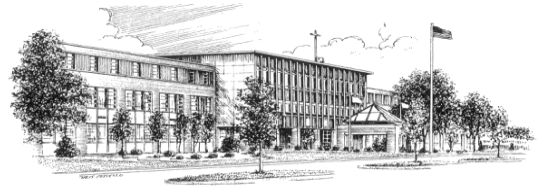


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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## **Padua Franciscan Ranked in Top 6 Percent of Ohio High Schools - *Again***

(PARMA, OH) December 2: For the fifth year in a row, Padua has been ranked in the top 6 percent among Ohio's 1,017 public, private, and charter high schools. The recognition comes from The Gerber Report, an independent analysis of sophomore students taking the Ohio Graduation Test.

Padua Franciscan has been recognized as having at least 91 percent of 10<sup>th</sup> graders pass all portions of the OGT (Reading, Math, Writing, and Social Studies) on the *first* attempt. Only 84 schools in the state can claim this distinction. Moreover, Padua is one of only eleven secondary schools in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties to make the list in all five years in which the study has been conducted:

### **Cuyahoga County**

Chagrin Falls  
Hathaway Brown  
Laurel  
Magnificat  
Padua  
St. Ignatius  
University

### **Summit County**

Hudson  
Our Lady of the Elms  
St. Vincent/St. Mary  
Western Reserve Academy

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**School background notes:** Padua Franciscan is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. Today, it is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute, and since 2007 has been recognized as one of the best school in Ohio by the Gerber Report. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded by the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a school in the Franciscan tradition, its 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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