

The dePaul School

Respect - Teach - Challenge - Inspire



Fund for Excellence
Annual Campaign 2017-2018

Join the Action!

The 2017-2018 Annual Campaign is underway! Each year, the Annual Campaign provides **immediate and direct benefits** to the students at dePaul School. The success of the campaign is essential to providing the elements of our program that take us from ordinary to excellent!

Program enhancements such as replacing aging iPads and projectors, purchasing new & innovative assistive technology devices and 3D, virtual and augmented reality learning programs are made possible with funds from the Annual Campaign.

Keeping our specialized curriculum current and engaging for our students by adding the latest research-based books, workbooks, games and programs requires funding beyond tuition alone.

Bringing educational speakers and assemblies to the school and the purchase of additional PE equipment to offer our students a variety of sports and fitness activities also relies on the success of the Annual Campaign.

Last year was the most successful Annual Campaign in the school's history thanks to the generous support of our current and past parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty and friends. This year our goal is even higher: \$25,000 raised by December 31, 2017.

Look for this year's eye-catching materials in your mailbox next week. I am asking you to show your support for the students and dePaul by donating to this year's Annual Campaign.

Please "Join the Action" and keep us moving forward!

Sincerely,

Vicki Howell, Head of School

Upcoming Events

December 4
Informational Open House
8:30 a.m.

December 12
Chipotle Fundraiser, 4 – 8 pm
Chipotle on Gulf to Bay

December 15
Afternoon of the Arts, 1:30

December 25-January 5
Winter Break – School closed

Monday, January 8
Classes resume



Afternoon of the Arts

Our annual winter celebration, Afternoon of the Arts, is scheduled for Friday, December 15 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.

Reptile Discovery at dePaul!



On Friday, November 10, thanks to Reptile Discovery Programs, students got up close and personal with a variety of reptiles - which included an ill-tempered snapping turtle, a crocodile from Egypt, a lizard from the Amazon, and a huge albino boa constrictor from India. They learned about the reptiles' history, geography, conservation and that many are on the endangered species list. Some of the most courageous students were invited to touch the reptiles!

Students Giving C-Pen Scanning Pens a Try

Delta students in Mr. Kenny's Technology class & Mrs. Barlow's Science class are evaluating a totally portable, pocket-sized device that reads text out aloud with an English human-like digital voice. The Exam Reader™ allows students with reading difficulties to scan text from worksheets, books, magazines or exam questions themselves so that they can hear the text being read aloud. The sound is heard via earbuds, allowing them to remain in the classroom with their peers. We are very excited about the independence that such a tool can provide to our students when it comes to homework and test taking. If it is determined that the pens are beneficial, our goal would be to purchase several classroom sets for student use, budget permitting. For more information, go to www.scanningpens.com.

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Mindset Matters!

I can't do this!
I don't have the talent!



I may not be able to do this now, but with time and effort I'll be able to!



Class Notes...

...Mr. Kenny's Technology classes are learning how to use the study-aid app Quizlet.

...Mrs. Edwards' Social Studies classes will be starting their study of Florida and creating a take-home lap book.

...Delta students will be starting a unit on street hockey in PE.

...Ms. Barlow's Writing students are progressing with the Framing Your Thoughts curriculum, working on subject/verb agreement, editing and creating an acrostic poem.