

**Padua Franciscan High School**

**Senior College Information Night**

**September 4, 2025**

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***Senior College Timeline***

***FALL***

* Student conference with College Counselor to discuss college choices
* Prepare a checklist to include deadlines, application requirements, receipt of test scores, etc.
* Decide if student will apply Early Action, Early Decision, or Regular Decision
* Attend parent information session in September to clarify college application and financial aid processes
* Attend College Application Workshops offered during Delayed Starts weekly from September 10th - October 29th.
* Visit with college admissions representatives during their scheduled visits to Padua.
* Continue to tour college campuses
* Ask faculty to write recommendations
* Finalize college essay and have teachers, counselors and/or parents proofread
* Visit the Padua Writing Lab if assistance is needed for essay or personal statement writing.
* Complete and submit college applications
* Submit transcript release forms to College Counselor
* Continue ACT and SAT testing, if necessary, and send scores directly through testing agencies
* Begin working on the FASFA on October 1, 2025
* Complete CSS Profile or school-specific financial aid forms if required
* Investigate scholarship possibilities available at colleges and be aware of deadlines

***WINTER***

* Be aware of financial aid deadlines and requirements
* Complete outside scholarship applications
* Notify Counselor of acceptances and updates with colleges
* Arrange auditions, portfolio reviews, or scholarship interviews

***SPRING***

* Examine financial aid packages
* Decide and submit deposit to your school of choice by May 1
* Inform other colleges that you will not attend
* Notify the College Counselors of your final decision so that final transcripts may be sent
* Plan for graduation

***College Application Steps***

***STEP 1* -** Complete the college’s admission application by either

1. Visiting the College’s website and using their internal application
2. Using the Common Application - commonapp.org
3. Using the Coalition Application - coalition.org

***STEP 2*** - Mark that you have submitted your application in Scoir.

1. Move the college(s) that you have applied to from the “Applying” section in Scoir to the “Applied” section.
2. Indicate which application method you used to apply
   1. Common Application
   2. College Website - applied directly to the college using their internal application.
   3. Other - ex. Coalition Application
3. If you are applying using the Common Application, your Common Application account and Scoir account must be linked.

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| **How to Match your Accounts**   * 1. **In Common App Account, add Padua Franciscan High School under the Education section.** *This is how Common App will recognize you as a Scoir student.*   2. **Enter the email address that you used for the Common Application**   *Students will receive a prompt from Scoir to connect their account in September once the Scoir and Common Application integration becomes live.* |

***STEP 3*** - Complete a Transcript Release form and submit it to your counselor

1. It is the students responsibility to be mindful of college deadlines AND Padua deadlines.
2. Submit one transcript request per college - if applying to 3 colleges, you will submit 3 request forms.
3. Verify that you have sent your ACT or SAT scores to the colleges. Padua does NOT submit test scores on a student's behalf.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

1. Your counselor will verify with you that everything is prepared to send to the college and the counselor will submit your materials (via Scoir).
   1. Transcript & School Profile
   2. Common App Counselor Report
   3. Teacher Letters of Recommendation- if requested/required
   4. Counselor Letter of Recommendation- if requested/required

***Important Dates and Deadlines***

Colleges and scholarships have specific deadline dates that are firm. Seniors are responsible for meeting these deadlines. In order for your Counselor to respond to your transcript and supplemental forms requests, the following deadlines are in place.

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| **Application Deadline** | **Submit Materials to Counselor By** |
| October 15th | October 1st |
| November 1st | October 17th |
| November 15th | October 30th |
| December 1st | November 14th |
| January 1st | December 12th |

***College Decision Definitions:***

**Regular Decision** – the college sets a deadline for completing applications, and responds on a specific date. The dates for application deadlines and notification are listed in the literature or website of the college.

**Rolling Admission** – describes the application process in which an institution reviews applications as they are received. Admissions decisions are made as soon as completed applications have been received by the Admissions Office. Colleges send admissions decisions anywhere between two weeks and two months after a completed application is on file.

**Early Action** – permits you to apply to a college of your choice and receive a decision early in the senior year without any obligation to attend. Two common Early Action deadlines are November 1 and November 15. You may apply to other colleges, and you are not required to make a commitment before May 1.

**Restrictive Early Action** – less common option. Refer to specific college policy.

**Early Decision** – requires that you commit to a college or university at the time of application. A common Early Decision application deadline is November 1. You should apply under an Early Decision plan only if you are absolutely sure you want to attend the college. If admitted, you must enroll unless your financial aid package is inadequate. You may only submit one Early Decision application.

**Wait List** – the college neither admits nor denies the application but extends the possibility of admission in the future. The college admission staff might eventually offer admission to wait-listed candidates if sufficient numbers of regularly admitted candidates do not accept the offers of admission. Students may be offered admission as late as in the summer, but frequently never receive an offer of admission.

**Deferred or Second Review** – a process in which the college has delayed a decision on admission. In some cases, the college asks for more information, particularly first semester, senior year grades and recent test scores.

**May 1** – of the senior year is the date that colleges have adopted as a Universal Acceptance Date. By May 1, you must submit your non-refundable deposit to the one college you choose to attend. Some colleges ask for a housing deposit prior to May 1, but this should be advertised as a refundable deposit.

***Financial Aid***

Padua has partnered with College Now of Greater Cleveland to assist with the financial aid process. Mrs. Pam Sandoval is available to assist with the necessary steps to complete the FASFA, searching for and applying for scholarships and grants, as well as answer any other questions related to the college search or financial aid.

Mrs. Sandoval is available for individual appointments. Please contact **Mrs. Salata, Counseling Coordinator at (440)845-2444 x158 (bsalata@paduafranciscan.net)** to schedule an appointment. **The Padua Counseling Department will also be hosting a Financial Aid Information Session on Thursday, November 6th**. More information to follow.

**Mrs. Sandoval’s Schedule Dates for 2025-2026**

September 15th

September 29th

October 13th

October 27th

November 4th

November 10th

November 19th ***(Delayed Start)***

December 1st

December 10th ***(Delayed Start)***

January 5th

January 21st ***(Delayed Start)***

February 2nd

February 23rd

March 9th

March 23rd

April 13th

April 27th