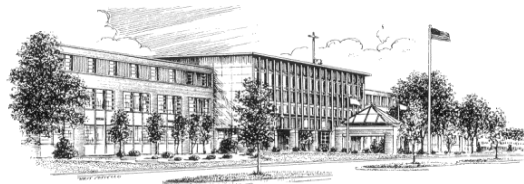


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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Newsweek Names Padua Top STEM School

PARMA, Ohio – (November 8, 2019) Padua Franciscan High School has been selected as one of *Newsweek's* Top 5,000 STEM High Schools for 2020.

To recognize America's Best High Schools in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, *Newsweek* partnered with STEM.org to rank the Top 5,000. *Newsweek* found schools in every region of the country that offer skilled teachers who keep up with developments in these fields and create dynamic learning environments to engage their students. Padua recognizes that STEM skills that only specialists have today—will be expected of virtually everyone in the American workforce tomorrow.

Newsweek complete list was published on [Newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) Friday, November 8, 2019, which coincided with National STEM Day.

Principal David Stec '86 was proud to be included among the top ten percent of high schools in the country. "It is an honor to be awarded this distinction. We're very proud of our students and the hard work that they do to strengthen Northeast Ohio – in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math," said Stec. "Additionally, we truly believe that we also provide an excellent way of developing the whole person at Padua. I really think that distinguishes us from other STEM schools. The cohort effect here is incredible. Our students help each other raise the bar when it comes to academics and values."

Padua has strengthened our approach to providing students with career exploration and curriculum foundation in the four STEM areas. "Specifically, we've created a [MedTrack Program](#) and a [MyTrack Program](#) for each one of those areas, so that our students can truly discern and strengthen their choices for college and careers," said Stec.

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School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, 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.
