

December 7, 2020



DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

President's Report

Dr. Robert J Stickles
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Tuition Set for School Year 2021-2022

Our Administration has recommended, and our Board has approved, a small increase of \$200 in DePaul's tuition for the upcoming school year, 2021-2022. This means that next year's tuition will be \$14,400. Fees will remain the same.

We do this with considerable reluctance. We know that our families make real sacrifices to send their children to DePaul, and we work to make the cost as manageable as possible. This year, for example, we froze the tuition, with no increase from last year. And our tuition, even with this bump, is less than almost all of the other Catholic high schools in our area. But our expenses continue to go up, and so we need this small increase to remain vital.

We appreciate the confidence our parents have shown in us. The greatest compliment anyone can give to another is to trust that someone to help raise their child. Our parents have our continuing promise that we'll do all that we can to justify their trust in us.

Principal's Corner [Mr. Russell Petrocelli](#)

Dear DePaul Catholic High School Community:

November has come and gone and we have completed 3 months of this school year – 30% - and I ask the students, “Have you completed 30% of your goals?” If you have not, what are you doing about that? I think for many of us, what we planned for this year has been supplanted but the circumstances of the world we are living in and our focus may have changed. I stopped for a minute over this past weekend when I walked into church and saw the different colors of the altar clothes to remember that not only had we entered the month of December, but as a Church, we entered the season of Advent, a season of Hope.

A friend of mine sent me a message to join him in an Advent daily reflection using the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke has 24 chapters and we are reading and reflecting on one chapter every day, leading up to The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

On Tuesday, December 8, our school community will gather to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, and, as a reminder, school will not be in session on Friday, December 11, 2020 for our scheduled Faculty Retreat Day. We are still in the planning stages for the Senior Mass of Light, which will be held on Wednesday, December 23. Information will be released as soon as the logistics have been finalized.

May the anticipation of the season bring you peace and joy – Hope Springs Eternal!

St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

Last Wednesday was the final game for Coach John McKenna as Head Football Coach at DePaul Catholic High School.

He helped a lot of kids while at the same time he won a lot of games. Quite the combination.

All successful Head Coaches have a certain way they go about their business.

- They work harder than anyone else.
- They love their players.
- They are loyal to their players.
- They are demanding of their players, both academically and athletically.
- They prepare their players both mentally and physically for the next contest.
- They make in game decisions that work.
- They trust their players.
- They allow their assistant coaches to grow in experience.

Sounds like a good boss in a successful company or business.

During my time as a student and teacher I have had the honor to play or coach for 4 great head coaches.

I played for Coach Keil. He taught me about preparation, toughness, execution, avoiding mistakes and the importance of team. He also taught me that always studying and learning new things about the game was very important. In 1970 we were successfully throwing the ball from a 4 receiver set 20 or more times a game when the rest of the football world was still in a cloud of dust.

My first coaching job was for Coach Jack Jones beginning in 1977. Coach Jones taught me the value of preparation, intensity, tenacity and patience. If they can't stop it, keep running the same play. He basically taught me how to coach. He taught why athletics is a great teaching tool for all young people.

My next job was as an assistant coach to Coach Joe Lennon for 23 years. Coach Lennon gave me the opportunity to take control of the defense as a coordinator and always showed trust in my evaluations and game day judgment. He allowed the coach in me to flourish. Even today his players continue to attend games and offer their support to DePaul Catholic.

I had the honor to work with Coach McKenna for 5 years before he took over as head coach. John took the qualities of Keil, Jones and Lennon and blended them together and went on to great success winning games. His greatest success, however, was caring for his players and directing them to college. His ability to teach life skills and the rules for success are timeless.

DePaul has been blessed to have had many great coaches in all of our sports programs. These folks have had a tremendous, positive impact on the lives of so many young people.

It is my honor to have learned from all of them.

I am a lucky guy.

School Counseling Office

Mrs. Anne Gregory
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Drew Beebe- Clark Amongst 1,464 Top High School Seniors Awarded Full Four-Year Scholarships and Admission to Top Colleges Through the National Nonprofit QuestBridge Program

DePaul Catholic is extremely proud to announce that our



student, Drew Beebe-Clark, was amongst a group of 1,464 QuestBridge Finalists that matched with Davidson College in North Carolina. The application process is very competitive and rigorous. Drew was one of 6,885 students chosen out of 18,500 qualified candidates that were named Finalists. This year, QuestBridge matched with 1,464 Finalists, who are recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients. Drew is awarded a full four-year scholarship that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books, supplies and travel expenses.

This year's Match Scholarship Recipients come from 48 states, including the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. These outstanding high school seniors have an

average unweighted GPA of 3.93, and 94% are in the top 10% of their graduating class. Of the students who reported standardized testing, 82% scored above 1260 on the SAT and 84% scored above 27 on the ACT.

"The achievements of our 2020 Match Scholarship Recipients are particularly exceptional in the midst of a year marked by challenging circumstances." said Ana McCullough, CEO and Co-founder of QuestBridge. "The fact that our college partners awarded a record number of scholarships this year bolsters our hope for a brighter, more equitable future." Drew says he is so honored and proud to attend Davidson College, as it was his top choice. Davidson is a very competitive liberal arts college in Davidson North Carolina.



The Spartan Christmas Shop

Items purchased online will be available for pick up or shipment (additional fee).

Pick up orders:

Must be placed by December 18th.

Must be picked up no later than 2:30pm on December 21st.

Shipped orders:

Must be placed by December 11th to be sure they will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Questions should be directed to Mrs. Janet Baldo, baldoj@dpchs.org
or 973-694-3702.

If you would like to pay using a DePaul Catholic Spartan Shop Gift Certificate, please email your full order to Mrs. Janet Baldo.
(baldoj@dpchs.org)

Order From The Christmas Shop Today!

Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

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

Did you miss our Virtual Open Houses?

Check out our latest one here: <https://conta.cc/2JbdSYt>

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 ASAP! These items should be in the Admissions Office by Monday, December 7th.

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

Please note: You MUST fill out a DePaul application before registering for the Academic Scholarship Exam, picking an Academic Scholarship Interview Slot, or applying to the Honors Academy.

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.

MAKE UP EXAM - final opportunity before application review

Thursday, December 17

<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:

Apply to the Honors Academy

Students who are interested in applying for an Honors Academy will need to fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/c8boxPhFth4PCyvw8>

Alumni & Advancement News

Joe Lennon, Director of Advancement

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

Class of 1972 - 50th Reunion

September 2022

More information to follow!



Message from the President of the Alumni Association and the Director of Alumni Relations

Calling all Spartan Alumni!

Are you or do you know of a fellow Alumni or a group of Alums that during this Pandemic are giving back and making a difference in their community? We would love to highlight members of the DePaul Catholic Alumni family who are going above and beyond here in the Spartan Sentinel and on our digital platforms.

If you know someone, if you are that someone or know of a group of Alums, please reach out to us Coleen Brophy at brophyc@dpchs.org and tell us how you/they are making a difference in their community!

The ongoing Pandemic has created a number of critical issues that are presenting a multiplicity of widespread hardships for millions of Americans beyond the deadly impact of the virus infection itself.

We now have more than 50 million Americans that are suffering from food insecurity. You ask what is food insecurity? Food insecurity means that all of these people do not have a consistent and reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food daily. That 50 million number of food insecure people translates into 1 in 6 people who are now food insecure. Latest statistics now show that 40% of all the food pantry volunteers are food insecure. They now have to rely on those organizations where they were volunteering and are the newest group of people in need of food.

Prior to this Pandemic, food insecurity affected 1 in 50 or roughly 8 million people. We as DePaul Alums can and should try to help make a difference by supporting local or national food pantries.

I would like to share with you someone who is making a difference. Alumni Board member Derek Guide, Class of '99 is doing just that. He called me and we discussed his idea of starting a Class of '99 Food Drive with a local food pantry. I asked if I could donate and I am happy to be a part of his Class initiative. I would like all of our Alumni to consider taking "The Food Insecurity Challenge" and consider making donations or setting up your own Class Year food drive. Together we can make a significant difference for many of these food insecure people that shouldn't have to face this alone without our help.

If you would like more information about this or anything involving our Alumni Association please contact me at labso68@optonline.net or Coleen Brophy at brophyc@dpchs.org

Please Stay Well, Stay Safe and Wear a Mask!

Joe Laborsky Coleen Brophy
President, Director of Alumni Relations

Class of '99 Supports Catholic Charities

The Class of 1999 had decided to start a fund drive to assist those less fortunate. They have partnered with Catholic Charities of Paterson to raise funds to support the food banks.

Below is the link, if you can, please join the class of '99 to bring some cheer this Christmas and New Year!

<https://www.ccpaterson.org/depaul>

DePaul Catholic Alumni Association Scholars Program

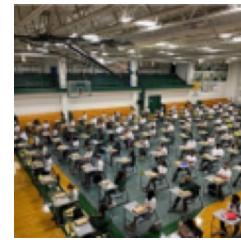
The Alumni Association has recently established “The Alumni Scholar Program”. This program helps a qualified, deserving incoming Freshman to attend DePaul Catholic for 4 years. The alumni financial support of these students will be an ongoing mission of the school.

For more information or how you can get involved please contact:

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Joe Laborsky, '68
President of DePaul Catholic Alumni Association
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Annual Fund For The Future



The definition of Spartan means a person of great courage and self-discipline. At DePaul Catholic High School, we promote focused, driven, self-disciplined students. With your support, you will aid in carrying on this legacy by helping DePaul continue to grow as a community and school.

For over sixty years, DePaul Catholic has provided thousands of students with faith-based, quality education in a safe and caring environment. We need your help as we continue this vital work, building God’s Kingdom one child at a time. Your contribution to our Annual Fund will support our many programs, including merit scholarships to recognize academic excellence, tuition assistance for challenged families, enhancements to our Campus Ministry and Performing Arts offerings, and upgrades to our facilities.

For these sixty three years, as we like to say, DePaul Catholic has been “the place to be.” Please help us continue to be that “place to be,” for this generation of Spartans and for generations of Spartans to come.

Our Annual Fund will close on December 31, 2020. To donate, please use this link:
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/spartanfund>

An Engagement on Alumni Field

Did you know Coach McKenna is an event planner, too? We sure didn't. A few weekends ago, 2012 graduates, Brandon Salazar and Michaela Arbus, were engaged on Alumni Field. Congratulations & best wishes to the happy couple!



Spartan Nation

Thank you, Coach Mac!

On Wednesday, November 25th, John McKenna took his final jog out onto Alumni Field as the Spartans Head Football Coach. After 16 years at the helm Coach Mac, will lead the school in a different way, as our Athletic Director.

Coach Mac has been a larger than life figure on the staff since the late 90s. Hired by Coach Lennon as an assistant, it was only fitting that in 2005 Coach Lennon would hand the program over entirely to Coach Mac.



In his 16 years as the Head Coach of the Spartans, McKenna has made his mark. He led the program head first into the Big North United Division, which has often been touted as

one of the most competitive in the country. He won 5 State Championships in less than 10 years. He developed young men of character on and off the field. And most importantly, perhaps, he never forgot about the foundation, and the tradition, of those that came before him. John McKenna is a Spartan in the truest sense of the term.

Tonight, Coach McKenna joins the Mt. Rushmore of DePaul Catholic Head Football Coaches - and there have only been a handful of them in the school's 64 years - Coach Keil, Coach Jones, Coach Lennon, and now, Coach McKenna.

We thank the entire McKenna family, his wife, Kim, his daughters, Sloan and Kailey, and his son, Shaye, for the dedication that they have given to the Spartan Community over the years.

Finally, Coach Mac, thank you. Thank you for being a Spartan. Thank you for believing in the tradition. Thank you for guiding these young men. And thank you for smiling... even if it was just once in a while.

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ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH TO BRING YOU

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2. FILL OUT THIS FORM:<https://form.jotform.com/202875175333154>
3. PICK UP WILL BE UNDER THE MOE'S TENT IN THE DEPAUL CATHOLIC PARKING LOT NEAR THE GARAGE FROM 4:30-5:30 PM AND 6:45-7:45 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 12/16/2020.

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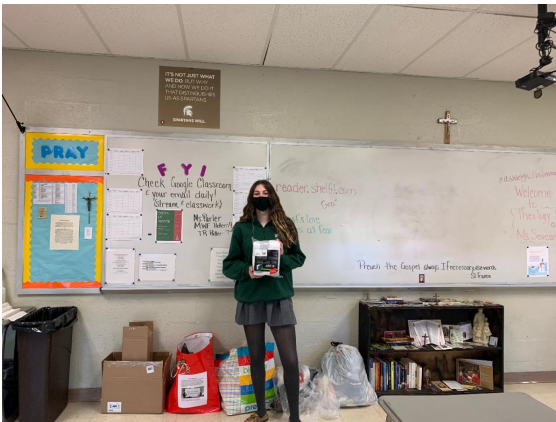
Welcome Fr. Justin

Father Justin Brophy OP, son of Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events, was invited to be the guest celebrant at the Thanksgiving Mass held at DePaul Catholic for our students, faculty, and staff.



News From The Theology Department

Happy Advent! The Theology Department is working hard on many things this season. All classes have been creating activities surrounding Advent. The Freshmen are collecting socks and gloves for the poor and the students across all grades are making Christmas and greeting cards for those who are isolated right now in many care centers in the region. Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation. After a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Fr. Justin Brophy (the son of Mrs. Coleen Brophy, Development and Alumni Relations), our community now looks forward to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, and our Senior Mass of Light, scheduled for December 23rd. We pray regularly for our DePaul Family and for our world, that we remain safe and that peace is in our world.



DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Our next PA Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm** in the DP Information Commons Room! All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

From The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We Need Your Help in Thanking Our Teachers.

As we like to do every school year, we want to thank our teachers for all of their efforts giving our children a wonderful education. This year has been even more challenging, but our teachers have prevailed. In normal times, we celebrate with a luncheon; however, this year will be different due to COVID. We are asking our DePaul families for a monetary

donation, so we can give a special gift to each teacher. *We truly are asking for everyone's help.*

Donations can be sent in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation Gift" (checks can be made out to DePaul Catholic) or you can Venmo Deb Murray at Deb-Murray-1. *Please add your name and "Teacher Appreciation Gift" in the note.*

Thank you in advance for your contribution!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Deb Murray - 973-818-4841 or demurray@hotmail.com

Julie Sullivan - 201-693-5629 or juliesullivan7399@gmail.com

From The SNACK STAND COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our volunteers for making the fall season at the gate and the snack stand a memorable one. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and support! Even though the fall season is over the snack stand still has some products left to sell.

If you're interested in bottles of soda, Gatorade or ice cream, contact:

Allison Beshada - 973-214-7309 or dabeshada@aol.com

From The CALENDAR RAFFLE COMMITTEE

You should have received your packet of raffles in the mail. Drawings begin 12/25! With the holidays approaching, sell to family or buy some yourself as stocking stuffers. Please help our DePaul Family by selling your 10 raffles.

If you have any questions or need more, contact:

Cindy Winkler - cinwinkler@optonline.net

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Have you checked your list twice? Please support DePaul as you are doing your holiday shopping at no extra cost with smile.amazon.com (Select: Depaul High School Wayne)

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



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Making some room during the holidays?

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

Our first meeting will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information!

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

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