



THE BRUIN REPORT

UPDATE FROM DEPAUL CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all students for completing the first semester! Now that we are at the halfway point, it's a great opportunity to have a conversation with your student(s) about their goals. I'd encourage you to use the following as a outline for a conversation:

- Review first semester grades with them. Ask for their input on how classes are going, and what courses they like.
- Ask them to look back on the first semester and share any "big wins." Take time to celebrate those wins!
- Ask them to look back and share any struggles they had. Take a moment to talk through those. Encourage them to find ways to get help.
- Finally, ask them to look ahead and set achievable second semester goals. Write them down and display them prominently. Perhaps they can identify new study habits or a different approach to homework.

I hope these conversations are productive and lead to some goals for the second semester. Please reach out to the administration or specific teachers if you have questions or concerns about grades or anything else that arises. Our next parent/teacher conferences are not until February 15 and 16, but you don't need to wait until then.

At the end of January, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This is a nationwide celebration where all Catholic schools celebrate what makes us different. As a Catholic school, we strive to care for the whole student - not just their academic performance. We challenge your son/daughter to grow academically, spiritually, physically and socially. Developing their God-given gifts and talents is such a privilege, and marks a Catholic school as uniquely different. Much of what we do at DPCR is *distinctively different*, and that's because of our unique mission as a Catholic School. Catholic Schools are also unique in their desire to partner *with* families. Only by working together as parents and school can we help our students achieve their greatest potential. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission and I can't wait to see what the second semester brings!

God bless, and Go Bruins!

SESSION V EVENTS COMING UP

JANUARY

26: Sophomore Retreat

28-Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

1: Black History Month Begins

15: Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release)

16: Parent-Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL/NO WORK)

**19: President's Day
NO SCHOOL/NO WORK**

MARCH

**4: Senior Family Meeting
6:30 pm**

5: You Make a Difference (Freshmen)

6: Junior SAT Testing

13: Third Quarter Ends

**14: Teacher/Staff Retreat
NO SCHOOL/NO WORK**

15: NO SCHOOL/NO WORK

22: 3RD Quarter Awards

25-April 1: Spring Break

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As we navigate through the colder months, it's crucial to ensure your child is properly dressed for school. Please make sure they wear school-approved outerwear and shoes while inside the school building. Our school's lost and found, located in the cafeteria, is available for students who may have misplaced personal items. To avoid items being donated at the end of the school year, kindly remind your student to check the lost and found if needed.

Given the unpredictable weather, we prioritize the safety of our students getting to school. Be sure to review any changed bus schedules for the city Metro bus. If your child anticipates being late for any reason, including Metro bus issues or delays, please promptly contact Mrs. Jackie at the front office.

A friendly reminder that the school building closes at 4 p.m. for students not participating in athletics or after-school clubs. Dismissal time is 3:35 p.m. We appreciate your cooperation in picking up your child promptly at the end of the day. For those using the bus, encourage them to board the first available bus after school dismissal.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Cathryn Wynn, Assistant Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday February 15 from 2:30-7 p.m. and Friday February 16 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. An email will be sent with the link to schedule conferences the week of February 5. All parents are invited to attend. If your student is struggling in their classes, we encourage you to meet with that teacher. Parents who would like a translator, please reach out to Katie Hoekzema to arrange a translator.

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, we will have all lost and found items displayed in the cafeteria. We have nearly 100 items, mostly sweatshirts and jackets. Families needing assistance with EdChoice application processes, can also drop in for help during conferences, no appointment needed!

Looking forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences!

CWSP FRIDAY ROTATION

Friday, January 26 – Freshman Workday

Friday, February 2 - Senior Workday

Friday, February 9 – Junior Workday

Friday, February 16 – NO SCHOOL – PARENT
CONFERENCES

Friday, February 23 – Freshman Workday

Friday, March 1 – Senior Workday

Friday, March 8 – Junior Workday

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 22

APRIL 1!

RETURN ON

APRIL 2!