



### ***A Letter from the Principal***

Two very important professions were celebrated this past week: Teaching and nursing. Having members of my family in both of these areas, I can tell you that the gifts of these professions are a blessing to every one of us. I suppose in that same way, we praise God for all mothers and all those who have acted in that role. May God bless all those who teach us, care for us, and love us with a mother's heart.

Spring is in full swing. As you read this message, there are only a few weeks left in the school year. It is hard to believe that we are already past the midpoint of the fourth quarter. I encourage us all to finish strong. As we approach the end of this year, I want to thank you, families and students alike, for investing so much of yourself in Padua Franciscan High School.

God bless all students attending Prom this weekend. May God keep them all safe and guide them in making happy, healthy, and holy choices.

### **Semester Exams**

- **Underclass exams** will take place over three half-days. Underclass students should note that buses will run each exam-day morning, but not on the afternoons of June 6, 7, and 8.
- **Senior exams** follow a different schedule, taking place during the course of regular school days (for underclass students) from May 23-26. Exams for classes

held during 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> periods will be taken on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>; 5/6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> period exams will be taken May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Seniors do not have to be in attendance until their first final exam and are permitted to leave after their last exam of the day. Seniors are not permitted to leave and return during their finals. This information was distributed as part of the senior packet. Please call the school should you have any questions.

### **Academic News**

May is often the toughest time for students to stay focused on coursework. It's critical, though, that students continue to stay on top of their work in May and early June, as important concepts and skills are solidified. The danger at this time of year is that students settle for less than their best and in some cases endanger their eligibility or graduation plans. Parents, please do whatever you can to keep your son or daughter focused through the end of final exams. In cases of concern, please do not hesitate to call the school so that we can partner our efforts together.

### **Senior News**

- **Parents of seniors** are reminded that the annual **Senior Awards Assembly** will take place on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Gym. **Baccalaureate Mass** will be held at St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and **Graduation of the Class of 2016** will take place on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.
- **GRADUATION TICKETS AND PRACTICE:**

[Graduation Practice](#) is held at Holy Family Church on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the graduation practice on May 20<sup>th</sup> is a **MANDATORY** exercise for seniors.

Each senior will receive 4 graduation tickets at graduation practice on May 20<sup>th</sup>. ***Information regarding the acquisition of additional tickets to Commencement Exercises will be announced to seniors at graduation practice on May 20.***

## Technology News

### **1-to-1 technology turn in:**

- **Seniors:** Seniors are not required to purchase their Chromebook. However, they will once again be able to purchase their leased Chromebook for the residual cost of \$75. Seniors will receive a form in their Google accounts informing them of their options and directions moving forward. Checks should be made out to Padua Franciscan High School. Seniors, either purchasing or returning their Chromebooks, must turn in their device to the IT staff in the gym on exam days, May 23 through May 26. Returned Chromebooks should be in original box with the charger. Purchased Chromebooks must be processed, which will take about 10 minutes, to remove the school security filters.
- **All other classes:** In order to collect all Chromebooks before the end of the school year, students will return their devices on the last full day of school, Friday June, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chromebook is not necessary for the purpose of studying for exams. Each student's Google account is a cloud-based storage platform; therefore, all of your child's notes and access to his/her Google account are available on any device (at home, school, library, etc.). Please contact your child's guidance counselor to fill out the request form if there are any special concerns or extenuating circumstances in which a student would need the Chromebook during exam week.

## Transportation News

### **Important Transportation Information: Action Needed Now:**

#### **ONLY for Berea/Brook Park/ Middleburg Hts.:**

Parents must go to the [Berea website](#) and fill out a busing request form by June 1st. Go to the website services tab, transportation, special requests (on left) and fill out the "Student Registration Form – Non Public Schools. Also, a child care provider form is needed.

More information about transportation from other districts will be sent in the next E-Beat.

## #PaduaPride

When people ask me what makes Padua Franciscan a special place, I often speak of our excellence in academics, athletics and fine arts, our strong Franciscan faith formation, and our loving community. Over the past several weeks these values have continued to shine. I regularly encounter people outside of our school community who on a consistent basis, tell me how wonderful our students are. These encounters only further strengthen what I already know: Padua is a special place blessed with incredible people. Our parents volunteer and give so generously of their time, treasure, and talents, at our fundraisers, our parent meetings, and at working to ensure a great experience for our students. Also, our faculty and staff continue to go beyond the call of duty in providing educational experiences, moderating clubs, coaching, and continuing to advance their educational levels. Our students develop themselves well beyond the classroom through their volunteering, their community participation, and by being a part of the many wonderful opportunities that exist here at Padua. A special shout out to all involved with the production of *Shrek: The Musical*. It was an absolutely extraordinary show and a true source of Padua Pride!



## **Padua Raffle**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for all you have done for the [Padua Raffle](#). Our success will truly impact Padua Franciscan High School. I can't wait until the drawing on May 27<sup>th</sup>!

## **Closing Thoughts**

There's much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to share such meaningful experiences together and being a part of an incredible school. And as always, thank you for all you do for Padua Franciscan High School.

Peace & All Good!

Mr. David Stec '86

Principal