

September 28, 2020



DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

A Message From The President Dr. Robert Stickles

Greetings, Fellow Spartans,

This extraordinary year has been launched here on Alps Road with remarkable success. Kudos to our students, faculty and staff for their efforts in facing, and overcoming, the challenges posed by the pandemic. We have some more months of this to deal with, but so far, so good. In our classrooms and on our athletic fields, life goes on.

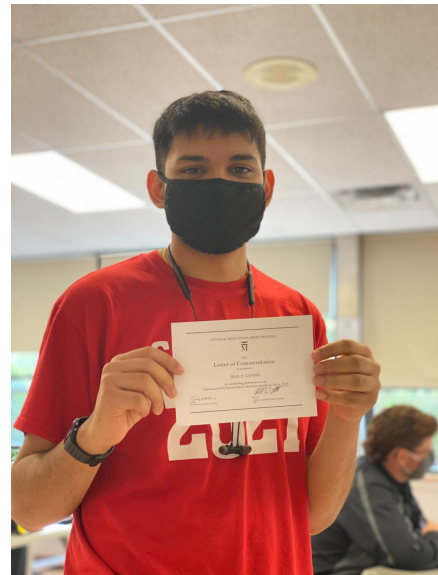
Included in these efforts is our design of a virtual Open House to display "All Things DePaul" to the next cohort of Spartans. Please join us on Sunday, October 4th at noon or Wednesday October 28th at 6:00 p.m. to see how we're doing. You'll be impressed, I'm sure!

Best to all,
Dr. Robert Stickles
President

Principal's Corner Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

I am pleased to share with you the news that Jesal P. Gandhi, a member of the Class of 2021, has been named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Student throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The entire DePaul Catholic High School Community offers congratulations to Jesal!



As I get older, it always amazes me how quickly the school year goes by...it is October and 10% of the school year is complete. I ask the students every month, "Have you accomplished 10% of your goals for this school year?" I told the students at the start of the school year, the academic year is a marathon and not a sprint. Pace yourselves well and you will be successful!

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

Vice Principal, Student Life

We are back and things keep moving forward because of the power of courage, optimism and prayer.

The time from March to today has been challenging, interesting, heartbreaking and liberating.

The Staff of DePaul, after working all summer, are seeing our plan of all students in the building working each day. *Masks, Distance, Cooperation, Compassion.* We pray each day that it can continue. We see every day in school together as a blessing.

The students are learning in the classroom, and some at home, from a team of teachers working hard every day and sacrificing much.

Since March:

We have seen the best in people come forward and sadly, in some cases, the worst. The worst always shows itself in the form of selfishness.

The motto of the selfis:

“I am a team player, until the team requires I do something I do not want to do. Then I do what I want and not what’s best for the team.”

That is selfishness in a nutshell.

Where did we witness selfish?

Well we saw it with the following:

- People gathering without COVID 19 protection. No mask, no distance, no sense of personal responsibility and no sense of shame, but an out of control sense of entitlement. Parties, Spring Break, Protests, etc., all without a thought about how these actions might be spreading the virus.
- We saw states with beaches and vacation towns open prematurely, all throughout the country, to calm the people and to gather a few tax dollars.
- We know of people who traveled to quarantined states and returned to New Jersey and said nothing and did not quarantine.

Why? The logic being either, no one is going to tell me what to do, or I am just one person what harm can there be.

We also heard a lot about personal rights.

- I have a right to travel, not wear a mask, gather in big groups, to party.
- We witnessed our political leaders and other experts change their tune almost on a daily basis about how to protect ourselves.
- We watched politicians take credit for success and place blame on others when things went bad. Nursing home deaths, premature loosening of rules, etc.

Yet, we continued to move forward.

Why?

Because of unselfish, brave people who worked every day to prevent, care for, cure, help, console and experiment with finding a cure. We saw people scared to death to go to work, but they went anyway, because it was their duty and job. They demonstrated the true definition of courage.

It is easy to forget about the selfless when you concentrate on the selfless, the givers, not the takers, the grateful, not the whiners, the courageous, not the cowards.

The selfless, the givers, the prayerful, the optimists, the courageous, and the grateful are the folks who continue to make this country great.

Thanks!

You gave your all to protect us..

History will never forget you!

News From The Advancement Office

Mr. Joe Lennon

Director of Development

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations



**27th Annual
DePaul Catholic Golf Classic**

Monday, October 12, 2020
North Jersey Country Club
Wayne, NJ

**Limited
Space
Available!**

[Click Here To Register!](#)

Sold Out 9 & Dine

5th Annual Nine and Dine held at Preakness Valley Golf Club and In the Drink, was sold out! Lots of fun was had by all.

Outing Champions, Mike Ludwig and Bob Bayley, received 2 tickets to our 2021 Golf Classic on June 14th at North Jersey Country Club.

(All social distancing guidelines were followed on the course and at In The Drink.)



Wedding Turns into DePaul Reunion



On September 19th, DePaul students reunited for the wedding of fellow classmate Katie Gorski. Pictured from left to right are: Grace Frisco (2009), Alicia Ferraioli (2009), Emily Barbieri (2011), Katie Gorski (2009), Anna Provax (2010), Sam Buczek (2011), and Stacey Dondero (2009). Missing from the photo are Tara Law (2009) and Joe Grimaldi (2009).



Cousins and DePaul grads, Billy Hall (2015) Kelsey Hall (2009) bride Katie Gorski, Brianne Sweeney (2009), Olivia Gorski (2015) and Michael Sweeney (2012) also enjoyed the mini reunion.

SPARTAN NATION



Alumni Field is open for business!
Our teams are already playing (& winning) on the field.

Thank you to all who have donated toward this project! If you would still like to contribute, please contact Joe Lennon (lennonj@dpchs.org)/

School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory
gregorya@dpchs.org

We are all so thrilled to have our students back in school. The energy and happiness of the students is contagious! All students will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday October 14th. Please make sure that the students get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast and come to school on time. Testing will begin at 7:35 AM. High school students who take the PSAT and receive a qualifying score will enter the 2022 competition for the National Merit Scholarship Program. This could result in national recognition and scholarships. We are also happy to offer a School Day SAT for our seniors on that same day. Deadline to sign up for the School Day SAT is October 2nd. This is a good opportunity for our seniors since many SATs and ACTs have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

Register Today For Our Fall Virtual Open Houses



**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

Spartan Virtual Shadow Program

This program will be available for prospective students and parents. Details coming in the next few weeks.

STAY TUNED!

Class of 2025 Admissions Process

Attend a Virtual Open House

Sunday, October 4 - 12:00pm

Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30pm

RSVP on our website: www.depaulcatholic.org

Fill Out Your Online Application before December 4, 2020.

www.depaulcatholic.org

Cost: \$25.00

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

Registration for this event will be available soon.

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.

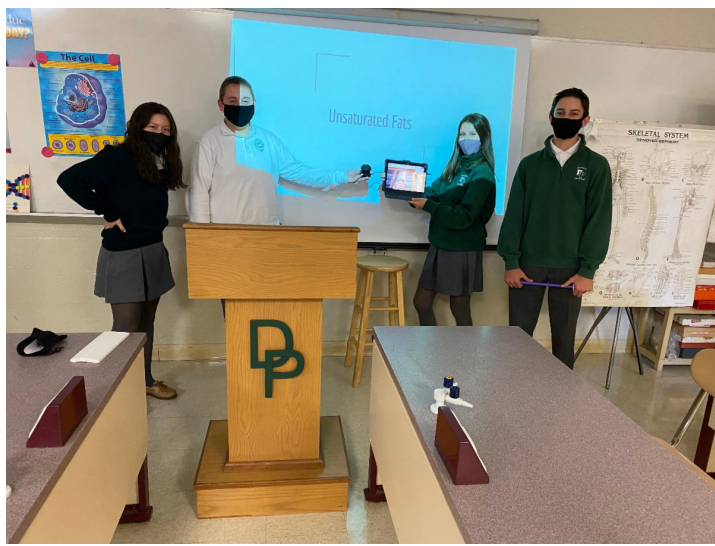
Date: December 10, 11, 12, 15

Register here:

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

Honors Bio

Freshman Honors Biology students did a saturated/unsaturated debate and one of the group's members was a remote learner. That did not stop them from including him in the presentation - that's him on the live feed computer from his home!



News From The Theology Department

The Theology department is busy at work with beginning their service projects, diving into the curriculum and working on extra projects! The Peer Ministers have been busy planning for our upcoming grade level retreats. They have been assigned new students to DePaul to mentor. These hardworking DP leaders have already shown their dedication to DP as they have led our opening Mass and prepared the Mass of St. Vincent DePaul on Monday.

In the classrooms, Mrs. Bullman's sophomores are working on their "Creation Projects" which will depict their interpretations and understandings of the Book of Genesis. Students are becoming quite creative making their own movies, storyboards and presentations to show their understanding.

Mrs. Bullman's seniors are studying Social Sin and the introduction to Catholic Social Teaching. They have examined societal issues we confront today, and detailed how they are addressed using the "Two Feet of Christian Justice", which explains how the Works of Mercy and Social Action can be applied.

The Class of 2024 is learning what it means to be in a full relationship with God, understanding that material objects are meaningless. They spent time in the chapel this week doing motivational meditation, to help deepen their thinking as they work on assignments reflecting who they are and who they want to be (keyword is WHO, not WHAT). Using their creativity, Ms. Sevean's classes are working on either a video or slides in addition to oral presentations to get their points across. The freshmen also created short videos for Preakness Healthcare in Wayne recalling their favorite moment or memory with a grandparent to help them celebrate Grandparent's Day!

The eighth grade class is beginning their journey into the Bible. They have already read about The Fall of Man and will continue exploring Sacred Scripture throughout the year. A focus will also be put on prayer life and learning various prayers as well as living the Ten Commandments.

The juniors are working on Sacraments and writing individual prayers and Ms. Bock's Senior classes have just presented their Powerpoint presentations on the effects of Social Sin in today's society. Off to a great school year start!

DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Parents, an Aunt, parent alums and Sr. Jeanne all made up our volunteers for Friday's opening day of the snack stand. Thanks to all for making it a success! We'll be open in full force on 10/2, for the Senior Night game with the return of our grilled items, chicken & fries combo and the hot pretzel, a fan favorite!! All proceeds from the snack stand benefit the entire school. You'll notice the direction of the snack stand line has changed and the set up varies a bit from what you're used to but other than that we're open for business as usual.

Thank you for your support!



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our SUPER 50/50 Winner, Dolores Bianchi, Clifton, (Rescheduled from April 22, 2020) and our BLANKET Raffle Winner! Both drawings were held on September 27.



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

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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>



Stop & Shop®



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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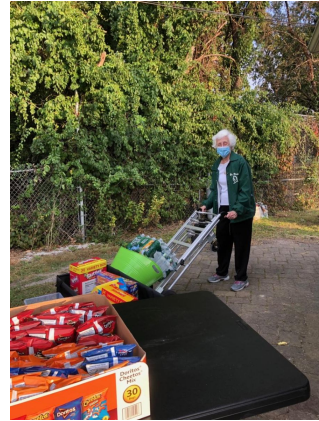
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advisor- Sr. Jeanne Agans

President- Allison Beshada Secretary- Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuitti
Treasurer- Kim Wilderson
Tricky Tray- Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito
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Calendar Raffle- Cindy Winkler
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