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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:

As we wrap up Marking Period 3 and head towards the end of the school year, we are already looking ahead to the 2019-2020 School Year. For those who have students returning next year, Re-Enrollment forms have been emailed to all current families. If you have not received these documents, please contact Mrs. Aboyou in the Business Office. You should have received the Tuition Enrollment Agreement, Emergency Information Form, Custodial Information Form, Pastor Contribution Form, and the State Textbook Loan Form. Hard copies of these documents are not being sent via the US Mail. If you require a hard copy, please contact Mrs. Aboyou.

In the very near future, you will also receive an email invitation from FACTS Tuition Management to re-enroll your payment plan. Please follow the directions carefully. Your child will not be deemed re-enrolled until the signed forms, payment plan with FACTS, and registration fee are processed. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Aboyou at ext. 203.

As we look forward to next year, we continue to focus on this school year and finishing strong. We ask your assistance in complying with dress code (proper school shoes, hair length for boys, etc.) and arriving at school on time. Students are to be seated in homeroom by 7:30 AM. We always take into account weather conditions, but failure to arrive on time to school will result in students having to make up the lost "seat time" before the end of the school year. If you have questions about attendance or tardiness, please feel free to contact us.

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

The Last Few Months

Graduating from high school is a big deal. Graduating from a private Catholic High School is a bigger deal. You have survived entrance exams, mid-term exams, final exams, mastery class, fried food, haircuts, uniforms, lots of rules, formals, proms, activity

period, sports dinners, great wins, heartbreaking defeats, injuries, the flu, bad relationships, good relationships, parent lectures, teacher lectures, delayed openings, being called to the office, bus rides, early dismissals, high expectations, tough competition, sitting in class next to your ex-girlfriend or boyfriend, and the personal accountability that comes from attending a tuition driven school- just to name a few.

So, almost congratulations to the Class of 2019 on your almost graduation from DePaul Catholic. (Official graduation date - June 4, 2019.)

The last few months, for any senior, are filled with many things.

- Joy, that the end is near.
- Fear, that the end is near.
- Concern about the future.
- Thoughts of saying good bye to friends.
- Thoughts of living away next year.
- Thoughts of living home next year.
- Thoughts of work, bills to pay, etc.

For a senior about to graduate, I suggest thinking about how you want to be remembered after you leave.

Some seniors will say they don't care. Some will say they wanted to be remembered for: winning games, State Titles, membership in the NHS, the lead or role in the play, finishing first in class, (or maybe last in the class!), or for best dressed or best smile, or maybe as the best dancer.

I've never met, in all my time here, a senior who wanted to be remembered in a negative way.

No one wants to be remembered as a loud mouth, a dishonest person, a pain in the you know where, as selfish, perpetually late, a blamer, self-centered, or a bully.

What can seniors do to insure that when they graduate people will have a positive memory of them?

During the last few months a senior may try the following.

(We are always remembered by the last things we do before we leave for good!)

- Be on time (For everything)
- Be nice (To everyone)
- Be safe (Don't put yourself or your friend's well- being at risk)
- Be honest (About yourself)
- Make amends if needed (Don't graduate angry)
- Play hard for your team (Every game gets you closer to your last game)
- Finish up strong academically (Make the honor roll)
- Make friends with enemies (Hate makes you old)
- Thank your parents (By your actions and not your words)

The greatest gift a senior can offer their parents is the gift of "Time".

Move on to the next challenge. It's a big world out there. Go conquer your little part.

Spartan Nation

The Final Numbers Are In...

Approximately 75% of the DePaul Student Body participated in a sport this school year!

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 whom 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

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:
Brynn Merritt Campbell
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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

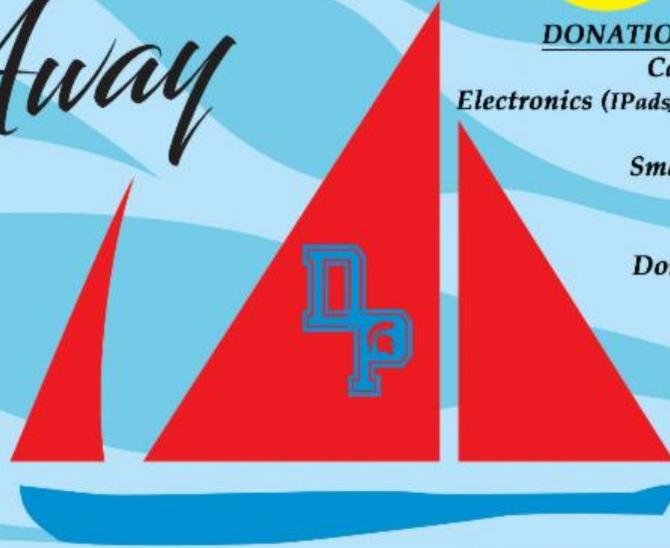
*Benefitting The Sister Patricia Flarity
Scholarship Fund*

Online registration - coming soon!

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

For 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](#)

The Tricky Tray Committee Is Hard At Work...



Elena Pych - Let the basket wrapping begin!



Mina and Grace Farrell - Selling Super 50/50 Tickets

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

Here in the Admissions Office, we see signs of Spring and we couldn't be more excited! Spring in the Office of Admissions means orienting our newest Spartans in the Class of 2023 while simultaneously meeting the next class of applicants. The Admissions cycle never stops, so neither do we! Mark your calendars and join us on **Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM** for our Spring Open House. Students in all grades are welcome. We continue to host Shadow Days for prospective students during the week.

Shadow days provide a great opportunity for prospective students to experience DePaul Catholic as a current student for the day. All new students in the Class of 2023 and the 8th Grade Prep program are required to attend the **New Parent Orientation and Placement Testing event on Saturday, April 6, at 8:00AM**. We will also be hosting a **New Student BBQ on June 19 at 5:30PM** for all students joining the DePaul Catholic community in the Fall. Our calendar is full of events, and we hope to see you at them. If you are interested in attending DePaul Catholic please contact the Office of Admissions at (973) 694-3702 ext. 410 or admissions@dpchs.org.

A Solider's Tale

submitted by Mr. Maik

For those of you who might be interested in a military career and also play a musical instrument, I think you should do what I did. I spent 38 wonderful years performing as a solider musician in our US Army Military Bands. Over the course of those 38 years, I traveled and played at all kinds of musical events: parades, Pass-In-Reviews, promotions, dedications, Governor's Inaugurations, banquets, music festivals, memorials, parties, shows, conventions, and fundraisers for the Veterans Homes. I played concerts for the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. I have also done Hurricane Duty and Honor Guards, and was on an Army Rifle Team for one year. To my surprise, I was ordered to go to a two week summer concert tour with the 42nd New York Infantry Division Band. I played in two very cold parades in the New York area.



Here's what I can tell you: practice your musical instruments, get in tip top physical shape, and get mentally tough on yourself because you'll need that to get through. But, in the end, your Country will be grateful for your services.

Sincerely,
SFC Desi Maik
Ret. Army Bands

8th Grade Challenge

submitted by [Mrs. Gorski](#)

Working in teams, grade 8 students accepted the challenge of constructing the tallest, free-standing structure out of toothpicks and marshmallows. Using creativity, logic, and team work, each group was given one bag of marshmallows and one box of toothpicks. At the end of the challenge each structure was measured and then had to stand alone for 5 seconds. Students enjoyed the competition and eating the leftover marshmallows at the end!



Winning team: Jack Inserra, Dominic Reiger, and Allan Hilton-Clarke.



Traveling Back In Time In The History Department

submitted by [Mr. Cook](#)

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Immigrant Number: 13
 Class: Steerage
 Name: Shlomo Neimanovich
 Age: 34
 Country of Origin: Russia

Reason for immigrating: You are Jewish. Your home and small business were destroyed during the pogroms (organized attacks on Jews in Russia).

Special Notes: You are traveling with your mother, Rivka. She was injured when your home was destroyed, and she walks with a severe limp. Try to stay with her at all times.

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On March 7, Mr. Cook's AP US History classes stepped back in time and into a simulation of the Ellis Island immigration facility at the turn of the 20th Century. Each student was assigned an immigrant at random; after a few minutes to familiarize themselves with their characters and stories, they lined up to get off the ship and begin the process of registering in the United States. A medical exam was simulated, checking for such things as tuberculosis (some students' character cards indicated that they should cough) and trachoma. Those who passed the medical exam without being sent to quarantine proceeded to a legal screening, where they had to answer questions about their characters (despite the

questions being asked in an invented nonsense language, to simulate the immigrants' unfamiliarity with English). Those who succeeded were sent on to the ferry to begin their new lives; the rest were sent to legal detention. With all of this concluded, the students wrote letters from the perspective of their respective immigrants to explain their experiences and their hopes for life in America.

On March 5, Ms. Brogan's US History I class had a

special visitor: a soldier from the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry of the US Civil War. Mr. Cook trekked upstairs to portray the story of Isaac and Henry Taylor, siblings and teachers who both joined the Union army and fought at Gettysburg. Based on a tour that Mr. Cook used to give at Gettysburg National Military Park, the class followed the story of these two ordinary soldiers at America's most extraordinary battle. Students heard the words of the brothers as their unit suffered the highest casualty rate of any regiment in the Civil War -- twice playing a part in staving off disaster for the Union army. Themes of discussion included the common soldier experience, the suffering of family and communities on the home front, and the creation of the Gettysburg National Cemetery -- where Isaac Taylor is buried today.



MS and Epilepsy Awareness

submitted by [Miss Ferrito](#)

The Medical Science Club has spearheaded key activities to make all of us aware of certain health issues. March is for MS and Epilepsy Awareness.

The Club has set up a team to walk for MS. The walk takes place on Sunday, April 28th at the Orange Reservoir, West Orange. You can go online to walkms.org, register to walk, or make a donation. You are looking for TEAM FERRITO.

For Epilepsy, The Medical Science Club has set up a WEAR PURPLE DAY. On Tuesday, March 26th, students, faculty and staff members who pay \$1.00 can wear PURPLE shirts, shoes, socks and accessories to school. (No hair color, and school pants or skirts must be worn). More details will be discussed in homeroom.

Midnight Run

submitted by [Mrs. Haggerty](#)

On March 2nd twenty-four juniors from DePaul Catholic returned for the third time this school year, to participate in a MIDNIGHT RUN. The students prepared fresh food, brought many canisters of clothing, blankets and other necessities, along with hot soup and coffee for the homeless. Midnight Run is an organization which coordinates the stops for this charitable work, 365 days a year 3-4 runs a day. The students prepare for 3 hours by going to mass, preparing food, and eating dinner before arriving at their first designated stop in New York City by 10:00 p.m.

One of our parent chaperones had this to say the following morning,
"Good Morning Everyone, I just wanted to tell you all that it was real nice to meet you last night. I also wanted to thank M&M Haggerty for all their efforts in putting together the surreal experience of seeing first-hand the homeless crisis in our country.

At a time when parents can't even get their children to put down their phones at the dinner table I thought it was huge to have my son see how some people so close to our own homes actually live without many basic necessities. Anyway, I can tell you that I laid my head on my nice comfy pillow last night and I thanked God for all my blessings both big and small and I prayed for those who may not even know when or where their next meal may come from... God Bless and always continue to pay it forward".

A Trip To the Mutter Museum

submitted by [Miss Ferrito](#)

Miss Ferrito's Human Anatomy Classes decided to broaden their understandings of body peccadilloes by

visiting the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. After observing 139 human skulls, the tallest human skeleton, parts of Einstein's brain and the infamous "Soap Lady", the students confirmed the wonder of the human body. Time to keep studying!



Robotics Team Creative Design Challenge

submitted by [Mr. Wagoner](#)

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, the DePaul Robotics Team participated in the second part of a three-parts of the Creative Design Challenge sponsored by Panasonic and NJIT in Newark. The challenge this year requires designing and building a robot to simulate performing heart replacement surgery. More than 60 sixty schools throughout New Jersey participate and compete for college scholarships. First and third parts are operational demonstrations of design and tasking. The second part is verbal description and visual presentation of design concept, design strategy, engineering approach and problem-solving. Our team assembled and presented their design and preliminary prototype before a panel of judges and fielded a series of challenging followup questions. Final operational competition is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at NJIT. Participating Team members were: Nicole Alonso, Christian Pescatore, Matthew Garcia, Jinguang (Jack) Chai, and Deziah Gonzales.

Culinary Club

submitted by [Mrs. Bedoe](#)



Culinary Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making shamrocks out of pretzels.

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 5-8, 2019

(Monday—Thursday)

- HSPT Exam Prep For Success

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

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