

Padua Academy Newsletter

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Padua Academy will educate students to become self-sufficient and productive leaders who are ready to succeed in a diverse global society.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a great holiday and are ready to make the last half of the school year a great one!

Successful Book Fair- Thanks to all for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. We sold \$1, 543.69 in books and other supplies. The profits will be used to support our library and classrooms in the building. Keep encouraging your child(ren) to read!

End of 2nd Quarter- The second quarter ends today. Your child(ren)'s report card will come home on Thursday, January 15th. Students who return their signed report cards the following day may come out of uniform on Friday, January 16th.

Character Trait for January- We will be working on Fairness for the month of January. A person of character is fair and just, is impartial, listens, and is open to differing points of view. Here are points to talk over with your child(ren) about concerning this trait:

- ***Do-*** Be fair and just; treat others equally; make decisions without prejudice or favoritism.
- ***Don't-*** take more than your fair share; take advantage of or treat others unfairly.
- ***Do-*** Be open-minded and impartial; listen to people, hear them out and consider what they have to say before making a decision.

School Attendance- It is important that your child(ren) is/are on time each day and that they are in school from 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Bringing your child(ren) late, or taking them out before the end of the school day, not only interrupts their learning, but is disruptive to other students in the class. Particularly at the end of the day, teachers are reminding students about homework and upcoming testing and students are organizing materials to go home. Students who leave early may not be prepared for the next school day. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Be prepared for Power Outages at Home- Below are recommendations from the Mayor's Office to help your family stay safe:

In the case that you have to leave your home and seek shelter, remember to bring your medications, and sleeping gear such as blankets and sleeping bags. Most of these items will not be provided by the shelter or will be in short supply.

- **Identify the most insulated room in advance; that's where you and your family can gather if you need to stay warm.**
- **Turn your thermostat to low and turn off the circuit breaker for your water heater to reduce high demand for electricity once the power comes back on.**
- **Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.** This will help prevent an overload that can cause it to go off again.
- **Leave one light switch on so you'll know when electricity has been restored.**
- **Do not touch any electrical power lines and keep your family away from them.**
- **The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.**
- **If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.** Remember that carbon monoxide kills.

Hawthorne Center/AfterCare- The school dismisses at **3:15 p.m.** each day. All students should be leaving the building at that time. The only exception is students who are registered with Hawthorne Center. These students are supervised by staff until the bus picks them up. Some students are requested to stay after school by teachers and will be supervised by them. ***No other students should be in the building after 3:15 p.m.*** It is the responsibility of parents to be sure their child/ren is/are picked up on time.

January Day School is Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- We will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday January 19th.

Upcoming February Days School is Closed- The school will be closed so that teachers can participate in professional development on Friday, February 13. If we have not taken any snow days, we will also be out of school on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day. If we need to make up a snow day, we will be in school on this Monday.

Inclement Weather- In case of a closing or a delay due to weather, there will be no Before Care. Watch for school delays and closings on WRTV channel 6, WISHTV channel 8, or WTHR channel 13. You may also sign up for phone alerts with some of these channels. Please do not call the school, but watch your local tv stations or log in to their websites to check the status of the school. We do not follow IPS or other districts, since we do not use a bus system. Be sure to allow extra time to get to school during the winter.

Spiritwear Day- Students may wear their spiritwear Padua shirts on Friday, January 16th. Students will be using their “Egg-cellent Eggs” to make purchases on that day. For an additional \$2, students may also come in jeans. As per the uniform code, clothing should be appropriate for school. (no holes, inappropriate language or graphics)

ISTEP+ Testing Window- There will be two ISTEP+ testing windows this year for students in grades 3-8. Part 1 is a paper pencil test on applied skills and will take place March 2-11. Part 2 is an online multiple choice test and will occur April 27-May 15. It is important that your child is in school for these assessments. Please arrange any dentist/doctor appointments outside of these days.

Thanks for entrusting your child(ren) with us!

Ms. Cynthia L. Greer
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