



The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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[PFGA WEBSITE](#) - Please visit the school website often for the latest news

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, October 20 – Boy Scout fundraiser at Culvers
- Thursday, October 21 – Parents' Club Happy Hour
- Friday, October 22 - Photos due for the Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
- Friday, October 22 – Family Movie Night
- Thursday, October 28 – Parents' Club meeting
- Friday, October 29 – School Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties
- Wednesday, November 3 - Picture Day

SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL



Correction from last week, our 4th grade rep will be Evelyn Cook!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

We're gearing up for another Halloween celebration together on Friday, October 29. This year, our celebration will include students dressing in costumes, our traditional costume parade, and classroom parties! [HERE ARE THE DETAILS](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS BY NOVEMBER 1

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 of [QUALIFIED PRODUCTS](#), you can still do it that way also!

- [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to get the app and scan your receipts.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to print out a new form to track your paper or digital coupons!
- [CLICK HERE](#) for the October Promotion. **SUBMIT BOX TOPS BY NOV. 1!**

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS OFRENDA - INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Our school will once again be creating an *Ofrenda* to honor our dearly departed family and friends during the lead up to *Día de los Muertos* (November 1 and 2). Everyone is invited to provide a small photo (or better yet, a photo copy of a photo) of your deceased loved ones. We will include them all on the Ofrenda and they will all be included in our daily prayer intentions during late October and early November. We will post photos of our completed Ofrenda on November 1.

Send photos in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Thyen through your student's backpack with an indication of whether you want to get the photo/photocopy back. Please do NOT send one of a kind family heirloom photos.

IF YOUR STUDENT WALKS/RIDES A BIKE HOME ALONE...

If you have a student who walks home or rides a bike, unaccompanied by an adult, please complete and return this form as soon as possible. The Unsupervised Dismissal form gives a student parental permission to leave the school premises unsupervised by an adult directly after dismissal. Students must be in 5th grade or above to be allowed to use this form and leave unsupervised. Only if you would like your student to have this permission, please complete and return the form.

[Unsupervised Dismissal Permission Form](#)

EMPOWER ILLINOIS HAS A NEW PROCESS AND DEADLINE!

If you plan to apply for the **Empower Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarship** for the 2022-23 school year, please note that there is a new deadline to pre-register yourself and your students...November 1! This is very different than previous years.

The reservation form is now open. Please do this ASAP. It will take less than 5 minutes and nothing needs to be uploaded yet.

[HERE IS THE EMPOWER ILLINOIS RESERVATION LINK.](#)

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We are debuting a new promotional PFGA video today. You can help us out by sharing it from our social media channels! Be sure to follow us so you can see the fun activities and happenings around the school!

- INSTAGRAM - <https://www.instagram.com/pfgawolves/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pfgacademy>
- Facebook Parents' Club private group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PFGAparentsclub> (you'll need to request to join and then answer some questions to be admitted.)
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/AcademyPope>
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/PFGAWolves>

If you're not on social media, you can always see our latest videos on the school website at <https://www.pfgacademy.org/video-and-photo-archives>

VIRTUS TRAINING ALREADY COMPLETED? YOU MAY HAVE MORE TO DO!

Please log into your VIRTUS account to see if you need to update anything, and then update it immediately!

If you haven't done so by OCTOBER 20 your account will be made inactive!

[GO HERE FOR FURTHER 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.

CLUBS AND SPORTS

FALL SPORTS PICTURE DAY

Fall/Winter Sports Photo Day is Saturday, October 16 at the school. Student athletes should come in their athletic uniform.

- 11:30 Basketball Team
- 12:00 Soccer team
- 12:30 Cross Country Team

Information on ordering photos will be provided. It will be done via a link that will be active after the photos are taken.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

POSTER AND FLYER DISTRIBUTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

We can use help getting our promotional posters and small flyers distributed to the neighborhood libraries, park buildings, coffee shops, grocery stores, and anywhere that will let us put them up! [SIGN UP HERE](#) and coordinate with Mrs. Thyen to pick up the posters and flyers.

RECESS MONITORS

The school is still in need of several parents each day to help monitor our outdoor recess between 11:30 and 12:30. This is an easy and fun way to earn your hours if you have a flexible schedule! This volunteer position DOES require you to be in compliance with all VIRTUS and Protecting God's Children annual requirements. See the Virtus training section above for information.

Contact Tina Menendez at tmendez@pfgacademy.org to volunteer.

QUEEN OF HEARTS HELPERS

We are in need of someone to help sell tickets at Trattoria Porretta on Thursday nights from about 6 - 8 pm. For more information on this one, please contact Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org or contact John Parvino directly at jnp1429@sbcglobal.net.

QUEEN OF HEARTS TICKET SALES AT SCHOOL DURING PICK UP

We are hoping to have a parent or two set up a table out by the Dakin fence during pickup time on either Tuesday or Thursday (2:45-3:15) to sell QOH tickets for that evening's raffle. You would also be responsible for recording the sales and dropping off tickets and money at Trattoria Porretta. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org. Mrs. Thyen will be helping with this and training the person to explain how it all works.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

HAPPY HOUR AT PORRETTAS

PFGA Moms and Dads are invited to come out for some social time with other PFGA parents at Trattoria Porretta on Thursday, October 21 from 6-8 pm. This is a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old friends! Cash bar will be available. [INVITE IS HERE](#)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT OCTOBER 22

Enjoy a night out with a family-friendly double feature in the back school parking lot! The event is co-sponsored by Parents' Club AND our friends on the Catacombs Committee. The movies are FREE with popcorn and limited snacks available for purchase. [DETAILS ARE HERE](#)

NEXT PARENTS' CLUB MEETING IS OCTOBER 28

Join the Parents' Club at their next meeting on Thursday, October 28, LIVE...IN PERSON, in Room 100 at the school. We'll gather for some social time and snacks beginning at 6:30 then the meeting starts at 7.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 815 CULVERS FUNDRAISER

Come out for a famous Culvers Butter Burger (or, anything else on the menu!) to support our local Boy Scout Troop #815 on Wednesday, October 20 anytime between 10 am and 10 pm! You MUST show either the printed flyer or a screen shot of the flyer on your phone for 15% of what you spend to go to the troop! [HERE IS THE FLYER](#)...take a quick screen shot right away so you don't have to look for it later!

ST. BART'S GUADALUPANO TAMALE SALE

The Guadalupano committee at St. Bartholomew Church will host their 2nd Tamale Food Sale on October 10 in the St. Bartholomew church hospitality room after the 10 am Mass and again after the 1 pm Mass. Tamales (pork, chicken & cheese) will be sold by the dozen for \$16.00 (1/2 doz for \$8.00). Proceeds from this sale will be used for "Our Lady of Guadalupe" mass on December 12th and also benefits Our Lady of the Rosary parish. St. Bartholomew Church is located at [4956 W. Addison St](#) (corner of Addison & Lavergne).

HISTORY AND LEGACY OF OLV VIDEO SCREENING

Our Lady of Victory Church parishioners have created a documentary style video to commemorate the past 115 years of parish life on the Northwest side.

As you most likely know, Our Lady of Victory Church is part of the Renew My Church grouping that is now called Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. They would like to invite all parishioners and Parents on the Northwest Side of Chicago to come to our premier video at the Copernicus Center on Sunday October 10, 2021 at 6PM.

Link in pink below is the press release with all the information for this complimentary event.

They would appreciate our help in getting the message out about The OLV documentary video.

[VADE MECUM, GUIDE FOR THE JOURNEY](#)

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

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