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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## Padua Lunch Lady Saves Choking Student

PARMA, Ohio – (September 6, 2022) Padua Lunch lady Mrs. Megan Kulikowski performed the Heimlich maneuver and saved a student from choking during lunch on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Thankfully the student is ok. Her mother shared this message of gratitude:

“We are forever grateful to Mrs. Kulikowski for her quick thinking and quick reaction. She saved my daughter's life. We are truly blessed to have her and the rest of the cafeteria staff looking out for our kids. I don't even know what else to say other than thank you and you are a hero.”

Kulikowski was humbled by those words, but doesn't want the credit. “I've known many of these kids since they were four-years-old,” said Kulikowski. “I just want to make sure everyone is healthy and happy. We love all of these students so much and we want what's best for them.”

Administrators believe Kulikowski deserves the praise. “Padua is blessed to have a wonderful cafeteria staff who love our students,” Principal Bob DiRocco said. “Four of our cafeteria staff either have children here now, or have children or grandchildren who have graduated. They treat each student with the same love and care they show their own children.”

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**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 760 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.

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