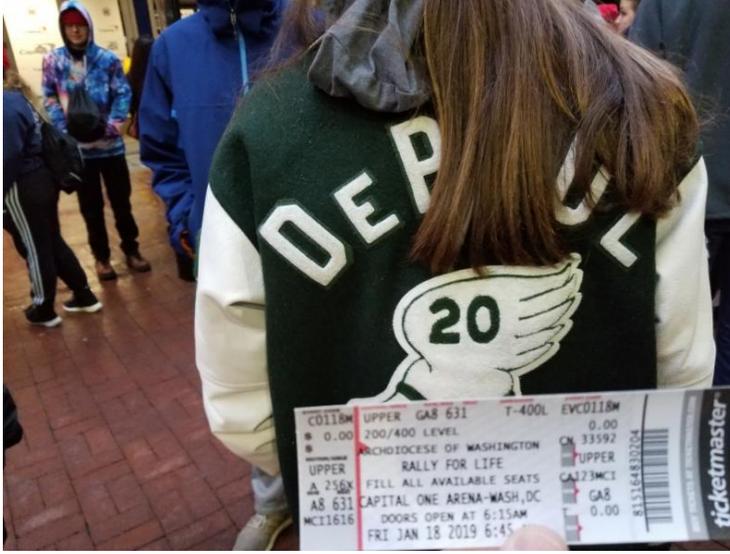


### **Principal's Corner**

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

Happy Catholic Schools



Week! We started the week with our Accepted Students Reception for the Class of 2023 on Monday, January 28. Over 125 accepted students and their family members joined us to learn more about the DePaul Catholic experience. Our Catholic Schools Week Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 1st.

As I reported in previous issues of The Sentinel, 35 students and 4 chaperones traveled to Washington, DC on January 17 and 18 for the

annual March for Life. On Thursday evening, we attended a Youth Rally at George Mason University and Friday started with the Rally for Life Mass at the CapitalOne Arena and then onto the National Mall for the March for Life. The students encountered and interacted with their peers from around the country (and the world as we met a group of students who traveled from Sydney, Australia) and their passion and commitment to the Pro-Life movement speaks highly of their values and beliefs about the future of our church and society. I pray they never lose their zeal and that the day will come when we no longer have to march! I, again, thank the many benefactors who contributed to the success of this trip.

Mr. Joel Wagoner of the Science Department successfully defended his dissertation and earned his Ph.D. – Congratulations Dr. Wagoner!

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!

Russell D. Petrocelli  
Principal

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## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

**Vice Principal, Student Life**

### Did you know?

#### ***DePaul Catholic Graduates are:***

Clergy, Teachers, CEOs, Military, First Responders, College Professors, Deans, Small Business Professionals, Chefs, Coaches, Correspondents, Politicians, Tradesmen, Wall Street Professionals, Doctors, Lawyers, Judges, Entrepreneurs, Professional Athletes, Television Personalities, Actors and more.

Having worked at DePaul Catholic since the late 1970's, I have had the honor to teach, coach and/or supervise over 8,000 kids, and I have the grey hair and bald spot to prove it.

I have had the good fortune to watch kids grow into young adults while at the same time competing in class and on the athletic field, enhancing their faith, making a few mistakes and learning from them, and dreaming about the future.

**Graduation Day** (always the first Tuesday in June) brings joy to parents, families, teachers and students. It also brings a little sadness, fear about the future, and some nerves. Every year during the ceremony I hear at least one parent proclaim. ***"I can't***

***believe he/she made it”!***

### ***After DePaul Catholic***

One thing I know for sure is that students who graduate from DePaul are prepared for the next step in their lives. Some may not be ready to leave, but they are prepared to leave. Prepared to succeed in college, at work and in the world. Just look at the list of occupations that headline this article.

### ***DePaul Today***

It is always interesting when I hear, read or have a conversation about how DePaul Catholic is not the same as it used to be. That the school has changed, that the kids are different, etc. I generally hear from, read emails from, or have those conversations with alumni and parents who have not been able to stay connected with DePaul Catholic or who live far away. It's a natural inclination to always look back fondly at your “**Good Old Days**”.

For the students attending DePaul Catholic in 2019, these are their “Good Old Days”.

My general response to the statement, DePaul is not the same, is the following:

#### ***Kids have not changed.***

- Kids still need to know you care about them.
- They still need to be motivated and encouraged.
- They still need to be challenged.
- They still need to be held accountable.
- They still need role models.
- They still wish for stability at home.
- They still need to be disciplined.
- They still need to have faith.
- They still need to try, fail, get back up, and try again.

#### ***What has changed?***

Many adults and parents (certainly not all) have changed in how they parent and treat kids.

The following is what many kids are seeing and/or hearing from some adults.

- Instant gratification
- Social promotion in elementary and middle school
- Everybody gets a trophy.
- Social media posts containing personal attacks from a safe distance
- "Don't yell at my kid". (What if every parent said that?)
- The coach is playing favorites.
- The teacher is wrong and the student is right.
- You are singling out my child.
- Reality shows, cable news, adults or talking heads screaming at or interrupting each other. (Trump vs Pelosi as an example)
- Everybody makes the team, wants equal playing time, but wants to win every game.
- Juuling is okay because it's advertised on the radio.
- Gateway drugs (Marijuana) are now okay because the state can tax them at 12%.
- The end justifies the means, ex: steroids in sports.

Kids, in High School, face these challenges every day in the year 2019.

#### ***Why is teaching, for me, still meaningful and fulfilling.***

Even in the face of all of these challenges, kids still accomplish great things while students at DePaul Catholic and they go on to great things after they graduate. It's fun for me to be a very small part of their success.

DePaul Catholic High School  
1956 – 2019 and counting

Here's to the current and next generation of students who attend DePaul.... and to the next and to the next.

Go get 'em kids!

## Spartan Nation

submitted by the Athletic Department

### Winter Sports Update

#### Wrestling Team Wins 7th Consecutive County Title

Coach Keith Karsen '87 and the DePaul Catholic Spartans dominated at the Passaic County Tournament. En route to their 7th consecutive County Title, the team had 7 finalists, 5 of whom were crowned champion.



160 - Connor O'Neill '20  
145 - Ricky Cabanillas '19  
126 - Nicky Cabanillas '19  
152 - Luke McFadden '19  
Heavyweight - Eddie Bierals '19

**Next up, the team will face Bishop Ahr in the North Non-Public B State Semi-Final. The match will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at DePaul at 7pm.**

Article From [northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com)

#### County Tournament Update

The Girls Basketball Team is still alive in the Passaic County Tournament after beating West Milford on Saturday. They will play in the quarter final round on Saturday, February 9th at Hawthorne.

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### Coming Soon....Spring Sports

Interested in playing a spring sport? First you must be medically cleared. Please pick up a medical clearance packet. Packets are available in the Athletic Office, the Main Office, the Guidance Office, and at the Reception Desk. You must complete the forms in the packet and the online registration process. All instructions are included. Questions? Please email Coach Brynn Merritt Campbell ([merrittb@dpchs.org](mailto:merrittb@dpchs.org)).

#### Spring Sports

Girls Lacrosse  
Boys Lacrosse  
Softball  
Baseball  
Golf (Boys & Girls)  
Track & Field (Boys & Girls)





On Sunday, Gianna DiPiano '19, her mom, one of her softball coaches, Mrs. Cyndi Covello, and Sister Jeanne traveled to Seton Hall to celebrate the many achievements of girls and women in sport. The female athletes were presented with special awards from the National Association for Girls and Women and Sport. Congratulations, Gianna, and thank you for representing the Spartans!

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## Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti

Director of Advancement

## DePaul Gala Invitation

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 pm  
at The Venetian

Join us at the Gala, as we honor fellow Alumni who have contributed extraordinary service to our school or society.

**Apostle of Charity Award** - Christa Hoehner Reddy '72

### Distinguished Alumni Awards:

Rev. John F. Tarantino '68

Trish O'Keefe '76

Debbie DuHaime '80

Andre Sayegh '92

Tara Palmeri '05

[RSVP here](#)

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## DE PAUL AT WORK - is there a match?

Does your employer have a Charitable Giving Program?

Do they offer grants to community groups?

We are interested in learning more about their interests.

And ask if you can introduce us.

### Alumni Association

Stay in touch with your fellow alumni. Be sure to update your contact info via [AlumniUpdate19](#)



### Reunions

Our Advancement Office can assist with planning your class reunion. Just let us know. Upcoming celebrations are planned for the classes of 1999, 1979 and 1969 and 1964.

### Save the Dates!

#### **Double K Basketball Challenge**

March 10, 2019

Benefiting the Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund, which aids a DePaul student for his/her Junior and Senior year.

For more info, email [raitic@dpchs.org](mailto:raitic@dpchs.org)

#### **DePaul Golf Classic**

June 17, 2019

North Jersey Country Club

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## Admissions News

Mrs. Anne Brewer



CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2023! On Monday, January 28th, we hosted our Accepted Students for an interactive and fun night of activities! THANK YOU to our faculty, parent ambassadors, students and staff who made the night a success. We had a variety of activities available to help students see the many exciting opportunities DePaul Catholic can offer them. Our Science Labs were open for experiments, our Fine Arts Department helped students discover their creative selves while sketching images during their visit. We also had a session showcasing our DP Voices group for students to learn more about our musical ensemble and theater programs. Thank you to our Cheer and Dance teams who spoke to prospective students about their experience at DePaul Catholic. We also thank the members of the Guidance Department for organizing athletic activities, and for serving pizza. It was a fun night, and just the

beginning of an exciting future for the Class of 2023.

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### Guidance News

submitted by Ms. McGovern '90  
Director of Guidance

On **Tuesday, February 5th**, the Guidance Department will host **Junior Parent College Night** at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. This is the kickoff event for the juniors as they push their college admissions process into full swing. It is strongly encouraged that all juniors and their parents attend this very informative evening.

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### Dual Enrollment Program at Caldwell University



We are pleased to announce that Dual Enrollment with Caldwell University registration is open for students currently taking:

English 11 Honors  
English 12 Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors

Dual enrollment allows students to register at Caldwell University and receive college credit for a course taken at DePaul Catholic. The cost is \$100/credit (\$300 total) for any one course mentioned above. This is a huge savings. If you register for a course, CU will accept a grade of "B" or better as a college credit. Thus, students have started taking college courses generating a college transcript. This transcript can be sent to the college they decide to attend after graduation. These credits can lessen the number of courses needed to take to graduate from college.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Cyndi Covello '72.

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### It's An Ice Cream Party... in Chem Class

submitted by Ms. Molly Kenny

Who knew studying chemistry could be so delicious? Students studying AP

Chemistry created something tasty in their most recent lab, making ice cream! Students are currently studying solutions and colligative properties, how the addition of a solute (rock salt) to a mixture can lower the freezing point. The results were informative and yummy!



**Catholic Schools**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

### **Catholic Schools Week**

submitted by [Mrs. Patty Bullman](#)

At De Paul Catholic High School, we concluded Catholic Schools week with Mass on Friday. Students participated in the liturgy and heard Fr. Julio reminded us to "go against the tide" in our lives and with the confidence that we will be saved.

Teachers and staff received blessed prayer cards they will carry as they continue to educate the students.

### **Civil War Photography**

submitted by [Mr. Joseph Cook](#)

Mr. Cook's AP US History students stepped back in time and examined a collection of Civil War photographs, known as stereoscopic photos, in their original 3-D.

"The great hidden fact about Civil War photography is that many of the images were made to be seen in three dimensions," photographic historian Bob Zeller wrote. "[E]nthusiastic purchasers . . . paid as much as fifty cents apiece — one-third of a laborer's daily wage."

Students specifically viewed several images of "The Dead of Antietam," from pioneering photographer Mathew Brady's collection.



### **Shakespeare Theatre**

submitted by [Mrs. Bethany Dacles](#)

DePaul Catholic's Senior AP and Honors English and AP and Honors European History classes recently visited Drew University



# THE WINTER'S TALE

By William Shakespeare  
Directed by Bonnie J. Monte

Nothing could be more perfect for the holiday season than this witty and passionate romance. High drama launches this tale, and it quickly leads us into a world of bohemian gaiety. A denouement of magical rebirth and a moving reunion embody the spirit of the holidays and what they represent at their core.

KNOW THE SNOW: Thursday, December 13 at 7pm

*Pray you, sit by us,  
and tell's a tale.*

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to attend a performance at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Chaperoned by teachers Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Dacles and parent Mrs. Beshada, the students were entertained by a rousing presentation of **THE WINTER'S TALE**.

## ARTSTART

submitted by [Mr. Nick Lombardi](#)

Again this year, DePaul Catholic participated in the adjudicated art exhibition at William Paterson University, **ARTSTART**. High school juniors and seniors were eligible to enter. The exhibition ran through Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the Power Art Gallery with a closing reception and award ceremony held on February 2nd.

The following artists represented the Fine and Performing Arts Department: **Juliette Bianchi, Yichen Cao, Diana Delgado, Vanessa Lomakin, Bernard Siebel** and **Sebastian Ruiz**.

**Juliette Bianchi** was awarded top prize in the Drawing category with her work in charcoal entitled *Lunch*. **Vanessa Lomakin** received an Honorable Mention in the Digital Process category with her image *Playa Bowl*. Congratulations to everyone who participated, especially Juliette and Vanessa!



*Lunch*, Juliette Bianchi



*Playa Bowl*, Vanessa Lomakin



Diana Delgado



Yichen (Owen) Cao



Sebastian Ruiz



Bernie Siebel

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## Story Telling

submitted by [Mrs. Giovanna Percontino](#)

The visiting Chinese students spent the cold blustery week enjoying Game Creator. The lesson includes creating a game in the English language. Some students created "Story Telling" and one group incorporated famous people trivia.

The games can all be played with 4 to 6 people and after completed the students will have a "Game Day".

Not a bad way to spend a cold, cold week.



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## Healthcare Professional Day

submitted by [Mrs. Oresta Ferrito](#)

Last week, several of our Tri-County Scholars participated in a Healthcare Professional Day at the Summit Medical Group in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. A surgeon taught them how to suture a banana skin to represent a human wound. A nurse had them give an intramuscular shot in an orange.

Bryan Balarezo even volunteered to have his heart monitored. All in all, it was a really excellent learning experience. The students all gave the experience a ten!



## WHAT'S THE SCOOP!

Submitted by the Parents' Association

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

Our next Parents' Association Executive Board meeting is  
**February 12, 2019 at 7pm**  
 In The Commons  
 All are welcome to attend  
 Hope to see you there!

### "Sail Away" Tricky Tray

Planning for our biggest event of the year is in full swing but it's not too late to volunteer. If you're interested please contact one of the chairpersons listed below.

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.

**Also, please start sending in donations! Just include your name and retail value on the items so we know who to credit for the donation.**

Tickets and pre-sale baggies will be available for purchase online soon. Keep checking The Sentinel for updates.

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Debbie Lozito [dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)

Maryann Marren

[school12marren@yahoo.com](mailto:school12marren@yahoo.com)

### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Thank you to all who donated their time, baked goods, and sent monetary donations. You made the event a great success. The teachers were extremely thankful for all the effort that was put into creating such a special luncheon.



Julie Sullivan, Kathleen Chasia, Debbie Lozito, Sue Ferrara, Donna DiPiano, Nicole Lomakin,

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