



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 Spartan Community:

Today we lit the 3rd candle of the Advent wreath...the pink candle..."Gaudete Sunday" which means "Rejoice"! The third candle on the Advent wreath is called the "Shepherd's Candle" and it is a symbol of the Joy that filled the world with the birth of Jesus and that joy that was first revealed to the shepherds at night in the fields where they kept watch. This candle is rose in color.

As a school community, we will gather on **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM** for the Senior Mass of Light. As the seniors process into the gym, they will carry their light, and it is my hope that they will carry this light with them at all times and to wherever they go so that they can be light in the lives of people who may be in darkness.

As the calendar year comes to a close, we take the time to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for and all that the DePaul community does to serve those in need. Our good deeds reach far to serve many people and the students take the lead in so many of these initiatives. Whether it is through Christian Service, our retreats, the Midnight Run, Interact or Student Council, the DePaul community continues to serve those in need.

From the DePaul family to your family, may the light of our Lord's birth brighten your Christmas season and all of your days. Merry Christmas to you, your family, and friends.

St. Vincent DePaul – Pray for Us!

Moving Forward... Mr. John Merritt '71 **Vice Principal, Student Life**

The Answer

Christmas is a great time for family get togethers. Aunts, uncles, grandparents may all be at dinner.

This is a wonderful, yet stressful, time for young people.

Why stressful?

Well, young people in high school are sometimes bombarded with the same tough questions.

1. Where are you going to college?
2. What are you going to do for the rest of your life?

This happened every year at our house from the time I was 10 years old.

At Christmas dinner, I always sat next to my great aunt. She was a wonderful lady who, we believed, was very old. She took photos that we never saw. She always had a kind word. But, she was always asking us those two questions listed above.

Although we cared for my aunt very much, the same 2 questions sometimes got to be a little too much.

As I was the oldest I decided to put together 2 answers to my aunt's questions that I hoped would end the discussion. This was done not out of disrespect, but because I just could not take it anymore.

So at 15 years old we all sat down to dinner and I was ready.

We were eating the traditional meal of fish for Christmas dinner.
Something like 300 fish dishes give or take a few dozen fish. Ever have Smelts?

After about the 20th fish I got the questions from my aunt.
I was ready!

"John, Where are you going to college?"
"Slippery Rock", I responded. A great school with a name that does sometimes confuse people.)

My aunt stared at me, then at my father with a quizzical look.
"That's a college?" My aunt asked a little confused.
"Yes, ma'am," I said.
My father was immersed in fish, so he did not notice or hear my answer.

After she recovered, my aunt asked the next question.

"What are you going to do for the rest of your life?"

I was ready with my answer.

I said to my aunt with my most serious face and in my most serious voice.

"With all my heart and in all my dreams I have always wanted to be a lighthouse keeper in Maine."
(No offense to the lighthouse keepers who work very hard.)

"I hope to make it my life's work," I continued. "I want to guide ships to their destination."

My mother heard the answer, and dropped her fork and stared at me.
My brothers almost choked on their fish.
My aunt, in astonishment, just said "good luck", and never asked the dreaded questions again.

My Dad never looked up from his fish.

There was truly Peace on Earth!

Merry Christmas.

Theology News

As we prepare for Christmas with our families and friends, in our Theology classes we have been busy discussing the blessings of the Advent season. In preparation for Christmas, Fr. Andrew is available for Advent Reconciliation in the Chapel during Period 4 lunches and by appointment.

Students, staff and all others are reminded that this period of anticipation offers the gift of reflection. During the Second Week of Advent, one of our Gospel readings reminds us, "Jesus said to the crowds: 'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart;

and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

This is a great time to think about what makes our lives heavy and weighed down. Maybe each of us can refocus this season and do as Jesus instructs us saying, "Become a child. Take that weight off your shoulders and put on the weight of my yoke, the yoke of my obedience to the Father."

Let each of us remember to keep Christ in Christmas and in our hearts.

Spartan Nation

STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Spartan Football Team! The boys defeated Mater Dei 27-25 on December 7th to win their 5th State Championship in 7 years. During the game, senior receiver, Tedy Afful, and junior quarterback, Andrew Butler, both broke school records.

Tedy Afful '20
Single Season Record for Receiving Yards
54 catches for 1,349 yards

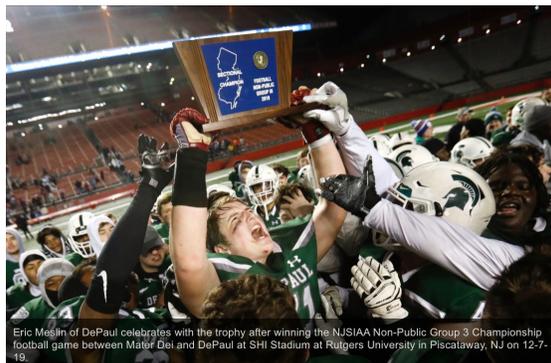
Andrew Butler '21
Single Season School Record
2,853 yards
27 TD passes

It was a great night to be a Spartan!

photos: nj.com



DePaul head coach John McKenna is all smiles as he accepts the trophy from NJSIAA executive director Larry White after winning the NJSIAA Non-Public Group 3 Championship football game between Mater Dei and DePaul at SHI Stadium at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ on 12-7-19.



Eric Meslin of DePaul celebrates with the trophy after winning the NJSIAA Non-Public Group 3 Championship football game between Mater Dei and DePaul at SHI Stadium at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ on 12-7-19.

Football awards submitted by Coach McKenna 1st Team All-League

Andrew Butler
Tedy Afful
Sean Kelly
Eric Meslin
Zach Najem
Qy'aeir Price
Eddie Bierals
Zach Relovsky
A'khoury Lyde

2nd Team All-League
Kenneth Pierce

Qumar Howard
Mekhi White
Eddie Conoran
DeMere White
Charles Finley

Honorable Mention All-League

Nuccio Lisitano
Elijah Calautti

1st Team All County

Tedy Afful
Andrew Butler
Sean Kelly
Qy'aeir Price
Eric Meslin
Eddie Bierals

2nd Team All County

Zach Najem
Zach Relovsky
A'khoury Lyde
DeMere White
Matt Wilderson

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Congratulations to all!

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



We have just completed our third of four days of Academic Scholarship Interviews. In these three days, we've interviewed 140+ outstanding applicants who would like to be considered for an Academic Scholarship.

We still have a full day to go. The Admissions Team (which at this point includes nearly every adult in the building ((THANK YOU))), may be functioning completely on caffeine, but we are truly enjoying our time with each candidate. We have met students who have started their own businesses, who spend entire weekend days at cultural school, who play multiple sports are members of the Junior National Honor Society and achieve high honors each semester. We are excited to start building the Class of 2024.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Class of 2024 Apply Here

Already applied to DPCHS? 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.**

The window to apply for **Tuition Assistance** is open. You will need to visit <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3k377>

You will also need to send this form back to the Admissions Office.

Shadow Days

Come Spend A Day As A Spartan!

Appointments will begin again in January. Check back for a full Winter/Spring schedule.

Register Here

DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep "The Place To Begin"

Looking for more information about our 8th Grade Prep Program? Please call our office to set-up an appointment with a member of our team.

973.694.3702, ext. 442

What's Happening At DPCHS?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

thank you

**Thank you to all who donated on #Giving Tuesday! It is because of the support of each of you that DePaul Catholic continues to thrive.
#SpartanForLife**

The DePaul Catholic Alumni Association Announces Board of Governors Members

The DePaul Catholic Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following Alums who will represent our Association for the 2019-2021 school years. They represent all 11,000+ Alumni members and have volunteered their expertise and time to help all of us build a viable and meaningful Association. They will help foster not only our Association's success but more importantly will help preserve the legacy and success of our beloved DePaul Catholic High School. So let's all wish them the best in their new position and make a personal commitment to being an active and engaged Association member.

Sydney Crispano '17

DJ Schuck '16

Joe Lozito '13

Anna Veltri '07

Sergio Lopez '00

Derek Guide '99

Will Giaconia, '97

Lynn Hudak Douglas '83
Coleen Brophy '79
Debbie Lozito '78
Kevin Harrington '69
Pat Mullin '68,
Irene McCabe LeFebvre '62

Joe Laborsky '68, Chair
Christa Hoehner Reddy '72- Special Advisor

Tune into Jeopardy

On December 20th , DePaul graduate Claire Marinella, Class of 2009, will be competing on Jeopardy. How cool is that! Good Luck to you Claire! We'll be watching.



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!



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**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!

An Advent Celebration

The faculty and staff of DePaul Catholic came together recently for a morning of community building and reflection on the topic of "Creating Anew". Following a delicious breakfast provided by the HSA, presenter Father Richard Mucowski, invited us, as teachers, to awaken in our students an awareness of their role in creating a new world. Activities, collection of canned food for Straight and Narrow, Mass and lunch brought an end to a day spent listening, learning, laughing, reflecting and preparing for Advent.



Our Most Recent Heroes

Heroes come in many forms. On Monday, December 9th, the NHS sponsored a blood drive with the Vitalant Organization. Many first-time student donors and some teachers who donate on a regular basis were willing and able to truly donate a life-saving gift. Thanks to all who participated and all who helped.





Class Trip

A typical Monday for most is going to school or going to work, but if you are a part of Miss Ferrito's Human Anatomy class you get to go to the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia, PA. Here you study human bones, organs and disorders.



School Counseling Office

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please check your grades because Quarter 2 ends January 17th. Students took the PSAT's in October and the scores are available to view on CollegeBoard. The following link has instructions on how to view scores: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/getting-scores> 8th and 9th graders took the PSAT 8/9 and our 10th and 11th graders took the PSAT/NMSQT. If you have any problems please contact your school counselor.

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

From The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

On January 22, 2020 we will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Please consider making a monetary donation or contributing a baked item to help ensure the success of this event.

If you'd like to volunteer for any future events please contact:
Deb Murray at 973-818-4841 demurray@hotmail.com
Julie Sullivan at 201-693-5629 juliesullivan7399@gmail.com

DP DINING OUT NIGHTS

Following Thanksgiving we want to take the time to thank those who showed their support for DePaul and enjoyed our Dine to Donate Night at Positano Restaurant and Pizzeria. If you weren't able to take advantage of this delicious opportunity never fear, the Spartan Special will be available to order every Thursday in January giving you 5 more

opportunities to support our school.



From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

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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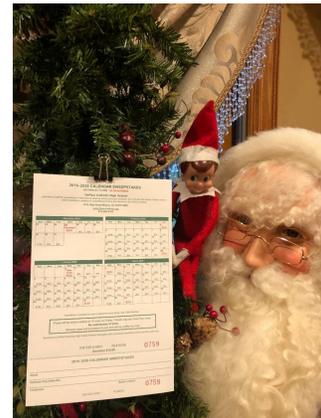
From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE

It's not too late to try for a chance to win one of 98 prizes. Drawings begin 12/25! You've got to be in it to win it!!! 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 Sept.

If you need more sheets contact:

Cindy Winkler cinwinkler@optonline.net

or ask Mrs. Nigro in the main office



From The SNACK STAND COMMITTEE

The Snack Shack is officially closed for the winter! Thank you to everyone who sold tickets in every kind of weather or cooked, cleaned, sold or stocked the snack shack. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advisor- Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada

Secretary- Jean Raftery, Mina Farrell

Treasurer- Kim Wilderson

Tricky Tray- Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito

Hospitality- Deb Murray, Julie Sullivan **Ambassadors-** Andie Pegel, Jo Spaulding **Calendar Raffle-** Cindy Winkler

Snack Stand- Bob Niemiec, Allison Beshada **Public Relations-** Brenda Salamon

Stop & Shop- Rosalind Tomeio

