



# THE BRUIN REPORT

UPDATE FROM DEPAUL CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This grade report means there are only three weeks of classes left in the second quarter. When we return from Christmas break, first semester exams will occur January 10-12. Students will take an exam in each of their classes. Please note that the exam counts for 20% of their semester grade. These are important and teachers will spend time reviewing with students in advance. The exam schedule is included in this packet and on the back of this newsletter.

I hope that you take a few moments to review this grade report with your student and discuss how they can be successful in finishing out the quarter, especially with a long Christmas break coming up.

Advent is in full swing at DPCR and the energy in the school is building. Next week brings our annual talent show and the hot chocolate incentive. As a reminder, Christmas break begins after school on Friday, December 15. Students return to school on **Wednesday, January 3**. This is one day later than originally published.

Finally, I just want to pause for a moment to express my gratitude to all of you for your partnership. Educating our students takes a team approach - faculty, staff, administration and parents. We value all that you do at home to help instill the values of faith, tenacity, integrity and grit in our students. As we look to 2024, I'm excited for all that is to come at DPCR!

Have a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

Go Bruins!

Jim Schurrer

## SESSION V EVENTS COMING UP

### DECEMBER:

**15: DPCR Talent Show**

**18-Jan. 2: Christmas  
Break (NO SCHOOL/  
NO WORK)**

### JANUARY

**3: Classes Resume**

**9: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends**

**10-12: Exams**

**15: MLK Day**

**NO SCHOOL/NO WORK**

**19: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards  
Chapel**

**26: Sophomore Retreat**

**28-Feb. 2 Catholic  
Schools Week**

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As we transition into the colder months, we want to remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather while adhering to our school uniform policy. As the temperature drops, it becomes essential for students to wear their proper uniform, including outerwear.

Please note that hoodies and jackets should not be worn inside the school building. We believe that maintaining a consistent and professional appearance contributes to a positive learning environment for everyone.

To help you find suitable and school-approved outerwear options, we recommend considering purchases from SchoolBelles or the school spirit store. The school spirit store will resume operations after the holiday break, providing you with an opportunity to purchase uniform outerwear that aligns with our dress code guidelines.

Your cooperation in ensuring that your child follows the uniform policy is greatly appreciated. It not only fosters a sense of unity but also helps create a focused and respectful atmosphere within the school.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Cathryn Wynn

## FIRST SEMESTER EXAM WEEK

**First Semester exams will take place Wednesday, January 10-Friday, January 12.**

First semester grades are comprehensive of all content since the start of school. The assessment accounts for 20% of a student's Semester 1 grade. Teachers will be sharing with students information about their exams, including study guides, before they leave for Christmas break. For the 3 days of exams, students have a modified schedule to take exams, they do not go to all of their classes each day. Students will not report to work as well.

Students who miss an exam will receive a 0 on the exam, which will significantly impact their semester grade. If a student is sick, a call must be made to the attendance line before school begins. Exams can be made up the afternoons of January 11 and 12. Please contact Academic Deans **Steve Cassidy** (9 & 10) or **Katie Hoekzema** (11 & 12) regarding any questions for exams.

- Students will take their 1, 2, and 4 bell exams on Wednesday, January 10 and be released at 12:4 5pm.
- Students will take their 3 and 6 bell exams on Thursday, January 11 and be released at 11 am.
- Students will take their 5 and 7 bell exams on Friday, January 12 and be released at 11 am.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
**DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 2**