

THE EMERALD

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND DE PAUL AND BEYOND...



Pictures from the first day of school for freshmen, transfers, and peer ministers on September 5th, 2023.

It's All Starting...

On September 5th, 2023, all freshmen and transfers started their journey here with an "orientation." This orientation included tablet training, pizza, and socializing while playing backyard games set up in the gym.

On September 6th, we all gathered for the first official day of the 2023/2024 school year. The year started on a sunny day—a good omen for the year to come. Reunions were made. Summer work was turned in. Everyone prepared to get back into the routine of school.

Girls' Soccer Wins Counties

DE PAUL VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER WINS PASSAIC COUNTY TOURNAMENT FOR 2ND YEAR IN A ROW

On Saturday, October 21st, the De Paul Girls' Soccer team went head to head with Wayne Valley to compete for the county title. De Paul came out with the win. The final score of the game was 2 to 0, a shutout, with De Paul on top. Both goals were score by Nicole Crane. Alexis Kochan and Jasmine Ouatu each contributed with an assist. This is the second year in a row that De Paul has been county champs. We are so proud of these girls and we cannot wait to see what the rest of the season has ahead. They still have the state tournament ahead of them. Will a state title be in their future?



The Girls' Soccer Team following their win in the county final against Wayne Valley.

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EXTRACURRICULARS

Adding to the Old, in with the New... ALL THE CLUBS DE PAUL HAS TO OFFER FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

De Paul has a bunch of new clubs and existing old ones! There was an activity fair on October 10th showcasing all the new clubs and activities, but if you missed it or are still looking to join here are all the clubs and their moderators.

Art Club – Moderator: Mrs. Carnevale

Book Club – Moderator: Ms. Sevean

Chess Club – Moderator: Mr. Gavigan

Culinary Club – Moderator: Mrs. Ghobrail

Entertainment Arts Club – Moderator: Ms. Sevean

Sevean

Forensic Public Speaking – Moderator: Ms. Ferrito

Ferrito

Green Club – Moderator: Ms. Carnevale

Health Pro Club – Moderator: Ms. Gonzalez

Interact Club – Moderator: Ms. Sevean

Italian Club – Moderator: Ms. Espinoza

Jazz Club – Moderator: Mr. Bradford

Medical Science Club – Moderator: Ms. Ferrito

Ferrito

Morgan’s Message – Moderator: Ms. Zaccardi

Music Ministry – Moderator: Mr. Cavagnaro

Newspaper Club – Moderator: Ms. Zaccardi

Peer Ministry Club – Moderator: Ms. Zaccardi

Right to Life – Moderator: Ms. Hall

Spanish Club – Moderator: Mrs. Dickson



Picture from a meeting of one of our new clubs, the Morgan’s Message Club. Morgan’s Message aims to create awareness for the mental health of student athletes.

Ski Club – Moderators: Mr. Bradford + Mr. Cavagnaro

Spartans for Mental Health – Moderator: Ms. Gonzalez

Student Cultural Research Group – Moderator: Mrs. Meza

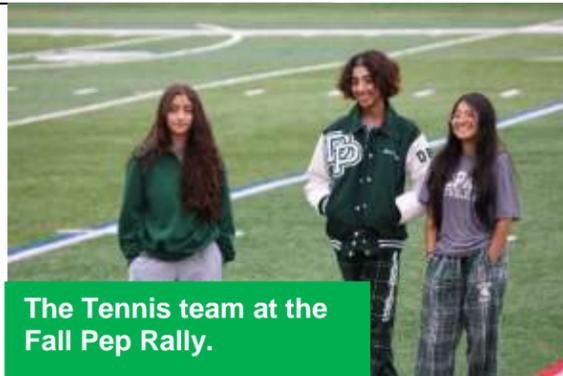
Yearbook Club – Moderators: Mrs. Baldo and Ms. Wallace

Young Entrepreneurs Club – Moderator: Mr. Cavagnaro

Young Lawyers Club – Moderator: Dr. Stickles

All About Tennis...

Tennis is one of De Paul’s smaller teams, but as Senior Captain Jillian Sullivan said at the Fall Pep Rally, “it is a tight-knit team.” The Tennis team is 1-11, with a win against Paterson Eastside. The team plays both doubles and singles tennis.



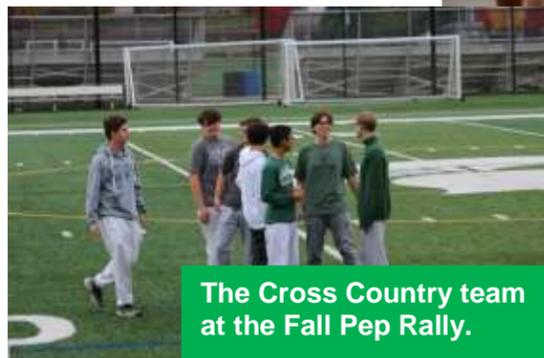
The Tennis team at the Fall Pep Rally.

Cross Country

Cross Country has been putting in the work recently! This is the largest team cross country has seen in a few years; we are so proud of this growing program. We wish all members of the team a successful rest of the season at their meets!



Girls’ Volleyball: picture of the team in a huddle during an intense game against Holy Angels.



The Cross Country team at the Fall Pep Rally.

ACADEMICS

Spartan Study Tips

HELLO SPARTANS! HERE ARE SOME STUDY TIPS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

1. Organization
Create a conducive study environment by organizing your space. A clutter-free, well-lit, and comfortable study area can significantly impact your focus and productivity. Keep an organized desk, and make sure it's a space where you can concentrate without distractions.
2. Set Goals
Establish clear and achievable goals for each study session. Breaking down your workload into manageable tasks makes studying less overwhelming.
3. Prioritize
Prioritize your tasks based on deadlines and importance. Create a study schedule that allows you to cover all subjects while avoiding last-minute cramming. Effective planning is key to maintaining a balanced academic life.

SPORTS

Update on Girls’ Volleyball

Girls’ Volleyball currently has a record of 8-10, a huge improvement from last year’s 1-18. They have notable wins against schools like High Point and Clifton, which were both shutouts. They also tallied wins against Holy Angels, Lakeland, and Passaic. They made it to the quarterfinal round of the Passaic County Tournament, beating Paterson Charter in the preliminary round and Mary Help in the first round. They eventually fell to Wayne Valley in the quarterfinal, ending an impressive run. There is so much potential and talent in this team. Some stat leaders include Rilie Mendoza, Yara Saba, and Sophia Lopez.

More Current Events

We have a new club at De Paul: the Morgan's Message Club. Olivia Ciampa ('25) has led the new chapter of Morgan's Message to advocate for the mental health of student-athletes. Morgan's Message strives to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health through peer-to-peer conversations. Olivia has goals of equalization, normalization, encouragement, empowerment, and building up. She is working with Ms. Zaccardi, as she organizes meetings to inform peers about this important topic. The team is also working with the athletic department to organize dedication games.

Another important event here at De Paul is the founding of the school newspaper: The Emerald. Ashley LoMonaco ('25) has started the Newspaper Club with the help of Eryn Rubenacker ('25), as they feel the Spartans deserve to hear about our campus' current events through the voice of fellow Spartans. Ashley and Eryn have gathered a small group of students who wish to help them in publishing The Emerald to discuss all things DP! Ms. Zaccardi is the moderator; she's been a huge help in the editing process. We hope you are enjoying reading the result of this new activity!

The Interact Club is up and running at De Paul, as Ms. Sevean has become moderator with the help of Mrs. Caughey! They have been busy recently, too! Food drive, school supply drive, and The Giving Tree is coming. It's all about service! Peer Ministry had an active first quarter as well. All peer ministers reported to school on September 5th for the orientation day. Ministry club consists of serving through Community Outreach and at Open Houses. The peer ministers for the 2023-2024 school year have already been accepted, but stay on the lookout in the Spring for next year's application!



Spartans serving our community and beyond!



Service Opportunities

Serving is an Important Part of Our Faith

As Catholic school students, we take part in the Christian Service Program (CSP). With that said, every De Paul student, regardless of grade is required to complete 15 service hours by the end of the year. Although it is still early in the year, it is never too early to start looking for service opportunities. Here are some to look out for:

- Midnight Runs
 - o See Ms. Sevean for information
- Relay for Life Events
 - o See Ms. Hall for information about Right for Life Club
- Interact Service
 - o Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - Please consider donating non-perishable food items for those in need
- Peer Ministry/Whole School Service
 - o Food Pantry, Eva's Kitchen, and many more opportunities!
 - o Contact Ms. Zaccardi

Upcoming Events:

Check for the PSAT scores on November 6th

Remember to put in your first 5 CSP hours by January!

November 5th – Youth Conference for Peer Leaders

November 18th – 3rd Midnight Run

Future Masses:

Wednesday, November 22 at 11:00, dismissal at 12:15

Thursday, Dec 21: Christmas Liturgy / Senior Mass of Light

Friday, Jan 5: Welcome Back Mass

The Senior Christmas Luncheon is on Friday, December 15 from 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

Need a rest?

These are the upcoming breaks in Quarter Two...

Thanksgiving Recess: Starts on Wednesday, November 22 and ends Monday, November 28.

Friday, December 8: No School – Faculty Retreat

Christmas Recess: Starts on Friday, December 22 and ends Tuesday, January 2.

Our Faith – Masses, Etc.

On September 9th, shortly after school began, we gathered in the gym for the Bishop's Mass. Bishop Sweeney gave us a great start on your academic year with our first mass! All of our lectors, candle servers, and other volunteers did a great job in starting our religious year off strong.

Later in the month, our three chaplains and Fr. Brian celebrated mass together. At this mass, senior Hutch Long was named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a very honorable award and we are all very proud! Congratulations on your great work Hutch! As always, everyone involved in the mass did a wonderful job.



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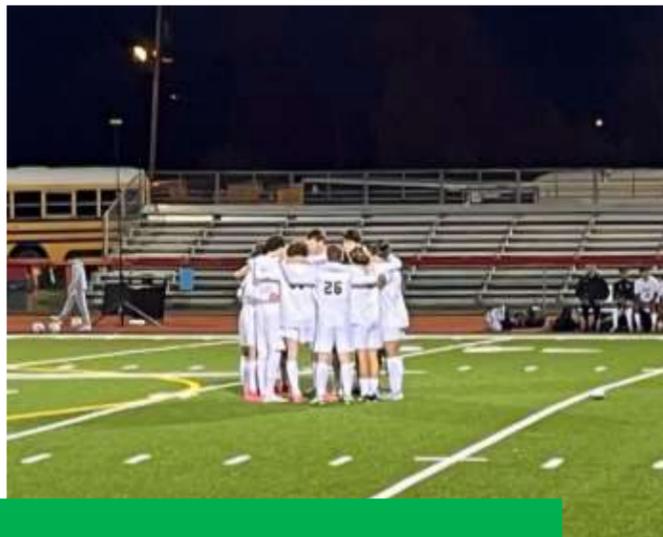
Girls Soccer: What a Season So Far!

As of now, De Paul Girls Soccer has a record of 9-2. On September 12th, De Paul kicked off their season with a win against Paramus Catholic. The game ended with a score of 7-0. Jasmine Ouatu and Alexis Kochan each scored two goals. Nicole Crane added on a goal and two assists, along with Jaelynn Perez and Gabrielle DeLorenzo each scoring once. On September 14th, De Paul defeated Kearny 3-1. Jasmine Ouatu scored two goals, Rachael Dietzsch added a goal, and Arianna Karwoski made two saves. Other notable wins for the Spartans include Holy Angels, with a score of 3-0; Wayne Valley, with a score of 2-1; and Paramus Catholic, with a score of 3-0. More recently, on October 6th, De Paul won against West Milford with a score of 7-0 in the quarter finals of the Passaic County Tournament on our home turf. Nicole Crane scored twice, Gabrielle Sanchez had a goal and two assists. De Paul also won their second game against their rivals, IHA, on October 19th with a score of 2-1. The Girls' Soccer Team finished their regular season with two wins against Lakeland (3-1) and Red Bank Catholic (3-2). What's next for Girls' Soccer? The state tournament!



**Spartan Football:
Playing at Hinchcliffe
Stadium + Season
Overview**

On September 9th, the Spartan Football Team played one of their first few games at the newly opened Hinchcliffe Stadium in Paterson, New Jersey. This game was a special game, as it was in memorial of all those lost on 9/11. The game was against St. Peter's Prep. The Spartans ended up with the win; the final score being 46-20. Not only was this game one of the first few for the Spartans, but also for the recently revived Hinchcliffe Stadium. The Spartan Football Team's season was comprised of nine games, versing teams like Paramus Catholic, Pope John, and Bergen Catholic. As of 10/26, the team's record is 3-5. The Spartans won against St. Peter's Prep, Paramus Catholic (28-12), and Hudson Catholic (win by forfeit).



SPARTAN STRONG!



**Update on
Boys' Soccer**

Boys' Soccer has officially wrapped up their season, finishing with a record of 9-4-2. The team has notable wins against St. Joes and Don Bosco. The Spartans entered both the County and State Tournaments, making it as far as the quarterfinals in the Passaic County Tournament. The team has had quite the season, falling only to Bergen Catholic, Hudson Catholic, and Don Bosco (in 1 of the 2 games against the Ironmen).

Cheerleading

A huge thank you to the cheerleaders who have supported the football team at all their games! Halftime would not be the same without their wonderful routine!



The Emerald – A closer look at all the reasons why De Paul is the place to be!

Stay tuned for our next edition coming soon, with more articles about academics, arts, sports, extracurriculars, and everything DPCHS!

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