



NOVEMBER 4, 2021

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, November 5 – Advent Wreath orders due
- Wednesday, November 10 – Veterans Day Mass
- Friday, November 12 – No School...teacher Professional Development Day
- Saturday, November 20 – Turkey Trot Fun Run – more details to follow
- Monday, November 22 – Early release at 11:30 with Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 23 – No School...Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday – Friday, November 24-26 – No School...Thanksgiving Break
- Saturday, December 4 – Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- Sunday, December 5 – Mistletoe Market Parents' Club Holiday Market

SCHOOL NEWS

PLEASE SEND STUDENTS WITH EXTRA MASKS

We've had more students recently forgetting their masks on a far-too-regular basis. Please be sure to send a mask and a back-up mask with your students each day!

ADVENT WREATH, CANDLES, AND PRAYER CARD KITS FUNDRAISER – ORDERS DUE TOMORROW!

Celebrate Advent in earnest this year with your family! We are selling a kit to help make that happen, which includes an advent wreath, candles (either wax or flameless), and student designed prayer cards.

Place your order online or via the flyer below by **TOMORROW, Friday, November 5** and your kits will be available on Friday, November 19. Kits ordered by our school families will go home with students that day. Kits ordered by parishioners or friends may be picked up on that Friday between 3-5 or on the following Monday, November 27, between noon and 5. [LINK TO THE FLYER AND ONLINE ORDER FORM IS HERE.](#)

NEW FUN THANKSGIVING TURKEY-TROT!

Look for information coming soon about a very casual fun-run we'll be doing on Saturday morning, November 20! Our Running Club is helping to plan it out!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SURVEY

We are working to line up more options again for in-person after school extracurriculars. Please help us determine what most people are interested in by taking [THIS SHORT SURVEY.](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Please consider a donation of canned or dry goods for the upcoming Student Council Food Drive. [THIS FLYER](#) was sent home in the Thursday folders today.

HALLOWEEN PHOTOS AND VIDEOS - better late than never!

- [Parade Video](#)
- [Halloween Google Photos Album](#)

PICTURE DAY WAS WEDNESDAY, BUT YOU CAN STILL ORDER!

Orders can still be made online at the following link with the following school code. Photos have not yet been uploaded to the site. Retakes are scheduled for December 16.

- Order online at: ordervgil.com
- School Code 20080401

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you, and your extended family and friends, can support PFGA with very little effort! Help us spread the word, especially as we go into the holiday shopping season!

AMAZON SMILES

Like it or not, Christmas shopping has begun for many people...especially this year with longer lead times on delivery of items. If you shop on Amazon, if you set us up as your "charity of choice" and then shop at "smile.amazon.com" will find the same Amazon that you already know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select Pope Francis Global Academy as your charity
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at www.smile.amazon.com to generate donations for PFGA! Go can add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

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 YOUR THANKSGIVING 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 learn how to get the app and scan your receipts.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for the most recent list of QUALIFIED PRODUCTS and instructions.

WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta's](#) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](#) at 3656 North Central.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME HELP TO PROMOTE THE QUEEN OF HEARTS AND TO SELL TICKETS AFTER SCHOOL AND/OR ON THURSDAY NIGHTS AT PORRETTAS. Contact Mrs. Thyen if interested in helping.

CLUBS AND SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL CALLOUTS!

Calling all Volleyball players!!! We need to know how many teams we can form. Please fill out the packet and send into the main office. DO NOT SEND IN FEES YET. We will collect fees once we have actual team counts.

The deadline for submission of [THIS PACKET](#) is 11/19. Once teams are submitted to the league, we cannot accept additional players.

We're hoping to get enough interest AND coaches to field the following teams:

- Instructional Girls Team – 4th and 5th grades
- JV Girls Team – 6th
- Varsity Girls Team – 7th and 8th grades
- Instructional Boys Team – 4th and 5th grades
- JV Boys Team – 6th
- Varsity Boys Team – 7th and 8th grades

Practices for Girls teams can start the week of December 20 and games will begin in mid-January. Practices for Boys Teams can begin the week of January 17 and Games will begin the last week of January. The regular game schedule ends in late-March with playoffs in the beginning of April.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

- Basketball – We currently need volunteers for all home games for both Scorekeeping and Door Check. Contact [Patty McGuire](#) to sign up to help. You must be Virtus Trained and compliant to volunteer.
- Volleyball season begins soon and we need Coaches and Volunteers to run the program! We need to have coaches in place before we can commit to having teams. Contact [Patty McGuire](#) to sign up to help. You must be Virtus Trained and compliant to volunteer.

UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

- Friday, November 5 at 6 pm – HOME against St. Celestine
- Thursday, November 11 at 8:30 pm – AWAY at St. Paul of the Cross
- Friday, November 12 at 6:30 pm – HOME against St. Monica

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always in need of help. Please visit the [Volunteering for the School](#) page of our website for details and current needs. Contact the office to do any of these volunteer jobs.

- **AT HOME COMPUTER PROJECT – Setting up the School Directory**
- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors
- Queen of hearts helpers
- Queen of hearts ticket sales at school during pick up and/or at Porretta's on Thursday nights

PARENT CLUB NEWS

SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS DECEMBER 2 & 3

Kids will have an opportunity to shop for small Christmas gifts right at school. More information will be sent home in the November 18 Thursday Folder.

MISTLETOE MARKET IS DECEMBER 5 from 9 am – 3 pm – SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to attend and shop at our annual holiday market for a jump start to your Christmas shopping! [A FLYER IS HERE.](#)

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN

The link on the website for our Spirit Shop (**the Wolves Squad Locker**) had been down, but it is now back open! Parents' Club is working to order more of the always-popular pajama pants. There is evidently a shortage on the supply due, probably, to COVID.

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

PARISH NEWS

PARISH BULLETIN

Check out the most **recent bulletin for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish!** For all sorts of good information, upcoming events and Mass times!

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

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