May 13, 2019



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:

It seems as if it was only yesterday that we were worried about ice and snow and here we are – preparing for the end of the school year. Time seems to pass so quickly. I would like to make you aware of important events that will be taking place over the next six weeks as the academic year comes to a close:

Academic Awards and Honor Society Induction Ceremony – May 22nd at 7:00 PM

School Closed – May 24th and 27th

Senior Prom – May 29th

Baccalaureate Mass and Senior-Parent Dinner – June 2nd. Mass is at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Consolation, 1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Immediately following Mass, dinner will be held at LaNeve's, 276 Belmont Avenue, Haledon.

Class of 2019 Graduation – June 4th at 6:00 PM

8th Grade Graduation – June 14th at 10:00 AM

Final Exams – June 13th to June 19th

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.

Happy Mother's Day! St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

<u>Mr. John Merritt '71</u> Vice Principal, Student Life

> Happy May! Lots to do!

May and June are busy months for both students and parents as we try to complete a multitude of tasks and obligations. This is a great time of year to practice the thoughtful concept of "Living in The Now".

Class, homework, games, practices, work, awards night, Baccalaureate Mass, exams, prom, graduation, underclassmen exams, graduation parties, etc.

Looking at all there is to do in its totality can be overwhelming. Maybe the better idea is to look at each day as a single unit and do your best to accomplish something that day. It might be something simple or something complicated. It may be something hard or something easy, but it should be something.

By taking each day as a single unit, it may help make things seem less overwhelming and you will probably do a better job in completing your tasks and obligations.

Try this.

List all the things that need to get done, but do it by time and date.

Ask yourself: What needs to really get done today? What needs to really get done this week? What needs to get done before I graduate? What needs to get done before the end of the school year?

Make your list based on the answers to the above questions and begin with the first task on your list. Complete the task and go to the next and so on. **Pace yourself, but keep moving forward.**

The summer will be even more enjoyable when you can relax knowing you have completed all your tasks and obligations.

One step at a time!

Spartan Nation

Olympic Gold Medalist Visits DePaul

On Wednesday, May 8th, DePaul Athletics hosted Olympic Gold Medalist (Wrestling), Jordan Burroughs. Jordan was part of a photo shoot for Asics. The gym, locker rooms, weight room, and hallways were transformed into a studio. Though his day was scheduled to the minute, Jordan still found time to talk to the wrestling team about the importance of tradition and motivation. A special thank you to Coach Karsen for helping to organize this wonderful experience.



All County Dinner

The annual All-County Dinners at The Tides are quickly approaching. If you were named

First Team All-County this school year, you will be receiving information from the Athletic Office in the next week on how to purchase your tickets to this event.

Monday, June 10th - Boys Tuesday, June 11th - Girls

Fall Sports Meeting

Mark your calendars! There will be a mandatory meeting for all athletes who will be playing a Fall Sport (with the exception of football) on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00pm.

2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The DePaul Catholic Hall of Fame dinner is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements in athletics for both alumni and coaches as well as others who have made a significant contribution to the DePaul Catholic Athletic Program; an integral component of our school and the entire community. Each member of the Hall of Fame has offered their own contribution in shaping and developing DePaul Catholic's athletic program through their own outstanding accomplishments. Please take a moment to nominate someone whom you believe is deserving of induction to the Hall of Fame.

Click here for the nomination form.

RSVP & Save The Date



26th Annual Golf Classic



Benefitting The Sister Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

> 2019 Honorees The Carlon Family

Monday, June 17, 2019 North Jersey Country Club 1:00pm Shotgun Start

<u>Click here for online registration and</u> <u>sponsorship opportunities.</u>

For more information, or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact: Brynn Merritt Campbell <u>merrittb@dpchs.org</u>

> Advancement News Ms. Carmela Raiti Director of Advancement

Day of Giving May 15, 2019

We celebrate the Strength of Motherhood in May.

Alma Mater (from Latin, almus "nourishing" and mater "mother")

DePaul Catholic -- "Alma Mater" to over 11,000 students since 1956

Give the gift of a Spartan Education!

Where would we be without our moms helping us to plan ahead?

Tuition alone does not cover the cost of a DePaul education.

Gifts from donors play a critical part in providing students, faculty and staff with resources we need to achieve and to thrive now and in the years to come. Your gift will keep our school strong and stable for all current students and future Spartans. www.depaulcatholic.org

Please plan to give May 15th, DePaul's Mother's Day

Tuition Raffle

Dear Friends and Families,

This is an opportunity to win up to a \$7,000 tuition credit towards a DePaul (current or incoming) student's 2019-2020 school year!



Don't miss the opportunity!

GRAND PRIZE: 50% of proceeds, not to exceed \$7,000 tuition credit. \$100 PER TICKET. Only 300 tickets will be sold. DRAWING: June 3rd at 2:30 pm

Tickets available at school or online: <u>http://weblink.donorperfect.com/TuitionRaffle19</u>

Info: raitic@dpchs.org or 973.695.3702 ext. 440

DE PAUL AT WORK - is there a match?

Does your employer have a Charitable Giving Program? Do they offer grants to community groups? We are interested in learning more about their interests. And ask if you can introduce us.

Alumni Association

The DePaul Catholic Alumni Association was officially launched at our March 21st Gala!

Check our website for the newly revised Alumni Home Section, Alumni Association Mission Section and the Alumni News & Events Section.

An array of social and networking alumni activities will soon be announced.

Stay in touch! alumni@dpchs.org

REUNIONS

Upcoming reunion celebrations are being planned for the classes of: 2009, 1999, 1984,1979, 1970, 1969 and 1964. Call for captain information and celebration details: 973-694-3702 ext. 440

2nd Annual Brian Buczek Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, July 13, 2019 Preakness Valley Golf Course 2:30 pm Tee time

Benefitting the Brian Buczek '97 Scholarship Fund for a DePaul student in their sophomore through senior years.

For more information and scholarship opportunities, please contact: Carmela Raiti <u>raitic@dpchs.org</u>

Admissions News

<u>Mrs. Anne Brewer</u> Director of Admissions

The Admissions team kicked off the month of May with our Spring Open House! We welcomed prospective students and families in grades 7 and 8. A big thank you to our Parent Ambassadors who helped to provide refreshments for our guests, it was truly a

TREAT! We are lucky to have such a hands-on group.

We will be hosting a **New Student BBQ on June 19 at 5:30PM.** All new students are welcome to come meet their peers before the school year ends.

Shadow days will continue through the end of next week, and will resume again in the fall. If you are still interested in joining the DePaul Catholic family over the summer, our Admissions team is in the office available to give tours and to meet with families every day.

We wish all of our DePaul Catholic student ambassadors the best of luck as they prepare for final exams in the upcoming weeks!

If you are in the area and wish to have a tour of the school we welcome you to stop by the Office of Admissions.

News From The Theology Department

submitted by Mrs. Bullman

Christian Service Program

All students are in the process of completing their Christian Service Program activities for the current year. After completing the required 15 hours of service each year, the students create projects and essays to explain and justify the work they have participated in. After reading some of the essays and project work, students have shared the following reflections:

"After being part of these service opportunities, I feel like I have developed skills that I never have had before. I feel more confident in my faith and am able to one day teach the traditions of the Catholic Church again. I will never forget these experiences DePaul Catholic has instilled in me and I know I will use these skills to be successful in life." (JD)

"I will forever value this opportunity and use the knowledge I have gained from it in my future life. Working with the poor, young, or disabled enlightened me to really understand the deeper value of life. It shed a lot of light on the circumstances of those that are less fortunate than I am. I no longer see CSP as a burden or something that gets in the way, but an opportunity to grow in community with others and God especially. I am eternally grateful for the opportunities DePaul has provided me with and the touching experiences that transpired during those service opportunities." (MF).

"Doing CSP makes you want to create change in the world. Which is a great thing. It makes me want to go and take every homeless person and bring them home. I know I cannot do that but it motivates me to be able to do something to help them out when I am older. Without CSP I do not think I would be so caring about something. I am forever grateful for the opportunities DePaul has lead me to. CSP not only made me help people, but it also helped me develop myself into a kind grateful person. Now the CSP has introduced me into a world of charity that I plan on staying active with and expanding and doing more." (DG)

Cardboard City

The Sophomore Honors Theology students completed their preparation for the Cardboard City Solidarity Retreat. Fifty six sophomore students attended this event on Friday, May 3rd. They had fun, while also recognizing the struggle of the poor and homeless. Two junior students from the Honors program, Gwyn Crispano and Anna Soltys, came to the retreat to share their experience with Cardboard City and with the Midnight Run service events in their junior year. Participants played games, prayed and meditated, shared donated food goods, and built sleep structures as part of their activities. They woke up in the early morning and went to Mass with Fr. Julio followed by breakfast and recycling their "Cardboard City".

After expenses, the students collected over \$1500.00 that will follow them into their

junior year as they go out and feed the poor with the Midnight Run events.

We thank all of the parents, faculty and staff and volunteers who helped with this important retreat. Special thanks to Mrs. Wilderson, Mrs. Farrell, Mr. Tan, Mrs. Beshada, Coach Campanile, Mrs. Haggerty, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mrs. Dacles, Sr. Jeanne, Coach Kelsey Hall and Fr. Julio, all who assisted Mrs. Bullman in a long and busy night!





Vocations Day

DePaul held Vocations Day on Thursday, May 2nd. There were six representatives from several religious communities within the Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark. Each of our guests shared their stories of faith and service to the Church in a panel forum. Student wrote questions about the call to serve in a religious vocation and the panelists answered them.



"A Celebration of the Arts"

On Tuesday night, April 30th, the Fine and Performing Arts Department again hosted "A Celebration of the Arts" in the Information Commons. The annual art show has been a staple of the department for decades, but this event is only in its third year and proving to be a great success! The evening provides a venue for parents, students and visitors to view the artwork of DePaul's top visual artists in a gallery-style format, including an opportunity to meet these students and discuss their work. Additionally, the DePaul Voices performed, the cast of our recent production of *Into the Woods* presented excerpts from the show, and pianists provided musical interludes, all under the direction of music teacher, Mr. Andrew Monticello. Light refreshments added a festive note to the show.

Pictured below are Bernie Siebel, Sophia Ferrara and Erin Cavanagh with their art and the DePaul Voices singers in performance.







Field Trip to Skylands New Jersey Botanical Gardens

The Haidian Students visited the Jewel of the Garden State. The students explored the gardens, woods and the Manor House.

The beauty of the Ringwood State Park included a tour of the Crabapple Vista and a talk about the history of Skylands. The 96 acres surrounding the Manor House has been placed on the State and National Register of Historical Places.

The group really enjoyed the natural habitats and greenery.

NHS Members Fundraise for St. Jude Children's Hospital

The senior members of the Holy Spirit Chapter of the National Honor Society once again participated in a Trivia Contest to help raise awareness and funds for the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Since these students are very involved in many after school activities and sports, both in DePaul Catholic and in their communities, they gathered at 6:00 AM to be able to participate together.

Maddie Nyhuis came away with the top score, narrowly beating out Philip Caggiano by just four points. All members raised between \$50 and \$100 for this worthwhile cause. Students can receive t-shirts as prizes, however they also donated the cost for those shirts back to the hospital. **The total raised this year amounted to \$2,400, thanks to generous family and school members.**

The NHS members' partnership with St. Jude Children's Hospital has spanned 19 years, resulting in a total of \$29,462.75 donated from the Trivia Contests.

What's the Scoop? News from the HSA

TRICKY TRAY INTEREST MEETING

There will be a 2020 Tricky Tray Interest Meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm in the Commons Room. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out next year is urged to attend.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

The smell of flowers is in the air which means it is time to start your Spring Cleaning! Get rid of all the old clothes and pass them along. We have two green clothing bins for donations in the back corner of the parking lot. Just drop your items in the bin when you drop off or pick up your kids from school.

2019 FALL SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS

If you're interested in learning how you can serve DePaul by volunteering in the snack shack please email Allison at <u>dabeshada@aol.com</u> for more information. Here are the first few dates the snack shack will be open 8/30, 9/6,9/20 and 9/27. Its a great opportunity to meet fellow parents and catch a great game!

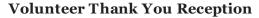


HSA THANK YOUS....

Pam and Greg DelMastro

Thank you to DelMastro Woodworking, LLC for the beautiful sign and to Pam, our outgoing Parent Ambassador Chairperson for your years of service to DePaul Catholic High School. We appreciate your time and talents and will be sorry to see you move on!







Nancy Holtje, Maryann Fallon, Veronica Corbutt



Mina Farrell, Brenda Salamon, Kim Wilderson



Julie Sullivan, Roz Tomeio, Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Eneida Joseph, Carmen Tomeio, Doris Keifer, Debbie Lozito, Cyndi Covello, Deb Murray



A special thanks to the Ferrara's for their many years of contributions to our DP family. Sue, who served as the Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee, and as a member of many of the other Parents' Association committees along with her husband Gabe, always worked tirelessly to serve. You will be missed!

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, big brothers and sisters who volunteered their time to serve on the many Parents' Association Committees. We are grateful for your time and dedication. As the year draws to a close we would like to pause to thank the Senior Parent Committee Chairpersons. We will highlight a few each week until the end of the school year. God Bless.

Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

Sport Camps

DePaul Catholic offers a variety of Sports Camps in the month of July. Open to students in grades 3 to 9, DPCHS is "The Place To Become A Champion" each summer. All camps are coached by our own DePaul Spartan coaching staff.

<u>Click here to register for one of the summer sport sessions.</u>

<u>July 8 - 11</u> Football I Boys Basketball I Girls Lacrosse Boys Lacrosse

<u>July 15-18</u> Boys Basketball II Football II

<u>July 22 - 25</u> Baseball Girls Volleyball

Questions? Brynn Merritt Campbell <u>merrittb@dpchs.org</u>

Academic Enrichment Program

DePaul Catholic hosts a variety of Academic Summer Programs. Please contact Ms. Kimberly Forsyth, Coordinator of Summer Study, with any questions or concerns. <u>summerstudy@dpchs.org</u>.

July 15-25, 2019 (Monday—Thursday)

Session I 8:30am –10:15am • High School English Enrichment • STEM Science Discovery

Session II 10:20am—12:05pm • High School Algebra Enrichment

> Session III 12:30pm—1:30pm • Study Skills for Success

August 5-8, 2019 (Monday—Thursday) • HSPT Exam Prep For Success

For more information or to register, please click here.

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