

March 16, 2020



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

After many discussions and considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Diocese of Paterson has made the decision to close all schools effective March 16, 2020, for a period of two weeks. Please know that there are no reported cases here at DePaul Catholic High School. At the end of the two week period, a determination will be made to resume school or to continue with the closure.

Starting today, Monday, March 16, all student lessons can be accessed through Google Classroom and are to be completed on a daily basis. Teachers will be monitoring email should students have questions. All students are to submit classwork on a timely basis.

St. Vincent DePaul - Pray for Us!

A Message From The President

Dear Spartan Community,

As I advised you, Father Jared Brogan has been appointed as the next President at DePaul Catholic, effective July 1, 2020.

A Brooklyn native, Father Brogan is himself a product of Catholic education, having spent his high school years at Xavier High School, and then earning a Bachelor's Degree at St. Joseph College, both in New York City. He went on to do a Master's Degree in Education, with a major in Speech Therapy, at NYU, and worked as a Speech Therapist in the city's public schools, servicing students at every grade level.

But all during that time, he felt drawn to the priesthood, and eventually determined to give that calling a try. It worked out beautifully. He did his seminary formation at Catholic University in D.C., and was ordained in 2011. Father Brogan has worked in a number of Diocesan parishes since then, most recently at St. Catherine of Siena in Mountain Lakes, where he's served as the pastor for the past five years. But his heart stayed in education, and he's been preparing for his return to school work by pursuing a graduate degree in Catholic School Management at Fordham University.

Father Brogan is a man of many talents. He's bilingual, fluent in Spanish. And DePaul will almost certainly be the only Catholic school in the Tri-State Area whose president can play the bagpipes. It doesn't get much better than that.

I'm looking forward to working with Father Brogan next year, assisting in whatever he asks me to do, to facilitate this transition. It's clear to me that DePaul has been truly blessed with this appointment, and I'm sure you join me in thanking Bishop Serratelli for asking Father Brogan to be part of our community.

Dr. Robert Stickles, Ed.D., J.D.
President

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

One of the best teachers I ever had in high school was Dominic Sinopoli. Mr. Sinopoli died recently after a lifetime as a great teacher and proud father and husband.

I was a sophomore in 1968 and Mr. Sinopoli was my Geometry teacher. Math was not my favorite subject and I was not very good at it as demonstrated by my Algebra grade as a freshman. My father tried to teach me at home. I asked for extra help. Nothing worked. I did learn later in life that the number one reason we learn algebra in high school is so that someday we can help our own high school age children with their algebra homework. I failed at that also. Thank God that Mrs. Merritt had learned her algebra for us.

Well back to Mr. Sinopoli....

I walked into his class on the first day expecting to do lousy. There he was waiting for us. The epitome of a cool geometry teacher. He actually drove a yellow sports car. Cool.

The first class was interesting. This was my first time witnessing a math teacher who wrote on the board with his left hand while erasing with his right. You had to move fast as a student in his class to keep up with the notes. He was funny, spoke in a way that was forceful, yet respectful, and somehow he kept you involved.

It was a great experience and the best year of Math I ever had. He refused as a teacher to not let his students succeed. He even gave us his secret as how he could check to see if you were cheating (heaven forbid) on a test. He would leave the classroom door open in such a way that the reflection in the window gave him a perfect view of the class. Now we knew why he was always looking in the window. We thought he was checking on his hair.

Later as a teacher at DePaul, I was Coach Sinopoli's track team assistant from 1977-1987. He was a great coach. He could hurdle in his teacher clothes and school shoes. He had great energy, and he always tried to figure out the final score of the meet, prior to the meet, using his math skills to predict the outcome.

But his greatest day as a coach was the day of a dual meet against Lakeland High School. It was predicted to be a great meet, as both teams were pretty good. In those days the track order of events was basically the 110 High Hurdles followed by the 100 yard dash. Well our best kid ran both and could win both. Here was the dilemma. Lakeland's best kid ran only the 100 yard dash and would be fresh while our guy would run the hurdles and then the 100 right after.

Dominic had an answer. It was brilliant and legal.

Our entire team of 60 kids would run the High Hurdles to slow down the meet. I mean everyone: Distance kids, Sprinters, Pole Vaulters, Weight Team. I mean everyone. It would take at least 40 minutes to run the High Hurdles and since our guy would run in the first heat he would have plenty of time to rest for the second race, the 100 yard dash.

Well the strategy worked, our guy won both races and the Spartans won the meet. You should have seen the DePaul big guys trying to hurdle. Falling down, crashing into hurdles, getting back up, but somehow they all finished and through a team effort, and a smart dedicated coach, the Spartans prevailed.

God Bless Dominic Sinopoli.

A Great Teacher. A True Spartan!

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management



Here we are in our temporary Admissions Office. There have been a few updates to the Admissions Process (see below), but we are handling everything else just as if we were on Alps Road. (With the addition of an extra employee....) We are checking voicemails and emails regularly, and the team is available for phone appointments and conference calls.

While our Shadow Days and HSPT exams have been temporarily halted, we are looking for ways to continue to bring the TRUE Spartan experience right to your computer. Follow our school social media pages or check out our most recent [school video](#) for a look inside what it means to be a Spartan. We are #SpartanStrong.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions during this time.

Spartan (noun) Spar-tan: a person of great courage and self-discipline

Alumni Scholars

Last week, we had the honor of presenting another future Spartan with the Alumni Scholar Award. These students were selected to receive awards up to \$5,000 per year for each of their four years at DePaul. Thank you to our alumni who have come together to donate over \$200,000 to the Class of 2024.

Holy Spirit School



Mr. Merritt (VP, DePaul), Sebastian Ramos, Sr. Marie (Principal, Holy Spirit), Ms. Merritt (Director of Enrollment Management, DePaul)

DePaul Catholic High School CLASS OF 2024

Still need to apply?

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis.

[Class of 2024 & 8th Grade Prep 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.

Shadow Days

Come Spend A Day As A Spartan!

These days are temporarily suspended. However, we will take reservations for the coming months.

[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

DePaul Catholic
EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

The place to begin

What Is Your Charism?

A charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit given in a very special way to you in order that you may build up the Kingdom of God for the good of the Church. When you are using this gift, it brings you immense peace and completes your identity, it gives you purpose and confidence, and it is not only recognizable by you, others notice this gift as well. When we share this gift, we feel flowing within us a tremendous "enthusiasm," which itself means "God within."

We all have a charism, or several. Simply saying you don't have one will not let you off the hook. I invite us all to reread the 10th chapter of John's Gospel. It is one of my absolute favorites, where, in the 10th verse of that chapter, Jesus tells us, "... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." He is telling us that our experiences with Jesus Christ will fill our lives. Our cup will overflow. For Jesus does not measure out his gifts to you, he gives lavishly, "...to the full."

God's gift of charism to you will be this way as well. Your charism will be a joy to do; it will complete you; it will be when you are most truly yourself; it will be obvious to others; and, most importantly, you will have God within you as you do it. Does this ring any bells? Next, we have to decide to use our charism to build up His kingdom for the good of the Church. For some this is easy, for others this is hard. But we can do this in many ways, all of which are wonderful if they allow you to use your God given charism for the good of His

Church.

Marriage is a beautiful vocation and provides many opportunities to live out your specific charism. But have you ever considered living out your charism through the Church? Every order of religious life and the diocesan priesthood exist because people with similar charisms got together and decided to use them in a united way.

What is your charism?

Are you fulfilled when you teach? Are you at peace when you pray for others? Do you feel a sense of purpose when you care for the sick? Do others say that you are a great spiritual counselor? Believe it or not, these charisms and many more are done every day by Priests, Brothers, and Sisters within the Church.

For the next few weeks, I would like to share with you about vocations within the Church. Many of us have had our lives change in ways we would have never conceived. And many of us, regardless of age, may be asking ourselves at this very moment, "Is this all there is?" To those people, I invite you to identify your charism and determine how you would like to live it out.

Next time, we will focus on the vocation of women religious in the Church of today.

Peace,
Fr. Andrew

College Corner

From The School Counseling Office

We are so proud of our seniors and all of the hard work they have put into their college applications and career planning. As we learn of application decisions we want to celebrate and recognize the students' accomplishments. Each week, we will feature some senior students and learn about their college choice. This week, we recognize Melissa Beretta, Jamielyn Juan and Alexa LoMonaco.



Melissa Beretta

I will be attending Quinnipiac University as a Media Studies major with a focus on Sports Media.

I chose Quinnipiac University because the campus is beautiful and the resources they offer are unmatched. The professors are all very nice and the people on campus are so welcoming! They have a huge sports program and I hope to work in the field someday. I love the feeling I get there and can't wait for the next four years!

Jamielyn Juan

I chose Stevens Institute of Technology not only because of their great engineering program and the opportunities they provide after graduation, but also because of their beautiful campus and their amazing swimming program. I am excited to spend the next four years swimming and studying computer engineering at Stevens.



Alexa LoMonaco

I absolutely fell in love with Dartmouth and whenever I am there, I feel like I am home. I love Dartmouth's collaborative and challenging environment, and I believe this school will provide me with great resources and opportunities. I am very excited to start school there in the fall and intend to double



What's The Scoop? DP Parents' Association



ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY and SENIOR FASHION SHOW
 Presented by
The DePaul Catholic High School Parents' Association
 April 22, 2020
 at The Westmount Country Club
 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, NJ
 Doors open at 5:30 pm
 Drawings start promptly at 7:15pm

Our Annual Tricky Tray is the perfect opportunity to mingle with new, current and alum DePaul families. The success of this event is dependent upon our entire Spartan Family, so please consider sending in your family donation as soon as possible. No contribution is too big or too small. We can make use of almost anything new. Donations can be brought to school and left with Mrs. Baldo. Make sure to include your name and retail value on the items. Nothing needs to be wrapped and ALL donor families will be acknowledged in the Tricky Tray program. Thank you in advance for your support & a special thanks to the families that have already sent in their donations!

Tickets and pre-sale baggies are available for purchase online at the link below.
 Registration is \$60 pp and Ticket Baggies are \$35 until March 27th (\$40 at the door)
 All ticket sales will be done online.
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DePaulfashionshowtrickytray2020>

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Ad Journal Info			Are you looking for ideas on what to donate?	
Ad Size	Approx. Dimensions	Cost	Cash	Services
Full Page	5" x 7 1/2"	\$150	(We can shop for you)	-landscaping
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Please make checks payable to: DePaul Catholic High School and send to DePaul Catholic High School			Electronics	- plumber
			-IPads	- electrician
			-Apple Watches)	- etc.
Kindly submit your artwork or business card with payment by Friday, March 27, 2020!				

[Click Here To Reserve Your Tickets](#)

Hello, DePaul Class of 1980!

We are so excited to invite you to our 40th class reunion on April 25, 2020, and we'd LOVE to see you there. In addition to the event, we've secured a block of rooms for a group rate of \$119 plus tax at the Hyatt in Morristown, NJ for those who'd like to stay overnight (Click for Group Link). We also have a Facebook group page, "DePaul Catholic High School Class of '80". Please join the group page for event updates and posting photos, etc.


Event details:

The Horseshoe Tavern/The Raven Room (Upstairs)
36 Speedwell Ave.
Morristown, NJ 07960
6-10 pm
\$85 pp includes open bar and endless apps.

Please try and mail your check by ASAP. We hope to see you there!
Make Check Payable to Carolyn Coon and mail to:
Carolyn Coon
27 Colonial Dr., Morris Twp., NJ 07960

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The 50th Reunion has been **postponed.**
Please stay tuned for a new date.



**27th Annual
DePaul Catholic Golf Classic**

Monday, June 15, 2020
North Jersey Country Club
Wayne, NJ

Save The Date

Honoring
The Atieh Family
'71, '74, '75, '79, '82

- **June 3rd**- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (@ The Grove)
- **June 15th** - 27th Annual DePaul Catholic Golf Classic (@ North Jersey Country Club)

2020 Athletic Hall of Fame

THE DE PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
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NEW DATE: June 3, 2020

6:00PM - 9:00PM

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THE GROVE
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Inductees:

Natalia Sisti Cappello '06
Frederick (Fred) Faherty '63
David Lennon '98
Michael Ludwig '78
Patti Meringer '08
Glenn Peano '97
Lana Rae Peterson '89
Michael Pierce '68
Travis Reinhardt '98
Msgr. Geno Sylva
Anna Veltri '07

The 1972 State Champion Football Team

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Contact: Coleen Brophy, brophyc@dpchs.org or 973-694-3702, ext. 286

Forensic Public Speaking

So we come to the end of another successful Forensic Public Speaking season. Zachary Ruighaver was awarded second place for Oratorical Declamation and Lily Tea was awarded third place for Dramatic Performance. They now have the opportunity to represent DePaul at the National Catholic Forensic Tournament held in Chicago this year.



Pi Day Competition

Each year the Mathematics Department hosts a Pi Day Competition. The seventh graders from Catholic schools in the area are invited to compete. This year it was held on Thursday, March 12th since Pi Day falls on Saturday (3.14). The members of the math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta assisted the math teachers with the four events. For the second consecutive year, the team from Holy Spirit School were the winners. Congratulations!



Theology Department

In Mrs. Bullman's Theology classes, we have been moving ahead through the curriculum. The Freshmen and Sophomores are learning about the levels of authority in the Catholic Church. The Freshman course has put a focus on our relationship with God and with others.

The Freshman Honors class, while studying the "God-Human" relationship, noted that there was an image in the powerpoint notes provided by our textbook series that was not appropriate in the context of violence in the world today. The image demonstrated gun violence and the students brought their concerns to Mrs. Bullman and had a great discussion on why the photo presented should be removed from the course materials. An email was sent to the publisher and they agreed with the students! The image is now being removed and the students are clearly aware of the power of their voices! Way to go Freshman students!

The Sophomores have examined the role of the Apostles and the lessons regarding the Church Councils and various heresies in the early Church. The Sophomores learned more about Martin Luther and other individuals and groups that broke from the Church and the changes that have occurred with the Protestant Reformation and the Counter-Reformation.

The Honors Senior Theology students are finishing their studies on Hinduism. They concluded this unit with some chair yoga and a guided meditation led by Mr. Lombardi. They are now studying Judaism and the eastern rite churches.

Last week, the freshmen in Ms. Sevean's classes participated in a Lenten prayer service in the chapel. They were given time to focus on what improvements they needed in their lives in order to better treat others. The main goal is to work at improving the world one small group of people at a time starting in Lent and continuing afterwards.

The Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department shows their support for Spirit Week by wearing their college and professional team shirts.



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