

**February,  
2016**

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### *A Letter from the Principal*

I hope you are having a blessed start to this Lenten Season. It is amazing that we have a semester under our belt and that Easter will be here in less than 40 days.

#### Upcoming Days Off

- February 15<sup>th</sup> (Presidents' Day)
- February 26<sup>th</sup> (Day after Conferences)



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Feb. 12-14**

**Winter One-  
Acts**

- February 29<sup>th</sup> (Faculty Inservice)

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

As we move forward into this third quarter of the year, please make plans to attend our Parent-Teacher Conference session on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 until 7:00 pm. This represents the mid-point of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Even though our grades are online, nothing can replace the ability to speak with a teacher in person. As always, your student is encouraged to attend with you.

### **Registration Time**

As we begin the second semester, course registration for next year becomes our priority. As in the past, course registration will be accomplished online by each student through the [NetClassroom](#) portal. Once again, this will be taking place here at the school through the use of the Chromebooks. As before, your first step will be to review course choices with your child on the worksheet they received. Your child will enter their choices into NetClassroom here at school and then a document of those choices will be created and sent home for you to review, approve, sign, and return.

**Feb. 15**

**NO CLASSES  
(Presidents'  
Day)**

**Feb. 18-19**

**Freshmen  
Retreat**

**Feb. 20**

**Winter Formal**

It is important to note that each class has its own week in which to register and the current juniors are registering this week. I urge you to work with your child in the important process of making appropriate course selections. Please feel free to contact your child's counselor or teachers if they can be of assistance. Keep in mind that it may not be possible to make changes later due to class size restrictions and limitations of course offerings. Registration online is a true college experience and provides an important learning opportunity for our students.

### **New Classes for 2016-2017**

High school curriculum is constantly being altered, and as such, maintaining a strong curriculum requires revision and change.

In an attempt to strengthen the depth of the Physics program, beginning with next year's Juniors, we have made Honors Physics a pre-requisite for the AP Physics course. Additionally, we have renamed most of our computer offerings to better describe the programming and coding options that we currently offer our students. [Padua's Course Catalog 2016-2017](#)

### **Calendar Changes for Next Year**

**Feb. 21**

**Winter  
Concert**

**Feb. 25**

**Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**

**Feb. 26**

**NO CLASSES  
(Day after  
Conferences)**

[Click here to see the calendar for next year.](#) All major events and days off are accurate for your planning purposes. We always try to align our major vacation times with other area schools, but that is becoming more of a challenge, because not all school districts follow the same schedule. Therefore, beginning next year, we are moving our spring break from the week after Easter to the last week of March. The impetus for this change was to align with some of our larger area school districts, to allow for a less academically distracted April, and to give an actual break between Quarter 3 and 4. This is also becoming a trend among other private high schools and other area elementary schools as well. We will still be off for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**#PaduaPride (Padua Recognizes Individuals Displaying Excellence)**

I am very proud of our students show excellence on a daily basis. I am pleased to celebrate just some of their successes recently.

- [Our students won 10 Scholastic Art Awards](#)
- Chloe Ochocki, Erica Stegens, and Emily Musgrave won Awards in the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Medical Art and Poetry competition
- [Padua Franciscan Service named Citizen of the Month in Parma](#)
- [Our team won the State Championship in Figure Skating for the fourth year in a row](#)

**Feb. 29**

**NO CLASSES  
(Faculty  
Inservice)**

**March 12**

**Parent/Student  
Bowling Night**

**March 19**

- Girl's Swimming won Parma Championships
- Boys Bowling finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the League Tournament
- [Lyndsey Wallace was named Goalie of the Year for Great Lakes Hockey League](#)
- [Congratulations to Wrestlers Eric Fasnacht and Tony DeCesare who were NCL Champs. Eric was also named MVP.](#)
- 88% of our students have NO detentions
- 80% of our students are on the Honor Roll and 37% received Highest Honors
- More to come as all our winter teams head into tournament action.

### **Bruin Benefit**

Our April 16 benefit auction is just around the corner! Join us for an evening of celebration, camaraderie with great friends, a formal dinner and silent & live auction. By now you should have received an invitation in the mail. I would ask that you please give serious consideration to attending or even organizing a table of your family and friends. Tickets can also be purchased on the homepage of our website.

The Homerooms Hear Us Roar campaign is off to a great start. We have received some wonderful items. Thank you to all who have donated auction items. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

**Night at the Races**

**April 24**

**Spring Fashion**

**Show &**

**Luncheon**

AND...there is still time to participate! You can send your item (or cash donation) to the school clearly marked with your name and your student's homeroom teacher's name. If you have a larger item and need us to pick it up, we can do that too! Simply email Maribeth Fender at [forefenders@aol.com](mailto:forefenders@aol.com) or Elaine Heinzerling at [eheinzerling@paduafranciscan.com](mailto:eheinzerling@paduafranciscan.com).

If you have any questions please call the Advancement Office at 440-845-8224. With your help, we can make a Padua Franciscan education a reality for any student who dreams it.

### **International Program**

Who would have thought that the International Program would grow to such an extent that we now have 45 students from all over the globe?

As we look to next year, we come to you for some assistance: We are expecting three or four foreign exchange students (two children from France and potentially another girl from South Sudan) in addition to our many students who come via an international agency. The foreign exchange students need host families for the semester and/or the year. Would you be willing? We ask the following:

- 3 meals a day
- A bed (sometimes it is ok to share a room)

- A positive living atmosphere within the family, so that the student is comfortable and is able to ask questions, be a part of family activities, etc.

It can be a very rewarding experience. You would be surprised how well these students speak English and you could teach them even more.

Please consider this opportunity and contact Brother Tom Carroll with any questions or a willingness to care for one of our kids. It is important to find homes for these students very soon or they may not be able to be part of the Padua Franciscan community.

### **Parent Organizations**

- **Parents Club:** March 14, 2016 at 7 pm
- **Music Association:** February 16, 2016 at 7 pm
- **Athletic Boosters:** February 24, 2016 at 7 pm

### **Closing Thoughts**

I hope that your February is filled with incredible love.

Peace & All Good!

Mr. David Stec '86

Principal

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