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DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

Principal's Corner Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear DePaul Catholic Community:

It has been three months since we last saw each other face to face and it seems like it has been three years. Some days, I have to pause for a moment and think, "What day of the week is this?" For the past week or so, the entire State of New Jersey seems to be on such a positive trend and the numbers are going in the right direction that I am becoming more and more hopeful of what September will look like. There will be restrictions, but perhaps not as extreme as we might have thought two months ago...or even last month.



We are planning multiple scenarios for the opening of school in September; depending upon what the State says will be permissible. Last Friday (June 12), we posted the 8th Grade Prep Graduation and we have invited the 8th Grade to be part of the Diploma Presentation Ceremony on July 8. I am very excited about being able to host this ceremony in July to actually present each student with their diploma. We are still working on all of the details of that ceremony and will let you know as soon as possible so that all families can plan for the evening.

Until we see each other again, please be safe and continue to support one another. Please pray for each other!

St.. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

Attention Class of 2021, 2022, & 2023....

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all staying healthy and happy. As most of you know I am the Tuition Administrator here at DePaul Catholic. During this trying time, I hope you all know that I will do my best to assist you through this process, and will continue to do so through your family's time at DePaul.

You have been receiving online invitations from FACTS Tuition Management inviting you to create your payment plan for the 20/21 school year. It is urgent that you select a plan that works best for you. The monthly payments begin in July and run through May or June of 2021, depending upon which plan you choose. ***Delaying this process will result in a higher monthly payment due to a shorter pay period.***

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the payment plans offered, please contact me by email at aboyounr@dpchs.org.

For Returning Families Only: I will also need the re-enrollment papers (please find attached) and the \$400 re-enrollment fee, which I can roll into your payment plan if you choose to do so. Please just let me know and I will add it to your payment plan. I truly look forward to seeing everyone again.

I wish you all Good Health, Much Laughter and Peace!!

Regards,
Rita Aboyoun

[Click For Re-Enrollment Papers](#)

Moving Forward...

[Mr. John Merritt '71](#)

Vice Principal, Student Life

It seems to me the topics to write about are getting fewer and fewer. I am thinking of all the things that we need to avoid so as not to set off a firestorm.

There are no sports. Political discussions can cause a lot of anger. Discussions of diversity and culture quite often do not end up well. America lost its sense of humor a long time ago, so don't go there.

People are tired of discussions about how to reopen America. By the look of things, the ordinary citizens of New Jersey have made their decision to reopen. The beaches were packed last weekend. The roads were packed this week.

You can talk about the news, but be careful. You should not mention foreign affairs or policy. Forget talking about religion or faith or God.

So, what to talk about or write about without offending somebody?

The weather, that's it!

Today is a beautiful day, well, in my opinion. Others may see it differently and be offended by sunshine, low humidity and a temperature of 75. If that offends someone I apologize. Tomorrow they are predicting rain. Who's they? The weather person on TV? Well, they are always wrong aren't they? Why do they get paid so much?

Maybe the weather topic was not a good idea.

What else can we talk about or write about?

You can talk about your children and how proud you are that they are graduating. That sounds safe. But, your child received an award and your friend's child did not. Better pass on graduation talk. Well, you can talk about where your high school graduate is heading in the fall, but your child got into the school of their dreams and your friend's child did not. Better leave the college talk alone. Please, don't talk about honor roll or academic awards or athletic awards either.

Well that conversation ended quickly, and I hope no one was offended.

What else can we talk or write about?

I am going to take a chance and write about gratitude. You know, saying thanks for the things you have been given and not complaining about the things you do not have. Imagine if discussions or articles about gratitude dominated the talk shows or the editorial pages of the New York Times.

I believe that gratitude is a learned emotion. You have to work at it, as it may not come naturally. Maybe start by saying, thank you. Maybe continue by looking at the glass half full. Maybe pause before you speak about someone in a negative way. Maybe stop and pause before you believe every rumor you hear.

Yes, the world has serious problems that need attention. Even though the idea of working together for a common cause seems unlikely these days, we must continue to try.

Compromise and understanding are not bad thoughts or words or actions.

Just be careful when you use them!

Be well and congratulations to all graduates. (I think I can write that.)

Virtual Graduation





Spartans Helping Spartans

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

Brian Buczek Golf Outing

The current circumstances have forced the cancellation of the 2020 event. We have set a new date for our Golf Outing and Dinner Event to take place next year on Saturday, July

17, 2021. We hope, with your support, it will be as successful or even better than it has been in previous years.

Thank you for being a part of Brian's legacy.

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BrianBuczek2020>

Spartans Helping Spartans

A gift today powers DPCHS tomorrow.....

Please know that we are greatly appreciative of your past contributions and pray for your continued safety and good health. Every little bit helps! Your contributions will go directly to our Sr. Pat Fund which gives aid to **DePaul** families in crisis.

Together we give. Together we heal. Together we stand.
Thank you for your support!

We are...Spartans helping Spartans!

http://weblink.donorperfect.com/EOY_SpartansHelpingSpartans

The DePaul Catholic Alumni Congratulate the Class of 2020!
Best of Luck and Keep in touch!

[Click here for a number of Tribute Videos to The Class of 2020, including one from the Alumni.](#)

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Virtual College Fair

We were all disappointed by the cancellation of the NACAC College Fair in the Spring but we are excited to announce that the National Association for College Admission Counseling is offering a virtual college fair on Sunday September 13, 2020 from 12-8 PM EST. Here is the link to sign up for a reminder for the college fair:

https://nacac.formstack.com/forms/student_virtual

Registration will open later this summer. I encourage all students to attend the college fair so that they can learn more about the various colleges and universities.

Student Council and Class Officer Elections

If you are interested in running for an office, read the email sent to you at your DPC account.

- Petitions are due by 11:59 PM on Monday, June 15th
- Ballots will be emailed by Wednesday, June 17th
- Voting must be completed by 11:59 PM on Friday, June 19th

Questions? Please email Ms. Wiltshire.

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Did you miss our Virtual Open House?

It's still available here: <https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/oh1.html>



Still need to apply?

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis.

Class of 2024, 8th Grade Prep & Transfers Apply Here

New Admissions Process

Apply online (link above)

Send us a copy of your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade report cards. If you cannot get transcripts from your school, a screen shot of your report cards will work.

Ask your favorite teacher to write a few paragraphs about you and send it to us.

We will set up HSPT exams when we return.

There are still a few seats left in the incoming 8th and 9th grade classes. We are interviewing transfer students daily.

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

We still plan to hold our Summer Camps - both Academic & Sport, though all dates are tentative for now. Click the link below to see what we have planned.

[Summer at DPCatholic.org](#)

Distance Learning

We may not all be together on Alps Road, but Zoom, Google Hangouts, and Email are keeping us more connected than ever. Check out some scenes from the last two weeks.

In Mrs Bullman's Honors Theology classes all students have been working on finishing studies from their different courses. The classwork has included timely lessons on the "dignity of the human person" and "living as a disciple of Christ." In these lessons, the students have had to confront contemporary challenges that we are all dealing with regarding how we respect all of God's children. Topics from abortion, the death penalty, racism and many social concerns regarding poverty and access to healthcare and more! Imagine that our text series reflects the world we live in! Indeed it does! Mrs. Bullman often reminds the students that our faith does not exist in a "void" but is a part of our world and is always relevant to our lives today. The final assignment for the students asks them to demonstrate how Jesus responds to the world we live in with the overarching question, "What would Jesus do?"

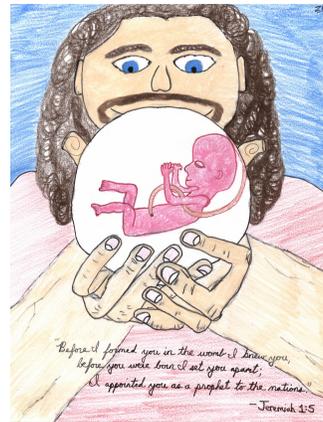
See some examples of their work here:

WHY RACISM DEFLECTS JESUS' TEACHINGS

"Jesus told us that all lives have meaning and value.

Telling one group of individuals that they are inferior solely based on their ethnicity or race does nothing but contradict that.

Every life is meaningful, and should not be convinced otherwise by anyone" (Maya Vaidya)



Also, check out the Theology [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for reflections! Recently, we shared a series of self reflections from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on race relations. Resources can be found here for more information:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/educational-resources-on-racism.cfm#highschool>

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/>

Please remember that during this pandemic, many of our neighbors are suffering the effects of food insecurity due to unemployment and lack of access to affordable food. There are many ways you can help by donating food to your local churches, community centers and to Catholic Charities (Fr. English Food Pantry is in dire need). You may drop off nonperishable food at DePaul when you come in to clean out your locker and drop off your books.

PLEASE consider purchasing the items listed below and either delivering them yourself OR use your AMAZON Prime account and have the items delivered to the pantry.

Deliveries can be brought to the address below but to the rear of the building of Fr. English - Driveway is on Slater Street in Paterson

MAILING ADDRESS:
Fr. English Food Pantry ATTN: Carlos
435 Main Street
Paterson, NJ 07501

Checks for monetary donations can be sent to the same address. MAKE SURE to put on the memo line of the check FOR FOOD PURCHASES ONLY.

MOST NEEDED:

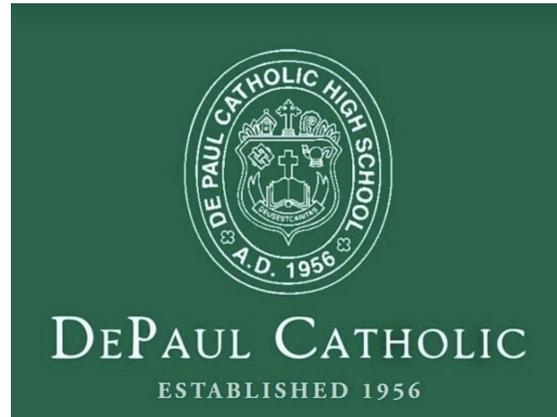
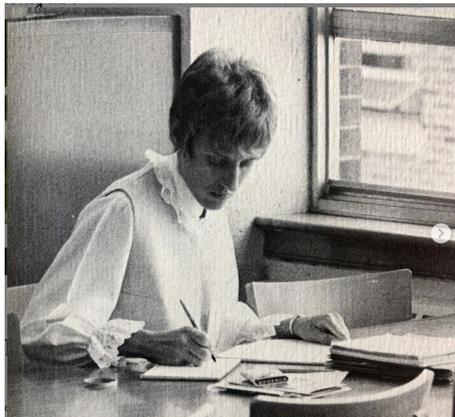
Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta & Sauce
Soups
Canned Pasta
Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Spam, Hams
Cereal
Canned or Bagged Beans

The 2020 Seniors, as one of their last Christian Service efforts at DePaul Catholic, organized their own Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive to donate to the homeless through the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson. Led by their class officers and the officers of the Interact Club, they collected three boxes full. Great work Seniors!



Please Stand For Our Morning Prayer

Join us each morning around 7:30am on social media as we come together for our morning prayer.



Our social media pages are always changing, but there are a few things that will remain the same each week.

MOTIVATION MONDAY with Mr. Merritt
Takeout Tuesday
Wellness Wednesday
Thankful Thursday with Mr. Petrocelli
Faith-filled Friday with Sr. Jeanne

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STAY CONNECTED

