



# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Spartan Sentinel

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

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### A Message From The President

[Dr. Robert Stickles, Ed. D., J. D.](#)

To the DePaul Catholic Community:

As is the case with most Catholic high schools, DePaul Catholic is heavily dependent upon tuition to support its operation. Our fundraising activities generate some income, but the lion's share of our revenue comes from the tuition that our families pay.

We at DePaul work hard to keep our tuition at the most reasonable level possible. But, with costs rising every year, we usually find ourselves faced with the necessity to raise our tuition annually, to keep pace with those increases in our expenses.

I'm happy to report, however, that next year will see an exception to the usual practice. ***Our Board has concluded, after examining our forecasts, that we will be able to avoid a tuition increase for next year, and we will keep our tuition fixed at \$14,200, the current rate.*** Our fees will remain the same as well.

I'm delighted that we're able to do this for our families. We appreciate the sacrifices that they make to secure a DePaul education for their children, and we're happy to help them with that effort by maintaining our tuition at its present level.

St. Vincent DePaul, pray for us!

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### Principal's Corner

[Mr. Russell Petrocelli](#)

Dear Spartan Community:

The first marking period has come to a close and we celebrate the students who have earned academic honors for the start of this school year. I have told the students on many occasions that the school year is a marathon and not a sprint. It takes dedication and commitment over an extended period of time to be successful and I congratulate those students who have made that commitment and those who strive to reach this level of success.

Along the line of service to others, Grades 10 and 11 participated in day-long retreats on November 8. Among the experiences offered to the students on this day of retreat, the Junior Class traveled to the Food Bank in Hillside and worked on separating the donated food so that it could be distributed to those in need. After working at the Food Bank, the juniors traveled to St. John Cathedral in Paterson where they toured the Cathedral with Msgr. Geno Sylva, Rector of the Cathedral, who celebrated Mass for the entire class.

We invite all parents, families, friends, and alumni to our Mass of Thanksgiving which will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27 at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, the school community will recognize students who achieved academic honors for Marking Period 1.

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!

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## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

### I've had enough!

*Taking the pure joy out of playing a game by adding another stress to young kids.*

The day of the Fall Open House was a very rainy day, I mean buckets coming down.

As I drove into school, I saw on the field adjacent to DePaul little kids playing soccer in what was a semi-hurricane. The kids were running around, parents standing in the pouring rain, all on a Sunday morning. I am certain that this must have been, up to the next game, the most important soccer game of their little lives. I am sure there was a lot at stake. College scholarships. Coach's record. Winning in the rain. The little kids, who weren't playing at the time, just stood there in the driving rain.

I wondered what they were thinking about.

What happens to all those little soccer players, or other little athletes, as they get older and they have already played a 100 or more games in competitive situations by the time they are 12. They've played every night, or Saturday or Sunday, or both. It is no wonder that the number of kids playing dwindles as the kids get older.

**Oh, the kids who think they may play in college keep playing in high school and there are still some kids who play for the pure joy of it. I understand that and that's great.**

Where do the other kids go?

- Maybe some of them just don't want to play anymore. I wonder ....Why?
- Maybe they were being forced to play.
- Maybe they played on a team more concerned with winning than in teaching skills and sportsmanship and having fun.
- Maybe the little kid did not want to be on travel team anymore.
- Maybe the little kid just wanted to be a kid and have a little more time with friends hanging around.
- Maybe the little kid was tired of being coached and organized and critiqued in the car after a game. Maybe he or she just wanted to go kick the ball or shoot hoops without the pressure of parents and coaches and AAU and PROMISES OF FUTURE GREATNESS.
- Maybe they never really liked playing, but they did not want to let their parents or coaches down.
- Maybe they are tired of hearing their parents complain in the stands or to each other or to the coach. Sometimes it is embarrassing for the young kid to hear that stuff.
- Maybe the little kids are just tired.

I have been involved in high school sports all my working life and I also competed in football in high school.

For me, the best thing that ever happened in athletics is that I never played an organized sport (football) until high school. We played pickup games behind Wayne High School

every day after school while in elementary school at OLV. Ripped pants, a little blood and a lot of fun. I was always hiding another pair of ripped pants from my mother. But, as kids, we learned to organize, pick teams (and you learned to deal with it when you were the last pick), officiate the game, play hurt, solve disagreements and still get home for 6 o'clock dinner. The game went on without adult supervision, and if somebody got hurt we got them home. We even called our own plays. No awards dinner, no trophies, no all-state, just fun through competition.

Later, during my 30 years as a high school football coach I always felt bad when I was working with a kid who was only playing for a scholarship. What a grind. Even when we won a game, if his stats weren't good, he was upset. And sometimes so were his parents. Heartbreaking!

I learned when listening to college coaches that football scholarships were awarded based on height, speed and physical potential, and not on wins and stats. Many of the greatest football players to ever suit up for DePaul did not qualify as potential college scholarship athletes. They just loved playing high school football!

Oh.....I know I am writing about a different time but, I will always be interested in the little kids playing on the field next to DePaul and wondering what their future with the game is. I hope they have a little fun and a little freedom to play..... as sports should be played.

For the pure joy of playing and, maybe someday, appreciating the athletic gift bestowed on them by God.

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## Spartan Nation

Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team for an outstanding season. They made school history this year by defeating IHA on November 7th to become the Non-Public A State Sectional Champions. Senior, Bryana Pelayo, scored the winning goal in overtime that led the Spartans to their first ever Sectional State Title. The Lady Spartans finished their 2019 season as Conference, County, and State Sectional Champs.



**The Football Team will take on Donovan Catholic on Friday, November 22nd, in the State Semifinals. The game will take place at DePaul under the lights at 7:00pm**



The DP Competition Cheer Team trained at Just Cheer in preparation for the upcoming season.

## 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)

### Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

### Shadow Days

Come Spend A Day As A Spartan!

[Register Here](#)

*Still The Place To Be...*

Announcing our first ever  
"Mini Open House"

**Tuesday, November 19th**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
1512 Alps Rd, Wayne

Learn about our 8th Grade Prep  
Meet with the Administration  
Final look before applications are due

RSVP:  
[www.depaulcatholic.org](http://www.depaulcatholic.org)  
[admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)



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### Apply Today!

Applications for the Class of 2024 are now being accepted. Please submit them by  
December 6th for a January decision.

[APPLY HERE](#)

### Already applied? Here are your next steps.

Download this form, fill it out, and turn it in to your current school to have your records  
released to us.

#### [Release of Records Form](#)

You'll also need this [teacher recommendation form](#).

Would you like to be considered for an **Academic Scholarship**? You (and one parent)  
must have a short interview with a member of our Administrative Team. **You can  
reserve your spot here.** Please contact Mrs. Darlene Saporito with questions.  
(973.694.3702, ext 442)

The window to apply for **Tuition Assistance** is open. You will need to  
visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3k377>  
You will also need to send this form back to the Admissions Office.

**Introducing The (expanded)**

## Honors Academies

The Academy of Science and Technology welcomed its first class in the fall of 2019. The Academy was comprised of two courses of study: Engineering and Computer Programming. Based on its resounding success, we have expanded its offerings to include Medical Science in the fall of 2020.



In addition, a second honors academy, The Academy of Arts and Humanities will accept its first class in the fall of 2020. This Academy is comprised of three courses of study as well: Arts and Letters, General Humanities, and Law and Government.

More information about The Academies, including a 10 minute video, can be found by clicking here:

[THE HONORS ACADEMIES](#). Or feel free to email: [academies@dpchs.org](mailto:academies@dpchs.org).

*The Academies are open to applicants in the Class of 2024. Interested candidates must first apply to DePaul Catholic High School. They will then be directed on how to apply for each Academy. All Academy applicants must also sit for an Academic Scholarship Interview.*

## What's Happening At DPCHS?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations



For it is in giving that we receive.

St. Francis of Assisi



**GIVE THE GIFT OF A SPARTAN EDUCATION!**

*Tuesday, 12.03.2019*



HELP SUPPORT

## DEPAUL CATHOLIC SENIOR CLASS

**WHERE** 1619 State Route 23, Wayne, NJ 07470

**WHEN** Thurs, Dec 5th

**FROM** 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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### Honoring Our Veterans

Mrs. Judy Gorski

Members of the St. Vincent DePaul Honor Society paid tribute to our Veterans on November 11th by selling flags of remembrance. A total of \$236.00 was raised and will be donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation, a charity which supports those who sacrifice to defend our country: active duty, veterans, first responders, and their loved ones. The flags were displayed on the school oval for all to see as they entered and departed DePaul. Students listened as members sang our National Anthem and recited a Veterans Day Prayer. A small tribute to those who have given so much.



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## School Counseling

Mrs. Anne Gregory  
Director of Guidance

Mr. Wooster and I were so excited to meet with Junior parents and students at our College Guidance Presentation on Thursday, November 14th. There was a lot of information discussed and we handed out the senior packet. This packet is comprised of a senior questionnaire, a parent brag sheet and a permission slip to send out your student's records. These will help the counselor and teachers write incredible letters of recommendation when your student applies to college. If you were unable to attend, we have extra copies in the School Counseling office.

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## Interact Club

Mrs. Bathany Dacles

Members of the Interact Club sort and pack the donations from the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We had a great response to the project. A big thank you to all who donated.

Now onto Christmas! DePaul Catholic is committed to providing Christmas gifts for 26 families in the Paterson Diocese. Starting Tuesday, November 19, anyone who would like to help can pick up a tag from Room 104 and purchase a gift for one of the members of these families. Merry Christmas!



Members of the Interact Club hold up some of the books the club recently collected from the DePaul Catholic Community to donate to Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Paterson.

Thank you to everyone who gave books, diapers, and clothing for children in the programs sponsored by Catholic Charities.

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## A Festival of Carols

Mr. Nick Lombardi

Please join with the Fine and Performing Arts Department as they present an evening of lessons and carols for the Christmas Season. DP Voices, under the direction of Mr. Andrew Monticello, will perform holiday music in conjunction with readings from the Forensics Club, guided by Ms. Oresta Ferrito. A sing-along will complete the event along with some hot chocolate and cookies! The performance will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the school gymnasium. See you there!



# A Festival of Carols



**Presented by the DePaul Catholic  
Fine and Performing Arts  
Department**



Wednesday, December 18, 2019

7:00 PM

The School Gymnasium

Please join the **Fine and Performing Arts Department** in conjunction with the **Forensics Club** as they present an evening of lessons and carols to celebrate the Christmas Season!

Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

## Alternative Party

Ms. Melissa D'Auria

To wrap up the first quarter, Seniors in Miss D'Auria's health class threw an alternative party. During the quarter, students learned what drugs and alcohol can do to the body, and the harms of binge drinking. The class decided to throw an alternative party to show how to have fun without the use of drugs or alcohol. Some of the students even got to see the harm in drinking and driving while playing Mario Kart with Fatal Vision Goggles on. Even some students from driver's ed. got to see the impact that alcohol has on driving. Overall, the students decided that drinking and driving is an accident waiting to happen, and spending time with friends and playing games is a better option than drinking alcohol.





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## Class of 2023 Visits West Point



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## News From The Theology Department

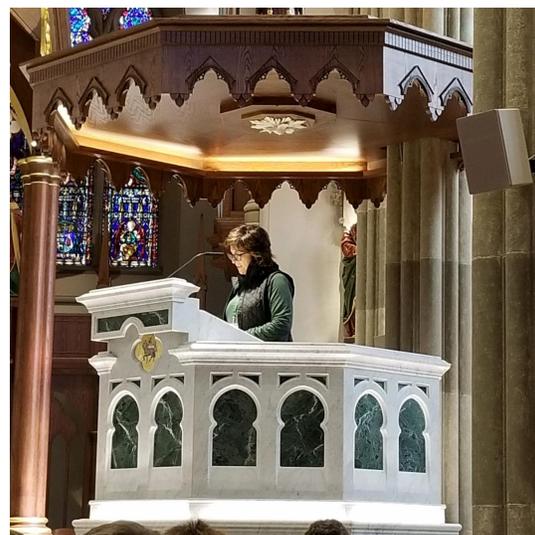
### Sophomore Retreat

The Sophomore Class spent the day at DePaul Catholic celebrating human dignity & diversity and seeing firsthand the effect of God's transforming love. Clients from Straight & Narrow came to DePaul Catholic and shared stories of the many hardships they faced before they found their road to recovery. Students broke out into small groups and participated in activities focusing on the power of right decisions. A high point was reached when Father Charlie said Mass accompanied by the Straight and Narrow Gospel Choir. Afterward, everyone received a small cross blessed by Father Bill as a keepsake of the honesty, sincerity and faith they witnessed.



## Junior Retreat

The DePaul Catholic junior class retreat took place at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ on November 8th. The students worked energetically in many different capacities that aided the Food Bank operations that day. The DePaul Catholic students then celebrated Mass at The Cathedral in Paterson with Monsignor Geno Sylva former President of DePaul Catholic.





## Senior Retreat

The DePaul Catholic High School Class of 2020 participated in their Senior Class Retreat on November 13th at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Wayne. The students worked through community building activities that focused on perceptions and relationships. Despite the temperature, the students warmed up to the challenge of seeing things and others in new ways and came to understand that 'you can't always blend in when you were born to stand out.' The morning was concluded with Eucharistic Adoration.



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## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, November 19th at 8pm\*\***

\*\*Please take note of the time change. There is a Mini Open House that evening from 6:30-7:30 in the DP Information Commons Room. If the Commons Room is unavailable we may need to meet in Room 118. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

**We are looking for an  
Ad Journal Committee Chair!**

We need someone who can put a 5x7 booklet together on your computer.

If you are interested, please contact:

Debbie Lozito 201-214-6848  
[dlodoc@aol.com](mailto:dlodoc@aol.com)

The 2020 Tricky Tray theme is

**Mother Earth's Garden Party!**

Save The Date....Wednesday, April 22, 2020!

Below is a list of the Tricky Tray Committees....

Ad Journal, Basket Making, Decorating, Dinner Tickets, Female Models, Male Models, 50/50 (Night Of), Prize Runner, Prize Tickets, Prize Wheels, Publicity, Set Up, Solicitation, Super 50/50 Raffle, Wine Pull

If you are interested in joining any committees, please contact:

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Maryann Marren 973-580-3401 [school12marren@yahoo.com](mailto:school12marren@yahoo.com)

From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE

Drawings begin 12/25!

With the holidays approaching, sell to family or buy some yourself as stocking stuffers. Please help our DePaul Family by selling your 10 raffles that went home in September.

If you need more, the office has some or contact:

Cindy Winkler [cinwinkler@optonline.net](mailto:cinwinkler@optonline.net)



Pictured: Lisa Cifalino, Carolyn Decker, Heather Heaney, Christine Relovsky, Helen Fano and Lynn Scelba

The holidays are a great time to clean out your closet!

Just drop your items that are ready to move on into the bin at the back of the parking lot when you drop off or pick up your kids from school. It's an easy way to help DePaul, help those in need and make some much needed room!

Pictured: Jayden Correa, Andrew Carvalho and Angelica Sarcona



Have you made your first holiday purchase? Christmas is right around the corner, so please support DePaul as you are shopping this year at no extra cost with

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**Secretary-** Jean Raftery, Mina Farrell

**Treasurer-** Kim Wilderson

**Tricky Tray-** Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito

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