



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:

The Church calls on all of us to proclaim the mission to serve the marginalized and the outcast. In the Diocese of Paterson, and here at DePaul Catholic High School, we take this obligation seriously. On November 3rd, we joined with the entire Diocesan family at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson



Caritas Gala to honor outstanding commitment to this mission. One of those honored was the Murray Family, a family whose long commitment to DePaul Catholic High School is a testament to their devotion to this community.

Along the same line of service, Grades 9, 10, and 11 participated in day-long retreats on November 9. Among the experiences offered to the students on this day of retreat, the Junior Class traveled to the Food Bank in Hillside and worked in 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. Future issues of the Sentinel will have more information and pictures related to these retreat experiences.

We invite all parents, families, friends, and alumni to our Mass of Thanksgiving which will be on Wednesday, November 21 at 9:45

AM. Following the Mass, we 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!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

A Challenge to the Next Generation

Are you a person with a mind filled with want and a hand filled with gimme?

If you are, sadly, you are not alone.

Test yourself by answering the questions below in regard to the level of gratitude in your heart.

1. Have you thanked anyone lately? - *Friend, Child, Parent, Teacher, Coach, Colleague*
2. Do you believe that all your successes are only of your own doing?
3. Do you believe that when you fail it is someone else's fault?
4. Are you happy and content but still competitive?
5. Are you miserable and jealous?

Many Americans are lost in a forest of anger, entitlement, jealousy, selfishness, lack of accountability and most important, a lack of Faith.

The challenge to our young people, our children, the next generation, is to lead the current generation out of the forest and into the light.

Let it begin with **Faith, Family and Friends.**

Retreat Day @ DPCHS

On Friday, November 9th, 150 8th grade students came to DePaul to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). While the Information Commons and the "New Wing" were packed with middle school students (thanks, Mrs. Saporito), our DePaul students spent the day outside of the classroom.

Our Seniors were treated to a day at home, presumably visiting colleges, working on essays, and studying for upcoming exams. Our 8th grade students took the HSPT. Our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors spent the day on retreat.

Freshman Retreat submitted by [Mrs. Bullman](#)

The freshman students participated in a retreat entitled, "Wonder" which explored their authentic relationship with Jesus and with others. Mr. Ed Craviolo led the students and their teachers in various activities discussing friendships and exploring how their high school experience will open them up to new opportunities. The students got to see their teachers in some very new and interesting ways!





Sophomore Retreat submitted by [Mrs. Gorski](#)

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 Paul said Mass accompanied by the Straight and Narrow Gospel Choir. Everyone in attendance that day was touched by the honesty and sincerity they witnessed and that feeling will stay with them for a long time.



Junior Retreat submitted by [Mrs. Haggerty](#) & [Mrs. Bullman](#)

The Junior class participated in a day of service at the Community Food Bank of NJ. They had the opportunity to work at the warehouse sorting donations and preparing packages for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Afterwards, they met Msgr. Geno Sylva at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson for Mass and a tour of the newly renovated cathedral. The cathedral is the seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The students returned to school with a new

appreciation for their many blessings.



ESOL Enjoys Halloween

submitted by [Mrs. Percontino](#)

The students in the ESOL class enjoyed an American style Halloween. Candy and pumpkin decoration were on the schedule and the group really liked being creative.

They learned Halloween vocabulary and the ever popular Halloween Chant: Trick or Treat! Give me something good to eat! The students loved seeing the Senior Halloween Parade that has long been a DePaul tradition! It was a day of candy and fun enjoyed by all.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Thanksgiving Food Drive ends tomorrow, November 13th. Please bring your donations in immediately.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please donate

2 Cans of Vegetables	___	1 Box of Stovetop Stuffing	___
2 Cans of Fruit	___	2 Cans of Cranberry Sauce	___
2 Cans of Soup	___	1 Can of Sweet Potatoes	___
1 Jar of Jelly	___	2 Cans of Gravy	___
2 Cookie or Brownie Mixes	___	1 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes	___
2 Boxes of Cereal or Oatmeal	___	2 Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese	___
2 Muffin or Biscuit Mixes	___	1 Jar of Peanut Butter	___
PLEASE NO GLASS JARS.		PLASTIC JARS ONLY.	

Thank you for showing your DePaul Spirit.



Senior Halloween Parade

photos by [Ms. Gabriele](#)

A DePaul tradition that will never go out of style.



The Pillsbury Doughboy



Toy Story

Harry Potter



Colonel Sanders with a bucket of KFC



Members of the DPCHS Faculty & Staff as Dominos

Robotics Team

submitted by Ms. Ferrito

The DePaul Robotics Team will compete again this year against other NJ schools at NJIT. This year's project is to build a robot to perform a heart transplant. Tasks include placing a mock patient under anesthesia, performing surgical removal and replacement of the heart, controlling blood flow, closing, and reviving the patient. Preliminary competition is scheduled for January.



Thank you, Parent Volunteers

photos submitted by HSA



Special Thanks to everyone who baked for the Open House! We really have marvelous bakers and our hospitality table looked exceptional!

From Left to Right
Sue Ferrara, Juliana Atmadja, Tobi Gerish, Joan Abbiati, Julie Sullivan, Deb Murray, Brenda Salamon and Maryann Marren



Parent Ambassadors at our Fall Open House

From Left to Right
Chris Marren, Mina Farrell, Allison Beshada, Carolyn Decker and Pam Del Mastro

Admissions News

Mrs. Anne Brewer

Congratulations on your marriage!

Director of Admissions

Hats off to our Admissions Ambassadors! Our Shadow Program is well under way and proving to be a big success this year. Our entire school community has welcomed our guests day in and day out over the last couple of months, and we are appreciative of everyone's efforts to help make each and every student's visit unique and memorable. As a reminder, 9th grade applications are due on or **before December 7th**. The application for admission can be found on the [Admissions page of the website](#). If you have questions about the admissions process don't hesitate to call us, we are here to help!

Spartan Nation

Coach Joe Lennon

Athletic Director



Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team on a very successful season. The Girls were both County and Conference Champions this year!

The Football Team finished their season as Conference Champions. Congratulations, Spartans!

Participating in a Winter Sport?

You must be medically cleared first.
[Click here for your instruction packet.](#)

Advancement News

Ms. Carmela Raiti

Director of Advancement

DePaul Catholic Alumni Association *new!*

The Alumni Association held its first organizational meeting to explore how best to engage alumni and friends, and enjoy the benefits of staying connected with the school and fellow graduates. We will be recruiting class captains to keep our networks thriving. Be sure to update your contact information by dropping an email to raitic@dpchs.org. More to come!



The Alumni Field Lights Project

Though the Field is looking brighter nowadays, the Lights Project is still a work-in-progress. We are looking forward to celebrating with you all, come Spring and the official Launching of the Lights!! To donate, just click [LightOurFuture](#)

Welcome Back Class Reunion

The Class of 1978 celebrates their 40th Anniversary on November 17th with dinner, entertainment and great conversation. RSVP to Alice Breeman at ambreeman@gmail.com.

If you are planning a reunion for your class year, Advancement can assist with reaching out to your classmates. Just let us know.

Upcoming Reunion celebrations are being planned for the Classes of 1999, 1979 and 1964.

Sister Pat Flarity Scholarship Fund

The Sr. Pat Fund provides much needed tuition assistance to deserving students whose stay at DePaul is in jeopardy. Our thanks to all who have contributed to the Fund. The appeal is still underway. To donate, [Sr Pat Appeal](#)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP!

Submitted by the Parents' Association

If you have any questions, contact us at DePaulCatholicPA@gmail.com

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DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?



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Save the Date April 10, 2019

If you have any baskets you don't want, the Tricky Tray Committee will be happy to take them. You can drop them off at the front office starting NOW! Also, it is never too early to start sending in donations! Just include your name and retail value on the items so we know who to credit for the donation.

Our next Tricky Tray Interest meeting is
Monday, November 19th at 7pm

The Commons

Send us an e-mail if you are interested in volunteering to help with our BIGGEST event of the year.

Got stuff hanging around?



They are **HERE!!!!** One green clothing bin for donations has arrived in the back corner of the parking lot. No more driving around searching for a place to put your unused items. Just drop them in the bin when you drop off or pick up your kids from school.

The holidays are a great time to clean out your closet and donate while you organize!

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Our next PA Executive Board meeting is
Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm

The Commons

All are welcome to attend.
Hope to see you there!



Can you hear the Silver Bells ringing? Do you smell the scent of Candy Canes in the air? Christmas is right around the corner and shopping for your favorite people has already begun! This year consider supporting DePaul while you do your holiday shopping at no extra cost with

smile.amazon.com

Choose **DePaul Catholic High School Inc** as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!

Calendar Raffle

Drawings begin 12/25 but it's never too soon to **get your ticket in!** Thank you to everyone who has already sold their raffles and to those asking for more. While we hope everyone gets the chance to sell the recommended 10 per family, if you don't intend to sell them **PLEASE DON'T THROW THEM AWAY RETURN THEM TO THE MAIN OFFICE!!!**

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