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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 I get older, it always amazes me how quickly the school year goes by...it is October and 10% of the school year is complete. I ask the students every month, "Have you accomplished 10% of your goals for this school year?" I told the students at the start of the school year, the academic year is a marathon and not a sprint. Pace yourselves well and you will be successful!

After a great start of the year, we head into a busy October. The Freshman Class Retreat (10/2), Homecoming (10/4), Open House (10/9), and Parent Conferences (10/17 from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM) are just some of the highlighted events as we start the month of October.

Everything that we do here hopefully leads to the same end result – student success! If you are a current parent/guardian of a student and want to talk about your child's academic progress, please plan on attending the **Parent Conferences scheduled for October 17, starting at 1:30 PM.**

At Back to School Night, I spoke to our families about the dangers of vaping and E-cigarettes. This has now moved to the national headlines as doctors are confirming these devices as the cause of death in people around the country. If you suspect that your child is involved in this activity, please feel free to call us so that we can partner in supporting a healthy lifestyle for all of our students.

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**

I had the opportunity to represent DePaul this past weekend at the 50th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1969. Imagine 50 years! Some of the folks in attendance had not been back to DePaul in all those years. They spent the reunion at a reception at school, attending Mass offered by Father, now Monsignor, O'Rourke and finishing with a dinner with music and dancing to 60's music on Saturday night. Most of the attendees were

retired and many were grandmas and grandpas. Sadly, 18 members of the Class of 1969 had passed away. Those 90(+) members of the class in attendance, however, were truly a sight to see.

I was in 10th grade when they graduated, but I did remember most of them. As sophomores, we had looked up to them and tried to follow their example. As a class they became very successful in life and all were truly happy to see each other again to reminisce for a few hours.

So what did they talk about?

Well, the football players did not discuss their success as team, but only the fact that they had not beaten St Cecilia's as seniors. Sports memories last a lifetime, the good ones and the tough ones.

I also heard more than a few of them say that DePaul had been a wonderful time in their life and a large part of the foundation for their future.

They talked about the things they learned, the discipline they were taught, the friends they made, the teachers they loved and had driven crazy, and the memories they had built.

When you think back to the year 1969, when they graduated, these folks saw firsthand the moon landing, Woodstock, sadly the Vietnam War, the Yippies, Hippies and the end of the Beatles.

Interesting times.

DePaul Alums are the foundation and lifeblood of 2019 DePaul Catholic High School. After speaking with them I felt, as I have always felt, that DePaul offers a Catholic Education that will last a lifetime. Please remember and support us as we continue to offer that very same Catholic Education.

It was a great night for the entire DePaul Community..... past and present.

Spartan Nation

Moe's Student-Athletes of the Month

Congratulations to our two Moe's Student-Athletes of the Month for September:

Jessica Long '20

&

Zach Najem '20

Senior Nights

Girls Soccer - October 17th vs. Paramus Catholic at 7:00pm

Football and Cheer - October 18th vs. Hudson Catholic at 7:00pm

Boys Soccer - October 22nd vs. Kennedy at 7:00pm

Alumni News

Huge shoutout and congratulations to Stephen Beneventine, who recently graduated from the Passaic County Police Academy and is now working as a Wayne Police Officer.

Stephen is a DePaul alum (Class of 2012) and was an All-State and All-County soccer player for the Spartans.

Softball Team Honored

Members of the 2019 varsity softball team were honored at halftime of Friday's football game for their NFCA Academic All-American status. Congratulations!



Important Dates From The Athletic Department, 2019-2020

- **March 19th**- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (@ The Grove)
- **June 15th** - 27th Annual DePaul Catholic Golf Classic (@ North Jersey Country Club)

Fall Open Houses

The DePaul Catholic Community invites you into our HOME for a look at why over 11,000 alumni believe that we are "The Place To Be".

Wednesday, October 9
6:30pm

Sunday, October 27
12:00pm

Please RSVP by visiting
www.depaulcatholic.org

For additional info: admissions@dpchs.org



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Admissions Office

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Shadow Days

Now Available!

[Register Here](#)

Open Houses

RSVP

Wednesday, October 9th
First Tour: 6:30pm, Last Tour: 8:00pm

Sunday, October 27th
First Tour: 12:00pm, Last Tour: 1:30pm

HSPT Test

Friday, November 8
Please register for the test here.

What's Happening At DPCHS?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79
Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

What A Colorful Sunday!





A special "Thank You" to Moe's Southwest Grill (Pompton Plains, NJ) for donating chips and salsa for the Color Run.

COME AND SEE NFL PLAYERS COMPETE AGAINST STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHILE FIGHTING HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN NEED!

LONNIE ALLGOOD
DREAMS FOR KIDS, INC.

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

Community FoodBank
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Saturday, October 12, 2019

6pm - 9pm

[Register Today!](#)

Lonnie Allgood, Former NFL player and founder of Dreams for Kids is partnering with the NJ Food Bank to stomp out hunger. Don't forget to drop off your non-perishable food. Boxes will be in the lobby of the school.

DePaul Catholic Physical Education Takes On Pickleball

[Ms. Melissa D'Auria](#)

This quarter, in pattern 5 and 6 physical education classes, students were introduced to a new sport called pickleball. The name Pickleball comes from the founder, Joel Pritchard, who grew tired of watching his family sit around with nothing to do. Pritchard found an old badminton court, ping pong paddles, and plastic balls. The family found that the balls bounced well on the asphalt and made a game out of it. As they played, their dog Pickles would come by and run off with the ball, giving them a name to the game. Pickleball is a lifetime activity, as it promotes physical activity at any age. The physical education department hopes that DePaul's students are learning a new sport that they are eager to try outside of their class. The game was so intriguing, even Mrs. Baldo came to

join in!



Jets Flight Crew Visits DePaul

[Mrs. Rita Aboyoun](#)

On Wednesday September 25th, the DePaul Catholic Varsity and Freshman cheerleaders got to meet two of the New York Jets Flight Crew Cheerleaders for a meet and greet and inspirational discussion.

DePaul Alum, Samara Lobosco, '11 and fellow cheerleader Jackie, talked about their journey from high school cheer and dance to college to the Jets professional team they are a part of today. Their message was positive and full of encouragement.



Samara is a graduate of The University of Delaware where she performed on their award winning dance team and got her bachelor degree in elementary and special education. She earned her masters degree in Autism and Severe Disabilities at Delaware as well. While she was getting her Masters, she performed on the Philadelphia Eagles Professional Cheer Team. Today she teaches 6th grade special needs students, is newly engaged to be married and performs at all of the Jets home games with the Jets Flight Crew Cheerleaders!

Samara is a true Spartan!!

Thank you Samara and Jackie!!!



The Math Department Welcomes Mr. Malyack

The Mathematics Department welcomes Mr. Joseph Malyack to DePaul Catholic. Mr. Malyack comes to us after graduating with honors in Mathematics and Statistics and a concentration in Philosophy from Vassar College. His teaching schedule includes Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry and Honors Calculus. Mr. Malyack is not only a graduate of DPCHS but was the valedictorian of his class. He and his sister were also stellar members and captains of the bowling team. It is no surprise that he has now taken on the role of coach of the bowling team, where he can encourage his members to catch up to his six perfect games of 300! Mr. Malyack was also a member of the golf team in high school, and when asked about those skills, he said he would challenge anyone to a round of mini golf.

Frosh Retreat

[Mrs. Judy Gorski](#)

Freshmen learned the value of cooperation and teamwork and they competed to build the sturdiest and tallest Jenga tower during their retreat. The competition was one of the activities the students participated in which focused on embracing who we are and the importance of relationships in our lives.

Guidance News

[Mrs. Anne Gregory](#)
Director of Guidance

All students in grade 8-11 are taking the PSAT's Wednesday October 16th in school. Make sure to get a restful night of sleep and a good breakfast. Good Luck!

Theology News

[Mrs. Patty Bullman](#)

Sophomore students in Mrs. Bullman's class have been working on projects that help them understand "Creation". Projects ranged from board games to musical renditions to pieces of art that represent the story of Creation in the Bible.

Mrs. Haggerty's junior classes have been working hard to prepare for their first Midnight Run that took place on Saturday, October 5th. Donations of socks, personal items, blankets, backpacks and more will provide necessities for the poor and homeless in New York City. The students will continue with this service with 2 more events later in the year.



A Visit To NYC

[Mrs. Bethany Dacles](#)

Mrs. Bullman, Theology, and Mrs. Dacles, Social Studies, recently traveled to New York City to visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage to view an exhibit of artifacts on the Holocaust from Auschwitz. The exhibit entitled "Not Long Ago-Not Far Away" included original photographs from the 1930s and 40s and recorded interviews of survivors. The teachers' attendance was sponsored by the Facing History organization. DePaul Catholic is a participating member of Facing History.



Remembering Our Veterans

[Mrs. Judy Gorski](#)

The St. Vincent DePaul Honor Society is sponsoring a fundraiser honoring and benefiting those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

Flags are being sold for \$3.00 each. Each will be tied with a white ribbon on which the name of the veteran will be printed. All flags will be placed in the front oval on Veterans Day where a commemorative service will be held.

To order a flag(s) please click [here](#) for a form.

Chris Marren '19 Earns Eagle Scout Award

Christopher Marren receives Eagle Scout Award! Chris was presented with Scoutings' high honor on June 22, 2019 at St. James of the Marches Church, Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America has announced. He is the son of Maryann and Chris Marren of Woodland Park.

He joined Scouting in 2012. Christopher is a member of Troop 26 chartered by St. James of the Marches.



In order to achieve the rank of Eagle, Christopher had to earn 21 merit badges and show leadership by planning, developing and completing a community service project. For his

project, Christopher built a trophy case to showcase the Hall of Fame at DePaul Catholic high School. It is estimated the project took over 100 hours of Community Service.

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