

DEPAUL NEWS

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Welcome New Staff

We are excited to have some new faces on our staff. Mrs. Gade is a new traditional teacher that comes to us with over 30 years of experience. Ms. Smith has joined the admin team and can be found in the front office of the traditional campus. Ms. Silhavy joined the Delta team and jumped right in teaching multiple subjects. You will see Mrs. Erturk at the front desk of Delta running our operations and business side of things. Coach Perrino comes to us with an extensive coaching background and years in the public school PE department. And lastly, Mrs. Kantelis will be joining the traditional teaching team at the beginning of October.

Art at a Glance

This month in Art, Ms. Pam will be working with the students in the style of Art by Gio Swaby. This beautiful multidisciplinary artists' work explores and employs the portrait genre and a range of textile-based techniques. Swaby's work is anchored in a desire to present and celebrate the complex personalities of the sitter. Her work is currently on display at The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg through October 9, 2022, if you and your family want to explore her work deeper.



WELCOME BACK BULLDOGS

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The dePaul School for the 2022-2023 school year. At dePaul, we are committed to helping bright children meet their potential by “enabling these students to achieve academic and personal success.” What distinguishes a dePaul education is our commitment to supporting a very specific niche and doing so with fidelity. We’ve experienced nearly 40 years of successfully educating students with language-based learning difficulties by meeting the student where they are academically, supporting them as they grow, filling any gaps and scaffolding skills at an appropriate pace and rigor. dePaul builds confidence and empowerment by identifying and developing the necessary skills students need to be successful in their academic endeavors after they leave our hallways for their next school experience.

I graciously thank you for trusting our expertise as we develop new programs like at Admiral Farragut and stabilize our traditional program after the move to a new location and expansion. I invite you to visit our locations, join the parent group, reach out to our team and embrace our culture of growth.

Warm Regards,

Annmarie McEwan

Executive Director/ Head of School





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have so many fun things coming your way! Here are some dates to look forward to:

- Picture day: Friday, Sept. 30
- Field Trip: Oct. 7 Traditional students will be traveling to La Segunda for Spanish Heritage month to tour the largest bakery and distributor of Cuban bread.
- Dyslexia Awareness week: Monday, Oct. 10-13
 - Oct. 10 Hats off to Dyslexia (wear your favorite hat)
 - Oct. 11 Dress like your favorite teacher
 - Oct. 12 Sock it to Dyslexia (wear crazy fun socks)
 - Oct. 13 Wear Red for Dyslexia
- No school, Prof. Dev.: Oct. 14 & 17
- Parent - Teacher conferences: Oct. 17
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 21-25

Dyslexia Awareness Month

Each year, October is recognized worldwide as Dyslexia Awareness Month, a time to come together to raise awareness, share resources, and tell stories about dyslexia successes. dePaul is excited to join the international Go Red for Dyslexia movement by **going red** this year, in celebration of Dyslexia Awareness Month 2022, with our very own dress up for Dyslexia week! We will also be using this as an opportunity to raise money for new spirit/Friday shirts for the students. We invite you to join us for our upcoming dress up days, to show your support and spread awareness. More information will be emailed home soon about this, also for parents to volunteer to help raise money. [#GoRedforDyslexia](#).

Still Enrolling

The dePaul School has rolling admissions, meaning we accept new students throughout the school year. Help us spread the word about the awesome things happening at dePaul to your friends, neighbors, coworkers and communities. We want to support and empower as many kiddos as possible!

A Note From Mrs. Gorst

We are happy to have you a part of the dePaul Community and thank you for trusting us with your child's education! It has been an amazing start of the school year! Your children are positive and eager to learn, and the teachers are motivated and excited to teach!

Curriculum Morning was held at the end of August and was a huge success! Thank you to all of you that were able to attend – we couldn't do it without your continued involvement and support. For more in-depth conversations about your child's academics and curriculum we have Parent-Teacher Conferences coming up in October.

On behalf of all the dedicated staff and exceptional teachers, we look forward to a wonderful year!

Amy Gorst
Lower School
Principal



New Delta Principal

I am thrilled to continue my journey with dePaul and start this new school year as the Delta campus principal. I have my Florida Educator's license, over a decade of experience teaching, and a master's degree in education with a focus on curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida. I have a passion for supporting the growth of teachers and students and am eager to grow in this new role. The dePaul School's mission has become my mission: "...to enable these students to achieve academic and personal success." We're off to a great start and I am excited for the rest of the year!

What does it mean to be a Delta student?

Delta means change. The change, or difference, our students experience at Delta teaches them to become less reliant on help from others and to feel empowered to take more ownership over their own educational journey. Our Delta students are growing and changing at an incredible rate. In just one short month, they are navigating a new schedule with eight classes, learning how to manage class materials and homework, self-advocating for their needs, and using new apps to aid in learning. Delta students spend much of their day decoding and thinking about text. They are learning new vocabulary and comprehension skills across all content areas. Learning Ally is an example of one new learning tool our students have already started implementing. This app allows students to choose a book of interest (sometimes assigned by a teacher) to listen to while following along with the text. Listening to the text lightens the mental load of engaging with a book and allows the student to absorb the content for both information and entertainment purposes. As I am writing this, dePaul students

have read a total of 9936 pages on Learning Ally! Sadie has read over 600 pages, Roman and Tyler over 400 pages each, and Isaiah and Cole P. have each read over 4 hours of text! These students are growing and changing through this positive engagement with reading. This is an incredible feat! What an exciting way to start the year.



Brittany Lucas
Upper School (Delta) Principal

