

PFGA Howler - May 25, 2023

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THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, May 26 - Field Day
- Monday, May 29 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- Wednesday, May 31 - Yearbook Orders are Due
- Saturday, June 3 - 8th Grade Graduation - 2 pm at St. Pascal
- Friday, June 9 - Pre-K celebration directly after 8:30 all-school Mass
- Friday, June 9 - Kindergarten graduation at 10:30 in the gym
- Friday, June 9 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 11:30

SCHOOL NEWS

FIELD DAY AND SPIRIT WEAR DAY TOMORROW!

Tomorrow we'll celebrate the end of the year with our annual Field Day! Student Council hosts this day of organized "Fun and Games!" There will be a variety of "game stations" and classrooms go from one to the next. Student Council members have conceived of the games and will run them. Students should wear PFGA spirit wear (another opportunity to wear the new Wolf Run shirts!).

We'll have our regular lunch and recess time with normal, FSP or home brought lunches, and the Parents' Club will be providing some sweet treats from **BISTRO 6050** in the afternoon!

WOLF RUN RESULTS

Thanks to our generous runner sponsors around the world, our total revenue from this year's Wolf Run is **\$17,588!** We are still waiting to collect on a couple of pledges, and there is still an opportunity for corporate matches to be added (we're aware of about \$900 in corporate matches and are awaiting those to come through...THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CHECKED WITH THEIR COMPANIES TO SEE ABOUT THIS GREAT WAY TO DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS!)

PLEASE 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 CAMP BILLING

Tuition billing for Summer Camp will be added/sent out tomorrow. It will be done differently for different types of families.

1. If you are a PFGA or St. Barts family who is already enrolled with a FACTS account for the 2023-24 school year, your camp bill will be added to that account.
2. If you are a current PFGA family but NOT yet enrolled on FACTS for next year, your camp bill will be added to your 2022-23 FACTS account.
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.

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 NOW OPEN

You are now invited to order your 2023 yearbook! This link should take you directly to our personalized yearbook order page: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1014891837901020>. But, if you need to enter a code separately, the code is 1014891837901020. A flyer went home today with ordering instruction

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 shipped directly to each family who orders one, at their home, in July.

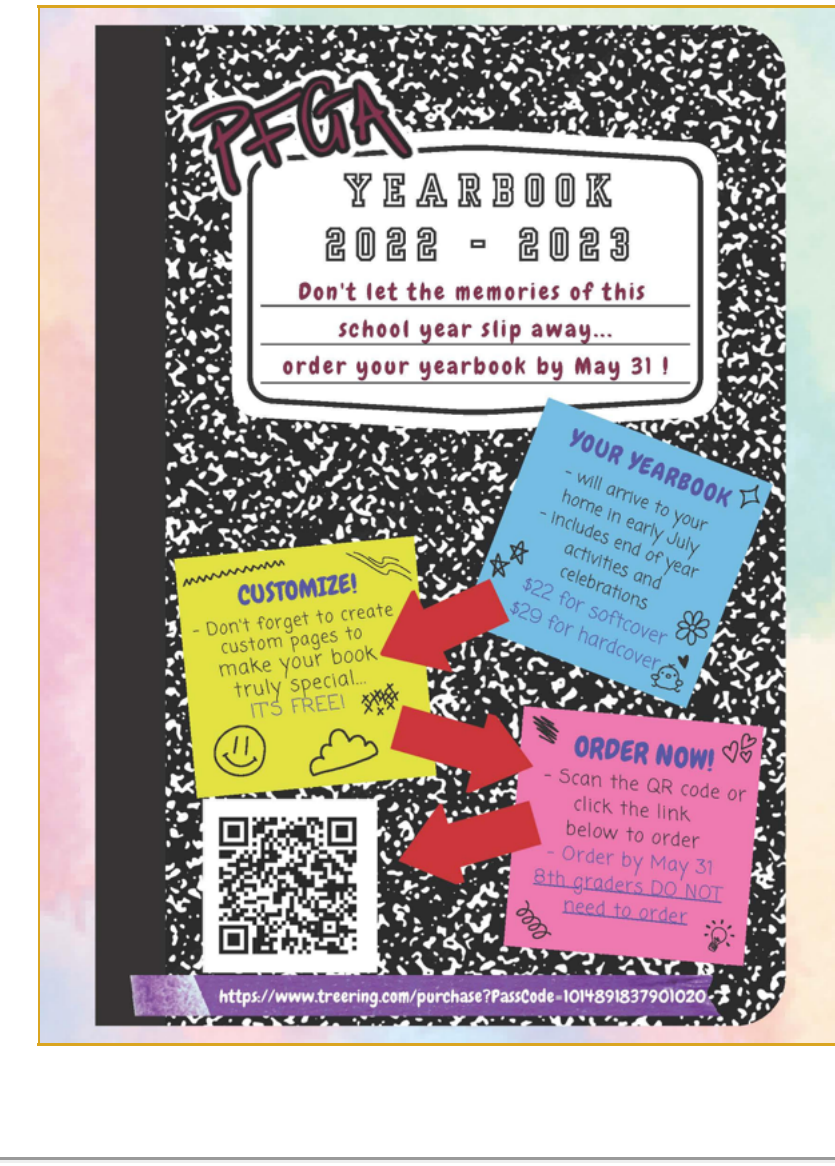
2 customized pages are included in the price of each yearbook. Customized pages, with your own personal photos and graphics can be created either before or after you submit an order for your yearbook, but **all custom pages must be finalized by May 31.** If you'd like additional custom pages, you can add more for \$.99 per page.

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.

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/fkyDuo1eiTS7zNNL7>



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.

THANKS TO BISTRO 6050!

The owner of **BISTRO 6050**, Mike, will generously be donating a free scoop of ice cream to each of our Kindergarten graduates to help them celebrate on June 9! Thank you so much, Mike! Please support our local neighborhood businesses so we can remain an interesting and delicious neighborhood!

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

END OF SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY AT PORRETTA'S!

Join our Parents' Club at an end of year celebration to enjoy some great food and time together before parting for the summer! Details are to the right!

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

FINAL TRACK MEET ENDS WITH A WIN

Our Track team has dominated the season by winning all 3 invitationals this year! The celebrated at St. Bart's in the gym last night with pizza from Trattoria Porretta and some other yummy treats brought in by the parents! Way to go Wolves!

SOCCER AND CROSS COUNTRY CALL OUTS SOON!

Look for Soccer and Cross Country call out information to be sent out before school ends in June. Although these are fall sports, the rosters need to be set before we begin school and coaches will need to place orders for uniforms. IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET REGISTERED WHEN THE INFO COMES OUT. Joining the teams after school begins won't work. Be on the look out if your kids are interested in Soccer or Cross Country!

PICK-UP BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PARENTS AND ADULTS 18+)

When: Monday evenings, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Where: PFGA Gym

Parents and adult family members of students are invited to join in pick-up basketball games on Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm in the PFGA gymnasium. We will meet each Monday throughout the school year. For more information and to add yourself to email comms regarding basketball, please email Ian Barbo (ian.barbo@gmail.com).

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 on-line. 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 Marial 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

HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY!

M & W 3:30-6:30pm; Tu 3:30-6pm. Please let your students know that if they need help with homework after school the teacher, Dawn, is available to assist with kindergarten graduation. **DETAILS ARE HERE:** <https://www.cipublib.org/news/free-homework-help/>

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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