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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

As October marches on, I continue to be so impressed with our students and faculty as we journey through our faith and academic endeavors. As we approach the end of our first trimester on November 9th, I encourage you all to log into PowerSchool to check your child(ren)'s grades so that you can encourage and help them finish the trimester strong.

I would also like to say a special thank you to all of our teachers and parents, and especially the Family Fun Fest Committee, who helped make last Saturday's celebration a record setter. Over 500

people attended bringing in money and also spreading awareness about our school. Thank you all!

Also, please help us spread the word about our First Responder Masses next week - please tell your friends and family who are among those in our community who serve, protect, and keep us all safe! Monday we will be celebrating with Mass at 8:30 at St. Tars and a reception following in honor of our first responders. On Wednesday we will be celebrating at 8:30 Mass at St. Pascal with a reception following.

Ordering information is below for our new Spirit Wear Storefront organized by our Parents' Club. We are very excited they will offer several designs for short sleeved and long sleeved shirts, including a design by our student Kirra Stopka who won last year's Student Council T-shirt design contest! Other items are available, and I encourage you to take a few minutes to shop the impressive selection.

Please see below for some important reminders and policy updates.

St. Vincent DePaul Out of Uniform Day

Students are encouraged to bring in a \$1 to come out of uniform on Friday, October 19th to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Toiletry Drive.

Uniform Reminders

Students are expected to wear Pope Francis Global Academy sweatshirts during the school hours including mass. Students may not wear non-uniform sweatshirts to mass as a coat. The only sweatshirts that are allowed to be worn at school and church are the school issued sweatshirts (¼ zip uniform or 8th grade class sweatshirts).

Fast Food Policy

Fast food for lunch is not allowed at either campus as it goes against our wellness policy. Please refrain from bringing in fast food to your child as a lunch for any reason.

New Extended Day Program Payment Policy

Pope Francis Global Academy relies upon tuition and fee payments to provide an excellent spiritual and educational program operating on a balanced budget. Therefore, when tuition and fee payments become delinquent, it can quickly become a serious matter, which is why the following Extended Day Program Policy is going into effect as of Monday, October 22:

Extended Day Program (EDP) fees are based on usage and billed as incidentals on FACTS after the end of each month. Invoiced amounts will be auto debited 10 days after billing, including a final payment in June.

If EDP charges are not paid when due, parents will receive an email informing them that within 5 days, they must make the payment or contact the school to make payment arrangements. If payment is not received or arrangements are not made within that time frame, the student will be excluded from school.

The school understands that unexpected situations can and do arise, and the school strives to work with families. If unforeseen financial circumstances arise, families are responsible for contacting the

school as soon as possible to review the financial hardship and seek a mutually agreeable alternative payment plan.

New BSJ Members

The Board of Specified Jurisdiction is seeking new members to bring professional expertise in specified areas to enhance the educational and spiritual leadership of the school. Please see [HERE](#) for additional information on the various committees. If you are interested in joining, please email me at mkinel@pfgacademy for additional information.

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Diaper Drive

Just a reminder, during the month of October, the Academy is hosting a Diaper Drive to benefit Monica’s House and The Women’s Center. The classroom that brings in the most diapers by October 31st will win a pizza party!



Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to serve as leaders at their respective campuses:

Newly Elected	North	South
President	Mary Stachula	Lourdes Johnson
Vice President	Johnny Crawford	Stela Bregu
Secretary	Leah Thiel	Jane Kupka
Treasurer	Kevin McHugh	Sofia Cook
Public Relations	Megan Gioia	David Venegas
Athletics/Spirit	Liam Maclellan	Edna Gomez

Congratulations, students! The Academy is looking forward to your leadership this year!

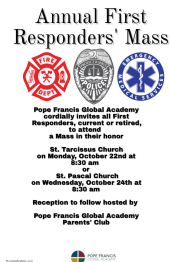
Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel
Head of School

ST. PASCAL'S 2018 BLOOD DRIVE

A big "Thank You" to all of the coordinators, sponsors and donors who made the St. Pascal's 2018 Blood Drive a huge success. John Panvino of Trattoria Porretta thanked the donors with a \$10 discount certificate and The Catacombs Crew thanked them with a FREE upgrade to VIP ticket! Thanks also to Michelle Cox-Ciszewski from The Catacombs for advertising; Grace Rubinson from St. Pascal Respect Life committee for the organization and recruitment; David O'Neill, Gene Kummerer, and Charles Shallcross of St. Pascal Holy Name Society for preparing the space; and many others.

The LifeSource team (Vitalant) collected 33 units of blood, which by their calculations, will go to saving 99 lives! Donors from our school community, parishes and friends gave of ourselves in respect for the lives of others, who we will never know. When we reach out, we reach up, right? Great work, team!



FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

We will honor all first responders in our community with a Mass and coffee reception next week. Invite your friends and family who serve.

North Campus - Monday, October 22nd 8:30 Mass with reception following

South Campus - Wednesday, October 24th 8:30 Mass with reception following

[Information](#)

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PFGA MONTHLY RAFFLE

Due to circumstances beyond our control we did not have the monthly drawing when planned on Oct 16th. We will broadcast the drawing on Facebook Live on our public Pope Francis Global Academy page tomorrow October 19th.

[Previous Winners](#)

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Parents' Club will meet on Thursday, October 18th in the North Campus Auditorium. Join us at 6:30pm for social time and pizza. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

Our PFGA girls will be having their homecoming on Thursday, October 18th at the North Campus.

[More Info](#)

ANNOUNCING OUR PFGA SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Now shop any time from the convenience of your own computer. Shop all available spirit wear

[HERE](#)

DENNIS UNIFORM FALL SALE

Get 15% off your purchase + FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$25!
Shop online and in stores, October 18th - 20th, 2018.

[Shop now](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HAUNTED HOUSE AT ST. PASCAL CHURCH

It's not too late to volunteer for our 39th annual Haunted House. Get your service hours in and have fun at the same time.

Contact Lynda Ovalle at lyndaovalle@hotmail.com. See the links below for more details and registration.

[Catacombs Volunteer Info and FAQ](#)

[Catacombs Volunteer Registration Form](#)

TOILETRY COLLECTION FOR BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be filling backpacks with items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and many other needed items for the homeless in Jefferson Park. You can make a difference by donating items.

Read more about it [HERE](#).

PFGA STUDENT COUNCIL DIAPER DRIVE SERVICE PROJECT

During the month of October, as part of our fall global curriculum unit centered around *Respect Life Month*, Pope Francis Global Academy Student Council will be collecting diapers which will be donated to the Women's Center and Monica's House. Both organizations help pregnant women and new mothers who lack resources and/or options.

Please consider donating any brand of diapers in any/all sizes.

Send your donations with your children at drop off between now and October 31st.

Thank You!



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Starting this week we have sweetened the Queen of Hearts Raffle. We will now pull a first, second and third place winner. First place wins the chance to show the Queen of Hearts and \$50. Next week's second place wins two tickets to our Catacombs Haunted House. Next week's third place wins \$25 to Trattoria Porretta Ristorante donated by John Panvino. Remember when you buy 4 tickets you now get one free.

Amie Zander was our lucky winner on Tuesday whose chosen number "1", revealed the 8 of clubs, and received \$50. Second place went to Michael Latona who receives two Catacombs Haunted House tickets. And third place went to Colleen McGuire who receives a \$25 gift certificate from Trattoria Porretta Ristorante. Our jackpot as of October 16th stands at \$5010. Buy your tickets for our next drawing on Tuesday, October 23rd. Numbers already chosen; 1, 9, 10, and 40.

[Information and Rules](#)

HOWL AT THE MOON - WE'VE GONE COUNTRY

Every year for Howl at the Moon, each grade level at each campus puts together a themed basket to be auctioned off. Please consider donating. A link is provided below listing each grade's theme.

[Get your tickets here](#)

[Howl at the Moon Classroom Auction Basket Items](#)

DANIEL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP INFO

8TH Graders interested in a Catholic High School Should check out this scholarship opportunity. The Daniel Murphy Scholarship provides high school scholarship assistance and educational support to Chicago students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. DMSF seeks to make a life-altering difference in the lives of its Scholars by providing them with the best opportunity to succeed in high school and college. Application is open until October 19th.

[General Information Here](#)

[Application Information Here](#)

Technology You Can Use

Reading a good book is a great way to separate from too much technology. Check out these Horror Books for Kids and Teens. [Horror Books](#)

Parish News

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

[St. Cornelius Saints Intergenerational Program - Nov. 4](#)



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

Resurrection Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

Children's Irish School at the Irish American Heritage Center

HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Submit a PDF FLYER to the Howler by emailing it to lgarrett@pfgacademy.org with the words "Howler Submission" in the subject line. Submit all items by Tuesday noon.

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