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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, November 18 - Junior High Dance
Saturday, November 19 - Turkey Trot - 9 am at Portage Park
Tuesday, November 22 - Fall color Mix & Match Day
Tuesday, November 22 - Last day for donations to the Thanksgiving Food Drive
Tuesday, November 22 - School Mass at 8:30
Wednesday, November 23 - Friday 25 - Thanksgiving break
Saturday, December 3 - Catholic High School Entrance Exams
Saturday, December 3 - Mistletoe Market - 9 am - 3pm in the gymnasium
Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nick's Day
Tuesday, December 6 - Tree Lighting and Student Council Hot Cocoa Sale
Wednesday, December 7 - Picture Retake Day

SCHOOL NEWS

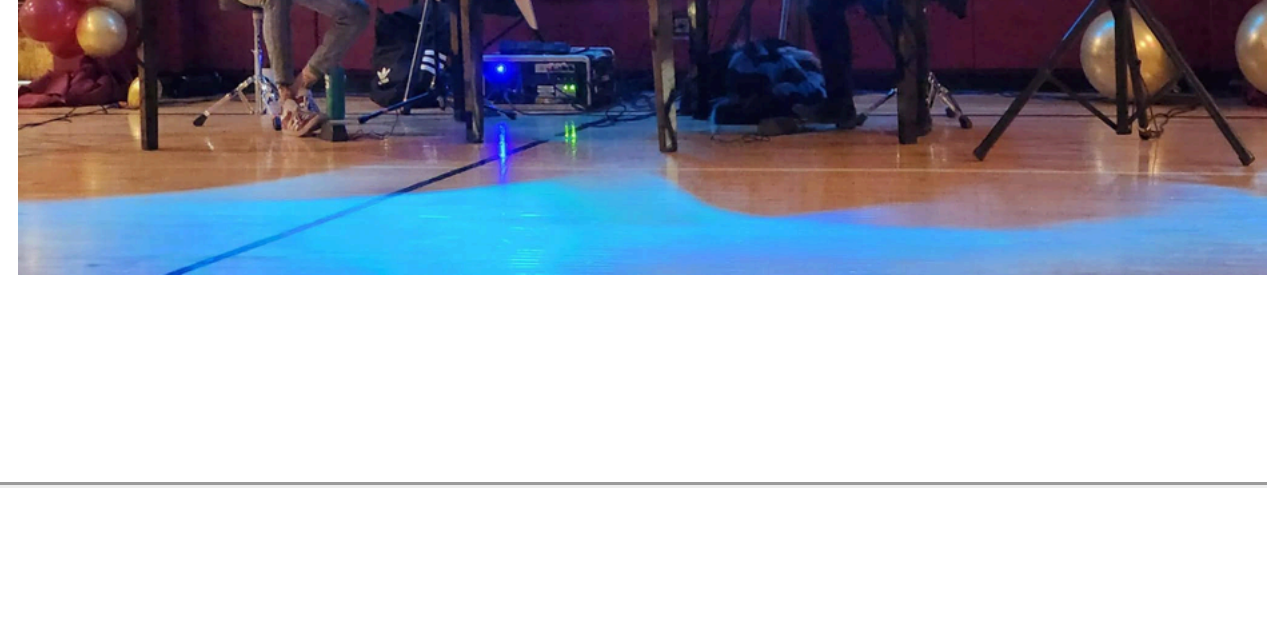
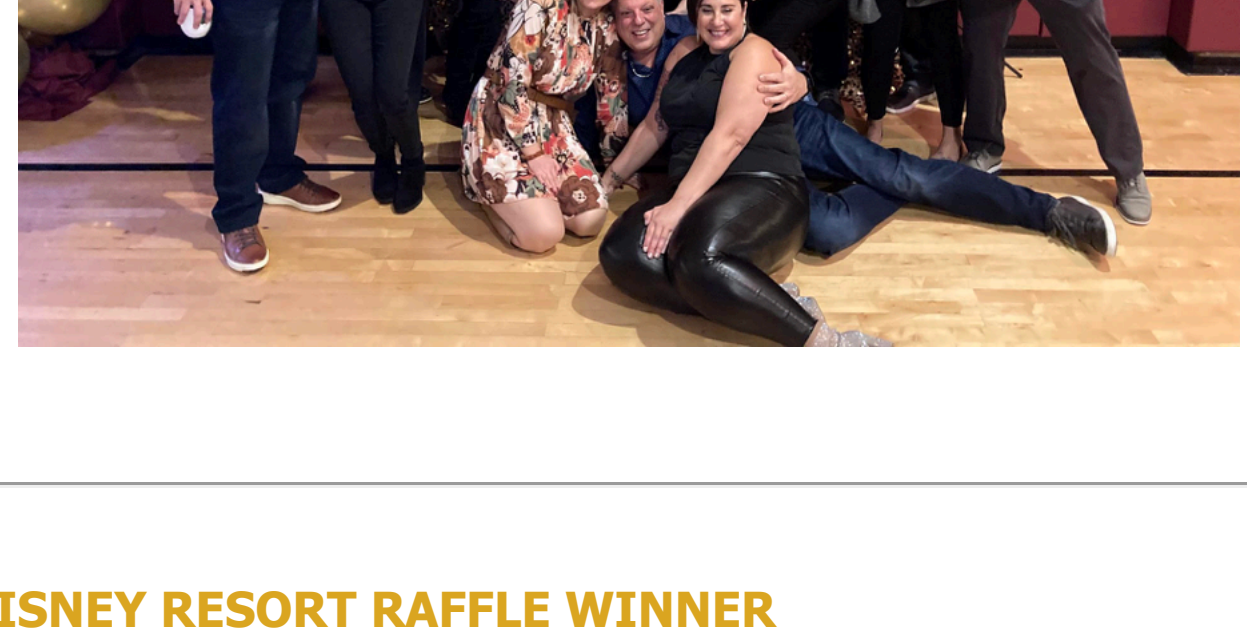
HOWL AT THE MOON - THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

With a fantastic time had by all, Howl at the Moon 2022 is in the books, netting a whopping \$16,765.62 for our school in the process! Sincere and enormous thanks goes out to our Head Howler, Amie Zander, and her team of hard working parents who secured awesome auction donations from equally awesome local businesses and friends, secured great food and desserts, transformed the gym into a swank piano bar, and brought many friends and community members together for a fantastic party!

Special thanks to the Makani family, the Zander family and the Panvino family who spent countless hours and donated many fantastic auction and raffle items. So many other parents helped out in many big and small ways, including all of those who came to the party and who bid on and bought auction prizes, and we thank them all.

Special thanks also go out to our Classroom Parents who do a lot in general throughout the year, but specifically for the auction, they managed and compiled the classroom auction baskets and helped the teachers with the classroom art projects! Here are the classroom parents in case you also want to thank them next time you see them! Pre-K is Lindsay Kislaits, Kindergarten is Annette Zelnick, 1st grade is Laura Barbo, 2nd grade is Maureen McDonald with Lindsay Kislaits as a backup, 3rd grade is Caitlin Gay, 4th grade is Layne Arens, 5th grade is Amie Zander (because she isn't doing enough already?) with Karin Bellalta as a backup, 6th grade is Pam Rubeo, 7th grade is Kristoferson Devera (Dads rock as room parents!), 8th grade is Danielle Luna with Marilynn Caraballo as a backup! THANK YOU, ROOM PARENTS!

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS AND VIDEOS TO ENJOY! FEEL FREE TO ADD YOUR PHOTOS TO THE ALBUM!



DISNEY RESORT RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to the winner of our BIG Raffle prize, a 5 night stay for 5 people at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa in Orlando! The winner is Sheila Moss and she couldn't be more excited! Thank you to the generous donor who offered this great prize, and thank you to ALL who supported our school by purchasing raffle tickets!

STUDENT COUNCIL PAIRING WITH ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY FOR FOOD DRIVE

PFGA families and the entire school community are invited to contribute dry and canned foods for a food drive running from now through Tuesday, November 21

Please send in your items with your kids and the student council members will come around to the classrooms to collect.

Friends may drop off items at the school office through Tuesday. MORE INFO IS HERE.

PFGA Thanksgiving Food Drive. The PFGA Student Council will be conducting a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry at St. Pascal Church. Includes a list of ideas for donations like canned soup, fruit, and tuna.

2022 TURKEY TROT IS THIS SATURDAY

Come out for a fun and FREE family gathering to kick off Thanksgiving week! We'll meet THIS Saturday, November 19, at 9 am at Portage Park and we'll do some running and/or walking to earn all the delicious and calorie-laden Thanksgiving food we'll be eating a few days later!

Full information is HERE.

If you plan to participate, either as a Trotter or as a Cheerleader, please RSVP HERE.

We still need a few people to help out as a course monitors and to bring in some post-trot snacks. Please SIGN UP HERE!

Finally, if you ordered a t-shirt, they'll be going home tomorrow in the backpacks. If you didn't order one but you decided you'll like one, there are a few extras for sale. Reach out to Mr. Thyen to see if she's got the size you're looking for. We'll bring the extra shirts to the Trot to sell for \$15 each. jthyen@pfgacademy.org



MUSICAL THEATER STARTS DECEMBER 1 - SIGN UP BY 8 AM TOMORROW FOR THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

Beginning on Thursday, December 1, The Sullivan Chicago Studio of Performing Arts will be running a Musical Theater class after school in the gym and black box theater room in junior high, which will culminate in a musical theater production presented on March 31 and April 1! The specific show will be chosen based on the number of students we have come out for the program and the breakdown of ages of those students.

There is an early-bird price for signing up with payment by today, Thursday, November 17! FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL BY 8 AM FRIDAY (TOMORROW) TO GET THE DISCOUNT. There is also an option to pay \$25 for the first class on December 1 to give it a "test run" and then pay the balance as an "add on" should the student choose to continue after the first class. All details can be found HERE. Paper forms went home in last week's Thursday folders.

MISTLETOE MARKET

Mark your calendars for some fun holiday shopping at our Annual PFGA Mistletoe Market Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 brought to you by our wonderful Parents' Club! The Market will take place in the school gymnasium and vendors are still welcome to register.

- Volunteers Needed - Sign up to help with set up and other needs here: https://signup.com/go/LTKtyUf
One fun aspect of the Mistletoe Market is the "Cookie Walk!" This is an opportunity to purchase a box or two of HOME MADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES! Parent are asked to make and deliver Christmas Cookies to Julie Molenda at the school. Those cookies will be packed into variety boxes and sold as part of the Market. Parents receive a 1/2 hour of volunteer hours for each dozen cookies they make and contribute (MAX of 5 hours). HERE IS THE COMPLETE INFORMATION
If you're interested in signing up as a vendor, please contact Pam Rubeo at pfga.mistletoemarket@gmail.com or 773-387-8133. VENDOR APPLICATION FORM IS HERE.

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

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

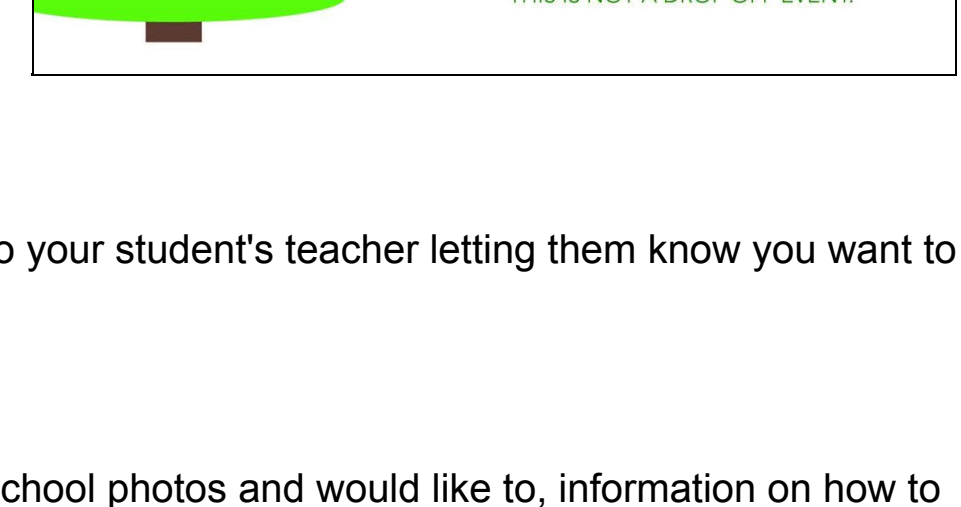
Parents and adult family members of students are invited to join in pick-up basketball games on Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm in the PFGA gymnasium. We will meet each Monday throughout the school year. For more information and to add yourself to email comms regarding basketball, please email Ian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

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us on Tuesday night, December 6 for our Annual School and Parish Tree Lighting Ceremony and a spot of hot chocolate, brought to you by the Student Council!

Please bring an ornament to hang from home which is appropriate to be hung on one of the many outdoor Christmas trees that will be set up between the church and the school and on the lawn! (you likely won't get the ornament back)

This is a FREE event but there is a small "tip" for hot chocolate.



PICTURE RETAKES DECEMBER 7 AT 8:15 AM

If you ordered School Pictures, you will find them in today's Thursday Folders.

After seeing your photos, if you would like your student to do RETAKES, send the picture packet back to your student's teacher letting them know you want to do retakes.

Any students who were absent on the original picture day will be sent down to be photographed.

Every student who attended school on the original picture day took a photo. If you DID NOT pre-order school photos and would like to, information on how to purchase photos is listed on a SCHOOL PHOTO CALENDAR which every student received. There is a code provided which will be needed when ordering.

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

Student Council will be putting their hard earned fundraising budget to work hosting a junior high dance on THIS Friday, November 18.

This dance is for 5th - 8th graders. Parents in those grades have been emailed the details.

If you'd like to help chaperone the dance, contact Trish Petkute at ppetkute@pfgacademy.org.



BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE

Come out to cheer on our Wolves!

- Monday, November 21 - 7 pm Varsity @ SMOW White
Monday, November 21 - 8 pm JV @ SMOW White

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop is returning to PFGA on December 8 & 9. This is an in school shopping opportunity for the students to pick up small gifts for everyone on their list. Please send your child with a small amount of cash on the day that their class will attend. (your teacher will let you know which day) Most items cost between \$1-\$10.

We need lots of parent volunteers to make the Christmas magic happen. You'll help the kids do their shopping. You can sign up https://signup.com/go/OfojApP

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED AND COMPLIANT TO VOLUNTEER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Sign up here: https://signup.com/go/OfojApP

SANTA'S WORKSHOP SET UP AND PARENTS' CLUB MEETING. Join Parents' Club to help set up the workshop on Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm. You DON'T need Virtus training for the set up. Then, stick around for a Parents' Club meeting. Enter through gym door off the Dakin Street lot.

CHICAGO WOLVES OUTING. Join us for a fun all school outing to see the Chicago Wolves play hockey on Sunday, December 18 at 3pm! Everyone who attends gets a free Wolves hat!

Tickets are \$20 each and we will all be seated together. Discounted hot dogs and pop tickets can be ordered with your tickets for only \$6.50 each. Submit order form and check/cash in an envelope to the office labeled Wolves Game by 11/21. MORE INFO AND THE ORDER FORM IS HERE. Paper order forms were also sent home.

GREAT WOLF LODGE OUTING

Save the Date for the Wolves take on Great Wolf Lodge!!! Sunday, January 15, 2023. (Monday, January 16 is a day off of school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Discounted room blocks and further information will be available soon!

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

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA, especially during the Holidays!

WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE! Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW! 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

AMAZON SMILES

If you shop on Amazon, go instead to smile.amazon.com and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "easy choice of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your 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!

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM DECEMBER 3

If you have an 8th grader, your teachers have already told you about the Catholic School Entrance Exam which is given on ONE DAY, December 3, at all of the Catholic High Schools throughout the city and suburbs. More information can be found on the Archdiocese of Chicago website, here: https://schools.archdiocese.org/curriculum-and-resources/catholic-high-schools/catholic-high-school-admission-information

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- HFS Chicago Scholars (Due November 15): https://www.hfscicagoscholars.com/application-guidelines
HighSight (Due March 25): https://www.highsight.org/apply/

PARISH NEWS

BULLETIN

Check out the most recent bulletin for Our Lady of the Rosary Club! For all sorts of good information, upcoming events, and Mass times!

ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated Mass
4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

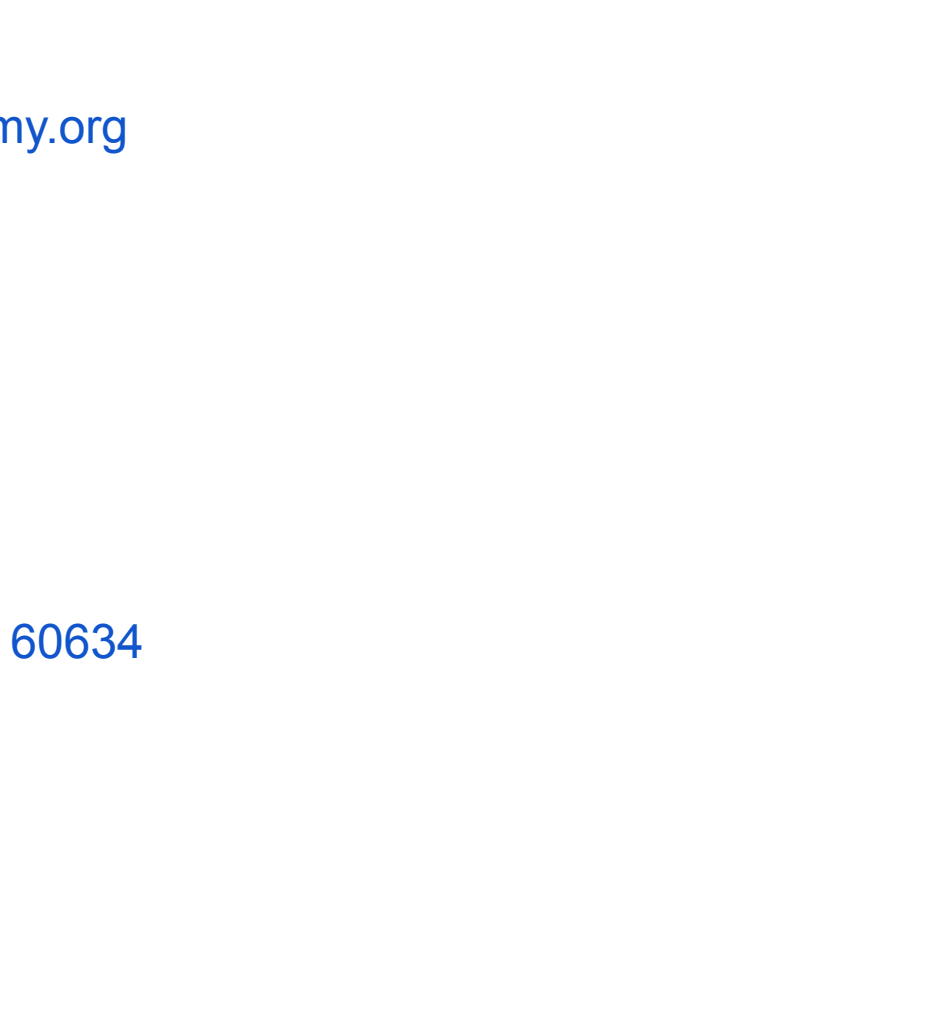
Sunday Masses
8:00 AM - Saint Pascal
10:00 AM - Saint Pascal
6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE

JUMP ON THE HOLIDAY TROLLEY DECEMBER 3

Shop local on Saturday, December 3 taking the Six Corners Northwest Side Trolley to various stops INCLUDING our very own Mistletoe Market!

It's FREE and fun for the family!



WRESTLING HERE IN THE HOOD

If you have a daughter or son who is interested in learning the sport of wrestling, look no further than the 312 Wrestling Club who practices at St. Pat's! It's close by and convenient. And, they have good reviews!

- Flyer #1
Flyer #2
Registration for 312 Wrestling
312 Facebook Page

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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