



THE BRUIN REPORT

UPDATE FROM DEPAUL CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bruin Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I pray that the summer has been restful and rejuvenating. I know our faculty and staff are feeling energized and ready to enthusiastically receive your student in just a few weeks.

Each morning we start our day with the prayer of St. Vincent de Paul, and we ask God to “help us to listen with compassion and to speak with kindness and confidence.” We are called to listen before we speak, and when we do speak we do so with care for others while maintaining integrity with our convictions. Sometimes, it is easier to speak with kindness, but that might mean we are withholding hard truths. Other times it is easy to speak confidently, but we may disregard others. Therefore, we pray the grace “to speak with kindness and confidence.” This paradoxical and powerful message will guide our work this year as our school theme will be **Listen with compassion. Speak with kindness and confidence.**

This year, we are thrilled to welcome the following new faculty members to our DPCR family:

- **Mr. Joseph Groeber** - Religion 10 & 11
- **Ms. Martha Higuera** - Spanish I
- **Ms. Madeline Roubinek** - Algebra II

Additionally, **Mr. Ty Cass** has a new role as our Freshman Academy Long Term Substitute Teacher.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find important information to help you prepare for the new school year, including our calendar, details about Bruin Days, our updated Bell Schedule, and other important start of the year notes.

Until then, may these final weeks of summer offer peace and renewal. We can't wait to see our students back for the first day of school on **Thursday, August 20**. As a friendly reminder, school now begins at **8AM** and we will continue to dismiss at **3:35PM**. Please don't hesitate to call us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cassady - Interim Principal



QUARTER 1 EVENTS COMING UP AUGUST

10: CORE

**Freshman/Transfer
Students**

**11-12: Freshman/Transfer
Parent Orientation**

12: Sophomore Bruin Day

**13: Junior & Senior Bruin
Day**

**13: Senior Commissioning
& Mandatory Senior Parent
Meeting**

**17-18: Faculty/Staff
Professional Development
NO SCHOOL/NO WORK**

20: First Day of School

26: Meet the Teacher Night

**26: Sophomore & Junior
Family Meetings**

28: Mass of the Holy Spirit

31: First Day of CWSP

SEPTEMBER

7: Labor Day

NO SCHOOL/NO WORK

21-25: Founders Week

21: Founders Day Mass

22-25: Senior Retreat

28: Golf Outing

FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CATHRYN WYNN

Dear DPCR Families,

We are excited to welcome our students back for another successful school year! As we prepare for the first day of school, please review the important reminders below to ensure your student is ready for a smooth start.

Attendance & EdChoice Scholarship

Attendance matters! Students receiving an **EdChoice Scholarship** must have all required scholarship documentation submitted to the Business Office. Missing documentation could impact your student's scholarship eligibility. If you have any questions regarding your EdChoice Scholarship or need assistance completing the process, please contact our **Business Office** as soon as possible.

School Uniforms

Please purchase all required uniform items before the first day of school. If you have questions regarding approved uniforms, acceptable shoes, or any other dress code requirements, please contact the Front Office. This school year, our uniform and appearance policy will be consistently enforced. Please review the Student Handbook with your child, paying particular attention to expectations regarding:

- Approved uniform attire
- Acceptable footwear
- **Hair color guidelines**
- **Facial piercings and other prohibited accessories**

Helping students arrive in compliance each day allows them to focus on learning from the moment they enter the building.

Student Parking

Students who plan to drive to school must complete the following **before parking on campus**:

- Submit a completed **Student Parking Registration Form**
- Provide a copy of their valid driver's license
- Receive and display an official **DPCR Student Parking Decal**

Parking registration forms are available in the Front Office.

Important: Vehicles parked on campus without a valid DPCR parking decal are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

We appreciate your partnership as we prepare for another outstanding school year. Thank you for helping us ensure every student arrives ready to learn, grow, and succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to DePaul Cristo Rey High School.

Don't forget new start time is 8:00 am!