

**Howler – August 25, 2022**

1 message

Pope Francis Global Academy <schoolmessenger@pfgacademy.org>  
Reply-To: Pope Francis Global Academy <schoolmessenger@pfgacademy.org>  
To: jthyen@pfgacademy.org

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 7:29 PM

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022**

**PFGA WEBSITE** – Please visit the school website often for the latest news

**2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR****IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Friday, August 26 – Parents' Club sponsored Family Movie Night
- Thursday, September 1 from 4-5 pm – Group Prospective Family Tour
- Monday, September 5 – No School, Labor Day
- Sunday, September 11 – Catechetical Sunday – Teacher blessings at 10 am Mass
- Thursday, September 15 from 3-4 pm – Group Prospective Family Tour
- Thursday, September 22 – Curriculum Night at School 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Friday, September 23 – No School, Professional Development Day

**SCHOOL NEWS****FORMS – PLEASE GET THEM IN**

Thanks to all those who have already turned in their forms to the office. There are still quite a few outstanding. Please email the completed forms to [info@pfgacademy.org](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org), or send copies through the backpack in an envelope addressed to Kristen Yedlinski. Copies of the birth certificates of all new students must be made by the staff from original or certified copies of the original, so please bring those in if you are new to the school, so that we may copy it and give it right back to you.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT TOMORROW, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26!**

You are invited to join the Parents' Club as they host our first Family Movie Night in the Dakin Street Parking Lot tomorrow. The movie is free but snacks and soft drink concessions will be sold by the Catacombs Haunted House Team, so bring a little cash. Otherwise, the event is BYO Chairs, blankets, coolers, etc. Cars will not be allowed in the lot...but the lot will open at 7 and the movie, School of Rock, will start at dusk (about 7:30).

**SCHOOL TOURS (AND, REFERRAL BONUS!)**

We still have space in several classrooms, so if you know anyone who has been wavering on their school choice, please send them over to Mrs. Thyen for either a private tour or one of the upcoming Thursday group tours. Don't forget that for each family that you refer for a tour, if they enroll and stay through Christmas, you'll earn a \$300 bonus credit on your January FACTS bill!

- Thursday, September 1 from 4-5 pm
- Thursday, September 15 from 3-4 pm
- Thursday, October 20 from 5-6 pm
- Thursday, November 17 from 4-5 pm

**EXTRA HELP NEEDED IN EDP**

We are looking for someone who is Virtus trained and good with kids to help out for a couple/few shifts each week in the EDP room. Morning shift runs from 6:30-8 am and the afternoon shift (mostly) goes from 2:45 – 6. You may not be required to stay until 6 pm, depending on when the last EDP student gets picked up. The pay rate is \$15.40 per hour. Please email [info@pfgacademy.org](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org) if you are interested in learning more.

**LOU MALNATI'S FROZEN PIZZA COUPON FUNDRAISER**

One of our favorite and simple fundraisers is back! Paper order forms went home today (or will go home tomorrow for a couple of classes) and will be due back on Monday, September 12. You can pay by check or cash with the order form, OR you can pay with credit or debit card online with the QR code on the flyer leading you to the online order form. Either way, buy a bunch, sell a bunch, give a bunch as gifts! The coupons are \$13 and we will make \$5 on each coupon we sell! This info will also be in the bulletin and in the church. Please encourage friends and family to buy some. They are delicious and well worth the money!

**INFO IS HERE.**

**ONLINE ORDER FORM IS HERE.**

**CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Catacombs is making its triumphant return after 2 long years and the devastating loss of our head hunter, Jason. Let's do him proud and make this the best possible year.

The primary Catacombs Crew is looking to expand and we're hoping to recruit some help for them among our parents. This has been one of our biggest fundraisers and the majority of the "crew" aren't related to the school anymore. They are in need of help in some specific areas and they will also need volunteers who are simply in and out for a shift or two during October. Here are some of their specific needs:

- **SPONSORS** – If anyone has a business that may be interested, or if you can even just assist with calling local businesses and picking up sponsor checks, that would be helpful. Contact Amie Zander at [amiezander@hotmail.com](mailto:amiezander@hotmail.com).
- **SECURITY** – We are looking for law enforcement officers to volunteer as security members during the Catacombs events. If you have any experience with this or are currently an officer and can help out, please contact Steve Findysz via text message at 773-610-5334.
- **CREW AND NIGHTLY VOLUNTEERS** – Construction, hair and makeup, actors, licensed electricians, advertising, IT, artists, graphic artists, makeup artists, costumers, etc. Are all needed. **PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS FLYER FOR DATES AND DETAILS.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER ONLINE SCHOOL REVIEWS**

As you're scrolling through the social media feeds this fall, please consider writing a nice review of PFGA!

Parents of young kids want to hear about our school from people with experience! That's you! We're posting on Facebook and Instagram fairly regularly. But, you can find all sorts of places online to write something nice! Nextdoor.com, FB neighborhood parent groups, GreatSchools.com, Niche.com, PrivateSchoolReview.com.

One of the easiest ways is if you google us, there is an opportunity to write a review. Every little bit helps to fill our seats, and when our seats are full, we're able to do more all around! Thank you!

**PARENTS' CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

For the benefit of our new families, just a reminder that our Parents' Club hosts a private Facebook Group for our PFGA Families! If you're on Facebook, stop by and send a request to join the group! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PFGAparentsclub>

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Mrs. Menendez will soon be sending out instructions to our new families on how to log volunteer hours for this school year. If you are a returning family, the process, link and password for your family is the same as it was last year, through [payitforward.com](http://payitforward.com).

In the meantime, if you are hoping to map out the hours that you will do for the year, here are some immediate needs we have, as well as some ongoing needs that you may be able to help with:

- **Raffle Ticket Packet Assembly – Wednesday, August 31 from 10-11 am**  
We need a small team to help sort, stuff and label envelopes with the Monthly Money Raffle tickets for our families. These will be distributed next Thursday in the Thursday folders. Contact Mrs. Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).
- **Portage Park Farmers Market – Sunday, September 18**  
Help to promote the school, and the CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE to the Farmers Market attendees. We'll set up a booth and hand out information to young parents walking around the market. We'll have a little craft for kids to do and try to get people interested in the school. We also need helpers to assist with setting up the market early and to help clean up at the end. **SIGN UP HERE!**
- **Lou Malnati's Fundraiser – Tuesday, September 27 from 8-9 am**  
We need a small team to help sort, stuff and label envelopes with the Lou Malnati's Coupons purchased by our families. These will be distributed in the September 29 Thursday folders. Contact Mrs. Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).
- **Catacombs Haunted House** (see entire paragraph above)

**CLUBS AND SPORTS****FALL SPORTS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**

If your child is entering 4th-8th grade in the Fall, please consider playing for the school program:

- **JV SOCCER**
  - Tuesday, August 30 – JV Plays MSW JV Blue at Hiawatha Park at 5:30
  - Wednesday, August 31 – JV vs. SPC JV Blue at Ni-Ridge Park at 5 pm
- **VARSITY SOCCER**
  - Tuesday, August 30 – Varsity vs. MSW Varsity Blue at Hiawatha Park at 6:30 pm
  - Wednesday, August 31 – Varsity vs. SPC Varsity Gold at Ni-Ridge Park at 6 pm
- **CROSS COUNTRY MEETS** are all at Resurrection College Prep on Talcott. Meet dates are as follows:
  - Bronze Friday 9/16
  - Silver Friday 9/23
  - Gold Friday 9/30
  - Rain Make up Friday 10/7

Questions about Soccer, email Patty McGuire: [pattymcgr1@gmail.com](mailto:pattymcgr1@gmail.com)

Questions about Cross Country, email Jessica Zamudio: [jesszamudio@hotmail.com](mailto:jesszamudio@hotmail.com)

**BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED**

We're starting to plan for basketball teams for the fall/winter and we would love to field Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity, Boys JV and Girls JV, if we have enough coaches willing to commit. We can also work with pairs of coaches where one has more basketball experience and one is the organizational lead (communications, paperwork, etc.). Please contact Katrina Cook at [kcook@pfgacademy.org](mailto:kcook@pfgacademy.org) to learn more about this fun opportunity to earn your full 20 volunteer hours!

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA, even during the summer.

- **WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!**  
The pot for our new board is over \$16,000! Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta](http://Trattoria Porretta) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](http://Trattoria Porretta) at 3656 North Central.
- **THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER**  
Parents, friends, parishioners, and friends can order products anytime from the Market Day website, 24/7! Just like other popular eCommerce sites, customers pay on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](http://MARKETDAY.COM)
- **AMAZON SMILES**  
If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do!
- **COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM**  
This is a relatively new program...if you purchase any Coke/Dasani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products!

**PARENTS' CLUB NEWS****SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN**

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

**PARENTS' CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Parents' Club is currently running it's primary Membership Drive and they would LOVE to have 100% participation from our families. \$20 gets you membership and a cool, limited edition drawstring Wolves bag!

The PFGA Parents' Club is an active group, but if everyone takes on a little bit, no one person should have to hard too much on. Help spread the love and share the load with our hard-working Parents' Club volunteers...JOIN TODAY!

Contact Karen Bellalta to join at [parentsclub@pfgacademy.org](mailto:parentsclub@pfgacademy.org).

**PARISH NEWS****BULLETIN**

Check out the most recent bulletin for [Our Lady of the Rosary Parish](http://Our Lady of the Rosary Parish) for all sorts of good information, upcoming events, and Mass times!

**ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Anticipated Mass  
4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

Sunday Masses  
8:00 AM - Saint Pascal  
10:00 AM - Saint Pascal  
12:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Polish)  
6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to [info@pfgacademy.org](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org)

6143 West Irving Park Road • Chicago, Illinois 60634

773.736.8806

[www.pfgacademy.org](http://www.pfgacademy.org)

