



The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, January 28 – SPIRIT DAY (Any appropriate PFGA spirit wear or Maroon and Gold)**
- Saturday, January 29 – First Reconciliation 1 pm at St. Pascal Church
- Sunday, January 30 – 10 am Family Mass at St. Pascal to kick of Catholic Schools Week
- Sunday, January 30 – Open House from 11 am – 1 pm – more info to come
- Sunday, January 30 - Saturday, February 5 – Catholic Schools Week
- Saturday, February 5 – 2nd Annual Virtual Family Game and Trivia Night
- Friday, February 11 – No school – Teacher Professional Development Day

SCHOOL NEWS

HUGE THANKS TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Mr. Conley had a record number of science fair volunteer judges this year and they have done a bang-up job! this year and they have done a bang-up job! We have received a lot of great feedback from these parents of younger students about how prepared the student scientists were and how impressing the presentations have been! To clarify, if you volunteered as a judge, you should log the actual amount of time spent on all of your judging into your trackitforward.com account. 2 hours was the minimum you could earn.

OPEN HOUSE SIGN UP IS NOW LIVE

As noted in a detailed email that went out late this afternoon, parents who wish to attend the Open House this Sunday should sign up through the Signup Genius link. As much as we would love to host our “normal” style of Catholic Schools Week Open House, we have to put the safety of our students and teachers first. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. The sign up will be open until Saturday night at 10 pm. At this point, we won’t be able to accommodate walk-ins. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DACAB2DAAFDC52-csw2022>

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS NEARLY HERE!

We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with a Family Mass this Sunday at St. Pascal at 10 am. We hope you can join us! Students who attend Mass in their school uniform will receive an **OUT OF UNIFORM PASS** from their teacher...have your student find your teacher right after Mass to receive it on the spot!

- [HERE IS THE LINK TO THE CSW SCHEDULE](#)
- **Parents, look for a Perkulator gift coupon in your students backpack tomorrow for a free cup of coffee that can be used anytime over the next week!**

2022-23 TUITION RATES AND RE-ENROLLMENT

Tuition rates for the next school year, along with enrollment information and enrollment incentives, was sent home last week and re-enrollment for 2022-23 is now open through your FACTS portal.

- Remember that if you **re-enroll by March 1 you will save \$100** on the \$200 enrollment fee!
- Also remember that if you refer a family and they enroll and stay through Christmas, you will earn a \$300 FACTS credit in January of 2023! We just posted credits to 5 of our families for bringing in great new families to our school community!
- [HERE IS A FLYER WITH ALL THE RE-ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES!](#)
- If you have a new sibling starting in the fall, please complete [THIS SIBLING APPLICATION](#) in addition to adding them to your FACTS account.

SERVICE HOURS DUE DATE CHANGE

We are making a change to the date range for completing and logging in parent service hours. Parents will now have until April 30, 2022, to complete their hours for this school year. Then, for subsequent years, the range will go from May 1 of one calendar year through April 30 of the following calendar year. Billing for any hours not completed will happen in May.

ESSENTIAL WINTER ITEMS DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS WITH THE NIGHT MINISTRY

During Catholic Schools Week we will be holding an **Essential Winter Items Drive for the Homeless**. Donations can be sent into school with students, or dropped off at the front doors between Monday, January 31 and Friday, February 4. [HERE IS A FLYER](#) with a suggested donations list.

2nd ANNUAL VIRTUAL FAMILY GAME AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Mrs. Thyen will be hosting another fun evening for families to work together to solve puzzles and clues, answer trivia questions, run around the house finding random scavenger hunt items, and having a blast with other families, all via Zoom!

Save the date of **Saturday, February 5** ...Catholic Schools Week "Celebrating the Family" Day! More info and registration to come.

SCHOOL COVID-19 VACCINATION FOLLOW UP EVENT – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

IDPH will return to PFGA on Saturday, February 5 to do another round of vaccinations. You will be able to schedule a 1st or 2nd dose, or a Booster once the sign up opens. If you, your children, or any of your extended family or loved ones still needs either a first or second shot, or a booster, please plan to attend!

For those who received the first dose of the full vaccine last Saturday, it will be safe for you to schedule your second dose for February 5. If you still need your first dose, you can schedule that for the February 5 event, but you'll need to get your second dose elsewhere. Sign up information is to come.

CLUBS AND SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- January 28 – 4th/5th vs. St. Paul of the Cross Gold @ PFGA at 6 pm
- January 28 – JV vs. St. Paul of the Cross Blue @ PFGA at 7 pm
- January 29 – JV vs. Mary Seat of Wisdom Blue @ PFGA at 10 am
- January 29 – Varsity vs. Mary Seat of Wisdom White @ PFGA at 11 am

SPRING SPORTS

It's not too soon to start thinking about Spring Sports!!!! We plan on having Varsity level Baseball (7th and 8th grade boys) and Track 4-8th

grade Co-Ed.

For Varsity Baseball, please contact Coach Eliud @ coacheliud@gmail.com. The baseball season runs from approximately April 1 through May 21.

For Track, please contact Patty @ pattymcgr1@gmail.com The track season runs from April 4 through May 15. There are only 3 meets.

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.

- Parents will be needed to help deliver Thank You posters to some of our Community Partners during Catholic Schools Week. You would ideally take it over and grab a photo of your student with the Community Helper as they accept the sign.
- Family Game and Trivia Night – Help needed on the committee. Contact Mrs. Thyen (jthyen@pfgacademy.org)
- Spring Fundraiser Committee Call Out – Please contact Mrs. Thyen if you are interested in being on a committee to head up a spring event (hopefully, in person) (jthyen@pfgacademy.org)
- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you, and your extended family and friends, can support PFGA...some, with very little effort! Help us spread the word!

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.

STATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

If you normally have a tax bill for the State of Illinois, as most of us do, you can earn a 75% tax CREDIT on any donations you make toward the **Empower Illinois** State Tax Credit Scholarships program. That means that if you owe Illinois \$1,000 in taxes on your annual returns, if you donate \$1,000 into our PFGA Empower Illinois account, you can use \$750 of your donation (that's 75%) as a credit to pay that amount of your tax burden when it comes to doing your tax returns! Please contact Mrs. Thyen for help setting up a donation. jthyen@pfgacademy.org

THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

Parents, friends, parishioners, and friends can order products anytime from the Market Day website, 24/7! Just like other popular eCommerce sites, customers pay on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards.

- Orders ship in a cooler packed with dry ice via FedEx directly to the customer's front door.
- [HERE](#) are the instructions to get started!
- [MARKETDAY.COM](#) link

AMAZON SMILES

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!

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 FIND OUT HOW TO START!](#)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

NEXT PARENTS' CLUB MEETING JANUARY 27 (social time at 6:30; meeting at 7)

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Stay in the loop with Parents' Club meetings by going to the Parent Info section of the school website and dropping down to [Parents' Club](#).

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 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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