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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## Padua Franciscan High School Hires Mike Polevacik as Head Football Coach

PARMA, Ohio – (February 22, 2016) Padua Franciscan High School announced this afternoon the hiring of Michael Polevacik as its next head football coach. Along with joining the social studies department next fall, he will assist with the growing international exchange program at Padua and assume the position of Associate Athletic Director.

“I am so blessed and excited to join the Padua Franciscan Family,” said Coach Polevacik. “My family is truly happy about this new opportunity to join the community. I am eager to get to work and meet the student athletes and educators. I am extremely excited to lead the Padua Football program and look forward to being on the sidelines this fall.”

Coach Polevacik was the defensive coordinator at Benedictine High School last season. Polevacik was also head coach at Elyria Catholic High School for four years from 2011 through 2014, earning a record of 23-17 with the Panthers. Prior to being head coach at EC, Mike was an assistant coach for 10 years at Elyria Catholic and St. Edward high schools.

“We are extremely excited to bring Coach Polevacik to Padua to lead our football program. He will have a tremendous impact on our community. His passion and enthusiasm for football is matched by his passion and commitment to Catholic school education and community,” said Athletic Director Kevin Leigh '89.

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**School Background:** Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, co-educational school with ~800 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.

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