

# dePaul School

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## *Teacher of Excellence*

What does it take to be an excellent school for dyslexic children? The answer is not one single thing.

Research has proven that the curriculum MUST be Orton-Gillingham based. This being stated, I believe that the curriculum is only as good as those teaching it. The dePaul School has a proven curriculum and the best teachers. Most importantly, they are trained by the best teacher and supervisor, Ms. Janet Sutherland.

I cannot overstate the importance Ms. Sutherland plays in the success of the dePaul School and its' students. I am very familiar with many other schools that serve dyslexic children and I can tell you that we are incredibly fortunate to have someone with the depth of knowledge, sincere passion and complete dedication that Ms. Sutherland has for our children and our school. She is an amazing advocate for our kids and works tirelessly to ensure that our teachers implement our curriculum with rigor and fidelity. She does this because she knows that it is the only way they learn.

Ms. Sutherland is currently in her 25th year at the dePaul School. Everyone affiliated with the dePaul School owes Ms. Sutherland a huge debt of gratitude for her service, her dedication and her never-ending quest to get our children reading!

Thank you Ms. Janet Sutherland for your service and commitment to the children of The dePaul School. We are a better school for your 25 years of service!

Vicki Howell  
Head of School

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## Upcoming Events

### **December 9**

Holiday Parties for students,  
2:30-5:00 pm Traditional  
6:30-9:00 pm Delta

### **December 16**

Afternoon of the Arts, 1:30

### **December 19-January 2**

Winter Break – School closed

### **Tuesday, January 3**

Classes resume

### **January 5**

Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 pm

### **January 13**

Traditional Program Fieldtrip  
Pinellas County Science Ctr.



## Afternoon of the Arts

Our annual winter celebration, Afternoon of the Arts, is scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 1:30 pm in the church. This event is a showcase of student artwork, a violin concert and student performances. All guests are invited to Fellowship Hall afterwards for punch, cookies and socializing. Students are to bring a change of clothes to school that day and will be changing after lunch. This is a special occasion and we ask that students not wear jeans or t-shirts.

**Students wear their uniforms to school and change into their dress clothes after lunch. Students not going home with guests at the performance will have a regular 2:30 dismissal.**

## Class Notes

...Mrs. Barlow's Delta science classes are working with the STEM project kits this week, building working cars and rollercoasters. (The STEM kits were purchased with money raised in last year's Annual Campaign.)

...Mrs. Olson's students went to the Straz Center to see a Jigsaw Jones play, played at Hixson Park and went to the Glaser Museum all in one day!! (Money raised in the annual campaign helps pay for fieldtrips.)

...Mr. Kenny's students are creating their own individual newsletters in Technology class. (The new Delta iPad cases were paid for with funds raised in the annual campaign.)

...Ms. Brown, Mr. Kenny and Mrs. Howell will be attending the Future of Educational Technology Conference in January to learn about the latest developments and trends in educational technology. (Funds raised in the Annual Campaign help pay for teacher training.)

## Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to the following parents (and grandparents!) for helping us serve and supervise pizza lunch on Fridays for the first half of the year! We really appreciate the help!

**Diane Freeland  
Matt Burmood  
Sue Sasko**

**Erika St. Jean  
Tonya Proffer  
Rachel Saul**

Opportunities are still available on Fridays, from 11:20-12:15, January 20 - May 19, 2017. Contact Kellee Iannucci at [kiannucci@thedepaulschool.org](mailto:kiannucci@thedepaulschool.org) if you can help!

**Mark Your Calendar:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hurricane Make-Up Day is  
Monday, March 20, 2017**

## *Fund for Excellence*

The dePaul School's Annual Campaign, Fund for Excellence is underway. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

### **Benefactors**

(\$1000-\$2499)

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Howell

### **Supporters**

(\$500-\$999)

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Martinelli

Mr. & Mrs. James Perrine

Ms. Erika St. Jean

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Wooley

### **Friends**

(\$150-\$499)

Mrs. Noreen Barlow

Ms. Anne Boortz

Mrs. Lynn Edwards

Dr. & Mrs. Bryan Griffith

Mr. & Mrs. William Howard

Mr. & Mrs. Troy Iannucci

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Sasko

Mr. & Mrs. Vinny Stanziani

### **Boosters**

(Up to \$149)

Ms. Gail Connor

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Gorst

Ms. Amy Kressevich

Family of Uriel Lopez Torres

All funds raised support initiatives that make the dePaul School an excellent school for students with dyslexia, providing for extras like teacher training, state-of-the art curriculum and materials, fieldtrips and advanced technology. Tuition alone does not provide for these initiatives.

**Please donate today at**

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**to ensure we can maintain our  
commitment to excellence for  
your children!**

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