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## Pope Francis Global Academy



# The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

## April 4, 2019

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Community,

Next week April 8-11, your child(ren) will be taking the ACT Aspire tests, a standardized assessment that is aligned to rigorous curriculum standards, which requires students to respond to complex questions.

The Aspire tests are not the type of test for which a student studies. To help provide the best testing experience possible, please note the following:

-Make sure your child gets a **good night sleep** so that they are well rested before testing.

-Make sure your child has a **good breakfast** in the morning so that they are focused on the test and not

on their hunger.

-Additionally, it is extremely important to make sure that your child **arrives on time to school each morning**. If your child is tardy to school after testing has begun, they will have to sit in the office until testing for the day is completed before they are allowed into the classroom. They will then have to make up that test on a later date, which means they will be missing other classes during that time.

-Lastly, in addition to their water bottle, students may bring a **healthy, nut-free snack** to eat after their testing is completed.

Thank you for helping to ensure that your child does their very best on their test.

### **Just a Reminder- Makeup Snow Days**

While we have taken a total of four snow/cold days this school year, we will only need to make up two of them since our calendar has more days than the state requires. These days will be made up on Friday, April 12th and Friday, May 24th. The Teacher In-Service days that were originally scheduled will now be regular school days with students in attendance. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

### **Annual School Report**

Our first Annual Report will be shared out with our school families prior to Easter break highlighting all of our academic accomplishments, our technology upgrades, our financial performance, as well as updates on marketing and enrollment for the year. Since many school families are very busy with after-school activities and have been unable to attend past State of the Schools, we are trying a different, digital format that can be shared out with all of our families, the school community, and the parishes so that everyone can read about all of the great things happening at Pope Francis Global Academy!

### **Pasta Dinner School Fundraiser Tomorrow Night**

I just want to personally invite all of our families to our 2nd Annual Pasta Dinner which will take place tomorrow night at Our Lady of Victory in the parish hall and gym. This is a fun, family-oriented event...even Grandparents and friends can enjoy a nice Italian dinner with desserts, a 50/50 raffle, a game of Heads-or-Tales, crafts for the kids, the Hawks game on the big screen and some wonderful community-building and fellowship! Please consider buying your tickets tonight so that we can have an accurate count and ensure we have enough delicious pasta and sauce to feed the masses, which is coming from our terrific supporters, Trattoria Porretta! See you there!

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

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**REMINDERS**

ACT Aspire Summative Testing starts Monday, April 8th.

[School Calendar](#)

## **PARENTS' CLUB NEWS**

Parents Club will hold its April meeting on Thursday, April 11 at South Campus in room 100.

6:30 PM social time

7:00 PM Meeting

**\*Please** note the change of meeting date

Parents Club is hosting a social on Wednesday, April 24 at Gale Street Inn, [4914 N. Milwaukee Ave.](#)

The Parents Club Board will have a section of the bar beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to mingle with other PFGA parents. (Children are welcome in the dining room)

Questions? Email [parentsclub@pfgacademy.org](mailto:parentsclub@pfgacademy.org)

## **2nd ANNUAL PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER**

It's not too late to join us on Friday, April 5 for our 2nd Annual Pasta Dinner. Once again being hosted at Our Lady of Victory in the parish hall and gym! This is a wonderful, family-friendly event and we hope to see everyone there.

[Invitation / Flyer](#)

[Order Tickets](#)

[Volunteer to help or bring desserts](#) - hours can count toward either the 2018-2019 school year or the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If volunteering, please email [lgarrett@pfgacademy.org](mailto:lgarrett@pfgacademy.org) with your preference.

## **THE HORSES ARE IN THE GATES**

Pope Francis Global Academy invites you to Race Night 2019

Saturday, May 11th, Mason Orchard Auditorium

Watch and wager on previously run horse races shown via DVD on our big screen!

Win big money for yourself while raising even bigger money for our school.

[2019 Race Night](#)

## **SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION**

Registration is now LIVE for all families for our very popular summer camp program! Spaces are going fast, so we recommend you register now! We have had several inquiries and have created a handy FAQ

(frequently asked questions) sheet. If you have additional questions, please contact our camp directors, Debbie Guerin and Michelle Trigo at [summercamp@pfgacademy.org](mailto:summercamp@pfgacademy.org).

[Summer Camp Flyer](#)  
[FAQ Sheet](#)

## TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS/EMPOWER ILLINOIS/BIG SHOULDERS FUND SGO

We are expecting to hear more from Empower Illinois and possibly Big Shoulders Fund about more awards for our families the first week of April.



## QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE is over \$62,000

Daniel Shallcross is the lucky recipient of \$50 for his number 17 revealing the 5 of Spades. Rich Venier is the lucky winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Porrettas. And Lynn Samientino wins a lovely bottle of vino donated by Porrettas. Congratulations to all of our winners.

*Last Week - Buy 6 Get 8 deal!*

When you **buy 6 tickets for \$30** you will receive **two free** tickets. Our regular deal of 5 tickets for the cost of 4 - \$20 is still valid.

Numbers already chosen: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34, 40, 43, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54

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