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## Pope Francis Global Academy



**March 12, 2020**

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

**While there are NO reported cases of Coronavirus connected to our school at this time**, I do want to let our parents know that the faculty at both PFGA campuses are planning for the possibility of E-Learning Days. As you will recall, I shared the policy with all of you back in December; please click [HERE](#) for the full policy.

Should the Archdiocese decide that the school needs to be closed for any reason, you will be notified and E-Learning Days will be announced in the same manner as typical school closings. You will be notified via a SchoolMessenger phone call and email. In addition, you may access information at [www.EmergencyClosings.com](http://www.EmergencyClosings.com) or our PFGA website [www.pfgacademy.org](http://www.pfgacademy.org).

The decision to close the school will be made by the Archdiocese under the guidance of the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Currently, the guidance is to keep schools open. Please see the latest [ISBE's education-related guidance regarding coronavirus](#).

In the event of a prolonged school closure, our teachers will be in communication via email with the parents regarding the assigned E-learning work to complete. Assignments will be posted on each teacher's page on our school website and emailed to parents via SchoolMessenger. While set "class times" would not be held, teachers would regularly be sending learning activities and assignments and be available via email from 8:00 am- 3:00 pm to answer any questions. If your child is unable to complete work, please communicate the reason to the teacher so accommodations can be made.

I will continue to update you as additional information becomes available.

### Scholarship Award Recipients

Please join me in congratulating the following eighth-grade students for earning monetary scholarships based on their high school entrance exam scores:

#### North Campus

Earl Henry Lim III - Notre Dame College Prep  
Cameron Mescal - St. Patrick High School  
Olin Walker - St. Patrick High School  
Ryan Birt - St. Patrick High School

#### South Campus

Nicholas Berger - DePaul College Prep  
Sofia Cook - DePaul College Prep  
Jane Kupka - DePaul College Prep

### Calendar Update

In honor of both St. Patrick and St. Joseph, students can come out of uniform and wear green on Tuesday, March 17th and red on Friday, March 20th.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**PFGA Website - Please check often as the website contains the most updated information**

**March 17 - Wear Green for St. Patrick**  
**March 20 - Wear Red for St. Joseph**  
**March 26 - Parents' Club Meeting - South Campus @ Porretta's**  
**March 27 - Pasta Night School Fundraiser**  
**March 30 - April 3 - Aspire Summative Testing**  
**March 31 - Volunteer Hours Due**  
**April 9 - April 19 - Easter Break**  
**April 20 - School Resumes**  
**April 22 - Final Monthly Raffle Ticket Drawing**  
**April 23 - Parents' Club Meeting - South Campus**  
**May 5 - International Night - North Campus**  
**May 7 - International Night - South Campus**

### PARENT NEWS

#### GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS (BOTH CAMPUSES)

#### McTEACHER NIGHT HAS BEEN POSTPONED!

Tonight's McTeacher Night event has been postponed, on the recommendation of McDonald's corporate offices, due to Coronavirus. We will reschedule this event toward the end of the year, once things get back to normal. Thank you for your understanding!

#### SUMMER CAMP - SAVE THE DATE!

We will once more have our summer camp at the South Campus. Session One will run from June 15th to July 10th and Session Two from July 13th to August 7th.

[Summer Camp Save the Date](#)

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to re-enrollment, the FACTS Grant and Aid application is now available on your FACTS portal for both schools (through each respective 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.

#### TUITION SUMMARY REPORTS FOR TAX PURPOSES

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 866-441-4637.

#### TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP - STILL IN NEED OF CONTRIBUTIONS/FUNDING!

While the matching grant funding has been depleted already, both campuses are still in need of contributions to their Tax Credit Scholarship funding. Did you know that all funding for these scholarships are made through donations by someone 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!

**Even if your tax burden is small, your impact can be very big!**  
Contact Mrs. Thyen if you'd like more information: [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

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

#### PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[Your Family Has a Right to Privacy - Protect Your Children](#)

#### SOUTH CAMPUS PARENT NEWS

##### iCook REGISTRATION

iCook is currently taking registration for spring cooking class. Reserve your space now.

[iCook - South Campus](#)

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

[Pope Francis Global Academy Tuition Letter Here](#)  
[Pope Francis Global Academy Enrollment](#)

#### PENNY WARS CONTINUES TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE RESEARCH

Our South Campus Penny Wars continues for one more week!

#### SOUTH CAMPUS PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

The next group admissions tours will be 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 a huge help 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!

#### NORTH CAMPUS PARENT NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NORTHSIDE IRISH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

#### ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY GENERAL UPDATES

#### PENNY WARS FOR THE STATION SCHOOL IN RWANDA

Penny Wars at North will wrap up tomorrow! The current standings are [HERE](#). The original flyer is [HERE](#).

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[iCook - North Campus](#)

#### ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY ENROLLMENT

[St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Tuition Letter](#)  
[St. Elizabeth Enrollment](#)

#### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

*North Campus Student Council Happenings*  
*South Campus Student Council Happenings*

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

#### PASTA DINNER UPDATES

At this point, the Pasta Dinner is still scheduled for Friday, March 27! If anything changes, you will be notified.

This is a family-friendly event, held in the school hall and gymnasium at OLV, is fun for the whole family, including grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles, and certainly the kids! You can purchase your tickets [RIGHT NOW ONLINE!](#)

[You can purchase your tickets NOW for the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser!](#)

The event, on March 27 at OLV in the club room and gym, is fun for the whole family, including grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles, and certainly the kids!

If you still need volunteer hours, this is a fun wa...and probably the very last way to enjoy this year...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 out 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 \$28,010

Kelly B. receives \$100 for picking #29, showing the 5 of Hearts.  
Gloria Szymanski receives Girl Scout Cookies.  
Eddie Perez receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.  
And Mario Voltri receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.

Thank you to John Parvino for his generous donation of wine 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.

Revealed Numbers  
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#### PARENT CLUB NEWS

- The next South Campus Parents' Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 at Trattoria Porretta at 6:30 pm.
- The first St. Elizabeth Parents' Club meeting, planning for next school year, will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 in the Mason Orchard Auditorium at the North Campus.

#### SHOUT OUTS

#### SPORTS NEWS

**As your children's health and safety are our number one top priority, it has been decided that at this time the volleyball season will be placed on hold; no games will be played or practices held until Monday at which time additional guidance will be provided by the Archdiocese, the Cook County Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Department of Public Health on how to proceed.**

#### 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](mailto:lgarrett@pfgacademy.org)*