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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 Spartan Community:

A good friend of mine is fond of saying, “don’t blink” as it relates to how quickly time seems to pass us by and this school year is no exception. We have already held one successful Virtual Open House and have another one scheduled on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. There is an enhanced buzz of excitement related to interest in attending DePaul Catholic High School, despite the fact that we cannot gather in person, we continue to highlight all of the positive academic achievements that our students are attaining.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, we were able to have the induction ceremony for the National Honor Society. Each inductee was limited to two guests, but the ceremony was held in the gym to honor these students and their years of academic success. All grade levels have participated in Retreat experiences through their Theology classes and we hosted, for the first time, a School Day SAT. With the inability of the many seniors not being able to sit for the exam in the spring, 63 seniors took the SAT exam on October 14th.

All families have been sent a survey asking their option of Quarter 2 instruction, remote or in person. It is vital that all families respond to this inquiry so that the proper preparations can be made on campus for students attending classes in person. If you did not receive this survey, please contact the Main Office. In that same vein, if you have opted for in person instruction, you cannot decide on a daily basis that you would like your student to receive remote instruction. This is a situation that must be pre-approved by the Guidance Office. Please do not contact the school and inform us that your child will be “remote today”. This will not be an excused absence and we must have this procedure in place so that we can account for the attendance of every student, every day. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

Playing sports for the right reason.....fun and memory.

Coaching, as an assistant, in football and track for 30 years allowed me to witness just about everything. I was also the parent of a pretty good athlete. I think I may have been a pain in the butt parent at times, too.

What I saw or did as a coach, motivates me to write the following and, believe me, I was not without sin.

Up until the about mid 1980s, the kids I coached seemed to like playing because they liked playing. Yes, some of the athletes were concerned about college scholarships and some were divas and glam seekers. Some were more interested in how many points they scored instead of final score, but it was a small number of athletes.

For the most part, kids played 2 or 3 sports, did not have personal trainers, lifted some weights (a little), hardly ever pulled a muscle because either they were flexible or had no muscles to pull. They had a sense of humor.

We had a kid on the team named Walker, of course his nickname was Herschel. We had a kid named Grant, he was Mudcat. We had a kid named Dente and we called him Al. We called our high hurdlers: Vulture, Condor and Falcon. We had a kid named Patton and we called him General. There were many others. Some are 50 years old now and still use the nickname.

We never called a parent by their first name. The dads (sorry mom, this was before Helen Reddy) were invited on Monday night up to school to watch the film from the previous football game. Eventually we had to end that. Sad. Too many “coaches” in the room.

Speaking of parents, this is what I remember:

- Most of the time, the player approached the coach with a concern, not the parent.
- Players never missed practice because of another commitment or because they had an AAU game.
- Players had one coach, the high school head coach. They did not have a lifting coach, hitting coach, a stretching coach, a mental approach coach, a fashion coach (just kidding).
- They made their own breakfast at home on game day with help from mom or maybe by themselves.
- They got to school 2 hours before the game on Saturday. (I understand the need for night games, but I have never liked them. I think it's too long of a day for the athlete and the coach. If you put in a full day of school you should be tired at the end of the day. Athletes are not ready physically or mentally for peak performance at night... in my opinion.)
- The kids heard one voice, the high school coach. Everyday. I heard Coach Keil, everyday as a player. Actually the whole town could hear him when he got excited at practice or in the film room. As a coach I heard Coach Jones, sometimes Coach Kelly, Coach Lennon and Coach Sinopoli. (Coach Sinopoli was the first person to coin the phrase, “There Is No Finish Line” way before the shoe companies. Really, he was!) As a retired football coach I am glad I can still listen to Coach McKenna lose his mind at practice sometimes. At DePaul I have always been around great coaches, I have been blessed. The high school coach was everything.
- All my father ever asked me after a game (thank God) was if I was hurt. If I was hurt, I wasn't telling him and especially I wasn't telling my mom. No player ever did that. I don't recommend not telling your parents you are hurt. My back still hurts from not telling my parents 50 years ago.

I don't know much, as you have just read, except for maybe this observation.

Too many kids today, give up playing sports long before they should. Just look at the fields next to DePaul on a Saturday. They are covered with kids like ants at a picnic. (Is it ok to say that? Am I offending the ant community?) I especially like watching the 2 year olds playing soccer. They all chase the ball, then some sit down and rest, some run off the field to get water, others see a dog and go pet it, but no matter what happens all we hear from the adults is, “great job, Honey”.

I think my dad would have yelled, even at 2 years old “what the heck are you doing out there?” Different time and mindset. Lucky for me, there was no soccer for 2 year olds in those days.

Where do the kids all go as they get older? Some just move on to other things and that is great. Some, though, who really love the sport, just get sick of playing. How can you play the same sport, no matter what sport, all year round and eventually not get sick of it. I

guess it is possible, but it is beyond my comprehension.

In my opinion, there are just so many games/practices in an athlete's body before the body or mind says that's enough. The end comes sooner when the kids are always playing or practicing.

Summer League, Winter League, Little League, Babe Ruth League, Fall League, Saturday Morning League, Out of My League, 30 Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Spring Practice, Travel Team, Stay Home Team, Didn't make the Team, AAU, etc.

Yikes!

Maybe your child stopped playing, before they really wanted to, because they just got sick of it. That's a tough one for parents because when your kid's playing days are over, a part of your life ends, too.

So why do we keep doing this? You know, so many games.

In the next edition of the Sentinel, I will still not have the answer...to that question or much else.

Be well!

School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory
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The School Counseling office is so proud to announce that our Senior Drew Beebe-Clark was selected as a finalist in the highly competitive 2020 QuestBridge National College Match. Only 6885 students were selected out of over 18,000 applications. These finalists have exhibited commitment to academic excellence and a determination to succeed. As a finalist, Drew will officially be considered for early admission and a full four year Match Scholarship at the schools he has ranked. This scholarship could be worth over \$200,000. Way to go Drew!

Welcome, Future Spartans!

[Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell](#)
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Register Today For Our Next Fall Virtual Open House

Wednesday, October 28th - 6:30pm

Registrants will have access to the link for 1 week.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 12pm

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - 6:30pm

RSVP: WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG

Join us for a virtual look into why over 10,000 graduates believe we are "The Place To Be".



RSVP Here

INTRODUCING Connect with a Spartan

Our Shadow Program has gone virtual!

For the safety of everyone, we are not able to host visitors, so we're bringing our Ambassadors to you. (and they are so excited to meet you!)

Visit the website below to
Connect With A Current Spartan.

dpchsstudents.org



[Connect With A Spartan Here](#)

Class of 2025 Admissions Process

Attend a Virtual Open House

Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30pm

RSVP on our website: www.depaulcatholic.org

Registrants will have access to the link for 1 week.

Fill Out Your Online Application before December 4, 2020.

www.depaulcatholic.org

Cost: \$25.00

Connect With A Spartan

We may not be able to host in-person Shadow Days at this time, but that doesn't mean you cannot connect with a current Spartan. Click the link below to Meet our Ambassadors.

<https://dpchsstudents.org/#/>

Send Your Transcripts, Test Scores, & Teacher Recommendation before December 4, 2020.

Transcripts from 6th, 7th, and 1st Marking Period of 8th

Test Scores = any State testing completed in Middle School

Teacher Recommendation = Middle School Academic Teacher

Sit for A Scholarship Test

Students who are interested in being considered for an Academic Scholarship or applying for an Honors Academy will need to sit for a Scholarship Test.

Saturday, November 21 at 8:30am

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/academicscholarshipexam2025>

Attend An Academic Scholarship Interview

Students who are interested in being considered for an Academic Scholarship or applying for an Honors Academy will need to sign up for an interview slot.

Date: December 10, 11, 12, 15

Register here:

https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/academic_scholarship_interviews

Advancement News

Joe Lennon, Director of Advancement
Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations



Thank you to everyone who supported our Moe's fundraiser. You will be able to order the third Wednesday of every month next date Wednesday, November 18th.

Look out for our upcoming Tuition Raffle. Tickets are \$100.00. The winner can receive up to \$10,000.00 towards tuition for 2021-2022 school year.



Spartan Nation



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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Catch The Spartans LIVE by subscribing to the NFHS Network.

Visit: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/depaul-catholic-high-school-wayne-nj>

Around the Halls

The Interact Club

New freshman members of the Interact Club pose with samples of the artwork the club prepared for the Color-a-Smile organization. The Club sends the artwork to this organization. They then distribute it to nursing homes, hospitals, and Meals on Wheels as a way to brighten the recipient's day.



National Honor Society

This week, six National Honor Society members answered a call from the Parents Association to do some painting. Newly acquired wooden posts will help direct the customers at the snack stand, but they needed some green and white touches with spirited sayings. Seen here are Matthew



Wilderson, Marcela Toledo, Aimee Decker, Katelyn Heaney, Brianna Garcia and Mia Nguyen with their artistry.

Remembering Our Veterans

The DePaul Catholic Peer Ministers are sponsoring a fundraiser honoring and benefiting those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

Flags are being sold for \$3.00 each. Each will be tied with a white ribbon on which the name of the veteran will be printed. All flags will be placed in the front oval on Veterans Day where a commemorative service will be held.

To order a flag(s) please use [this form](#).
Completed forms with payment should be brought to the Main Office.

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



Have you been shopping from home? If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with smile.amazon.com

Choose DePaul Catholic High School Inc as your charitable organization and let the

shopping begin!

Sign up for A+ School Rewards
DePaul Catholic School
ID# - 08465
<https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards>



Are you doing some fall cleaning?

Just drop your items that are ready to move on into the bin at the back of the parking lot. It's an easy way to help DePaul, help those in need, and make some much needed room!

From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE

Mother Earth's Garden Party Tricky Tray

Save The Date....Tuesday, April 20, 2021!

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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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advisor- Sr. Jeanne Agans President- Allison Beshada Secretary- Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuitti

Treasurer- Kim Wilderson Tricky Tray- Donna DiPiano. Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito

Hospitality- Deb Murray, Julie Sullivan Ambassadors- Andie Pegel

Calendar Raffle- Cindy Winkler

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

Stop & Shop- Rosalind Tomeio

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