

PFGA - Howler December 3, 2020

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Pope Francis Global Academy

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[PFGA WEBSITE](#) - Please visit the school website often for the latest news!

REMINDERS

Wednesday, December 16th - Christmas Program Premier - 6:00 PM

Friday, December 18th - Early Dismissal - 11:30

Monday, December 21 thru Sunday, January 3rd - Christmas Break

Monday, January 4th thru Friday, January 15th - Elearning - Entire School

Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Day - No Classes

Tuesday, January 19th - Return to In-School Learning

ANNOUNCEMENT - CHURCH CLOSURE

St. Pascal Church will be closed thru December 13th. Masses will resume on December 14th.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREMIERE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6 PM

Your lovely and talented kids have been working hard on creating a fun and festive Virtual Christmas Program for your season enjoyment! We're encouraging everyone to get dressed up and pop some popcorn to enjoy the "Premier" event! The video will then be available to those with the link anytime after December 16 as well. The fun we've had during the preparation, practice, and recording of these videos goes WAY BEYOND VIRTUAL!

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

We are already planning for the 2021-2022 school year and will officially begin our re-enrollment season in mid-January. HOWEVER, there are some important dates that you should mark on your calendar now:

January 12 - [Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship](#) application opens at 8 am
January 13 - [Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship reservation](#) opens at 7 pm (log-in at 6:30pm)

January 19 - Re-enrollment information will be distributed to current families

January 19 - Re-enrollment will begin on FACTS

January 19 - FACTS Grant and Aid Application opens

January 31-February 7 Catholic Schools Week (Enrollment begins for new families)

March 1 - \$100 enrollment fee discount offer ends

March 15 - FACTS Grant and Aid Application deadline

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT REPORTING ALL THINGS COVID-RELATED

When you have anything at all to discuss or report regarding COVID-19, your first call and/or email should be to Mr. Argamaso. In an effort to better funnel your communications or even questions about COVID -19 to the right person in a timely manner, we have set up a special email address for this purpose. COVID@pfgacademy.org. Or, call the school and speak with Mr. Argamaso directly at 773-736-8806.

ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-2022

[Big Shoulders TCS application](#) opens at 8 am on January 12, 2021

[Empower Illinois TCS reservation form](#) opens at 7 pm on January 13, 2021

75% TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS!

The State of Illinois will once again offer a 75% tax credit for scholarship donations made to Pope Francis Global Academy through the Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarship Program (made possible by the Invest in Kids Act)

If you owe any amount of taxes to the state of Illinois, you could redirect 3/4 of that money to go toward scholarships for our families!

Complete information on how this tax benefit works in your favor (and our's) is [HERE](#).

Contact Jodi Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org for more information.

MISTLETOE MARKET - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Join our Parents' Club for their 5th Annual Mistletoe Market Christmas bazaar and online shopping event!

This year, we are featuring a variety of vendors who will ship items directly to you! Handmade soaps, jewelry, artwork, knitted and crocheted items, holiday decor, children's books & toys and more!

[MistleToe Market](#)

USDA EXTENDS FREE LUNCHES THROUGH THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Free lunches are now available for students each day. Daily lunch menus can be found here

- [December](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Roback, our FSP lunch coordinator, at lunchsouth@pfgacademy.org.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Buy your tickets NOW at Trattoria Porretta's from 4-10 pm, 7 days a week (Go to the pick-up window when the dining room isn't open).

- Tickets are \$5 each; Buy 4 (\$20) and you'll get one extra free;
- Buy 6 (\$30), and you'll get 2 extras free!
- If yours is the lucky ticket pulled out of the bin but your number doesn't hit for the Queen of Hearts, you'll still win \$100!
- Other fun door prizes will be given out weekly!

We're looking for donations for the door prize giveaways. Do you have any unused gift cards cluttering your wallet? Maybe a nice, new and unopened board game or puzzle? How about a promotional item for your local business...hat...waterbottle.. .COVID masks? Send these items into the school marked "Queen of Hearts Door Prize" and we'll get them to Porretta's to be used for the drawings!

As always, thank you to everyone who supports our school.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As we move forward with the goal of keeping things this year as "normal" as possible, we will continue to provide volunteer opportunities regularly, which can be used to meet the Family Service Hour Commitment. All volunteers will be expected to maintain current rules about social distancing, mask-wearing, etc. This year, we will be accepting volunteer/service hours for both St. Pascal and Our Lady of Victory parishes. To qualify, these hours must be approved through the parish office of either church.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

[Tree Lighting](#)

We are looking for 4 volunteers for 1 hour the evening of the Tree Lighting from 6 - 7 pm.
Contact Linda Garrett at lgarrett@pfgacademy.org.

[Lunch/Recess Volunteers](#)

1 hour each day; 3 volunteers are needed from 11:30-12:30.
These volunteers must commit to a 2-week block of time. Must also be fully Archdiocese compliant.
Contact Linda Garrett at lgarrett@pfgacademy.org.

PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[Twens, Teens, Tech, and Mental Health: Coming of Age in an Increasingly Digital, Uncertain, and Unequal World 2020](#)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

The PFGA Parents' Club is an active and fun organization made up of dedicated parents, focused on enriching the lives of our students, and building our school community.

Annual membership dues are \$20 per family, which serves as a starting fund to plan future events. This year, all paid members will receive a PFGA Wolves baseball cap as a welcome gift.

[Parents Club Membership Form](#)

PARISH NEWS

Our Founding Parish Weekly Bulletins

[Our Lady of Victory](#)
[St. Pascal](#)

AROUND TOWN

DeMaira Studios Fundraising

DeMaira Dance Studios and a Fudge Lovin Company (you remember them from Haunted House's No-Scare) are partnering to bring you some delicious fudge! 1/2 pound direct pour fudge in 3 flavors. Shop for Christmas with an easy local pickup. Order yours today!

[Christmas Fudge](#)

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to lgarrett@pfgacademy.org

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