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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:

Graduation for the Class of 2019 was last Tuesday night and it was a wonderful celebration bringing their time to DePaul Catholic High School to a close. Last Sunday we gathered as a community for the Baccalaureate Mass and dinner. Just like that...we said good bye to the Senior Class and pray for their success. By Wednesday morning, the Junior class was asking if they could eat lunch at the picnic tables outside (a Senior privilege) and could they wear their "Senior" fleeces. In less than 24 hours, another group of students has already turned our attention to June, 2020...how quickly time flies (especially as I get older!).

During the graduation ceremony, I have to admit my thoughts drifted to one member of the Senior class that was not in the gym. Much like the parable of the lost sheep that is in both the Gospel of Matthew and Luke, Jesus tells of the shepherd who leaves his flock of 99 in order to look for the one that is lost. One member of the class, Marian Siri, was recovering in Hackensack Hospital. After the ceremony was over, I called her father and the nurses at the hospital and went to her room to present her with her diploma. Surrounded by 15 members of her family and the nurses on the floor, we had our own graduation ceremony. In my 27 years in education, I can assure you that this is one of my most humbling moments. She is on the road to recovery and, like the entire Class of 2019, we continue to pray for them every day.

I would like to make you aware of important events that will be taking place over the next six weeks as the academic year comes to a close:

8th Grade Graduation – June 14 at 10:00 AM

Final Exams – June 13 to June 19

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!



Congratulations Class of 2019!





Jinguang (Jack) Chai '19, who joined us from China for his junior and senior years, shows off a stack of his AP Prep Books. "Jack, today proves something we have always known about you. You're pretty smart! Best of luck Jack, we will miss you!"

A Prayer For Our Graduates

Fr. Julio Barrios, Chaplain

Almighty and ever living God,

We thank you for the completion of another academic year, and for giving us the opportunity, short though it may have been, to play a part in the lives of our students and our new graduates. We are grateful for your guidance and love as we shared in this important work.

Please bless and guide our graduates as they reach this end, and as they chart new beginnings. May what they have learned by being here with us allow them to truly be "women and men for others." May what we have learned from them enable us to be the same.

Please help them to use all that they have learned here to make the world a better place - to serve others in true solidarity and kinship - to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized, and those who are suffering - and to always seek the greater good. We know that some of them will experience pain and hardship, and we know that some of them already have, and we ask you to grant them solace and strength.

Bless their lives from this day on with goodness, compassion and love. Help them to stay true to their dreams and to the vocation you have in mind for each of them in this life. Guide and allow them to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. Though they are leaving our high school today, we know that they will always be with us as part of the De Paul family, and we ask that the bonds that have been created here remain strong despite any distance.

We ask all of these through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St. Vincent De Paul: Pray for us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

The Restaurant of Life

Speaking to the seniors during graduation practice, I mentioned they are about to enter the restaurant of life. This actually woke some of them up, while most of the others just stared at me with a quizzical look. A couple of them, however, did seem to know what I was talking about.

One of the best parts, and scariest parts, of being young is preparing to decide which restaurant you should spend your life in. That's what high school and college are all about. The preparation to choose the right restaurant with the hope of building a life which provides them with a great meal and great memory.

If you look closely at students at graduation you can see them thinking about their restaurant choice. For me, as one who has chosen the restaurant, had the meal, and is now moving towards dessert, it is still exciting to watch kids beginning to make their choice. It's also a time when parents can really help their kids to choose and to start building a rewarding and memorable life.

Prayer helps a lot also!

Best of Luck Class of 2019. Nice Job!

Spartan Nation

Non Public B State Champion

Congratulations to Devin Parkyn '20 who long jumped his way to a State Title on Saturday, June 1st. Devin's jump earned him an opportunity to jump at the Meet of Champions on Saturday with the top 30 jumpers in the State.



Fall Sports Meeting

Mark your calendars! There will be a mandatory meeting for all athletes who will be playing a Fall Sport (with the exception of football) on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

Boys Lacrosse Honors

Chris Conti '19 - 2nd Team All State, Gill Gibbs Senior All Star Game player
Will Szumita '19 - Academic All American - NJ North - US Lacrosse
Phil Caggiano '19 - Academic All American - NJ North - US Lacrosse

GREAT WORK!

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.](#)

Support DPCHS Cheer



Bringing a Bit of the Beach to the Boro!

Sunday to Thursday 10AM to 9PM
Friday to Saturday 10AM to 10PM

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RSVP & Save The Date

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
merrittb@dpchs.org

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.

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

July 8 - 11

Football I

Boys Basketball I

Girls Lacrosse

Boys Lacrosse

July 15-18

Boys Basketball II

Football II

July 22 - 25

Baseball

Girls Volleyball

Questions?

Brynn Merritt Campbell

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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

August 5-8, 2019
(Monday—Thursday)
· HSPT Exam Prep For Success

For more information or to register, please click here.

Admissions Office
Ms. Anne Rotundo
Director of Admissions

Congratulations to the Class of 2019! We wish our graduates all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter.

It will only be a few weeks before we welcome the next class of Spartans when we host the New Student BBQ on **June 19 at 5:30PM.**

We are hosting Summer Enrichment Camps for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for more information visit the Summer Enrichment Camp page on our website.

All 9th grade applicants will be required to take the HSPT test in the fall. Here at DePaul we will be offering an **HSPT prep course in August.** Students will navigate through the structure and setup of the test and practice sample content while receiving valuable test-taking tips. For more information contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@dpchs.org or 973-694-3702 ext. 442.

The Enrollment Office will be open all summer, and space is still available if you are interested in joining the Spartan family this fall! Please make sure to contact our office for a tour, and for more information about the admissions process.

Advancement News
Ms. Carmela Raiti
Director of Advancement

2nd Annual Brian Buczek Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, July 13, 2019
Preakness Valley Golf Course - 9 Hole game
Dinner with beer & wine to follow
2:30 pm Tee time

\$100 per person

To register online, check calendar on www.depaulcatholic.org

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

For more information and sponsor opportunities, please contact:
Carmela Raiti at raitic@dpchs.org

Baseball Raffle
NY Yankees vs Boston Red Sox

August 2, 2019, Friday, 7:05 pm
4 seats, section 213, row 1

\$20 per raffle ticket. \$1,200 value

Drawing to be held at the Buczek Memorial Golf Outing on July 13th. Winner need not be present.

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

Reserve your tickets now.
Contact: Stanley Buczek at 973.222.1458 or
Email: Carmela Raiti at raitic@dpchs.org

Forensic Nationals

submitted by Ms. Ferrito

Where much of the tri-state area was thinking about how they would spend Memorial Day weekend, Sophomore Lilly Tea and her forensic coach, Miss Ferrito knew they'd be headed to Milwaukee. Lilly placed well at the Paterson Diocesan Forensic Public Speaking Grand Tournament so she was eligible to represent DePaul at the National Forensic Tournament in Milwaukee. Needless to say it was an experience! Lilly scored well and is ready to take on her next challenge.



HOBY Leadership Seminar

submitted by Mrs. Covello & Mrs. McGrady

Each spring, 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country join one of HOBY's (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) 70 State Leadership Seminars to hone their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace, and community.

This year, Kate Heaney, Evan Thomas, and Matt Wilderson represented DePaul. They met up with Dan McGrady '14, who attended the Seminar as a sophomore and now goes each year as a facilitator.



Holocaust Survivor Visits Mrs. Dacles's Class

submitted by Mrs. Dacles

Mrs. Dacles's World Genocide class was honored recently to have Otto Salamon, a Holocaust Survivor, visit and give a presentation on his experiences as a child in Eastern Europe during World War II. One student's reflection sums up

the reaction of the students to Mr. Salamon's story: "The one thing that inspired me the most from your story was how determined you and your family were. I respect you so much, and you are a role model to me because of what I learned from your story. You may not know me, but I will always remember you. Thank you very much," Tedy Afful '20.



INTERACT OFFICERS

2019-2020

The Interact Club is pleased to announce the new officers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Faith Cancro
Gwyneth Crispano
Valery Mendoza
Riley Sikorski
Anna Soltys
Sindu Thoompally
Hanna Vaidya

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