

The Howler - October 15, 2021

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday, October 20 – LAST DAY TO UPDATE YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT...AFTER THE 20TH ALL OUT OF COMPLIANCE ACCOUNTS WILL BE INACTIVATED.**

- Wednesday, October 20 – October Monthly Money Raffle
- 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**PICTURE DAY IS NOVEMBER 1**

Look for your Van Gogh Picture order forms in yesterday's folders. Picture Day is an out of uniform day with kids choosing school-appropriate attire.

NEXT MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE IS OCTOBER 20

Be sure to turn in your "sold" Monthly Money Raffle Tickets by Wednesday morning, October 20. Remember, you have already paid for your tickets in your FACTS bill, so there is no need to send money in with your sold tickets.

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 *Dia de los Muertos* (November 1 and 2). Everyone is invited to provide a small photo (or better yet, a photocopy 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.

WORKING ON OUR OFRENDA

Students have been working on making items to place on our ofrenda. 6th grade made traditional Mexican sugar skulls from scratch and we thought you may want the recipe and instructions! Plastic forms were ordered <https://mexicansugarskull.com>. The ingredients are refined sugar, merengue powder, and water. It's a fun and easy to do project for kids of all ages! They are decorated with royal icing in bright colors once they have hardened. [HERE ARE THE RECIPES](#). [CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO OF OUR 6TH GRADERS MAKING SUGAR SKULLS!](#)

**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](#) (there had been a typo reading 5th grade in previous Howlers. We're sorry for the confusion).

EMPOWER ILLINOIS - FALSE ALARM!

There was a misunderstanding about the Empower Illinois deadline. BOTH Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship reservations and applications will take place in January again, as normal. Sorry for the confusion!

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!

Any accounts NOT updated by OCTOBER 20 will be inactivated!

[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.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Social media is a great way to peak in on the day-to-day happenings at our school and also a great way to showcase our school to prospective families. You can help us out by sharing posts 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>

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

We are always in need of help. Please visit the [Volunteering for the School](#) page of our website for details and current needs.

- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors
- Queen of hearts helpers
- Queen of hearts ticket sales at school during pick up

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](#)

MOVIE NIGHT #2 - FOR THE BIGGER CROWD - IS OCTOBER 30

Our beloved Catacombs committee is hosting a SECOND free movie night on October 30 for the bigger kids and adults! Parents' Club is co-hosting this one as well! [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**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!

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!

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

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