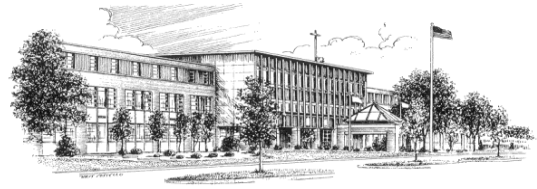


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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Franciscan High School students expected to raise \$10,000 cash in 20 minutes during Coin Wars Competition for charity

PARMA, Ohio – (November 30, 2018) Students at Padua Franciscan High School believe that it's better to give than to receive! All month long our students, faculty, staff and alumni participate in our *Christmas For Others* fundraiser. CFO is a program designed to make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate. All proceeds go to local families and charities, including homeless shelters, hunger centers, food pantries and inner-city schools.

Each year, Padua collects \$10,000 cash for the needy in just 20 minutes. This year, we hope to do even better! (Last year we raised **\$14,700** cash.)

During our Coin Wars competition, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and faculty/staff compete against each other to raise the most money. It's an action-packed competition involving the entire school. Students bring buckets full of coins and cash they saved or collected from loved ones throughout the year. The class who raises the most money for charity wins!

It's also **Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!** If you need photos or footage, we'll have 700 people in festive attire!

Schedule of Events on Tuesday, December 4, 2018:

- 8:00am-8:30am: All-school action-packed Coin Wars Competition in Gymnasium.
(GREAT PHOTO & VIDEO OP)
- 8:30am-12pm: Students count all coins and cash collected.
(GREAT PHOTO OP)

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CFO Background: For 47 years, the Padua community has come together in the Franciscan spirit of giving. Since its inception in 1971, CFO has raised more than \$500,000 for charity. Last December, we raised more than \$30,000, in addition to thousands of items (food, clothing, books and toys) for the underprivileged. CFO is the largest student-run fundraiser in Northeast Ohio. It is sponsored, organized and operated by the students, under the direction of Padua's Key (Kiwanis) Club.

School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a Catholic, college-prep, co-educational school with 780 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.