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# Pope Francis Global Academy



# The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

**February 13, 2020**

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Families,

Where does time go? How many times do we hear those four simple words? Weren't we just on Christmas Break? I'm looking at the calendar, and it is hard to believe that the 2nd trimester is coming to end and report cards will be emailed home on Friday, February 28th. This is a good time to work

with your child's teacher to make sure all their school work is completed. Please note that we will have optional Parent-Teacher conferences on Friday, March 6th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6th.

## **HUGE TAX INCENTIVE TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS!**

With tax season upon us, many of you are probably still busy planning this year's taxes! If you owe in taxes this year, please consider the **Invest in Kids Scholarship program**.

The really cool parts of this program are :

- RIGHT NOW there is a **matching pool fund** - that matches every donor dollar with two dollars in matching funds. So your contribution is tripled! There is a limited amount of matching funds and it is already 83% used up, so if you are interested having your donation tripled, it's best to act fast...like, this week!
- Your contribution means you can receive a **state income tax credit** in the amount of 75% of your contribution! A tax CREDIT is way better than a tax DEDUCTION.
- By selecting **Pope Francis Global Academy North/St. Thecla** or **Pope Francis Global Academy South** as the school for your commitment, you are investing in a Catholic education for OUR VERY OWN young children.

If you pay Illinois taxes every year and wanted to potentially reduce what you owe, This is how a contribution could potentially work:

- Contribute \$1,000 to the program, select "Pope Francis Global Academy South" or "Pope Francis Global Academy North/St. Thecla" as the designated school for your contribution.
- The matching pool fund matches your \$1000, 2:1 so the school is allocated \$3,000 in total for the scholarship fund
- You get a tax credit of 75% of your contribution, in this example \$750 tax credit for your 2020 taxes.

If you have any on how to participate, please contact Jodi Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**February 15 - PFGA Night with the Chicago Wolves**

**February 17 - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL**

**February 20 - Parents' Club Meeting**

**February 21 - End of the 2nd Trimester**

**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 - McDonald's Teacher Night School Fundraiser**

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## **PARENT NEWS**

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### **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!

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

Re-enrollment is open for the 2020-21 school year! 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](mailto: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 now open for the 2020-21 school year! There is a \$100 discount on the Enrollment Fee UNTIL MARCH 1, Please be sure to go to this specific link to enroll for the new school <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4MLNQ>.

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Finally, the [St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Facebook page](#) is also live now; please visit, "like," share, and invite friends to join the page. Please contact Kathy Collins with any questions at [KathyCollinsAdmissions@gmail.com](mailto:KathyCollinsAdmissions@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto: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 866-441-4637.

## **PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY**

[Parent's Ultimate Guide to Roblox](#)

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# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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*North Campus Student Council Happenings*

*South Campus Student Council Happenings*

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## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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### 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](#)
- Classroom Theme Baskets - we need all contributions to these baskets in by tomorrow, Friday, February 14!
- **There will be someone at each campus TOMORROW MORNING DURING DROP OFF so you can simply hand your contributions to them from the warmth of your car!! Please label your contribution with the grade level it's for.**
- [HERE IS THE UPDATED CLASSROOM THEME LIST](#)
- 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 \$25,350

Robert Brady receives \$100 for choosing #14 and revealing the 10 of diamonds.

The Marks Family receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.

Andrea Soto receives a Porretta's gift certificate and a bottle of wine.

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.

Available Numbers

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## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **PARENTS' CLUB MEETING**

Parents' Club Meeting Thursday, February 20

North Campus Auditorium

6:30 pm Social Time

7 pm Meeting

Pizza and drinks are provided

### **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](#)



## **PFGA NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES**

Join other Pope Francis families at the Allstate Arena on Saturday, February 15th.

[Information](#)

[Tickets](#)

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## **SHOUT OUTS**

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## **SPORTS NEWS**

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### **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](#)

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## **FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS**

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### **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**

## **CURRENT BULLETINS**

Our Lady of Victory

St. Cornelius

St. Pascal

St. Tarcissus

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## **AROUND TOWN**

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***Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to [lgarrett@pfgacademy.org](mailto:lgarrett@pfgacademy.org)***





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