

Padua Franciscan High School 2020-2021

SCHOOL OPENING PLAN



INTRODUCTION

Since the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Padua Franciscan has consistently worked with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Education to closely follow all guidance of Governor DeWine's office. As we prepare to restart school this Fall, that will continue to be our guiding force as presented in the [Reset and Restart Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](#). (click here)

We at Padua Franciscan High School are working diligently to create a safe reopening of our school. Paramount to our return is a safe and compliant environment, along with a premier educational plan and strong Franciscan faith development. As you know this situation continues to ebb, flow and change. The plan below is based on current requirements and regulations and may change depending on what occurs. That being said, we know that this plan provides us a very strong platform to meet any scenario. As things adapt and change, we will communicate this information to you as soon as possible on our web page and through our SchoolMessenger Bruin Beat publications.



CALENDAR CHANGE

To provide for ample time to prepare and set in place essential training for all faculty, staff, students, and parents we have made some major adjustments to the start of the school year calendar.

The start date for student attendance will be moved from August 19th to August 31st.

Beyond the benefit of avoiding possible heat days, especially with a mask protocol in place, we will especially use the weeks of August 17th and August 24th to fully prepare our building and staff.

Beginning August 31st, we will begin the steps to fully transition students into the building and provide detailed and clear training and expectations of how we will respond to our new environment and health protocol.

Please take a moment to look over the schedule for the week of August 31st:

These days will be full school days (8:00am-2:35pm). These days will also be spirit days. Lunch will be available for purchase. If you plan on purchasing a grab and go lunch, please bring \$5.00 cash. You may also pack your own lunch.

Monday, August 31 & Tuesday, September 1

All Freshmen, International, and Transfer-in (FITi) Orientation Days

Wednesday, September 2

Sophomore Class Orientation

Thursday, September 3

Junior Class Orientation

Friday, September 4

Senior Class Orientation

Monday, September 7

Labor Day-No School

Tuesday, September 8

ALL Students Report

*Orientations days are class specific.
All other students should remain home.

THE NEW DAILY SCHEDULE

Starting September 8, the schedule will be as follows:

40 minute classes

5 minutes in between classes

29 minute lunch

1st period	8:00-8:40
2nd period	8:45-9:25
3rd period	9:30-10:10
4th period	10:15-10:55
5th lunch	11:00-11:29
5/6th period	11:00-11:40
6/7th period	11:34-12:14
7th lunch	11:45-12:14
7/8th period	11:45-12:25
8/9th period	12:19-12:59
9th lunch	12:30-12:59
10th period	1:04-1:44
11th period	1:49-2:35

(Additional 6 minutes for staggered release)



TWO OPTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION

Option 1: Full Time In-Person Learning with 2 Scenarios

Padua recognizes that students may need differing classroom content delivery throughout this pandemic. Padua is providing multiple ways to meet that need. Nothing can fully replace the learning effectiveness and social development of the face-to-face classroom experience. Our goal is to provide as much face-to-face education as possible. In order to respond to necessary absences and quarantine, each teacher will provide asynchronous and synchronized simultaneous learning that will be provided daily on MyPad. Whether a student is in school or not, the classroom experience will be accessible to them. The scenarios detailed below are in response to differing designation levels for Cuyahoga County.

Scenario 1: Traditional Learning Phase

During Level 1 (Yellow)/Level 2 (Orange)/and Level 3 (Red) designations for Cuyahoga County. This phase involves students coming to school five-days a week, with social distancing in classrooms of 3-6 feet, with masks and all health protocols in place.

Scenario 2: Remote Learning Phase

Level 4 (Purple) based on the designation for Cuyahoga County or if Padua, in conjunction with the Health Board, determines a closure is necessary. In such cases, we will seamlessly move to the Remote Learning Phase. This phase involves all students to remain home and engage in virtual, remote learning sessions with their current teachers. Students and teachers will follow the actual daily building schedule for live instructional lessons. The school day will run from 8:00 a.m. - 2:35 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday will be a Work and Connection day. Students will be expected to attend each class (during its normally scheduled time) "virtually" from the safety of their own homes.

Option 2: Parental Determined Remote Learning

Parents can choose to opt in to the Padua Franciscan High School Remote Learning Program if their student is unable to attend class in person. This full-time option will run independently regardless of which phase Padua is currently in under Option 1. **As such, students must commit to the remote learning program for a full semester at a time.**

If a family is interested in this option, they must contact Br. Tom Carroll via email at tcarroll@paduafrancisan.com or call 440-845-2444 x114 by August 14th.

Students will communicate with their teachers each week, with every effort made to allow students to follow their previously scheduled courses.



Please also keep in mind the following requirements if choosing our full semester remote learning option:

1. Students will be required to attend all remote learning classes, view all videotaped lessons, and complete assignments as outlined by the teacher.
2. Students will be held accountable for essential standards and skills and will demonstrate mastery of those skills.
3. Individual planning will be conducted to determine schedules for specially designed instruction, accommodations, and services for students with disabilities.
4. Each student's schedule will be reviewed to determine the most appropriate course selections and offerings.
5. Supplemental electronic resources and tools may be utilized that will provide students a comprehensive approach to learning.
6. High school courses are for high school credit GPA and count towards graduation.
7. Students who chose to participate in the semester long remote learning option may not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities (including sports and fine arts).

PADUA'S RESPONSE TO THE FIVE AREAS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE OHIO K-12 SCHOOLS [\(click here\)](#)

Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms

Parents must conduct a daily at-home health assessment for their child prior to sending them to school. Any student, faculty or staff member must remain home if they have had a known close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days or are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

Temperature of 100 degrees or higher ▪ Fever or chills ▪ Cough ▪ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ▪ Fatigue ▪ Muscle or body aches ▪ Headache ▪ Loss of taste or smell ▪ Sore throat ▪ Congestion or runny nose ▪ Nausea or vomiting ▪ Diarrhea

Prior to entry to the school, a school representative will take the temperature of every student, faculty and staff member. If a temperature of 100 degrees or higher is registered, that person will be sent home or isolated until they can be picked up. All faculty, staff and students will be trained on the identification of symptoms and self-monitor throughout the day.

We have arranged for two (2) nurses to be present at the school each day to ensure compliant and quick response to any health issue that may arise. Additionally, our clinic has been renovated to provide a separate response for COVID-19 related concerns and daily school health needs.

In the event that a member of our faculty, staff, student body or community member's household is diagnosed with or has an exposure to COVID-19, we are mandated to report such information to the Board of Health and will take all direction provided. Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines, families, caregivers and staff should notify the Padua Franciscan Attendance Office immediately if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or if they, or any members of their households, have been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19 or if they are quarantined for any reason. Padua will work closely with the Board of Health to determine an appropriate response.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

The Padua Franciscan Maintenance Department has purchased an atomizer sanitation system that is a no touch solution to thoroughly disinfecting all surfaces. This system will be used throughout the day to disinfect high touch areas including handrails, bathrooms, hallways, and doors. Along with our hired RHC cleaning company, our maintenance department will utilize enhanced cleaning protocols based on current county color code designation. When the county is in Level 3 (Red), daily sanitation will increase to further prevent the spread of infection.

Automatic dispensing alcohol-based hand sanitizer is available throughout the building, including bathrooms, hallways, and 12 stand alone stations in high traffic entrance areas.

All desks will be cleaned and sanitized in between each class period. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.

Installation of touchless systems are being put in place in bathrooms and water filling stations. Every student will receive a metal Padua water bottle at the start of the school year.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Single file movement throughout the halls will be expected as well as designated one way stairwells. If six (6) feet is not feasible, a minimum of three (3) feet will be maintained. Every effort will be made to ensure students, faculty and staff maintain safe distances from one another in all school environments, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeterias, and study halls.

All spaces, including the gym, outside areas, and atriums will be utilized in this plan. Placement of larger classes into larger spaces and the rearranging of classroom desks and furniture will provide needed distance. In addition, a staggered beginning and end of the day will also be put in place to provide distance.

One way stairwells will be designated as well as single file movement throughout the hallways. Students are not permitted to congregate at their lockers at any point throughout the school day. Once supplies for the day are gathered students will move on to their next location. Students are only permitted to go to their locker 3 times a day (prior to school, lunchtime, and end of day). Students will be permitted to use backpacks. If medically necessary, a roller bag may be used.





MASKS

Faculty and Staff: Masks will be required for all faculty and staff members unless deemed inappropriate by a medical professional. Plexiglass shields and barriers are being installed in high access areas and where they would provide needed additional protection. The use of face shields by faculty will be permitted during instructional times when a face mask will inhibit the proper delivery of content or for other determined reasons.

Grades 9-12: All students will be required to wear masks at all times. This includes walking in the hallways or in the building and when in or moving around the classroom. The faculty will work to provide opportunities during the day to allow students a break to remove their masks while practicing proper social distancing. Additionally, when seated for lunch, students will be permitted to remove their masks.

Padua will also provide an official Padua Franciscan mask to all students with the opportunity to purchase additional ones for \$5 at the Bruin Shop. In addition to the official Padua mask, other non-Padua face masks will be allowed. No words, symbols or non-Padua logos are permitted.

TRANSPORTATION

All students utilizing public-school provided or mass transportation will be expected to follow the guidelines and protocol of the individual school district or RTA. The addition of 6 minutes to our end school day schedule (8:00am- 2:35pm) will provide the opportunity for a staggered release. Public school provided bus riders will be released first to ensure timeliness.

As always, parents may choose to drive their student directly to school and pick them up each day. To provide a staggered entrance to the school, students who are car riders will need to enter through the front lobby only. No other entry point will be accessible for students who are dropped off.

CAFETERIA

Our AVI Fresh food program will provide daily food service. No touch food delivery will be available, and grab-and-go prepackaged options will be increased. The self-serve salad bar will be closed until further notice. Also, the touch pay system will be the only form of payment-no cash or check payment will be accepted. A link with directions on how to load money onto student ID cards will be provided to families closer to the beginning of the school year. Please note, cash will only be accepted on orientation days.

In addition to an extended lunch period (29 minutes), Padua will designate various areas during lunchtime in order to ensure social distancing is available while students eat and drink and cannot wear masks. The cafeteria will be partitioned into three separate areas and social distanced seating areas will be provided. Additional seating will be placed in the basement halls and corridors. Seniors will have the privilege to use the Thomas Kohuth Atrium, the outside covered foyer, and the adjacent picnic area for lunch (weather permitting). Students will be asked to sit with the same classmates every day for tracing purposes if needed. Students will be able to choose their lunch assignment tables during their orientation day. Once chosen, the seats will be documented and used as a reference point if illness needs to be tracked.

FIELD TRIPS

All field trips will be canceled until further notice.

VISITORS

At this time, visitors and volunteers will be prohibited from entering any school facility during the school day. Administrative meetings with parents would be the exception. Appointments and private meetings will be on weekends and during after school hours. Please contact the General Office to arrange any meeting or appointment.



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