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The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

APRIL 30, 2022 - REVISED FORMATTING...NO INFO HAS CHANGED.

PFGA WEBSITE – Please visit the school website often for the latest news

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Saturday, April 30 – First Eucharist
- Monday, May 2 – Portillo's 8th grade fundraiser
- Tuesday, May 3 – Wolf Run Kick off
- Thursday, May 5 – [A to Z Countdown starts](#) (for younger grade levels)
- Saturday, May 7 – Community Clean-up Event
- Thursday, May 12 – Wolf Run
- Friday, May 27 – Field day

SCHOOL NEWS

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The calendar for next school year has been approved and will be added to the website. One notable change is that we are shifting from Trimesters to Semesters. The impact to the calendar because of this change is slight, but we do ask that you review this new calendar with that in mind. [2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#).

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

There are still some spots available for summer camp. [HERE ARE THE REGISTRATION DETAILS](#) Camp Tuition billing has been uploaded to FACTS and will be drawn out on Friday, May 5. If you only registered in the last couple of days, your tuition will be added to your FACTS bill shortly and will be due roughly 10 days after that.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP SATURDAY, MAY 7

We are so happy to once again partner with our neighboring community groups (Six Corners and Irving Austin Business District) to do a group neighborhood clean up....we're keeping Earth Day going a little longer this year. Come out to help clean up and beautify our neighborhood! Bring the whole family (children MUST be accompanied by an adult) and show them how working together can make a huge difference for our neighborhood and our world. [HERE IS THE FLYER](#).

Please use this link to RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irving-park-road-clean-up-tickets-146604904215>

PERKOLATOR COFFEE FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank Perkolator for their partnership with our recent Wolves' Blend Coffee Sale Fundraiser...we raised over \$400! And, I think we can agree that it was a delicious way to raise money for the school! Thank you to Perkolator and to all who participated.

THE WOLF RUN IS COMING UP!

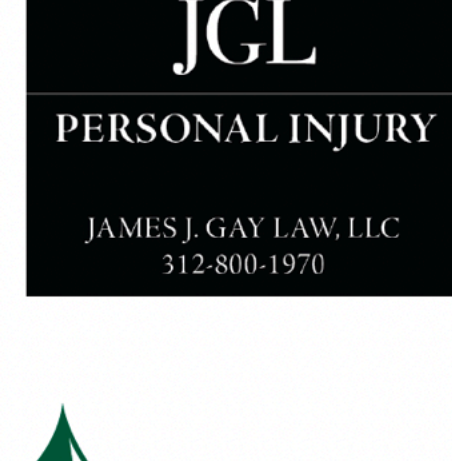
The Wolf Run is fast approaching and we'll be kicking off the lead up events on Tuesday, May 3! Over the next week, students will learn about 5 very useful character traits/themes through this year's Booster program, Sports City World Wide! Students will view videos about kids around the world using sports themes to teach lessons about Curiosity, Confidence, Humility, Practice and Endurance. Then, it all culminates on Thursday, May 12 with the Wolf Run!

You will be receiving instructions from your students' homeroom teachers on how to register your student, how to help them make their star video, and how to solicit pledges. There will be classroom and schoolwide incentives for participating and earning pledges. More information is forthcoming and we are all very excited! [HERE IS A FLYER WITH MORE INFO](#)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WOLF RUN SPONSORS!

Huge shout out to our sponsors for this year's Wolf Run...thanks to them, all of our students and staff will receive a FREE **Wolf Run 22** T-shirt! Please support them when possible!

- [Trattoria Porretta](#) – Owned by PFGA parents John and Gabby Panvino
- [James Gay Law](#) – James Gay, PFGA dad, proprietor
- [Measure Twice Home Inspections](#) – Brian Esterline, PFGA dad, proprietor
- [Gale Street Inn](#) – Longtime supporter of PFGA events, in the heart of Jeff Park
- [Fettes, Love and Sieben](#) – Plumbing and Heating company with a tie to Mr. A
- [Perkolator Coffee](#) – Our good friends and neighbors, Joe and Melissa Basilone



SWEETHEART DANCE PHOTOS AVAILABLE

If you attended the Sweetheart Dance you will want to breeze through the photos that were taken by professional photographer Karly Tearney! [HERE IS THE LINK](#). The photos are free for you to download. Here is a message from the photographer:

I hope everyone enjoys the photos! It turned on the single image download option and disabled the pin requirement to make it easier for parents to download the images that they would like. Just let me know if anyone has any issues at all!

To download them to your desktop you will need to enter your email. It will ask you what file size to save them as, always go with the highest resolution for the best printing! This site doesn't allow for you to download them directly to your phone so you will have to use a computer to back them up. You can also print directly through this site if you are interested. If you have any questions, just let me know!

BOY SCOUT GYM SHOE DRIVE

Troop 815 from St. Pascal is running a Sneaker Drive, now through May 13. ALL sneakers, however old, holey, or stinky, can be dropped off as they will be RECYCLED by the group GotSneakers?, a sneaker recycling company. Put aside any old, used pairs when you're spring cleaning this weekend or next. You can send them to school with the kids or drop them in the bin at the back of the church. [HERE ARE THE DETAILS!](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As a reminder, the clock is winding down on time to complete this year's volunteer hours for the school. Hours need to be completed and logged by April 30. There is an exception for those helping with the neighborhood cleanup (hours can be used for this year OR next year). See details below.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU NEED TO LOG YOUR OWN HOURS INTO YOUR [TRACKITFORWARD.COM](#) ACCOUNT!

• VIDEO TESTIMONIALS - HOURS FOR NEXT YEAR

Contact Mrs. Thyen if you would like to take part in a social media campaign featuring student, parent, and teacher video testimonials which will be filmed one day over the next couple of weeks. jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

• **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP MAY 7 FROM 9-11 AM** - YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE VIRTUS TRAINED. Because this is normally a late April event, we are going to allow for hours from this event to be logged EITHER for the current school year OR for next school year. Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irving-park-road-clean-up-tickets-146604904215>

For your planning, this is a 2 hour event and you can log a maximum of 4 hours (2 hours for 2 adults). THIS WILL BE THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOURS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND THE HOURS WILL HAVE TO BE LOGGED IN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EVENT.

• **RECESS DUTY - ALL REMAINING HOURS SHOULD BE LOGGED FOR NEXT YEAR** - YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT AND BE VACCINATED TO DO RECESS DUTY. If you are available and qualified to do recess duty, please reach out to Tina Mendez to schedule your days. You should come to the front of the school to check in and get your visitor tag prior to reporting to the back.

APRIL MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS!

We just pulled our April Monthly Money Raffle Winners! This is the last drawing of the year from these tickets. We want to thank everyone for their support on this and to congratulate everyone who has won throughout this year.

April Winners

1st Prize - Berger Family - \$750

2nd Prize - Adamek Family - \$200

3rd Prize - Nuria H. - \$100

SIX FLAGS PHYSICS DAY

Our junior high students enjoyed a day out yesterday, but there were strings attached! 6th - 8th graders, several teachers, and several parents went to the theme park for PHYSICS DAY! A day where students from all around the region head out with paper packets in hand to answer questions about force, motion, speed, rate, angle of decent, etc. This is NOT just a day at the park, although students returned today with stories of great fun, in addition to the work they had to do! If you have any photos from the day you can [ADD PHOTOS HERE](#).

CLUBS AND SPORTS

BASEBALL IS IN FULL SWING!

The baseball team has played several games over the last couple of weeks. They've got a few left to enjoy. If you'd like to come cheer them on, this is where they'll be!

- April 29 @ 4 pm at Jonquil Park in Niles
- April 30 @ SPC 3:30 Away
- May 2 @ St. Eugene 4 pm Away
- MAY 6 @Shabbona Park vs. St. Robert's at 5 pm
- May 7 VS SRB White 10am Home

MEDIA AND YEARBOOK CLUB NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!

The student-run Media Club, graciously lead by PFGA parent and volunteer Emily Doles, is putting together the yearbook and they could use your help gathering photos! Please upload photos to [THIS GOOGLE PHOTO DRIVE](#) as soon as possible if you'd like them to be considered for the yearbook! THANK YOU!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA...some, with very little effort! Help us spread the word!

• WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

The pot for our new board is up over \$7,800. Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta](#) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](#) at 3656 North Central.

• THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

Parents, friends, parishioners, and friends can order products anytime from the Market Day website, 24/7! Just like other popular eCommerce sites, customers pay on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](#)

• AMAZON SMILES

If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do!

• COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM

This is a relatively new program...if you purchase any Coke/Dasani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products! <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

• BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – DON'T FORGET TO SCAN RECEIPTS!

Did you know you can help our school by simply scanning your grocery store receipts? If you prefer to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons from packaging, you can still do it that way also! [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW TO START!](#)

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

PARISH NEWS

Check out the most recent bulletin for [Our Lady of the Rosary Parish](#) for all sorts of good information, upcoming events and Mass times!

NORMAL ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated Mass

4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM - Saint Pascal

10:00 AM - Saint Pascal

12:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Polish)

6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

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

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