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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Parents and Guardians,

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year, and our students' performances at their Christmas Programs this week remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

December has been such a festive month, and I would like to say some special thank yous.

Thank you to all who attended, to the students for their hard work in learning their songs, and to Mr. Burnett and all of the teachers who worked hard to prepare the students for a wonderful, musical celebration of our Catholic faith.

I would like to also say a special thank you to Mrs. Selvaggio and Mrs. Zander and their committee of volunteers for all of their hard work organizing and running last week's Secret Santa Workshops. The students excitedly, and proudly, purchased Christmas gifts for all of their loved ones in preparation for Christmas.

Lastly, I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Emperado and Mrs. Gioia for organizing a Polar Express Movie Night last week. The students really enjoyed their night out with friends "at the movies."

New BSJ Members

The Board of Specified Jurisdiction is seeking new members to bring professional expertise in specified areas to enhance the educational and spiritual leadership of the school. Please see [HERE](#) for additional information on the various committees. If you are interested in joining, please email me at mkinel@pfgacademy.org for additional information.

Tax Credit Scholarships

Students from low-income households in grades K-12 have the opportunity to receive scholarships through the State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program (also known as the Invest in Kids Act), which are awarded on a first come, first served basis. This program started during the 2018/19 school year and many families in our Catholic schools are benefiting. The scholarship are funded by donors who receive a 75 percent credit on their Illinois state income tax as a result of their donation. If you received a tax credit scholarship this year (2018/19 school year), you must reapply for a tax credit scholarship for next year.

Please see below in the Howler for additional information.

Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act

As student safety is always a top priority of ours, I want to make all of our parents and guardians aware that as of January, 1, 2019, the Child Passenger Protection Act will be amended. Please click [HERE](#) to see the amended Child Safety Seat Guidelines.

Always read and follow the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's instructions for installation and height/weight guidelines.

As we prepare for the birth of our savior let us remember to keep the real reason for the season in our hearts. Sometimes the rush and craziness get in the way of remembering what Christmas is all about.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel

ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP - IMPORTANT INFO

The rollout of the Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarships for the 2019-20 school year is fast approaching. This program has been hugely beneficial to our school for this current school year with 71 students receiving either 50%, 75% or 100% scholarships! Our success was based on parents submitting their applications the very second the systems opened. We will need to do the same all over for this upcoming year!

Parents

- Please go to the [EMPOWER ILLINOIS](#) website to see if you would qualify.
- Sign up on the www.empowerillinois.org and www.bigshouldersfund.org websites to receive updates.
- Look for information soon about an INFORMATION SESSION to be held the week of January 7. We will also be available to help people scan their tax and id documents.

Please read [THIS LETTER](#) from Dr. Rigg, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, for detailed information with important dates [SPANISH VERSION](#).

Please read [THIS FACT SHEET](#) about the program. [SPANISH VERSION](#).

Tax Credit Opportunity For Donations Into The Scholarship Fund

Did you know that when you make a donation into the State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program on behalf of our school, 75% of the amount you donate is credited toward your Illinois tax burden? If you donate \$1,000 toward the scholarships, you will owe \$750 LESS (75% of \$1,000) than your tax would have been otherwise.

And, Right Now, through February 23, there is a very generous 2-for-1 matching grant which will **TRIPLE** the value of your donation! Contact Jodi Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org with questions.

[Matching Gift Program Fact Sheet](#)

[Matching Gift Program FAQs](#)

REMINDER

December 21st is our last day before Christmas Break. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. EDP will NOT be available after dismissal.

ST. TARCISSUS ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Come join us for the St. Tarcissus Annual Tree Lighting Celebration sponsored by the St. Tarcissus Girl Scouts on December 15th following the 5pm mass. Carols will be sung and cookies and cocoa will follow in the Mason Orchard Auditorium.

[St Tarcissus Tree Lighting](#)

ANNUAL TEACHER COOKIE EXCHANGE

The PFGA Parents' Club invites you to bring in some cookies for their annual Teacher Cookie Exchange on December 17th.

[Annual Teacher Cookie Exchange](#)

PFGA CHICAGO WOLVES FAMILY NIGHT

Parents' Club is Hosting a Game Night! Join PFGA family and friends for a Chicago Wolves hockey game.

[Wolves PFGA Family Night](#)

ORDERING LUNCHES IN THE NEW YEAR

Lunch orders for the month of January are due by this Saturday, December 15th. Get your orders in!

[FSP Registration](#)
[North Instructions](#)
[South Instructions](#)

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Tomorrow is the last day to donate a toy to our Christmas Toy Drive for children at the Shirley Ryan Ability lab.

[Christmas Toy Drive](#)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT THE FOUR FOUNDING PARISHES

There is no better way to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas than to attend a Christmas Eve Mass. You are all invited and your children may participate at Christmas Eve Mass at our four founding parishes. Please see the attachment below for a listing of family focused Christmas Eve masses at each of our parishes.

[Christmas Eve Masses](#)

AMAZON SMILES

Use Amazon Smiles when holiday shopping!
Shop through Amazon Smiles this year and .05% of your purchase will go to Pope Francis Global Academy!

You must be logged on to your Amazon account specifically through <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4824643> in order for your purchases to be counted. Once you set "Pope Francis Global Academy" to be your organization of choice, it's only a matter of doing ALL of your Amazon shopping through this link! Just remember to always start with a "smile" when you're headed to the Amazon page to shop. Thank you for your continued support!

PARENTS' CLUB YOGA NIGHT

The PFGA Parents' Club is hosting a yoga night Friday, January 4th from 7-9pm at Wildlight Yoga.

A minimum donation of \$20 per person is requested and 100% will benefit PFGA.

[Yoga Night](#)

PARENTS' CLUB JANUARY MEETING

Parents' Club January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 17 in the Mason Orchard Auditorium at North Campus. 630pm social time and our formal meeting begins at 7. Pizza and drinks to be provided. Questions? Email parentsclub@pfgacademy.org



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Our Queen of Hearts pot is now over \$19,500.

Jessica Smith's ticket was chosen first this week revealing the Ace of Hearts. Her number - 6 - won her \$50. Carl Hansen was the lucky winner of a \$25 Trattoria Porretta's gift card. And Jamie G will keep his head warm with a Porretta's hat. December 18th will be our next drawing.

Good Luck to all.

Numbers already chosen; 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 19, 25, 40, 43 and 50.

[Information and Rules](#)



PFGA SPORTS NEWS

Technology You Can Use

The editorial staff at Common Sense Education evaluated and rated approximately 180 tools for learning potential in 2018
[Best EdTech](#)

Parish News

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

[Knights of Columbus 2019 Free Throw Contest](#)



Our four founding parishes are alive in Christ! There are many activities and special events that our families would surely find helpful and of interest. Please take the time to read through the weekly bulletins of each to see what you might be interested in!

CURRENT BULLETINS

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Cornelius](#)

[St. Pascal](#)

[St. Tarcissus](#)

Around Town

[Resurrection Jr. Bandit](#)

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