

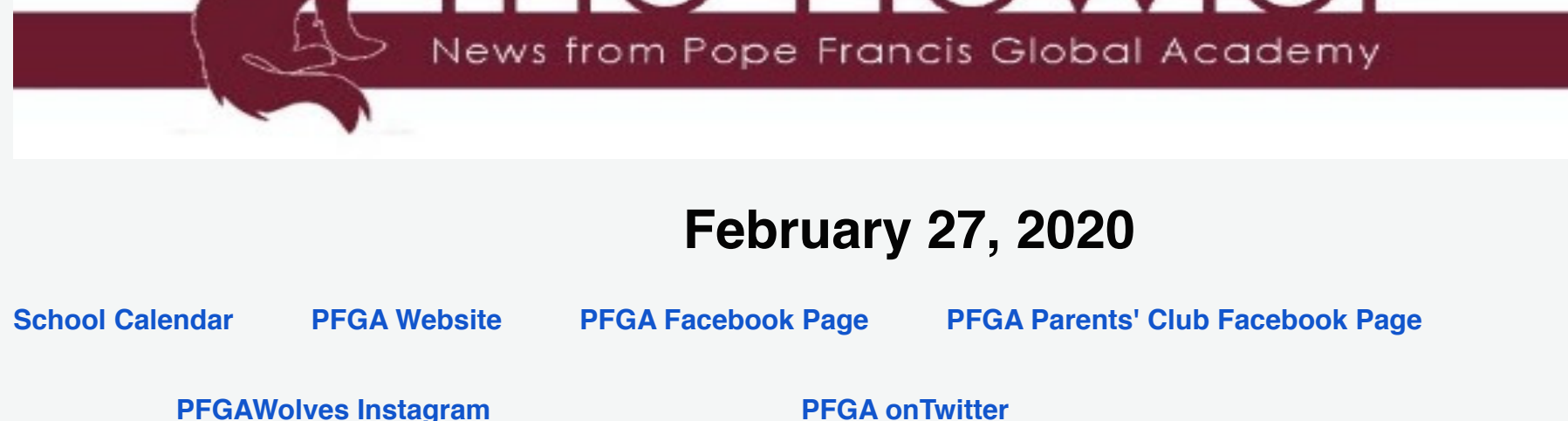
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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Families,

Beginning today, teachers, parents, and students across the Archdiocese will have an opportunity to participate in the Climate, Culture, and Catholic Identity Survey utilizing the 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about our school. The 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact through the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were ten times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more essentials.

All teachers and 4th through 8th-grade students will be participating in this survey and will be completing it next week after their Aspire Interim III testing. If you DO NOT want your daughter or son to participate, complete [this document](#) and ask your child to return the sheet to his or her teacher by Monday morning, March 2nd as the students will begin taking their surveys next week.

Additionally, our school system has chosen to provide the 5Essential parent survey. If at least twenty percent of Pope Francis Global Academy parents complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at our school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The 5Essentials Survey will be conducted starting now through March 20, 2020. To take the survey please visit [5 Essentials Survey](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel
 Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- February 28 - Report Cards Emailed Home**
- February 29 - Spirit Day**
- February 29 - Casino Night Fundraiser**
- 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 27 - Pasta Night School Fundraiser**

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 next Friday, March 6th for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and be out-of-uniform. Appropriate school attire required.

RE-ENROLLMENT - DON'T MISS THE \$100 DISCOUNT - GET RE-ENROLLED BY MARCH 1!

FOR POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY (SOUTH ONLY)

[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 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 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

[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

[Admissions Officers Judge Kids' Social Media Activity](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

North Campus Student Council Happenings

South Campus Student Council Happenings

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

CASINO NIGHT UPDATES

Our first Casino Night fundraiser is this Saturday night at St. Cornelius Pacocha Center!

We've got over 150 coming but we're trying to get over 200!! As an incentive, IF WE GET TO 200 TICKETS SOLD BY FRIDAY AT MIDNIGHT, WE WILL SWITCH TO OPEN BAR FOR ALL!!

[BUY TICKETS HERE NOW!](#)

[PARTY DETAILS ARE HERE!](#)

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](#)

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 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 \$26,790

Mary Mierwa receives \$100 for picking #16, showing the 10 of Spades
 Nancy Busa and Ron Partington receives a Porretta's gift certificate and a bottle of wine.
 Gloria Szymanski receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.

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
 New Board next week.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

SHOUT OUTS

Band For Today Solo Contest

This past weekend, a few hundred students participated in the annual Band for Today Solo Contest. 200 students from over 30 schools performed. Students worked very hard to prepare a solo and perform for a judge at Garvy Elementary on Saturday. Students were awarded a trophy or medal based on the skill and accuracy of their performance. Trophies were awarded only to students at the very highest level of excellence. Pope Francis was represented wonderfully by both students performing.

Gold Medalist: Annabel S
 Trophy: Cecilia S

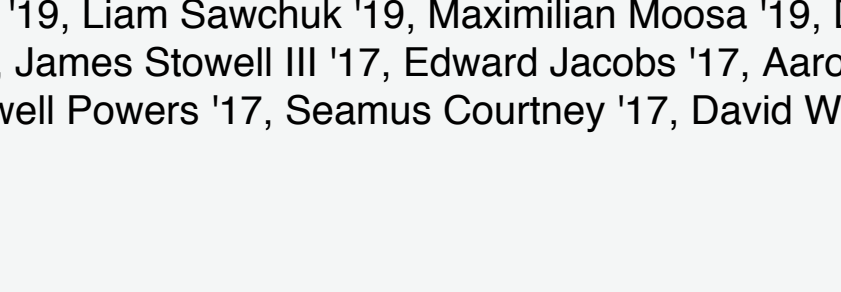
Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to our Outstanding and Gold Science Fair Winners who all scored above 260 points and will be going on to regionals at the Museum of Science and Industry on March 14th.

Lewis W., Panos T., Michal K., Kayla K., Andrew D., Robert G., Edna G., Isabella B.

Resurrection Junior High Math Contest

Congratulations to our 6th to 8th students who participated at the Resurrection High School Junior High School Math Contest on Feb. 21st. The following students took home awards. Congrats to all the participants!



6th Grade: Algebra 4th Place: Kate W
 7th Grade: Algebra 3rd Place: Annie F
 Algebra 5th Place: Annabel S
 Geometry 2nd Place: Annabel S
 Geometry 4th Place: Annie F
 8th Grade: Algebra 4th Place: Grace F

St. Patrick's High School Announces PFGA Alum Honor Roll

Congratulations to our Alum at St. Patrick High School for achieving Honors!

First Honors

Liam Conneely '19, Anton Krancke '19, Steven Roman '19, Justin Fenner '19, Kevin McHugh '19, Aaron Origenes '18,
 Alexander Goworowski '18, Anthony Cali '18, Sean Conway '18, Peter Summers '18, Michael Garrity '17, Thomas McNaughton '17, Eoin Murphy '16, Joseph Klaw '16, Delano Walker '16, Martin Walsh '16, Charles Evans '16

Second Honors

John Dinsen '19, Liam MacLellan '19, Liam Sawchuk '19, Maximilian Moosa '19, Daniel Espinoza '18, Daniel McHugh '18, Ryan Emperado '18, James Stowell III '17, Edward Jacobs '17, Aaron Dela Cruz '17, Jack Summers '17, Matthew Dahlstrom '17, Maxwell Powers '17, Seamus Courtney '17, David Walsh '16, Jacob Nunez '16, Michael Rahifs '16

SPORTS NEWS

JR. VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Friday, February 28th, 5 PM - St. Bart's Gym
 4th Grade

Saturday, February 29th, 10:30 AM - St. Bart's Gym
 5th Grade



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

Resurrection Parents Club Presents

[Teen Vaping](#)

Trinity High School Spring Play

[You Can't Take It With You](#)

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