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Pope Francis Global Academy



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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Families,

Just a gentle reminder to complete your re-enrollment on FACTS for the 2020-2021 school year for both schools.

Your family's re-enrollment is important to us as we plan the budget and staffing needs for both schools for next year. If you have not yet completed your re-enrollment form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible or by March 1st so that you can receive the reduced re-enrollment fee (\$100 discount)! Thank you to our families who have already completed the re-enrollment process!

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY (SOUTH ONLY)

Re-enrollment is open for the 2020-21 school year! Please see the attached [Pope Francis Global Academy Tuition Letter](#) Here if you have not already done so. Don't forget that there is the \$100 discount on the Enrollment Fee UNTIL MARCH 1, and there is a \$300 referral bonus. If you have any specific questions about how to get re-enrolled, please contact Jodi Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES ARE HERE.**

In addition to re-enrollment, the FACTS Grant and Aid application is now available on your FACTS portal. **It is important that you complete this application BY MARCH 15 even if you already applied through Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders Fund SGO.** If you have any need at all for aid for next year, please do the FACTS Grant and Aid application ASAP. Caritas and McGraw Scholarships require this application. No exceptions.

ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the new St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School is also now open for the 2020-21 school year! Please see the attached [St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Tuition Letter](#) if you have not already done so. There is a \$100 discount on the Enrollment Fee UNTIL MARCH 1, so please be sure to go to this specific link to enroll for the new school [St. Elizabeth Enrollment](#)

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For any parents who may be wondering if there will be any curricular changes planned for the new school, please click [HERE](#) to see a list of curricular resources that we currently use at each grade level and that we will continue to be used for the next school year.

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Programs

In response to the needs of the new parish, the new school will not have a combined preschool program. Starting next year the three and four-year-old students at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be separated by age into three-year-old preschool or four-year-old pre-kindergarten based on their age by September 1st.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel
Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

[PFGA Website](#) - Please check often as the website contains the most updated information

- February 20 - Parents' Club Meeting**
- February 21 - End of the 2nd Trimester**
- February 25 - Fat Tuesday Ice Cream**
- February 27 - 8th Grade Photo Retakes & Yearbook Group Photos**
- February 28 - Report Cards Emailed Home**
- Spirit Day**
- February 29 - Casino Night Fundraiser**
- March 2 - 6 - Aspire Testing**
- March 6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - 11:30 AM Early Dismissal**
- March 12 - South Group Admissions Tour - 8:30 - 9:30**
- McDonald's Teacher Night School Fundraiser**

PARENT NEWS

SOUTH CAMPUS PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Mrs. Thyen is hosting group admissions tours on Thursday, March 12 from 8:30 -9:30 am and on Monday, March 23 from 6-7 pm. If you know of any families who are looking for a new school for next school year, please send them [THIS FLYER](#) or to our website where they can either RSVP to one of these tours or set up a private tour on another date. Remember to ask them to list you as the person who referred them!

As a current parent, it would also be hugely helpful if you would share our tour flyers from our public [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) to your page, and through local parent and neighborhood Facebook groups. Thank you!

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP - MATCHING GRANT STILL AVAILABLE ON EMPOWER ILLINOIS DONATIONS!

Did you know that Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarships are funded through donations made by people who:

- 1.) support Catholic (or any private) schools and,
- 2.) would like a direct tax CREDIT against their Illinois state tax bill?

In essence, if you owe the state \$1,000 on your 2019 tax returns, and you donate \$1,000 to one of our schools through this program, you can essentially net out paying the state only \$250 instead of \$1,000, and the school gets the full \$1,000 in TCS Scholarship money! **And, right now, until February 29 (or until the funding for the match runs out...AND IT'S GOING FAST!!) YOUR GIFT WILL BE TRIPLED by a very generous matching grant!**

[Empower Illinois How to Donate Vimeo Video](#)

Please contact Jodi Thyen to learn all the details, regardless of which school you'd like to donate to. **Even if your tax burden is small, your impact can be very big!** jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED INTO THIS PROGRAM THAT WILL BENEFIT SOME OF OUR FAMILIES WHO STRUGGLE PAYING THEIR TUITION! THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO SUPPORT AND MAKE STRONGER OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES!

TUITION SUMMARY REPORTS

If you would like to claim tuition payments on your 2019 tax returns, [HERE](#) are instructions on how you can print out a summary report. If you have issues doing so, please contact the FACTS customer service line at 866-461-4637.

PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[How do I protect my kid's privacy online?](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

North Campus Student Council Happenings

South Campus Student Council Happenings

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education gives us an opportunity to receive funds for the school with almost no effort from our families. Just collect the Box Tops and send them to school. There are other methods for submitting the box tops as well. Information on collecting, submitting and a list of items is below. Our fall results are also below.

- [Overview](#)
- [Box Top Program](#)
- [Box Top Product List](#)
- [Clipped Box Tops](#)
- [Scanned Box Tops](#)
- [Fall Results](#)

CASINO NIGHT UPDATES

Plans are really moving along and many fun auction and raffle items are being procured! HERE is the invitation/flyer.....NOW, we just need to pack the Pacocha Center at St. Cornelius on February 29!

- Ticket Sales - **You can purchase your tickets NOW, online at GiveCentral.org!** or, if you'd prefer to write a check, send it into either campus office along with [THIS COMPLETED FORM](#)
- Sign up to help before, during, or after the event [HERE](#).
- Please note that if you plan to volunteer actually **AT CASINO NIGHT**, you'll need to purchase a ticket. Not so with the volunteering ahead of time or after the event. No VIRTUS training necessary for any Casino Night spots (except the Room Parents who are helping the kids create one-of-a-kind handmade auction items...thank you Room Parents!)

If you are still in need of some easy service hours, bring a treat to Casino Night and receive 1/2 for each dozen treats.

[Casino Night Sweets Sign Up](#)

PASTA DINNER UPDATES

You can purchase your tickets NOW at GiveCentral.org for the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser! The event, on March 27 at OLV in the club room and gym, is fun for the whole family!

If you still need hours, this is a fun way to get them! You can tag-team with your spouse at the event to get a few hours in, but STILL be able to enjoy the party with your kids! Volunteers who help AT THE EVENT do need to purchase tickets. Not so with the volunteers who help plan, set up, or clean up. [SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

The Pot is OVER \$26,170

A Joker was revealed! Dorothy Padzik receives \$250 for picking #3 and now the board turns over! Dino receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's. Brooke Adamek receives a Porretta's gift certificate and a bottle of wine.

Thank you to John Panvino for his generous donation of and gift certificates each week on behalf of our school.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our school. Buy your tickets at either campus office or at Trattoria Porretta.

Available Numbers
New Board next week.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING - TONIGHT

Parents' Club Meeting **TONIGHT** Thursday, February 20
North Campus Auditorium
6:30 pm Social Time
7 pm Meeting

Pizza and drinks are provided

FAT TUESDAY - CULVER'S VANILLA CUSTARD TREAT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Parents Club is pleased to be partnering with our local Culver's Restaurant for a sweet treat to our students for Fat Tuesday! Each child will receive a scoop of vanilla custard after lunch on Tuesday, February 25. We do need a few Virtus trained volunteers to help us pass out the treats and 1 parent from each campus to go pick up the custard from the restaurant.

[Fat Tuesday Culver's Custard Volunteer Signup](#)

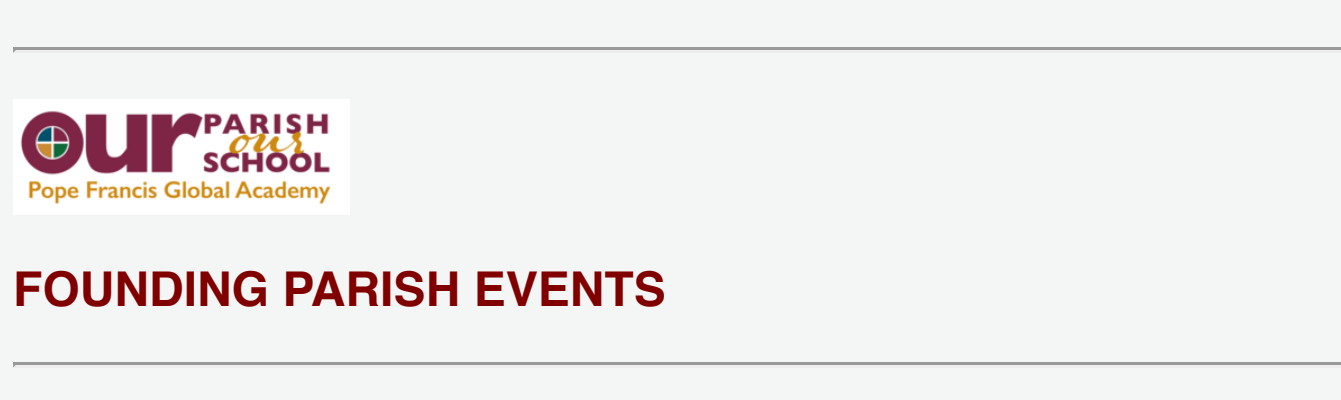
MOTHER / SON BAGS TOURNAMENT

Calling all Moms, Aunts Grandmas or other significant adult females to join PFGA boys in a Bags Tournament. Sunday, March 8th.

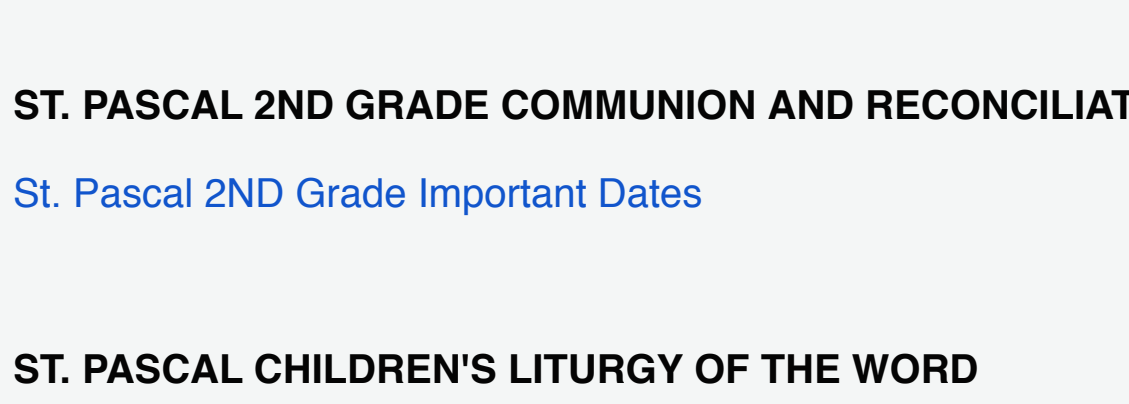
[Mother / Son Bags Tournament](#)

SHOUT OUTS

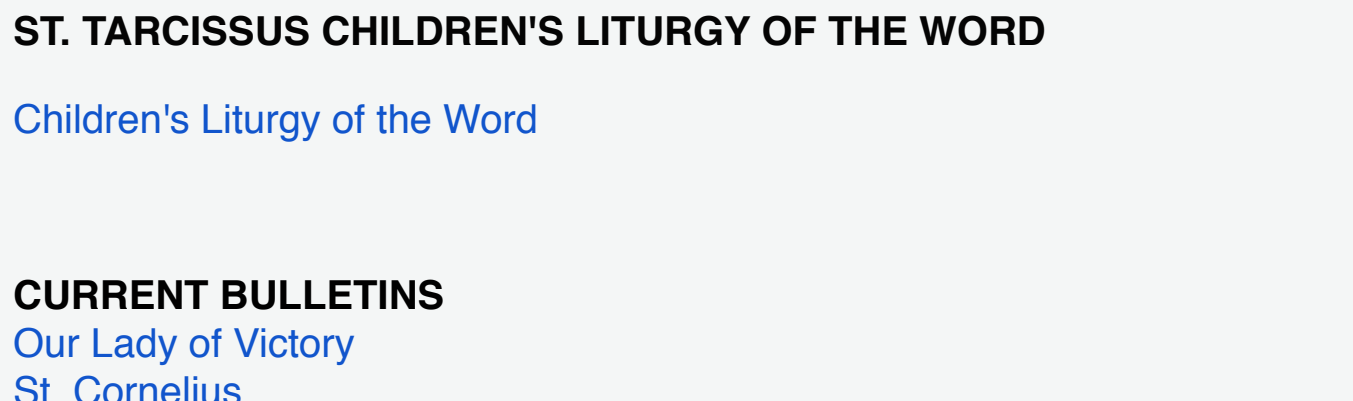
HUGE SHOUT OUTS TO OUR CASINO NIGHT SPONSORS! Please give some business to our wonderful sponsors when the opportunity comes up!



[Mr. Vo Auto Clinic](#)



[Trattoria Porretta](#)



[Gale Street Inn](#)

SPORTS NEWS

TRACK AND FIELD

There will be a Information and sign up meeting Sunday, February 23rd for 3rd through 8th grade students.

[2020 Track and Field](#)



FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS

ST. PASCAL PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY LENTEN PROGRAM

[St. Pascal 2020 Lenten Program](#)

ST. PASCAL 2ND GRADE COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

[St. Pascal 2ND Grade Important Dates](#)

ST. PASCAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday during 10 AM Mass

ST. TARCISUS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Children's Liturgy of the Word](#)

CURRENT BULLETINS

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

AROUND TOWN

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

