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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 13, 14 & 17:
[Schedule Changes with guidance counselors](#)

Aug. 15:
Required Deadline for submitting electronic medical forms (All students)

Aug. 18:
[Locker Selection Day for returning students](#)

Aug. 19:
[Orientation Meeting for ALL NEW Students & Parents](#)

Aug. 24:
[First Day of](#)

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Padua family,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! Please make note of this month's Important Dates (on the left) as the new school year approaches.

CONGRATULATIONS:

What an incredible end to last school year... The Boys 4×100 meter relay team became STATE CHAMPS! **Congrats to Seniors Dom DiGeronimo, Tony Liana, Nick Medaglia, and Eddie Szmigelski.** The championship plaque is now displayed in our lobby trophy case! This is only the 2nd state title in Padua's Track and Field history. (The last time this was accomplished was by JT Szopo '94 who won gold in the 200-meter in 1994.) **Senior Amanda Jancewicz** also ran her best race ever to make onto the State medal stand, earning a 6th place finish in the Girls 800-meter.

[School for ALL
NEW
STUDENTS](#)

(freshmen,
international,
transfer-ins)

Aug. 25:

[First Day of
School for ALL
RETURNING
STUDENTS](#)



IMPROVEMENTS:

We have been busy at Padua getting things ready for the new school year. Besides the normal cleaning, we also found time to **upgrade our Wifi network and servers, prepared 200 new Chromebooks, overhauled 600 from last year, and installed 14 new Smartboards.** There is still much to accomplish as school begins in less than three weeks. But we will be ready. I hope that students have begun their summer reading and math packets so they are ready as well. It is not too late to start the school year off on the right foot. Reviewing past notes and refreshing past coursework will really provide a strong start to the new school year. I am very excited for this year to begin. I know it is going to be great for our community.

NEW FACULTY:

As with most years, there has been some change in our faculty. Most significantly, our long time **Freshman counselor, Mrs. Daniel, has decided to retire. Her position will be filled by Mrs. Sidoti.** (She has been the O-Z counselor for the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors for many years.) **Her position will be filled by Ms. Meredith Bertin '04.** She is a Padua graduate and a graduate of The Ohio State University. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and has recently completed her School Counselor coursework at Cleveland State. I am certain that Ms. Bertin will bring a wealth of talent and skills to our Guidance Department. During the transition, the two counselors will work together to

ensure quality guidance and ensure the college decision process.

E-FORMS:

ACTION REQUIRED The 2015 Medical Information electronic form must be completed no later than August 15 for each student attending Padua. In addition, new to Padua students must complete the 2015 Immunization form online. Both forms are found on the Padua webpage in eforms/Student Information Forms. A parent login is required. If you don't remember your login contact Mrs. Brizius at sbrizius@paduafranciscan.com. Please do not create a new login because it will not link to your student record.

CHROMEBOOKS:

This year the Chromebooks will be returned and distributed in a much quicker fashion. If all goes smoothly, we will distribute the devices as follows:

- **Freshmen, International, and Transfer-ins: Aug. 19th** (Evening Orientation)
- **Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores: Aug. 25th** (First Day of School)

All new freshmen Chromebooks will come with a hard case provided. All Chromebooks are now covered by insurance at no additional cost to you.

There is a special area on the [Padua webpage](#) designed specifically for All-Chromebook needs. This area includes the Policy manual, FAQ section, and an online store to purchase approved accessories.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

I am proud to say that, as of now, **Padua Franciscan welcomes approximately 200 members of the Class of 2019**. More than 50% have qualified for our Honors Scholarship awarded to students who have maintained an "A" average in all subjects throughout seventh and the first semester of eighth grade. In addition, Padua has accepted **44 international/foreign exchange students** and an additional **7 transfer-in students**, many from other private Catholic schools. Starting the year with a population of this size and quality ensures that Padua Franciscan will continue to be one of the best Catholic high schools in the area. Thank you for the sacrifices you are making to provide your sons and daughters with a Padua Franciscan education. I am confident that you will see the value of

this decision.

FALL MUSICAL AUDITIONS:

Barnum! is an American musical about the life of showman P.T. Barnum, but we need non-singers too! Calling all actors, actresses, magicians, jugglers, tumblers, improv-ers, and dancers. Auditions take place on August 31st from 3 to 6 pm. See the [Padua website](#) for more details.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION:

Fall sports season is the busiest as nine of Padua's 22 varsity teams open up competition. As in the past, families are welcome to come early and tailgate on Padua property. Just a few reminders... Please refrain from "setting up camp" on the properties adjacent to our neighbors on the north side of the building and anywhere on St. Anthony's property. Also, **alcoholic beverages are not permitted. It is important that we ensure a good experience for our students and our families at our school. Drinking on campus jeopardizes the safety and security of these events.** Bruin fans won't want to miss the Varsity Football season home opener as the Bruins take on Holy Name at our own Padua Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4th. I look forward to another exciting season of Bruin football as Coach Tony Shuman and his staff continue to strive for excellence with our program. Good luck to all of our coaches and our fall student-athletes. Go Bruins!

SAVE THE DATE:

For planning purposes, I invite all parents to attend our **"Meet the Faculty" Night** on September 2nd, our **Family Liturgy** on September 20th at 10 am, and senior parents to the **Senior Parent College Forum** on September 23rd.

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

It is truly a joy and privilege for me to serve as principal of Padua Franciscan High School. Our faculty and staff are extremely dedicated and highly professional. Our students are intelligent, kind, and hard-working, and we are blessed to have so many wonderful parents and families who are such an important part of our community. Thank you for all you do to make Padua Franciscan High School a premier school in Ohio. Enjoy the rest of the summer. I know that this will be an incredible year. So many exciting events, and I know, I will see many of you there. Together, we will make this a great and memorable year.

Our webpage www.PaduaFranciscan.com provides much more detail to

many of these events and our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts provide up-to-date information, current news about our school, and celebrates our wonderful students.

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