



PADUA COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



ABOUT US

As a vital part of the Padua Franciscan High School community and educational mission, the fundamental purpose of the Counseling Department is to help and assist students to realize their full potential in their lives in and beyond high school. Grounded in the belief that professional school counselors are first and foremost advocates for students, the Counseling Department provides a comprehensive school counseling program to enhance the academic, career, and personal-social skill development of all students. We encourage self-understanding and self-awareness coupled with sound decision-making skills. Through collaborative partnering with parents and guardians, school staff, and other educational professionals, Padua Franciscan's professional school counselors facilitate academic success while fostering the personal and spiritual growth of every student.

MORE INFO

For appointments, please contact Mrs. Salata or visit the Counseling Office in the West Wing off of Junior Hallway.



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ACADEMIC COUNSELING

- Counselors provide individualized advising services in selecting high school coursework that meet the needs and interests of each student.
- Collaborate with teachers to provide additional support for students in need.

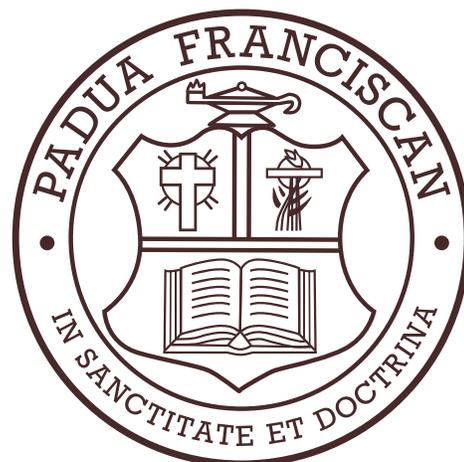
PERSONAL AND SOCIAL COUNSELING

- Students have access to a licensed counselor, skilled in supporting students with social and emotional needs.
- Counselors will work with students and their families to refer to outside counselors, psychologists, and community resources when necessary.
- Our mental health consultant is another resource within our Padua community that our students can utilize for support within our building.



COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING

- Padua students transition to a college counselor beginning in 11th grade that is dedicated to guiding them through the college search and application process.
- Beginning in Freshman year, students have access to Naviance Family Connection to begin researching colleges, learning more about their interests, and building a resume.
- Students participate in a full battery of testing to prepare for college including the PSAT in sophomore and junior years, the PreACT in sophomore year, and the ACT in junior year.
- Students and parents have individual college conferences in the 2nd semester of their junior year to discuss their college plans.



FALL

Senior Parent College Night

An opportunity for seniors and their parents to learn more about the policies and procedures for the college application process and how the Padua counselors are able to assist. College admissions representatives will be on hand to answer questions as well and provide general guidance on how to navigate the college search and applications.

College Application Workshops

Held both during the school day and on delayed start days, students are able to stop in and receive assistance with completing their college applications directly from their counselors.

College Financial Aid Night: Part 1

Our representative from College Now of Greater Cleveland will be on hand to present the process of qualifying and applying for Federal Financial Aid, scholarships, etc.

Underclass Information Night

Designed for freshman and sophomore students and parents, this program will offer information on the course registration process, selecting a rigorous college prep curriculum, and an in-depth explanation of CCP and AP programs, as well as how students can build a strong transcript.

WINTER

Junior College Kickoff

This program formally begins the college search process for the rising seniors and offers information about the college search process, senior year course selection, and the resources available for Padua students from the college counselors.

AP Course Preview Day

Students who are interested in taking an AP Course are invited to learn more about the course, its expectations, summer assignments, and more at the AP Course Preview Day held in January.

CCP Information Night

Padua partners with Cuyahoga Community College to present information about College Credit Plus, a program that allows students to pursue college credit while enrolled in high school. Students will learn about how to apply for funding and how to apply to the college of their choice, as well as Padua's requirements for enrollment.



SPRING

College Financial Aid Night: Part 2

Now that you have been accepted into your colleges and received financial aid packages, our representative from College Now of Greater Cleveland will help you understand your award letter and make a well-informed decision.

College Decision Day Celebration

May 1st is commonly known as College Decision Day and Padua is excited to celebrate our Seniors! Our school community will come together to acknowledge our seniors as they make their final college choices and start their final month as Padua students.



OVERVIEW

College Counseling Services Provided

9th Grade

- Freshman Orientation class topics: study skills, learning styles, interest inventories
- Course selection with counselors in the spring
- Naviance introduction
- Underclass Information Night in the fall
- AP Course Preview Day
- Testing: IOWA in February

10th Grade

- Naviance career exploration
- College representatives in the fall
- Underclass Information Night in the fall
- Course selection with counselors in the spring
- AP Course Preview Day
- Testing: PSAT in October, PreACT in February

11th Grade

- College representatives in the fall
- Off campus college tours throughout the year
- Course selection with Counselors in the spring
- AP Course Preview Day
- Junior College Kickoff Meeting in January
- Junior College Meetings during 2nd semester
- College essay writing during 4th quarter in English
- Testing: PSAT in October, ACT in February

12th Grade

- College representatives in the fall
- Off campus college tours throughout the year
- Senior College Night in September
- College Application Workshops in the fall
- College Financial Aid Night: Part 1 in November
- College Now Meetings throughout the year
- College Financial Aid Night: Part 2 in March
- Testing: ACT/SAT (as needed)
- College Decision Day Celebration



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