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**Pope Francis Global Academy**



**March 5, 2020**

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**HEAD OF SCHOOL** *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Families,

The health and safety of students and staff in our school community are of the utmost importance. We are writing to provide you with an update on the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) health issue.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is closely monitoring the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please note that all school staff have received the following recommended preventive actions, based on CDC guidance, to help protect your child(ren) and others from this virus and all illnesses:

- **Wash your hands regularly** with warm or hot soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Cover your cough** or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces** or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, or school, especially when someone is ill.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. When at home, if possible, try to distance yourself from people who are sick.
- **Contact your health care provider immediately** if anyone in your home experiences any of the following symptoms: severe cough; rapid noisy, painful, or other difficult breathing; and dehydration.

All principals and teachers are being asked to:

- Provide plenty of hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and tissues through their offices and classrooms.
- Clean and disinfect transmission points (doorknobs, light switches, desks, tables, hand railings, water fountains, etc.) regularly throughout the day.
- Ensure school maintenance staff has additional resources needed to increase sanitation/cleaning activities.

**Travel-Related Recommendations** ([cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers))

Per the CDC and actions being taken by other organizations, any travelers who enter the United States after being in a **level 3+ country on the CDC's travel advisory list** during the past 14 days should restrict their movements. If not already quarantined by government agencies upon return to the U.S., recently returned travelers from those countries are asked to closely monitor their health and practice social distancing for 14 days.

All non-essential, work-related travel to level **2+ locations per the CDC** is suspended for Archdiocese of Chicago employees.

We will continue to provide updates and guidance as needed. Learn more at the CDC website ([cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)) or the CDPH website ([chicago.gov/coronavirus](https://www.chicago.gov/coronavirus)).

Your sincere cooperation is extremely important and is greatly appreciated.

Margaret Kinel  
 Head of School

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

- March 2 - 6 - Aspire Testing**
- March 6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - 11:30 AM Early Dismissal**
- March 8 - Bags with the Boys**
- March 12 - South Group Admissions Tour - 8:30 - 9:30**
- McDonald's Teacher Night School Fundraiser**
- March 20 - Wear Red or Green for St. Joseph / St. Patrick**
- March 26 - Parents' Club Meeting - South Campus @ Porretta's**
- March 27 - Pasta Night School Fundraiser**
- March 31 - Volunteer Hours Due**

**PARENT NEWS**

**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

**OUT OF UNIFORM FOR MERCY HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - SOUTH CAMPUS**

Have your student bring \$1 tomorrow Friday, March 6th for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and be out-of-uniform. Appropriate school attire required.

**GLADSTONE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce is awarding a \$500 Lou Drebohl Scholarship Award for a student that resides in either the 60630 or 60646 zip code.

Lou Drebohl Scholarship Award

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

Pope Francis Global Academy Tuition Letter Here  
 Pope Francis Global Academy Enrollment

**ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY ENROLLMENT**

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Tuition Letter  
 St. Elizabeth Enrollment

**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.

**SOUTH CAMPUS PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS**

The next group admissions tours will be on Thursday, March 12 from 8:30 -9:30 am 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!

**TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP**

While the matching grant funding has been depleted already, both campuses are still in need of contributions into their Tax Credit Scholarship funding. Did you know that all funding for these scholarships are made through donations 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! **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](#)

**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.

**PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY**

[Books That Build Self-Esteem](#)

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

*North Campus Student Council Happenings*

*South Campus Student Council Happenings*

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

**JOIN US FOR McTEACHER NIGHT AT McDONALDS!**

- Join us on Thursday, March 12 from 5-8 pm at the McDonalds at [6125 North Milwaukee!](#) They will give 15% of our sales that night to our school! Bring cash as our teachers will be selling the individual apple pies as a side hustle to make even more money for school (McDonald's donates 100 pies for this purpose and we keep 100% of the contributions people make for them!!)
- Print out this [FLYER](#) and bring it with you to the event.
- Also, print out extra copies of the flyer to give to friends and family who may be able to join us and help out our school, too!

**PASTA DINNER UPDATES**

[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 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 not 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 \$27,500

Andrea Finto receives \$100 for picking #13, showing the 3 of Spades  
 Steve Sindysz receives Girl Scout Cookies.  
 Chris S receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.  
 And Gloria Szymanski receives a bottle of wine and a Porretta's hat.

Thank you to John Panvino 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.

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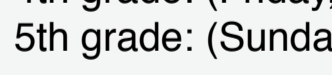
**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**SHOUT OUTS**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**VOLLEYBALL**

Volleyball games are at St. Bart's  
 4th grade: (Friday, 3/6, 6 pm) and (Sunday, 3/8, 4 pm)  
 5th grade: (Sunday, 3/8, 6 pm)



**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. TARCISSEUS 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**

**Future Lions Newsletter**

[Newsletter](#)

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