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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.

Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

VAPING

I share with you information that, unfortunately, is turning into an epidemic, not only in New Jersey schools, but across the country – vaping and electronic cigarettes.

As what has become a sign of the times in modern society, the laws cannot keep up with technology. School policy, in some cases, has to become reactionary to societal trends, as opposed to pro-active. I want to share with you today how we at DePaul Catholic High School are responding to this situation.

If you “vape” in school or on school grounds, it is treated as a violation of the substance abuse policy and a first offense will trigger a mandatory drug test (before you can be readmitted to school), disciplinary action, and, referral to counseling services. A second offense involving e-cigarettes will result in a permanent removal from the school community.

Some many ask, “Why a drug test?” The answer to this is because the school administration has no idea what is contained in the e-cigarette and, as I have witnessed personally, the contents of the vape may be an illegal or controlled substance. As we already know, there are negative health effects to using nicotine and, as we are finding out, other substances can be added to the vape pens. The use of these JUUL devises are compact, they emit no smell and no smoke, and can be used almost undetectably.

Restrictions are in place in New Jersey for youth access to these materials in a retail setting. The sale/distribution of electronic smoking devices to a person under age 21 is prohibited (N.J. State 2A:170-51.4(a)(2) (2018) and 2C:33-13.1(a) (2018)

If you have questions regarding these materials and substances, please feel free to contact a member of the administration or a counselor in the Guidance Office.

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

Gratitude Not Attitude

I spend 90 minutes per day on cafeteria duty.

My observations are

- Kids sit in the same seat with the same friends, if possible, each day.
- Some kids run in to avoid the line, some walk in and wait on line, some wait at their seat until the line ends and then buy their food.

Different strokes.

I also observe

- Some kids laughing,
- Some studying,
- Some talking, and
- Some quietly sitting by themselves.

Different Strokes.

I also hear the following when I speak with kids in the cafeteria.

Some kids are grateful.

- They feel honored, special and/or just happy to be at DePaul Catholic.
- They appreciate the sacrifices being made by parents and others to help them obtain a DePaul Catholic Education.
- They feel a sense of responsibility to not let their family down by not doing their best.
- They are upbeat and optimistic.

I also hear from kids who have a strong sense of entitlement

- They feel they should succeed because of their mere presence in class
- They feel that it is the teacher's fault when grades do not go their way.
- They feel they should start on a team just because they have been on the team for a while.
- They are always asking for more, rather than saying thank you for the gifts they have.
- They are cynical and many times miserable.

Kids reflect, through their actions, the world that we live in and what they hear and what they observe at home.

For me:

Happiness begins with gratitude.

Happiness continues when you take personal responsibility for your actions.

Happiness lasts forever when you try your best to follow the path to Heaven.

Happy almost Spring!

Quarter 2 Moe's Scholar-Athletes

Congratulations to our Quarter 2 Moe's Southwest Grill Scholar-Athletes:

Nicky Cabanillas '19, Sean Bertrand '19, Michael Ramundo '20, Riley Sikorski '20, Anna Soltys '20, and Jamielyn Juan '20.



DePaul Students Reflect

submitted by Mrs. Sullivan

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week (January 27 – February 1, 2019) the students in our English Classes reflected on the values and experiences that they had/have as DePaul Catholic High School students.

Throughout the next few editions of The Sentinel we will share some of their reflections.

“A Catholic education lasts a lifetime and at DePaul Catholic students are educated in core subjects and given the opportunity to explore their faith which leads to a relationship with God.” Junior.

“DePaul Catholic has given me the opportunity to practice and grow in my faith every day.” Junior.

“At DePaul Catholic we are given the opportunity to explore and grow in our faith through the experience of theology classes, daily Mass, and community service.” Junior.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be enrolled as a DePaul Catholic student. As a community of faith, we can learn the teachings and the miracles of our savior and role model, Jesus Christ. Being a part of a religious community enables us to work together to continue God’s mission and to contribute to making this world a better place. My experience as a Catholic school student has been life-changing. The wonderful teachers and staff, along with my amazing friends, make me happy every day.” Junior.

Spartan Nation

County Champions

Congratulations to Coach Andre and the Girls Basketball Team on their County Championship!

[Click here for the full northjersey.com article.](#)

Varsity Aces  Following

DePaul girls basketball runs away from Wayne Valley to claim Passaic County title northjersey.com/story/sports/h... ... via @northjersey



DePaul girls basketball runs away from Wayne Valley to claim Passaic County...
DePaul Catholic got off to a big lead to take out Wayne Valley and win the Passaic County championship.
northjersey.com

Wrestling Regional & State Tournament

Mike Lamberti  @Cagey86 Follow

Record setting season for @DePaulWrestling .. For the first time in school history, the Spartans will have 2 in the state finals (Ricky Cabanillas and Connor O'Neil) . In addition, 3 from DePaul will be on the medal stand today, including Nicky Cabanillas.
[@BigNorthConBNC](#)

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@DePaulWrestling advances 5 to Atlantic City. Defending state champ Ricky Cabanillas and Connor O'Neil win Region 2 crowns. Nicky Cabanillas finishes second, Michael Esposito takes third and Luke McFadden finishes fourth.
[@BigNorthConBNC](#)

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The Spartan Wrestling Team headed down to the State Tournament in Atlantic City last weekend with 5 athletes, Luke McFadden '19, Mike Esposito '19, Nicky Cabanillas '19, Connor O'Neill '20, Ricky Cabanillas '19.

The team finished with three medals:
Nicky Cabanillas (126) - 5th Place
Ricky Cabanillas (145) - 2nd Place
Connor O'Neill (160) - 2nd Place

Congratulations Coach Karsen, and all of the Spartan Wrestlers!

Greater Wayne Kathleen Walsh '02 Softball Classic

The softball team recently presented Darlene and Kevin Walsh, parents of Kathleen Walsh '03, with a quilt made from t-shirts from past Kathleen Walsh Classic Softball games. This year, we have expanded Kathleen Walsh Day (April 20, 2019) to include the Greater Wayne Kathleen Walsh Classic in which DePaul Catholic, Passaic County Technical Institute, Wayne Hills, and Wayne Valley will play at 9:00 a.m. with the championship and consolation games to follow at 11:00 a.m.. At the conclusion of the tournament, Mayor Christopher Vergano will present the winners with the Mayor's Trophy.



2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The DePaul Catholic Hall of Fame dinner is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements in athletics for both alumni and coaches as well as others who have made a significant contribution to the DePaul Catholic Athletic Program; an integral component of our school and the entire community. Each member of the Hall of Fame has offered their own contribution in shaping and developing DePaul Catholic's athletic program through their own outstanding accomplishments. Please take a moment to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of induction to the Hall of Fame.

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

RSVP & Save The Date

DePaul Catholic Spring Gala

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
at The Venetian in Garfield

RSVP

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DePaulGala2019>

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

Apostle of Charity Award

Christa Hoehner Reddy, Esq. '72
Reddy & Reddy

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Rev. John F. Tarantino '68
Administrator, Resurrection Parish

Trish O'Keefe, Ph.D., RN, NE-BC '76
President, Morristown Medical
Vice President, Atlantic Health System

Debbie DuHaime '80
Reporter, iHeartMedia, AM970
The Joe Piscopo Show

Andre Sayegh '92
Mayor, City of Paterson

Tara Palmeri '05
White House Correspondent, ABC News

Double K Basketball Challenge

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Benefitting the Kristen Koenig '02
Scholarship Fund.
[http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Double
KBasketballChallenge2019](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DoubleKBasketballChallenge2019)

Please contact Carmela Raiti for details
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Final Four Beefsteak

Saturday, April 6, 2019

DePaul Catholic High School

Watch the NCAA Men's Final Four Games
while enjoying a beefsteak dinner.

Catered by The Brownstone

*Benefitting The Boys & Girls Basketball
Programs*

[Click here for a registration form.](#)

For more details, please contact:
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Kathleen Walsh '02 Day

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Benefitting the Kathleen Walsh '02
Scholarship Fund.

Join us for Alumni and Friends Softball
Game.

Details- coming soon!

26th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, June 17, 2019

North Jersey Country Club
1:00pm Shotgun Start

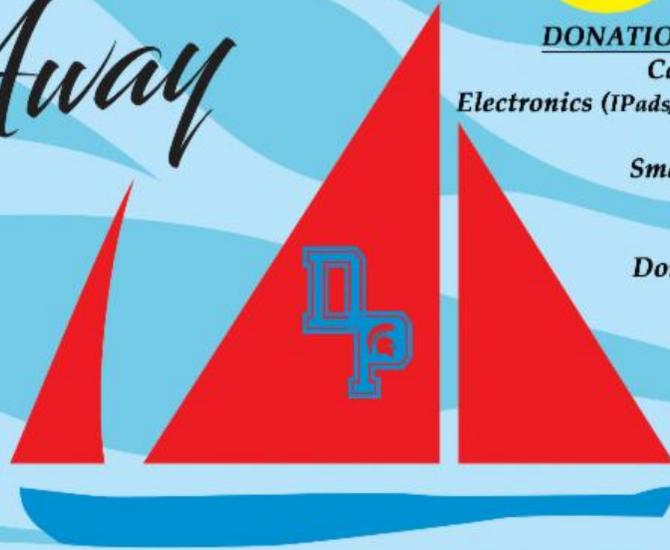
*Benefitting The Sister Patricia Flarity
Scholarship Fund*

Online registration - coming soon!

**[Click here for sponsorship
opportunities.](#)**

More more information, or to discuss
sponsorship opportunities please contact:
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Sail Away



DONATION WISH LIST

- Cash Donations
- Electronics (iPads/Apple Watches)
- Gift Cards
- Small Appliances
- Televisions
- Fitbits
- Donated Services
 - landscaping
 - salon
 - accountant
 - plumber
 - electrician
 - etc.

ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY and SENIOR FASHION SHOW

Presented by

The DePaul Catholic High School Parents' Association

April 10, 2019 - 5:30 pm

at The Westmount Country Club

Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, NJ

Please send in donations! Consider contributing a larger item with another family so we have more prize options at the event. Make sure to include your name and retail value on the items so we know whom to credit for the donation and what level to place it. The success of this event is dependent upon our entire Spartan Family. Thank you in advance for your support & a special thanks to the families that have already sent in their donations!

Registration & pre-sale baggies are available for purchase online at the link below. Registration is \$60 pp and Ticket Baggies are \$35 until April 3rd (\$40 at the door)

If you have any questions please contact one of our Chairpersons:

Donna DiPiano - donnam59@optonline.net

Debbie Lozito - dlodoc@aol.com

Maryann Marren - school12marren@yahoo.com

[Click here to RSVP for the Tricky Tray](#)

News From The Guidance Office



We are pleased to announce that sophomores Kate Heaney, Matthew Wilderson, and Evan Thomas will represent DePaul Catholic at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) this June at Kean University in Union, New Jersey.

HOBY is a national program that provides students the opportunity to participate in

unique leadership development activities, collaborate with students from throughout the state and explore leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. Their HOBY experience will extend for them a fun, life changing experience and cultivate leadership skills that will serve them long into their future. They will have the chance to become change-makers equipped with leadership training, self-awareness, and the motivation to make a positive impact in our school and communities. All of our previous students who attended HOBY thoroughly enjoyed the interaction, learned information and experience. Our participants last year were Jesus Delgado, Alexa LoMonaco, Olivia Peiser, and Ava Peiser. You can check it out at www.hoby.org.

Pi Day

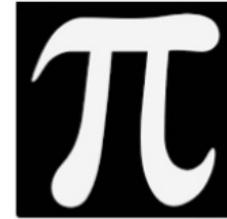
submitted by Ms. Wiltshire

The Mathematics Department will host The Annual Pi Day Competition on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Our local Catholic schools were invited to send a 7th grade team of students who think creatively and work cooperatively. *The responses are coming in!*

As always, the mathematics teachers, along with the members of the Mathematics Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta), will supply the materials and the challenge! After four team-based competitions, scores will be tabulated and prizes awarded.

Happy



Day!

Students Host Valentine's Party for Adults with Disabilities

submitted by Mrs. Gorski

Residents of the Barnet, Basile, Kelleher and Fitzpatrick Houses (DPD, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson) had a wonderful time at the Valentine party hosted by DePaul Catholic High School. Football players, coaches and student members of the St. Vincent DePaul Honor Society provided the entertainment and assisted those in need. The guests decorated Valentine cookies, enjoyed a delicious dinner, played Bingo and danced - complete with a Conga line! The night was filled with fun and laughter as bonds were formed between the residents and students.



Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti

Director of Advancement

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



Save the Date!

Brian Buczek Memorial Golf Outing

July 13, 2019

Preakness Valley Golf Course

via <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AlumniUpdate18>

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.

Admissions News

Mrs. Anne Brewer

Director of Admissions

It might still be cold out but we are thinking about the Summer in the Admissions Office!

Join us for one of our **Academic Enrichment Camps** during July and August. Sessions will include Preparing for High School Algebra, English, Study Skills, and STEM, as well as HSPT Exam Prep.

All of our newest Spartans are invited to an **Orientation and Placement Testing** day on **Saturday, April 6**. We are excited to welcome a very talented group of students to the DePaul Catholic family!

Mark your calendar for our **Spring Open House** which will be held on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00PM**. We are excited to meet new prospective students daily, as our 7th graders begin to attend Shadow Days. Shadow Days will run through the month of May, and provide students with an opportunity to experience a day as Spartan.

We hope you come visit us in the Office of Admissions the next time you are on campus!

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

Sport Camps

DePaul Catholic offers a variety of Sports Camps in late June and the month of July. Open to students in grades 3 to 9, DPCHS is "The Place To Become A Champion" each summer. All camps are coached by our own DePaul Spartan coaching staff.

[Click here to register for one of the summer sport sessions.](#)

June 24 - 27

Football I

July 8 - 11
Boys Basketball I
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Lacrosse

July 15-18
Boys Basketball II
Football II

July 22 - 25
Baseball
Girls Volleyball

Questions?
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Academic Enrichment Program

DePaul Catholic hosts a variety of Academic Summer Programs. Please contact Ms. Kimberly Forsyth, Coordinator of Summer Study, with any questions or concerns. summerstudy@dpchs.org.

July 15-25, 2019
(Monday—Thursday)

Session I
8:30am –10:15am
· High School English Enrichment
· STEM Science Discovery

Session II
10:20am—12:05pm
· High School Algebra Enrichment

Session III
12:30pm—1:30pm
· Study Skills for Success

August 5-15, 2019
(Monday—Thursday)

Session I
8:30am—10:15am
· HSPT Exam Prep For Success

[For more information or to register, please click here.](#)

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