

PFGA HOWLER - June 10, 2023

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday, June 20 - Summer Camp Parent Meeting
Monday, June 26 - PFGA Summer Camp Begins
Mid-July - Yearbooks will be delivered to the school
Wednesday, August 9 - Uniform Closet - details to come
Wednesday, August 16 - Uniform Closet - details to come
Thursday, August 17 - Popsicle Social (Teacher Meet and Greet and drop off school supplies)
Monday, August 21 - First Day of the new school year (Pre-K - 8th grade, full day)

SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS OUR GRADUATES!



More photos from 8th grade festivities can be found HERE. (If anyone has a video of Elijah Medinah's OUTSTANDING speech, please upload it to this google photo album).

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATIONS!

Kindergarten ended their year with a "graduation ceremony" and Pre-K did a celebration after our last school Mass of the year on Friday. You can peak a few photos at the links below:

Kindergarten Graduation: https://photos.app.goo.gl/IKLnW1P9PmtA2UMw8



Pre-K Celebration: https://photos.app.goo.gl/DmKvQSWWhDagycdLA8



SUMMER CAMP MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. in the EDP room.

During this family orientation, we will:

- Introduce the camp directors
Reveal the summer's theme
Share the weekly schedule
Discuss the dos and don'ts for Summer Camp 2023
Give a sneak peek at some of the activities and field trips planned for the summer
Answer your questions about Summer Camp 2023
And more!

We look forward to seeing you at the family orientation so that we can work together to ensure our campers have a joy-filled and memorable summer!

In the meantime, please reach out to Victoria Scott, the Summer Camp Coordinator, at summercamp2023@pfgacademy.org.

SUMMER CAMP BILLING

Just a reminder that the first half of Summer Camp Billing is now past due. If you haven't already, you must log on to make the first payment. Instructions have been emailed, but they are also here:

- 1. If you are a PFGA or St. Bart's family who is already enrolled with a FACTS account for the 2023-24 school year, your camp bill has been added to that account...YOU MUST LOG ON TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND MAKE A MANUAL PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF TUITION, ASAP.
2. If you are a current PFGA family but NOT yet enrolled on FACTS for next year, your camp bill has been added to your 2022-23 FACTS account...YOU MUST LOG ON TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND MAKE A MANUAL PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF TUITION, ASAP.
3. If you are from a school other than PFGA or St. Bart's, you will receive an email with a link to a DiamondMind/CampusPay form where you will need to click through and pay...YOU MUST CLICK THROUGH THE LINK IN THE EMAIL SENT TO YOU AND MAKE A MANUAL PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF TUITION, ASAP.

PFGA Summer Camp is currently at capacity, but more spaces may become available. You can join the waitlist on our website at www.pfgacademy.org/summercamp.

YEARBOOK ORDERING IS STILL OPEN - CUSTOM PAGES DEADLINE IS NOW JUNE 14!

You are invited to order your 2023 yearbook! This link should take you directly to our personalized yearbook order page: https://www.trening.com/purchase?PassCode=1014891837901020. But, if you need to enter a code separately, the code is 1014891837901020.

Yearbooks will include all school-year activities through the last day of school, including 8th and Kindergarten graduation, Wolf Run and Field Day, and will be delivered to the school in mid-July. If you would like your book to deliver to your home, at your shipping expense, you can cancel your current order. (your custom pages should still save) and then wait until AFTER JUNE 29 to resubmit an order. At that point, all orders will be delivered to the purchaser's home at their shipping expense.

2 customized pages are included in the price of each yearbook. Customized pages, with your own personal photos and graphics can be created either before or after you submit an order for your yearbook, but all custom pages must be finalized by June 19. If you'd like additional custom pages, you can add more for \$.99 per page.

HERE ARE SOME INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUSTOMIZING PAGES:

- Creating Custom Pages with Page Builder
Creating Custom Pages on a Mobile Browser
Paying for Extra Custom Pages



8TH GRADE YEARBOOKS

8th graders should NOT order yearbooks as a hardcover version for each of them is included in their graduation fee. These will be sent to the school and a short gathering will be organized for the kids to come and pick them up and sign each others' book. 8TH GRADERS MAY ALSO CUSTOMIZE PAGES...INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE 8TH GRADE PARENTS BY EMAIL.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

If you have any photos from this school year from field trips, school outings, sporting events, etc. please upload them here to be considered for use in the yearbook! https://photos.app.goo.gl/fkyDuo1e1T57zNNL7

FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY

For those families wishing to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year, you must complete your Grant and Aid Application NOW. Please be sure to upload all pertinent documents (see the application for details) so that you can be considered. The Grant and Aid Application is what is used to determine the financial need among those families wishing to apply for either a Caritas renewal, a McGraw scholarship, or locally-funded aid. You may start your application HERE.

FACTS ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN "FINALIZED" AND SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ADDED AS CREDITS AS THEY ARE AWARDED

As per the norm each year, all FACTS Tuition Payment Plans have now been moved to a "Final" status. What you see in the payment schedule at this point does NOT include any scholarships or financial aid. That will be added as a credit one the next few days and weeks as it is awarded. The \$50 FACTS fee will be drawn out automatically on June 1.

The July "Downpayment" or "fee payment" will be automatically drawn out on July 15. However, to make that payment easier to handle, you may go into your FACTS account at any point to make a "manual payment" by clicking the "make a payment" button. You can pay a little this month, a little next month, and then the balance will be drawn out on July 15.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PATRONIZE OUR WOLF RUN SPONSORS!

T-Shirts for all of our students and staff are provided through contributions of our Wolf Run sponsors! Everyone loves a fun PFGA t-shirt, and we truly appreciate the ability to produce them through these generous contributions! We hope you'll continue to support them through patronizing their businesses when you can

- Trattoria Porretta (PFGA parent-owned!)
JGL Personal Injury Law (PFGA parent-owned!)
Farmers Market Garden Center (on Elston Avenue)
Perkolator Cafe (great friends and neighbors!)
David Chiriboga Music (PFGA Dad!)
Halo4Paws.com (Illinois Pet Cremation) (PFGA parent-owned!)
Humana Sales Rep Ewelina Walek (health and drug plans, life insurance, annuities, long-term care)



SUMMER READING PROGRAM THROUGH THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY - AUSTEN/IRVING BRANCH

Did you know that THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year (that's 150 years!) They have several celebrations you can look into, but the old stand by, their SUMMER READING PROGRAM is a fun way for students to challenge themselves this summer and avoid the summer slide and losing all the hard work they all put into this school year! The Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.



PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

PARENTS' CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

For the benefit of our new families, just a reminder that our Parents' Club hosts a private Facebook Group for our PFGA Families! If you're on Facebook, stop by and send a request to join the group! The group name is PFGA Parents' Club

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN

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

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA!

WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at Trattoria Porretta anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at Trattoria Porretta at 3656 North Central.

THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER

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

MARTIAL ARTS FUNDRAISER

Master Joe Stagen of the Stagen Martial Arts studio at the corner of Irving and Austin has been teaching our students Tae Kwon Do this school year and has graciously gifted us 40 Certificates good for one month of free classes at his dojo in order for us to sell them at \$25 each! Each certificate is worth \$185!

If you would like to purchase a certificate, please contact the office. Checks or cash can be sent in and your certificate will be sent home with your student.

If you are NOT a PFGA family, please arrange a pick up time with the front school office at 773-736-8806.

THANK YOU, MASTER JOE!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

If you have a PFGA Alumni story you'd like to be spotlighted, please submit the information to Jodi Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org

PARISH NEWS

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!

ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00 PM - Saint Pascal
Sunday Masses 8:00 AM - Saint Pascal 10:00 AM - Saint Pascal 6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER

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

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