

The Bruin Beat

October 2011

A Letter From the Principal

David G. Stec

First, let me begin by saying thank you to the entire Padua community. The prayers, cards, and gifts were truly humbling. I want to assure you that I am well on my way to full recovery and am so happy to be back fulltime so quickly. I can only imagine that your prayers were heard. Beyond that we have had a wonderful beginning to a new school year. Thanks to the high level of cooperation we received from our students, faculty, staff, and, of course, our families, especially during our 50th anniversary weekend. Your continued support for all we do makes a huge difference in the quality of school we are. One such example of this support is the 55% overall parental attendance at our **Meet the Faculty Night**. This is an incredible number. I thank you for your dedication in continuing to strengthen the Padua-Parent partnership and in the care you have for your children. Research demonstrates that taking an active role in the lives of our children, by attending such events, makes all the difference. I trust that the information you received that evening has been helpful to you.

This year's **total student enrollment** stands at 834 students, including 220 members of our freshman class. We're quite proud of the quality and energy of this year's freshmen. In addition, our student body includes 15 transfer-in students and 9 international students. Padua Franciscan's continued strong enrollment is a testimony to the strength of our students, staff, alumni, and families. This is the time of year when 8th graders really begin to narrow their decisions for high school. It is essential that we **actively let others know** what a great school and value Padua Franciscan is. If you are proud of what Padua Franciscan offers to your children, let others know. Wear your Padua gear everywhere: to church, the gym, the grocery store, and especially at grade school functions. If you know of an elementary or middle-school student who should learn more about Padua, guide them to our website so they can receive the most up-to-date admissions and recruiting information, like the **Padua Passport**. The Passport is a downloadable invitation to many upcoming Padua events and it provides the student with free admission. Also, encourage those students to shadow the school and really take us for a test drive. Beyond experiencing Padua first-hand, your words of support and praise for the entire Padua experience are our best marketing tools.

Wednesday, October 12, will be a testing day for all students except seniors. Freshmen will take a practice PSAT, sophomores will take a practice ACT test (known as the PLAN test), and juniors will take the PSAT test. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on this day for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. **Busses will run in the morning but not in the afternoon.** Students will need to make their own transportation arrangements home. There will be no classes for seniors on this day. Seniors are strongly encouraged to use this day for college visits, especially visits to local colleges we would not otherwise excuse. Also, please note that **October 24** is an in-service day for our faculty. There will be **no classes** held on that Monday.

The school year is well underway for our parent organizations – the Music Association, Athletic Boosters, and Parents Club. Why not attend a meeting and join others who give so much to Padua Franciscan High School? Also, I personally invite you and your family to attend many of

the wonderful events that these organizations help support; come to a game, an event, or a performance. I am confident that you will be amazed at what you will see!

For your information, Padua Franciscan has a brand **new website**. The web address is the same; but, many new things have been added. Ultimately we want to provide you with the best tools to help your children and to stay up-to-date with all the great things that go on here at the school. Check out the new site at www.paduafranciscan.com. While I'm on the tech-topic, students now must personally log into all computers here at the school to provide access to our network. This allows us to prevent misuse of the computers and the ability to track any concerns that may surface. Their personal login information is the same as that for their netclassroom account.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge **2011-12 National Merit Semi-Finalist Students Lisa Bonvissuto, Janel Dempsey, and Karen Ortega**. Also, congratulations to **Nicholas Glavan** for being named a National Merit commended student. We have some truly gifted and brilliant students. I appreciate their hard work and commitment.

Please review the enclosed **Mid-Quarter Progress Report** with your child and address any areas of concern. **Individual Student Reports** will be given to students in any subjects where a C- or below grade appears on the Mid-Quarter Progress Report. These will be distributed during the week of October 3. Please call the school if your child does not bring an expected Individual Student Report home.

Lastly, please note that Saint Francis Day on October 4 is a full day for students. This will be a special day here at the school but will not be a partial day as in the past.

Again, thank you for your continued prayers. I look forward to seeing you at all the upcoming events. There are so many things that continue to bring us joy. Thank you for your continued support of Padua Franciscan High School and as always, Go Bruins!

FROM THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION . . .

Please join our talented music students at their first concert of the school year. The Fall Instrumental concert and the Fall Vocal concert will be held at Padua on Sunday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free and it is a great way to experience all the musical talent our students are blessed with here at Padua.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2011, our Orchestra will perform along with students from the local elementary schools in a special "Elementary String Festival." This concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Padua Music Association would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped kick-off a successful year for our organization. Hours have been spent fitting marching band uniforms and tuxedos, serving lunches at marching band camp, preparing fund raising events, serving snacks at the football games, and many more activities essential to the smooth operation of our music programs. **THANK YOU!**

Reminder – Frozen Food/Beverage/Snack/Candle Orders will be in and ready for pick up on Tuesday, October 18. Pick up is from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. If you cannot make it during these

times, please contact Cheryl Gryniewicz (440) 884-2820 to make other arrangements.

Don't forget to join us for our monthly meeting. The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the band room. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

FROM THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS . . .

The Padua Athletic Boosters are excited to offer special Bruin apparel at all home football games this Fall. Check out our cool t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more—something for everyone—at the Booster tent inside the gate! Also, take a chance to win some money by purchasing a 50/50 raffle ticket. Fall sports programs will also be available for \$5.

Interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book? Contact the Athletic Office for a form. The Boosters will receive the profits from this fund-raising opportunity. The books still cost only \$30 and make a great gift (Christmas is coming!).

Want to hear about all the other exciting things the Boosters are working on for our school? Join us at our next Boosters meeting on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the faculty dining room. See you there!

OUR KIDS ARE GREAT . . .

A HUGE shout-out goes to Mrs. Giulivo and the students in **T.I. (Teen Institute)** for making all of the GREAT signs that adorned the gym and the cafeteria during our 50th anniversary weekend. The T.I. kids also volunteered to do the minute-to-win-it activities on Sunday, September 4, with the young children so that the children's parents could attend the dinner upstairs in the gym. What's more, they cleaned up afterwards and re-set the cafeteria for school on Tuesday (assisted by some of the basketball players). Thank you for all of your help!

We are seeking a home for one of our junior international students from China. The young man speaks English rather well and hopes to remain at Padua through graduation. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Br. Tom at 440.845.2444, or tcarroll@paduafranciscan.com.

Padua's **girls' soccer** team, along with their opponent Normandy High School, collected 15 boxes of non-perishable goods for the Parma Food Bank at their game on September 17. Way to go, girls!

From the Parents Club . . .

We'd love to see you at our November 14th meeting (time, place, and topic to be announced). We need volunteers to bake for Open House on Sunday, November 13. Please call either Berta (440.886.1324) or Joanne (440.884.5255).



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...

red, white, and brew'n
An experience of wine, beer, and food.

Friday, March 2, 2012
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tickets Go On Sale January 9
21 & over

Questions??? Call 440-845-2444 x106 or e-mail rholtz@paduafranciscan.com



Bruin Benefit '12 – Celebrazione

Padua Franciscan's BIGGEST fundraising event, ***Bruin Benefit – Celebrazione*** dinner/auction will take place in the Padua gymnasium on **Saturday, April 21**. The goal each year of the ***Bruin Benefit*** is simple...raise much needed funds so that we can assist students who may not otherwise be able to afford a Padua Franciscan education. Last year we raised a record \$130,000...this year, with your help we can do even better!

- You can help by donating an item. Here are a few examples of popular items!

dinner packages or gift cards - overnight hotel stays - crafts - gift baskets - sports memorabilia - spa packages - golf packages - patio equipment - antiques - vacation packages, and more...

Donations of any shape and size can be grouped together to make a truly remarkable auction item!

Donations can be delivered to the General Office or can be picked up by calling 440-845-2444, ext. 106. Interested in volunteering on the planning committee or purchasing tickets? Contact rholtz@paduafranciscan.com

TUTORIAL SCHEDULES FOR 2011-2012

TEACHER	TIME	DAY	ROOM	REMARKS
Akstens, Mrs. J.	7:30-7:50 or 2:30-3	Tues.-Thurs.	230	7:30-7:50am & 2:30-3:00 T,W,TH & daily 7/8 S.H. in room 230
Boris, Mr. D.	7:30-7:55 or 2:35-3	Tuesday	216	Other days by appointment
Boynar, Mrs. S.	7:30-8:00 am	Tuesday	009	
Carroll, Br. T.	Before school	Mon. – Fri.	G.O.	Or anytime by appointment
Clark, Mrs. L.	2:30 pm	Mon. – Thurs.	141	Or by appointment other times
Cook, Ms. R.	7:20 am	Friday	227	Or by appointment; Please give advanced notice if coming
Cotugno, Mr. A	7:35 am & 2:40pm	See Remarks	213	Chemistry: Tues. 7:35 & TH 2:40 Biology: TH 7:35 & Tues 2:40
Craider, Mrs. K.	2:30-3:00 pm	Tuesday	202	By appointment.
DiRocco, Mr. B.	2:30-3:00 pm	Thursdays	023	Available other days and times by appt.; one day adv. notice helpful
Dubiel, Mr. M.	2:30 pm	Tuesday	300	Or by appointment
Fatica, Mrs. S.	7:30 am	Mon. – Fri.	Library	Also Monday – Thursday after school by appointment
Flachbart, Mr. R.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	226	
Frech, Mrs. A.	2:30 pm	Wednesday	130	Or by appointment
Gellott, Miss R.	7:30-7:55 & 2:30-3	Tues. & Thurs.	147	Individual tutoring available by appointment
Gerycz, Mr. M.	7:15-7:45 am	Mon. - Friday	2 nd floor	Or anytime upon request
Giulivo, Mrs. J.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	143	Also, day prior to tests
Giulivo, Mr. T.	See Remarks	See Remarks	145	After school the day before tests or by appointment
Gorbach, Mrs. K.	W 2:30 & TH 7:30a	Weds. & Thurs.	210	Bring textbook, class notes/assignments, and your questions.
Green, Mrs. D.	7:30-7:55 am	Tues. & Thurs.	234	Or by appointment
Harley, Mr. M.	2:30-3:00 pm	Thursday	214	Or by appointment
Hipkins, Mrs. J.	Before or after school	Mon. – Fri.	122	By appointment please
Holton, Mr. J.	see Remarks	see Remarks	232	T,W,TH after school and M, F after school by appt only.
Jennrich, Mr. S.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	209	Anytime by appointment
Kinsworthy, Ms.	2:40-3:30 pm	See Remarks	217	Mon: AP Chemistry/ Tues: Hnrs. Chemistry/ Weds: Chemistry
Kinzie, Mrs. M.	2:30 pm	Tuesday	124	Other days on request.
Kohuth, Mr. T.	2:35 – 3:30 pm	Thursday	233	Available every day before or after school by appointment
Kozarik, Mrs. C.	7:35am or 2:35pm	See Remarks	128	Tuesday - Spanish III, Thurs - Spanish II or by appointment
Kraemer, Mrs. B.	2:30-3:15 pm	See Remarks	200	Weds: Anatomy & Phys.; Thurs: AP Biology Or by appointment
Kubit, Mr. K	7:30-8:00 am	Mon. – Fri.	Gym	By appointment only
Kuvin, Mrs. B.	2:30 pm	Weds.	120	Or by appointment
Lantz, Mr. J.	8:00 am (during homeroom)	Wednesday	126	Or by appointment. Bring a positive attitude!
Larson, Mr. E.	2:30-3:30 pm	Wednesday	123	
Lupica, Mr. B.	2:30 pm	Wednesday	O19	Also available by appt. during 5 th – 10 th periods
Martin, Mr. J.	7:30 am	Wednesday	224	
Mihalek, Sr. C.	7:30-8:00 am	Thursday	122	Bring textbook.
Mullen, Mr. J.	7:30 am	Tues. & Thurs.	150	
Nagy, Mr. J.	2:30-3:00 pm	Tues. – Thurs.	219	
Nagy, Mrs. N.	2:30 pm	Tues. – Thurs.	127	Or by appointment
Niro, Mrs. C.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	126	
O'Malley, Mrs. L.	2:30 pm	See Remarks	125	.After school: Mon.-Thursday & Before school Tuesday - Friday
Oles, Miss E.	2:30-3:00 pm	Monday	131	Schedule an appt./Let Miss Oles know you are coming in.
Plasterer, Mrs. T.	2:30 pm	Tues/Weds/Thurs	Choir Rm.	By appointment only
Ranker, Mr. E.	5/6 th period -Brown	Wednesday (Br)	214	Brown Days only! Be ready!
Reffert, Ms. M.J.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	302	Or by appointment
Remington, Mrs.	Before/After school	Mon. - Thurs.	007	Please give advance notice
Roth, Mr. J.	2:30-3:00 & 11 th per.	Mon. - Fri.	146	After school, during 11 th period study hall, and by appointment
Sabo, Mr. D.	2:35-3:05 pm	Thursday	141	Students should give at least one day advance notice.
Schepis, Mrs. M.	2:35 pm	Tuesday	129	Other times by appointment
Shuman, Mr. T.	7:30 am	Wednesday	223	Also by appointment
Stalder, Mrs. K.	2:45-3:30 pm	Wednesday	231	
Stein, Mrs. K.	2:40-3:15 pm	Wednesday	213	
Stroempl, Mrs. L.	7:15-7:45 am	Wednesday	229	Or any time by appointment
Torkos, Mrs. C.	2:30-3:00 pm	Wednesday	300	Also Weds. 7:40am by appt./ Other times can be arranged by appt.
Winger, Ms. L.	7:30-7:55 M - F	Preferably Weds.	304	Make arrangements with teacher in class or by email
Wozniak, Mr. M.	2:30-3:00 pm	Tues. – Thurs.	Band rm.	By appointment only
Zamborsky, Miss	7:30 am	Mon. - Fri.	228	Please wait for teacher to arrive.

