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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Parents and Guardians,

This time of year tends to come and go in a whirlwind if you're not careful. Thanksgiving break rolls into Aspire testing and then Christmas programs, shopping, and baking; a general frenetic feeling can surround us. As we head into this first Sunday of Advent, I hope you will join me in taking a step back to try to focus on not letting this beautiful season get by us without enjoying every bit of the anticipation and peace that it is intended to bring. There are some lovely traditions that you might consider to help your family focus on what's important. [Here is a starting point.](#)

Many of our 8th graders will sit for the Catholic High School entrance exam this Saturday morning at 8 am. Please join us in prayer for them to bring their best efforts and confidence (plus the \$25 entrance fee and 2 #2 pencils) to the Catholic High School of their choice on Saturday morning! We are lucky to have about 30 Catholic High Schools in the greater Chicagoland area. Complete information is [HERE](#). We are very proud of all of them and anticipate that they will do very well.

Prayer Before an Exam

Dear Lord,

As I take this exam, I thank you that my value

Is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied
and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability,
and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

Amen

Our Student Council, with the help of couple of our founding parish social justice groups, wrapped up both a food drive and a diaper drive in November and once again, we are impressed with the generosity from everyone. We are very proud of the hearts of service which our students and community clearly have. We enjoyed reading this letter of thanks from The Women's Center, one of the beneficiaries of our Diaper Drive:

Dear Student Council Advisors, Ms. Zelinski & Mr. Krohnke, and the Student Council Officers from both the north and south campuses of Pope Francis Global Academy and the St Pascal's respect life group,

I want to personally thank the students from Pope Francis Global Academy, both the north and south campuses, for hosting a hugely successful diaper drive for The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Your donation of more than 5,700 diapers will help dozens of mothers in need. Receiving diaper donations is so critical to our mothers who are struggling financially. As you know, diapers are very expensive and babies go through them very quickly, so your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to the St Pascal's Respect Life group for assisting with gathering, transporting, and delivering the diapers to The Women's Center. Your continued support throughout the year of The Women's Center is so heartwarming. Thank you for all you do to help The Women's Center.

It is because of supporters like you that we are able to provide our life saving work and material assistance program to the thousands of women we see each year. Just last month we reached a total of saving 40,000 babies since 1984. Your support helps us to continue our mission of changing hearts and saving babies, one woman at a time.

I'm blown away by the selfless act of kindness of the students at Pope Francis Global Academy south and north campuses. Hearing that you took it upon yourselves to initiate the diaper drive and worked closely together to achieve huge results brings so much joy and hope to my heart. I can't thank you enough. Should the Student Council conduct another diaper drive next year, The Women's Center would be most grateful to receive any diapers you collect.

*May God bless you abundant for your generosity,
For Life,
Meghan Meehan
Director of Health Services*

Thank you, once again, for helping encourage our students to live out the Word through efforts like this which help us to engage within our community.

Next Thursday morning at the North Campus and the following Thursday at the South Campus, Mrs. Thyen will host another round of group tours, this time focusing on the early childhood programs. Please encourage anyone that you know to visit our website to learn more and to RSVP for a visit.

Finally, a quick reminder that tomorrow we will have another SPIRIT DAY! Students may wear any of their sports jerseys and shirts, spirit wear, or even just maroon and gold to celebrate our Wolf Pride!

Blessings and peace,
Margaret Kinel

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES AT THE FOUR FOUNDING PARISHES

There is no better way to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas than to attend a Christmas Eve Mass. You are all invited and your children may participate at Christmas Eve Mass at our four founding parishes. Please see the attachment below for a listing of family focused Christmas Eve masses at each of our parishes.

[Christmas Eve Masses](#)

TEACHER/STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND

Our Parents' Club is once again organizing a group TEACHER/STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND. Please consider contributing in place of individual gifts to teachers and staff.

[Gift Fund Information](#)
[Give On-Line](#)

POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT

Grab your blankets and pillows and take a ride on the Polar Express Friday, December 7th. Doors open at 6:00 pm, movie starts at 6:30 pm. Thank you to our Parents' Club for organizing this event.

[Polar Express](#)

A PORRETTA'S CHRISTMAS

Kick off the Christmas season with a free night from cooking on December 5th. 20% of all food and gift cards will be generously donated to the PFGA Parents' Club programs. Special appearance by Santa and a magician.

[A Porretta's Christmas](#)

AMAZON SMILES

Use Amazon Smiles when holiday shopping!

Shop through Amazon Smiles this year and .05% of your purchase will go to Pope Francis Global Academy!

You must be logged on to your Amazon account specifically through

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4824643> in order for your purchases to be counted. Once you set "Pope Francis Global Academy" to be your organization of choice, it's only a matter of doing ALL of your Amazon shopping through this link! Just remember to always start with a "smile" when you're headed to the Amazon page to shop. Thank you for your continued support!

ST. PASCAL TREE DECORATING AND LIGHTING EVENING

Join us for the First Annual St. Pascal Tree Decorating and Lighting Evening. Watch Father Elliott flip the switch that brightens the dark nights while we await the arrival of our savior. We will have a number of trees located between the church and school ready to be decorated. Bring an ornament to add to the holiday decor. Enjoy some cocoa and cookies while listening to the music of the season. December 11th at 7:00 PM. ALL ARE INVITED.

[St. Pascal Tree Decorating and Lighting Evening](#)

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS

If you have not yet submitted your payment or returned the Kidstuff Coupon Book, please do so as soon as possible.

[Kidstuff Coupon Books](#)

POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY MISTLETOE MARKET

This year's **MISTLETOE MARKET** will be held at the OLV Hall on Sunday, December 2.

Need service hours? Like to bake? Read the link below to learn how helping in the Cookie Walk can

earn you service hours.

[Mistletoe Market](#)

[Cookie Walk](#)

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

The Parents' Club will be hosting a Uniform Exchange at the December 2nd, Mistletoe Market at Our Lady of Victory.

[Uniform Exchange](#)

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop is coming to both campuses at PFGA! What is it? This event is run by Parents' Club and gives your child the chance to shop for cute Christmas presents for the family. More details about shopping will be coming home soon but we are looking for volunteers to sign up now. The event set up is the evening of 12/4 and the workshop takes place during the school day on 12/5 & 12/6. You must be Archdiocese compliant to help during the day.

Please sign up at

[Santa's Workshop](#)



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Our Queen of Hearts pot is now over \$15,000.

This week's ticket winner is Maureen McNair with #50 revealing the 6 of diamonds! She wins the \$50 weekly prize! 2nd place, a \$25 gift certificate to Trattoria Porretta goes to Ron Perrington. 3rd place for an adult hair cut at Best Hair Salon in Buffalo Grove...Keith Kober. And, a 4th place prize of a Porretta's hat goes to Laurie Stahlham. The next drawing is next Tuesday, December 4th.

Huge thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and continues to support our school.

Huge thanks also to all of our prize sponsors!!

Numbers already chosen; 1, 7, 9, 10, 19, 25, 40, 43 and 50.

[Information and Rules](#)

SPORTS

PFGA SPORTS NEWS

Technology You Can Use

Setting timers and playing music is fine, but Amazon's Echo can actually teach kids a thing or two.

[Alexa Skills for Kids](#)

Parish News

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

[Breakfast with Santa at St. Pascal's Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast](#)

[St. Cornelius presents Tim Hannig's *The Pro Kids Show* - Dec. 1st](#)

[Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra - St. Cornelius Church Benefit](#)



Our four founding parishes are alive in Christ! There are many activities and special events that our families would surely find helpful and of interest. Please take the time to read through the weekly bulletins of each to see what you might be interested in!

CURRENT BULLETINS

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Cornelius](#)

St. Pascal
St. Tarcissus

Around Town

Iceland Ice Arena Basic Hockey
Iceland Ice Arena Learn-To-Skate

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