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## HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

It is hard to believe that Halloween is next week and that the end of the trimester is November 9th. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. Thank you for all your support at home!

## Breast Cancer Awareness

Please join Pope Francis Global Academy in raising Breast Cancer Awareness on

Friday, October 26th. Our Student Council invites you to bring in \$1 to come Out of Uniform wearing pink for the cause! The money raised will be donated to

The American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. All clothing must be school appropriate and you must wear pink to be out of uniform.

## First Responders Mass and Reception

Thank you to all the first responders who attended, to the 2nd graders for the beautiful cards for our guests, and for our parents for providing a nice reception. [PHOTOS ARE HERE.](#)

## Veterans Day Mass and Reception

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Veterans Day and honoring our country's military heroes. We would love your help getting the word out to those who have or are currently serving. If anyone is a member of the VFW or American Legion, or has friends/family in those groups, please share the invitation with them and encourage them to join us. Please know that all families, friends, parishioners, or neighbors are invited and welcome to attend these celebrations. Paper invitations will go home next week. Meanwhile you can forward [THIS INVITATION](#) to your guests.

## School Family Directory

Our long-awaited School Family Directory is now ready on our website! You will need a password, which will be emailed separately to our school parents on Friday morning. You will find the directory under the Parent Information tab of our school's website home page. It is password protected so that the information is not available to anyone outside of our school parent/guardian community. We trust that you will abide our mandate to not share the password and to not share the directory.

## The Catacombs Haunted House

This weekend is the last weekend of the Catacombs Haunted House. Please encourage your friends and family to attend and, if you can spare an hour or two on Sunday evening, the committee will need lots of extra hands breaking down and putting away most of the sets, signage, booths, etc. Please contact Lynda Ovalle at [lyndaovalle@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndaovalle@hotmail.com). Our committee of volunteers will be concluding a 9-night run of the Catacombs and will surely appreciate all the extra help they can get!

## Volunteer Hours

A recent question was asked about what can and cannot be logged as volunteer service hours. The question was specifically about the contribution of food and other items, and I want to take this time to clarify our expectations on this.

In the Catholic social teachings tradition, service to others is a primary focus, and Pope

Francis Global Academy upholds this tradition. Therefore, as an expression of the school's philosophy which places parents as the primary educators of their children, each parent is required to perform Volunteer Hours to assist the school community.

For some time, within the first year or two, it is my understanding that we did count some contributions of home baked goods for certain events for a limited amount of volunteer hours, pointing this out specifically on the "call out" for those specific events. That policy, however, never did apply to contributions of items personally donated for auction basket prizes, service projects, candy for haunted house, etc.

This year we are moving away from counting even food contributions of any type. In the spirit of giving, most people are willing to send in food items and/or items for "drives" when asked without an added bonus of earning hours. Please remember that most of the items solicited are for use in the service of others in the community or for the fundraising efforts for the school.

Please refer [HERE](#) for additional volunteer hour opportunities.

As always, I thank you for your commitment to our school and its mission. Let us make a special effort to be more aware of God's presence in our daily lives and pray for the grace to follow Him more closely. As we journey together, let us pray for one another!

**Blessings**

**Margaret Kinel**

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### **ALL SAINT'S DAY MASS WITH BISHOP BARTOSIC**

This year's All Saint's Day Mass will be presided by our new Bishop Bartosic. Join us for mass at the south campus, Thursday, November 1st at 9:30am. Come meet the bishop at the reception following mass in room 100. Students from North will take buses to attend. For North Campus parents only, if you haven't turned in your student's permission slip, please do so immediately.

[Permission Slip](#)

### **FIRST RESPONDERS' MASS**

THANK YOU to all those who attended or helped us prepare the First Responders' Masses and Receptions at each of our campuses this week. Enjoy some pictures of the event.

[First Responders' Mass](#)

### **WEAR PINK TOMORROW OCTOBER 26TH**

BRING \$1 TO WEAR PINK FOR BREAST CANCER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26. All proceeds will go, through Student Council, to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research!



### **PFGA MONTHLY RAFFLE**

Congratulations to this month's winners! In third place we have John Bulfin, second place goes to Yvonne Stott and our first place winner is Santiago Mora. Get those tickets in to have a chance next month.

[Previous Winners](#)

### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbon week starts Monday, October 29th. This is a national campaign to combat adolescent and teenaged drinking and drug use. The schedule for the week can be found

[HERE](#)

### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring "Keep Christ in Christmas Contest". Your students received paper and rules in this week's Thursday folder. Just in case you missed it click on the link below.

[Keep Christ in Christmas Contest](#)

### **HALLOWEEN AT POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY - OCTOBER 31ST**

All students are invited to come to school Wednesday, October 31st in their Halloween costumes. Please read the link below for guidelines and rules.

[Halloween Guidelines](#)

## **POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our very own children's choir is now accepting singers starting in third grade. Sign ups are being taken now.

[Children's Choir Sign Up](#)

## **PARENTS' CLUB NEWS**

We have the minutes from the September Parents' Club meeting and the agenda for October.

[Parents' Club Minutes](#)

## **PFGA NEIGHBORHOOD DISCOUNT CARD**

Thank you for your support of our Neighborhood Discount Card program. Orders will be taken only until October 31 through our school offices. Those cards are fulfilled daily. There are a limited supply of the cards which will still be available at each founding rectory until they are all sold out. Look for the program beginning again next August.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HAUNTED HOUSE AT ST. PASCAL CHURCH**

Haunted House needs help the last night October 28th. We need help tearing down and storing items for next year's Haunted House. If you can help on Sunday please contact Lynda Ovalle at [lyndaovalle@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndaovalle@hotmail.com).

## **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**

Maria Panvino was our lucky winner on Tuesday whose chosen number "7", revealed the Jack of diamonds and will receive \$50. Second place went to Augie Cicero who receives two Catacombs Haunted House tickets. And third place went to Patty Scalise who receives a \$25 gift certificate from Trattoria Porretta Ristorante. Our jackpot as of October 23rd stands at \$6365. Buy your tickets for our next drawing on Tuesday, October 23rd. Tickets are available at either school office or from Trattoria Porretta Ristorante. Numbers already chosen; 1, 7, 9, 10, and 40.

### [Information and Rules](#)

## **HOWL AT THE MOON - WE'VE GONE COUNTRY**

Howl at the Moon is looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get in your volunteer hours. This is especially great for those parents who do not yet have their VIRTUS training as this event does not require compliance.

### [Volunteer for Howl at the Moon](#)

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](#)

## **ZOE YOUTH MINISTRY 2019 SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

All 8th Graders are invited to register for the ZOE Youth Ministry 2019 Summer Mission Trip!

The 2019 Summer Mission Trip is an awesome opportunity for students entering 9th grade in fall of 2019 to experience their faith in a new way through a week-long service trip experience. Mission Trips help students grow in their faith, learn more about themselves and the world around them and form lasting relationships with their peers. They are also a great way for new high-schoolers to get a leg up on service requirements, and they look great on college applications! Space is limited and all registrations are first come first served. To find out more details follow the link below or email [msiap@srb-chicago.org](mailto:msiap@srb-chicago.org)

[Register Here](#)

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## **Technology You Can Use**

Kids want to know about current events, but adult news shows and sites can sometimes be scary, overwhelming, or even boring for a young audience. Try these age appropriate news sites.

[News Sites](#)

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## **Parish News**

### **UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

#### **[Haunted House for St. Vincent DePaul at St. Pascal's Church](#)**

[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](#)

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## Around Town

[Irish community Services - Free Youth Club](#)

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

### HOWLER SUBSCRIPTIONS

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