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Spartan Sentinel

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

A Message From The President

Dear Friends of DePaul,

We're nearing the end of this school year, and I'm pleased to say that I've found the Spartan experience to be a very enjoyable one. And so I'm particularly pleased, and honored, by Bishop Serratelli's request that I stay on as President of DePaul, which I've agreed to do. I look forward to working with the Schools Office, with our Board of Trustees, and with all of you in building on what's been done before, to make DePaul even better than it already is.

Best regards,

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

> Principal's Corner Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

"When am I ever going to use this in my life?" In all of my years in education, if I had a dollar for every time a student asked me that question when I visited a classroom, well...let's just say that I would have a few dollars. It is our mission for students to have a well-rounded base of knowledge when they leave DePaul Catholic High School that will prepare them for whatever they encounter in this journey of life. There will be fields of study and professions available to them



that may not even exist when they leave our hallways, but we must prepare all students for the challenges of the 21^{st} century.

On March 21, DePaul Catholic High School recognized our first group of Distinguished Alumni and can you imagine if Fr. Tarantino, while sitting in a theology class asked, "When am I ever going to use this..." or if Trish O'Keefe in her biology class asked the same question? Truth be told, so many people leave high school with the thought of where they think life will be taking them only to find themselves on a different path and pursuing a different career. The purpose of our course of study is to expose students to not just the courses that interest them but to various disciplines that can be used as building blocks on which further knowledge will be placed and strengthened. Our Distinguished Alumni Gala was a fantastic night when we as a community recognized some of our success stories and look to the future as we prepare a whole new crop of graduates to enter the "real world" and leave their mark on society. The biographies of our Distinguished Alumni are now hanging in the lobby of the school so that our current students can fully understand some of the success stories of those who walked these halls before them.

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...

<u>Mr. John Merritt '71</u> Vice Principal, Student Life

Accepting Defeatand Learning from it.

It seems to me that our world has evolved into a confused state of mind in regard to winning and losing. In every competition, whether it is in class, on the athletic field, during every professional boxing match, in a courtroom, in a corporate setting, during a debate, etc., there are always the folks who win and the folks who do not win (the politically correct way of saying they lost).

However a recent phenomenon has developed in our country. *It seems that no one ever really loses, or if they do, they do not accept the loss.*

Think about all the times when we think someone lost or saw them lose, but for some reason they did not lose or they refuse to accept it. It makes my head hurt.

Things like:

- 1. We did not really lose the game we just ran out of time. *No, you lost!*
- 2. The results of the Mueller report. 25 million of tax dollars spent to investigate and report the outcome. The response by some to the outcome, "Let's keep looking!" *No you lost!*
- 3. It was a moral victory in that I did not get knocked out in the big fight. *No you lost!*
- 4. The presidential election was stolen from me. Let's change the rules laid out by the founding fathers and do away with the Electoral College. *No you lost!*
- 5. I received a D because the teacher doesn't like me. No, you did not study enough. *You lost!*

Children are learning bad lessons about losing from some adults.

- Just listen to our politicians during a campaign.
- Listen to pro athletes after a loss.
- Listen to celebrities.

Just listen! You hear it all around.

In my opinion, schools cannot try to teach everything. Teaching responsibility and accountability must begin at home.

Which brings back this memory:

When I was 8 years old, I played baseball in a game to decide who was the champion of the Southwest Parsippany, Eastern Time Zone, Group 2, Bevewyck Road, Dairy Queen, League.

To an 8 year old it was the highlight of my life. We had team shirts.

The game was 6 innings long and we were losing by 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th. The

bases were loaded with 2 outs. I was at bat, filled with dread. On a 3-1 pitch, I laced the ball just foul down the third base line. It would, presumably, have won the game, unless somebody fell down. My friend Lenny fell down a lot and was on second base, so you never know. On the next pitch with a 3-2 count. I saw a ball and the umpire saw a strike.

Game over, we lose. The championship went to the dreaded and hated Blue Jays.

Walking back to the car with my father, Mom was home with the rest of the family, I started to explain to him that it was somebody else's fault that I struck out to end the game. The umpire stunk and was blind. The other team was yelling at me. I slipped. My shoe was untied. The game was fixed. All the words that excuse makers use.

My father stopped walking, looked at me, and told me to stop talking. He then asked me several questions.

- a) Who was at bat when you struck out? Answer: I was.
- b) Did you protect the plate with a full count? Answer: No
- c) Were your eyes open? Answer: I think so
- d) Did you believe you would succeed? Answer: No

I answered the questions honestly because it was not smart to lie to my old man.

When I finished my honest answers he said;

"Be sad tonight and tomorrow go out and practice to get better". That's all he said about the game. Conversation over. He never brought up the game again.

As we drove home in the 1959 VW bug, I figured I might get him to spring for an ice cream from Dairy Queen. You know, the sympathy request. Not a chance. The old man was not about to spring for 20 cents for an ice cream. He "had some ice cream in the freezer at home and, as he was not a millionaire couldn't afford to go out for ice cream during the week". *What a sport the old man was!*

I learned a lot that night from a man who made me move forward while still learning from the past.

Good job, Pop! Thanks!

Distinguished Alumni and Apostle of Charity Award Recipients

The following DePaul graduates were honored at the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner on Thursday, March 21st. We look forward to watching them pave the way for many more award recipients in years to come. Congratulations and thank you for your extraordinary service to our school, your field and society.



Apostle of Charity Award



Distinguished Alumni Award

Christa Hoeher Reddy, Esq. '72 Reddy & Reddy



Distinguished Alumni Award

Trish O'Keefe, Ph.D., RN, NE-BC '76 President, Morristown Medical Vice President, Atlantic Health System Rev. John F. Tarantino '68 Administrator, Resurrection Parish



Distinguished Alumni Award

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



Distinguished Alumni Award

Andre Sayegh '92 Mayor, City of Paterson



Distinguished Alumni Award

Tara Palmeri '05 White House Correspondent, ABC News

Spartan Nation

Atlantic Health Donates AED to DePaul Catholic

Article from: TapIntolt.Net

MORRISTOWN, NJ - Atlantic Sports Health and the Atlantic Health System Sports Cardiology Program donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) a portable device that instructs users to deliver an electric shock to get a heart beating normally after a cardiac event to DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, New Jersey. Last week, Morristown Medical Center President Trish O'Keefe, was recognized by the school with their Distinguished Alumni Award.

Atlantic Health System is dedicated to building healthier communities and in 2017 created Project Heartbeat to



empower communities with the training, equipment, and confidence necessary to respond to cardiac emergencies and potentially save lives.

Atlantic Health donated an AED to Morristown High School in the fall of 2018. Danielle Cigol, athletic trainer at Morristown High School accepted the device for the school and said, ""On behalf of our athletic director and all of Morristown High School, we're very grateful to be working with Atlantic Health System. Our athletic teams use several different spaces, so this donation greatly helps our goal of being prepared wherever our athletes play."

John Renaldo Receives Award

On March 20, Coach John Renaldo '82 was presented with the 2019 Honor Award from the Passaic County Coaches Association. Congratulations, Coach, and thank you for all that you do for DePaul.

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



Click here to RSVP for the Tricky Tray



DePaul Catholic High School Presents

Into The Woods

Friday, April 12 - 7pm Saturday, April 13 - 7pm

General Admission - \$10 DP Students, Senior Citizens, and Children Under 12 - \$7

To reserve your tickets, please call: 973.694.3702, ext. 200

Kathleen Walsh '02 Day

For the past 13 years, the DePaul Catholic Softball team has humbly sponsored the Kathleen Walsh Classic -- a game that involves the friends and family of Kathleen, the proceeds of which go to the Kathleen Walsh Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to the graduating senior who best embodies the spirit of Kathleen as student, athlete, and citizen. For the past few years, we knew we wanted to do more. For the 14th anniversary year, we have expanded the itinerary to include a new high school level tournament -- The Greater Wayne Kathleen Walsh Classic. The tournament features the four Wayne high schools. At 9:00 a.m., DePaul Catholic will face off against Wayne Hills and Wayne Valley will face PCTI. At 11:00 a.m., the championship and consolation games will be played, at the conclusion of which, Mayor Christopher Vergano, will present the Mayor's Trophy to the victors.



At 2:00 p.m., the traditional Alumni and Friends game will be played. If you are interested in participating or contributing, please visit <u>http://weblink.donorperfect.com/KathleenWalsh2019</u>.

Between the third and fourth innings of the Alumni and Friends of Kathleen game, we will be naming the softball field, the Kathleen Walsh Softball Field. This is a once in a lifetime celebration of all that is Kathleen Walsh. Please mark the date on your calendar and don't miss it!



26th Annual Golf Classic

Benefitting The Sister Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

2019 Honorees The Carlon Family

Monday, June 17, 2019 North Jersey Country Club 1:00pm Shotgun Start

Click here for online registration and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information, or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact: Brynn Merritt Campbell <u>merrittb@dpchs.org</u>

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.

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Alumni Association

Stay in touch with your fellow alumni. Be sure to update your contact info via <u>http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AlumniUpdate18</u>

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.

2nd Annual Brian Buczek Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, July 13, 2019 Preakness Valley Golf Course 2:30 pm Tee time

Benefitting the Brian Buczek '97 Scholarship Fund for a DePaul student in their sophomore through senior years.

For more information and scholarship opportunities, please contact: Carmela Raiti <u>raitic@dpchs.org</u>

Admissions News

<u>Mrs. Anne Brewer</u> Director of Admissions

The Admissions Office is just two weeks away from our **New Parent Orientation and Placement Testing Day on Saturday, April 6!** This is an exciting day for our newest Spartans and their families, as we officially welcome them into the DePaul Catholic family. Parents will hear from members of our Administration as well as our academic departments. The school store will be open for families to purchase DePaul apparel.

We invite all prospective families to join us for the **Spring Musical**, **Into the Woods**, **on April 12 and April 13 at 7:00PM.** All prospective students interested in our Fine Arts program are welcome to join us for what we expect to be a spectacular show!

Our Spring Open House will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00PM, all are welcome!

As the weather warms up and you make your summer plans, consider one of our Academic Summer Camps! Programs will be offered in STEM Science Discovery, High School Algebra, Study Skills For Success, and HSPT Exam Prep for Success.

If you have questions about any of our upcoming events please contact the Office of Admissions at 973-694-3702 ext 410 or <u>admissions@dpchs.org</u>.

Peace and Justice Week

submitted by Mrs. Bullman

It was Peace and Justice Week at DePaul March 18-22. During this week, the Honors Senior Theology students shared a social justice focus. This year's theme was the "Dignity of Life and Right to Life".

We opened each day of school with prayers that reflected the theme. The students prepared mini lessons on topics that ranged from abortion, the family, chastity, end of life issues and gendercide, to name a few. Each lesson was presented in different classrooms across the Theology department, and through all grade levels. An interactive component was included in the presentations, as well.

Some of the feedback from the seniors included, "When Mrs. Bullman told us the topic would be dealing with abortion/life issues, I was very excited because this is something I have a real passion about." "My overall impression of this topic and experience is that I agree with the seriousness of the sanctity of life and believe life is a gift from God that we shouldn't tamper with. It was a good experience being able to present to a class and provide them with that information."

At the end of the week, the students led the Lenten "Stations of the Cross" with reflections that were Pro-Life.



The Fine and Performing Arts Department presents ...

A Celebration of the Arts



DePaul Catholic High School Information Commons Tuesday, April 30, 2019. 7-9 pm

Meet some of DePaul's top artists and musicians as the annual Art Show celebrates art and music.

Chat with students from AP Studio, Honors Portfolio and Portfolio while listening to relaxing music and enjoying some light refreshment.

Art Contest Winner

submitted by Mrs. Gorski

Congratulations to Amanda Fallon for being named one of the 2019 New Jersey Photography winners. The contest, which is sponsored by the Ocean County Camera Club, is open to NJ high school students. Amanda won a Director's Choice award in the category of Architecture for her photo of the Eiffel Tower, entitled "Lumiere".





Engineering Lab Adds Additional 3D Printers submitted by Ms. Parler

The Engineering Lab just added three new 3D printers to its existing corps of five. The new Dremels are faster and quieter than previous generations of the Makerbots and DaVincis we already had. Students in the Design for 3D Printing class, including Anthony Carlo (pictured), are already making good use of the new technology, as are the Engineering 1 and 2 students.

Pi Day Competition submitted by Ms. Wiltshire

The Annual Pi Day Competition, held on March 14th (of course!) brought teams of bright and eager seventh-graders from local Catholic schools to DePaul Catholic to demonstrate their math skills. Rotating through four varied and challenging activities, students had to be creative, compile data, and calculate values to come out on top.

When the final call to put down the pencils was sounded, the results were tabulated and the top three teams were announced.

Congratulations go to all who were chosen by their school to compete and to the top three teams:

St. Mary's School – Third Place Immaculate Heart of Mary School – Second Place Holy Spirit School – First Place

Pictured below is the victorious team of Alex Schmidt, Michael Sapp, Patrick Lo and Matthew Bogush, displaying their certificates and prizes. They are flanked by their proud math teachers, Mr. Greg DeLillo and Ms. Susan Callahan.



The Medical Science Club

submitted by Ms. Ferrito

The Medical Science Club, spear headed by Sophomore Krystin Gabin, raised \$249 for the Epilepsy Foundation by having students pay \$1.00 to wear purple on March 26, Epilepsy Awareness Day. It was a fun day. And oh lala, the shades of purple worn.

The next project is the MS Walk on April 28, West Orange. Check out <u>walkms.org</u>: West Orange. We are Team Ferrito. Join us, make a donation, or pray for good weather.

ESOL Class Celebrates Saint Patrick's Day submitted by Mrs. Percontino

The ESOL class learned about the traditions of the Irish for St. Patrick's Day. They worked on shamrock emojis and learned the meaning of Leprechaun. We also included the history of this Patron Saint.



We all hope the luck of the Irish stays with them as they enjoy their last quarter with us here in the United States.

Happy Spring from the ESOL class to all of you!

Guidance Department News

submitted by Ms. McGovern

Course Selection Is Underway

Students received their course selection sheets in homeroom and will be meeting with their counselors to discuss their courses for the 2019-2020 school year. Selection sheets need to be signed by both the student and their parent or guardian and returned to the Guidance office no later than Friday, March 29.

College Fair

College Fair is Tuesday, April 9. There will be over 70 colleges and universities represented. Students will be called to the gym from 12-1:30 to have an opportunity to visit with college representatives. A formal list of colleges will be available the week before the fair begins.

News From The Interact Club

submitted by Mrs. Dacles

Members of the Interact Club pose with the donations for their Lenten collection. The club led the school in gathering crayons, coloring and activity books, and character band aids to be delivered to St. Joseph's Hospital Children's Ward. Both DePaul Catholic and St. Joseph's Hospital are associated with the Sisters of Charity, Sr. Jeanne's Order of Sisters The Interact Club is sponsored by the Wayne Rotary Club.



Our Families At Work...



Deb Murray and her daughters, Hanna and Maya Vaidya, wrapping baskets for the Tricky Tray.



Catalina Ruiz hard at work wrapping baskets for the Tricky Tray.

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

Sport Camps

DePaul Catholic offers a variety of Sports Camps in 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.

<u>Click here to register for one of the summer sport sessions.</u>

<u>July 8 - 11</u> Football I Boys Basketball I Girls Lacrosse Boys Lacrosse

<u>July 15-18</u> Boys Basketball II Football II

<u>July 22 - 25</u> Baseball Girls Volleyball

Questions?

Brynn Merritt Campbell <u>merrittb@dpchs.org</u>

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. <u>summerstudy@dpchs.org.</u>

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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