

THE EMERALD



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



The Class of 2024 – Best Wishes to all the Graduates!

It's Coming to an End...

The end is near! The last day of school for all of De Paul is June 13th, with final exams to follow. Sadly for us Spartans, the last day for our seniors is even sooner: May 17th. With that being said, we would love to use this edition of the newspaper as an opportunity to honor all of the seniors and their accomplishments throughout these past four years! Good luck to all the seniors on their future endeavors! Once a Spartan... Always a Spartan!

Graduation & Well Wishes

GRADUATION WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH.

On Wednesday, June 5th, the seniors will be brought together one last time for their graduation. It will take place at De Paul. There will be a baccalaureate Mass, followed by a graduation ceremony.

We are so excited to see all that this wonderful group of seniors will do in the future! Best of luck to all of them!

The senior class has been through so much together, making countless memories over the past four years. They have experienced field days, Friday Night Lights, Masses, club meetings, and a bunch of everyday, run-of-the-mill days of school. The important part about all of these events, however, is that they got to experience all of this together. They were able to make priceless memories and unbreakable bonds, which they will be able to carry with them for the rest of their lives!

Some of the colleges/universities our wonderful seniors will be attending include, but are not limited to:

- University of Alabama
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of New England
- Monmouth University
- Albertus Magnus College
- Kennesaw State University
- Old Dominion University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Farleigh Dickinson University
- Delaware State University
- Dartmouth College
- Alvernia University
- Union College
- Millersville University
- Penn State University
- Villanova University
- Ramapo College
- Montclair State University
- Rutgers
- West Virginia University
- Fairfield University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of Connecticut
- Fordham University

Congratulations and good luck to all!

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Tricky Tray + Fashion Show

On Thursday, April 25th, the annual Tricky Tray and Senior Fashion Show took place at the Westmount Country Club. The theme of this wonderful evening was a Dinner at Tiffany's. It was a night of prizes, fashion, and much fun!



Pictures from the 2024 Tricky Tray and Fashion Show.

Senior Retreat

To close out their year, some of the seniors went down to Brick township to visit the Relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis for their Senior Retreat. It was a great way to bond with their classmates for their last weeks at DePaul. They were able to spend time in prayer and learn more about their faith. It was also a wonderful opportunity for them to spend the day together as classmates.



Picture of the Seniors at their Retreat!

Softball Wins Counties!

On Saturday, May 11th, the De Paul Softball Team battled Wayne Valley in the Passaic County Tournament Final. With a score of 7 to 3, the Spartans pulled out the win! Vita Waddell was the pitcher during this game, striking out 10 batters. Taylor Levedag, Hope Sullivan, and Alexa Murdoch all added hits to the game and Waddell had a homerun. The girls played together as a team to take home the title of County Champs. Congratulations Girls!



Girls' Lacrosse

Our girls' lacrosse team is currently 12-2, with significant wins over Fair Lawn, Pompton Lakes, and Rutherford. Some individual accolades have recently been 300 saves by '24 goalie Mia Nardi, 100 points by '24 captain Katie McGuire, and 200 points by '25 midfielder Ava Bower. The special part of this team, however, does not fall within the individuals, but within the team chemistry. The bond this team shares is palpable both on and off the field, explaining the team's success this season. The team is in the running for American Red League Champions, if they beat Tenafly on 5/16. Good luck and congratulations girls on all your success this season!



Boys' Lacrosse

This is their first year as a varsity team since 2022, but that has not stopped them. The boys' lacrosse team has had a very successful season, posting a record of 11-4, including notable wins over Saddle Brook, Lyndhurst, and Bergen Tech. Some of the team's leading scorers include Cody Webster with 78 points and Joey Styskal with 62 points. Congrats boys!



STUDENTS

Spartan Spotlights

OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY LATELY. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF NEW CLUBS FORMING, AS WELL AS SOME OTHER THINGS BEING BUILT! HERE'S SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SENIOR HUTCH LONG AND SOPHOMORE DERELLE BERRYMAN ON SOME OF THEIR NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Hutch Long: The Stations

Hutch is a senior here at De Paul. If you have walked outside Flarity Hall, near the entrance of the field recently, you have probably seen Hutch's work live and in person. Hutch has been building a Stations of the Cross Garden that can be used for prayer and reflection. Thank you, Hutch, for this wonderful contribution to our faith here at De Paul!

Derelle Berryman: The Greenhouse

Derelle has been working tirelessly to fix up the greenhouse here at De Paul. He has helped clean up the Greenhouse in order for it to be used again. Derelle's work in the Greenhouse has allowed it to be used for classes and other learning opportunities, not to mention the good it does for our environment. Thank you, Derelle!

SPORTS

All About Flag Football

There's a first for everything! This spring season marked the beginning of the flag football team here at De Paul. In their inaugural year, the Lady Spartans were able to end with a record of 3-2-2. Their wins included Paterson Eastside, West Orange, and Wayne Hills. We could not be prouder of these ladies for the success they had in their first season!



Update on Some of Our Clubs

COOKING CLUB

Throughout the year, the baking club (headed by Ms. Barbara and Mrs. Ghobrail) has been meeting on Thursdays to learn how to make different dishes.



They have made things such as pizza, scones, pasta, and garlic bread! How delicious!

MEDICAL SCIENCE CLUB

With the guidance of Ms. Ferrito, the Medical Science club participated in an event called Walk MS, a fundraiser with the goal of raising awareness for those plagued by Multiple Sclerosis.

On April 30th, some freshmen and sophomores had the opportunity to go to William Paterson for a health careers conference. There, they were able to explore all the careers in the medical field that are available.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The heads of our Environmental Club, Vita Waddell and Derelle Berryman, have been hard at work trying to spread information about our beautiful planet! Their most recent endeavor has been getting the Greenhouse functioning again. They have been planting nonstop to restore the Greenhouse, planting enough plants to put the “green” back in Greenhouse!



Pictures from the Junior Retreat.



Junior Retreat:

“Called to Service”

On April 17th, the junior class went on their retreat at Our Lady of Consolation in Wayne. The theme of the retreat was “Called to Service.” The Juniors participated in many activities that strengthened them both in their faith and in communion with each other. Two guest speakers also were present, who spoke about struggles with addiction and their inspiring and heart-felt stories of overcoming their life’s obstacles. Mass was celebrated. It was a spiritual experience for all and a way to strengthen the juniors as a class as they go into their senior year.

National Honor Society Induction 2024



On April 23rd, the new candidates for NHS and their families gathered in the gym for their induction in the society. It was a wonderful celebration for all of their hard work and accomplishments during their years at DePaul. They have all worked hard to get to where they are now. Congratulations to all of them!



The Morgan’s Message Club

The Morgan's Message club has recently learned about mental health topics such as healthy coping mechanisms and self-compassion. They have hosted dedication games for Baseball, Girls’ Lacrosse, Boys’ Lacrosse, and Flag Football. If interested in donating to the Morgan's Message organization or joining the club, please reach out to Olivia Ciampo at 25ciampo@depaulcatholic.org



ACADEMICS

Some of the Recent Field Trips!

Our Science classes have been traveling recently! The anatomy and physiology class, as well as some other science students, went to the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia. There they saw many medical oddities, as well as the medicinal plant garden. The Mutter Museum is part of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, one of the first medical schools in the country. It was a great opportunity for our students who are interested in medicine. The Physics classes also took a trip to Six Flags this quarter. They were able to see all they learned in class, such as velocity and motion, right in front of their eyes.



Baseball Update

The DePaul Catholic High School Boys Baseball team has grown remarkably this season. They have shown great athleticism and exceptional skill in their games. Whether it's home runs, RBIs, or critical defense plays, each team member has played a critical role in their success. On the mound, the team's pitchers have been equally impressive, with players like Christopher Marano, Chase Colaianni, and Joseph Micchio showcasing their exceptional skills and composure under pressure. Their ability to consistently deliver solid performances has been instrumental in securing crucial victories for the team. Beyond their individual achievements, what truly sets the DePaul Catholic baseball team apart is their unwavering sense of teamwork. Every player understands the importance of supporting one another and working together towards a common goal. As the season progresses, the DePaul Catholic baseball team remains focused on winning their remaining games. They are currently 14-7 and as they gear up for their upcoming games against Seton Hall Prep, Ramapo, and Lyndhurst they plan to leave the season on a high note with more wins.

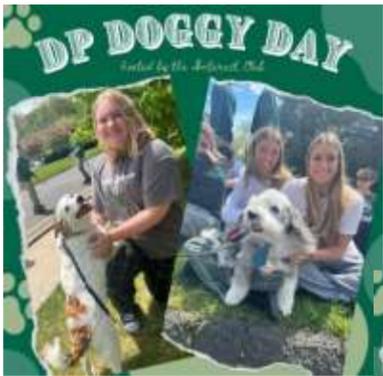


Interact's Annual DP Doggy Day -----

On April 26th, the De Paul community had a special and exciting day: Doggy Day! Doggy Day was a fun day of getting to watch and meet many pups as they walked in their doggy parade. Oh, how cute they were!

Everyone in the school has the opportunity to go up and say hi to each furry friend and pet them. A huge thanks to the owners who brought their dogs to this event, including Mr. Mooney, Cassie, Mrs. Nigro, Ben/Mr. Long, Mrs. Baldo, Jocelyn, Mr. Cav, Mrs. Juszczak, Mr. Lopez, Jaidyn Watson, Mr. Mott, Nancy Keil, and Ms. Sullivan. The names of the dogs that participated in the parade were Nika, Winnie, Remy, Trouble, Merc, Chloe, Nash, Leo, Tony, Diego, Lucy, Cinnabear, and Benji, Ellie.

Dog treats were also on sale and there was a table to make donations that would benefit Heart and Soul Rescue. What a wonderful tradition for a wonderful cause!



ACADEMICS

Study Tips for Upcoming Summer Work:

Summer is around the corner! While we'll all be hitting the beach or binge-watching Netflix, we also have some summer work to think about. Here's why starting early can make a huge difference—and some tips to help you get started.

1. Starting your summer assignments now helps avoid the last-minute rush. Procrastination can lead to unnecessary stress in your summer.
2. Create a simple schedule that outlines what you need to do each week. Break your assignments into smaller, manageable tasks. For example, if you have a book to read, plan to read a chapter a day. This way, your workload won't seem as overwhelming.
3. Remember to balance work and play! Remember, summer is also a time to relax and recharge. Schedule your study time around fun activities. Enjoy your summer, but stay productive so you're not overwhelmed when the new school year starts.

Happy studying, and enjoy your summer!

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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