

The Howler - October 27, 2022



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, October 28 – Out of Uniform Day – Wear 8th grade Halloween shirt or Orange/Black**
- Friday, October 28 – Send in your Dia de los Muertos photos for our Ofrenda!
- Monday, October 31 – Halloween Parade 8:30 and classroom parties in the afternoon
- Wednesday, November 2 – All SOULS Day Mass
- Thursday, November 3 – Early Dismissal at 11:30 and EDP is available until 6 pm
- Thursday, November 3 – Parent Teacher Conferences (sign up with your teachers)
- Friday, November 4 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day

SCHOOL NEWS

THE CATACOMBS UPDATE - 4 MORE NIGHTS THIS WEEK/WEEKEND!



We've had a great run so far and there are 4 more nights of haunting left! Tonight, Friday, Saturday and Sunday!
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK!...Volunteer Shifts are still open for all 4 remaining nights. Please consider signing up...contact Julie at volunteers@catcombsbh.com to sign up.

Be sure to spread the word to anyone you think might enjoy a good scare! Let's set some records for attendance this weekend!
 General admission tickets are \$10 each and VIP tickets (like a Fast Pass) are \$18 each. All tickets are available at the door. Group rates are also available! Go to www.scarypopcorn.com for more info.

THE CATACOMBS FEATURED ON WTTW'S CHICAGO TONIGHT - in case you missed it last week!
 On Tuesday night, our very own Catacombs Haunted House School Fundraiser was featured on the popular WTTW program, Chicago Tonight! Take a look here and then make plans to come out for a fright this weekend! And, bring your friends!
<https://youtu.be/ZnGmzA26vI0>

HOWL AT THE MOON IS ALMOST HERE! BUY YOUR EVENT AND RAFFLE TICKETS NOW...ONLINE!

Can you believe HOWL AT THE MOON is just a little over 2 weeks out

LET'S DO A TICKET PURCHASING RALLY THIS WEEKEND! IT CAN ALL BE DONE ONLINE!

You can purchase EVENT and RAFFLE TICKETS directly at [THIS LINK!](https://www.pfgacademy.org) This will be the same site for bidding on auction items eventually, so bookmark it now!

Contact Chairperson, Amie Zander, at Howlatthemoon2022@pfgacademy.org with any questions.

Please note that volunteers who attend the party will need to purchase a ticket.



GET YOUR DISNEY RESORT RAFFLE TICKETS NOW...LIMITED NUMBER SOLD!

Don't forget to purchase a few chances for the Saratoga Springs Resort Raffle! Purchase raffle tickets at [THIS LINK!](https://www.pfgacademy.org)

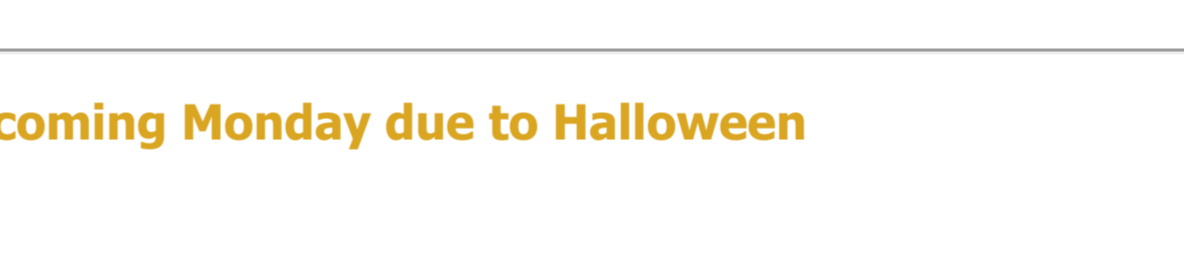
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING UP

Mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences which will take place on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**. That will be an early dismissal day and conferences will begin after lunch. Keep an eye out for emails from teachers to schedule your conference. **There WILL be EDP until the normal end time of 6 pm. However**, there will NOT be hot lunch on the 3rd, so if your kids are staying for EDP, you must send a lunch in for them.

There is no school the following day, November 4. Teachers will be in training all day.

WOLVES ARE GIVING BACK IN NOVEMBER!

Our PFGA community has traditionally raised a lot of Scholastic Dollars through the **Catholic Schools Week Scholastic Book Fair**. Proceeds are generally used to fill Teacher Wish Lists and provide additional books for the school library. Jessica Repp from our wonderful Parents' Club has been running the Fair since our founding in the 2016-17 school year. Thank you, Jessica!

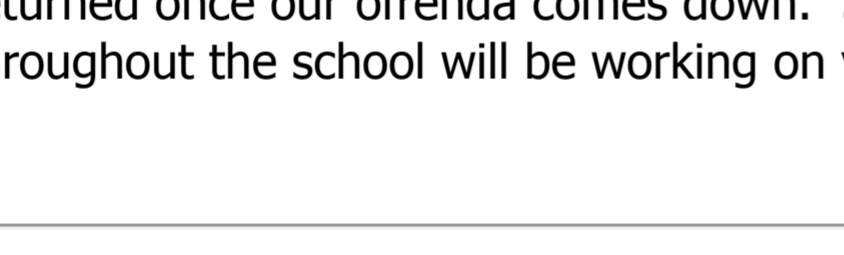


This November we will be using some of our scholastic dollars raised last year to donate books to a Grade School in Africa.

With the Help of **Books4Cause** and **The African Library Project**, we can provide books for a school library that is in real need and is in a regions where the national language is English.

Our PFGA Students will be a big part of this project as they are helping us choose the best books to be placed in this library. What better way to kick off the Season of Giving?!

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL OPEN GYM - No basketball this upcoming Monday due to Halloween



Pick-Up Basketball for Parents and Adults 18+
 When: Mondays evenings from 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Where: PFGA Gym

*****Due to Halloween on Monday, basketball will meet next week on Tuesday Nov 1 at 7:30pm*****

Parents and adult family members of students are invited to join in casual pick-up basketball games on Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm in the PFGA gymnasium. Unless the gym is reserved for school or parish functions, 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).

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS - Please submit photos by tomorrow, Friday!

We will once again be working on a school-side Day of the Dead Ofrenda and we invite families to submit photos of their deceased loved ones to be included on our tables. Please label each photo on the back and let us know whether you will want the photo returned once the ofrenda comes down. Submit photos or photocopies of your photos to Mrs. Thyen in labeled envelopes. Students throughout our school will be working on various projects to be included.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Catacombs Haunted House (see entire paragraph above) **WE STILL NEED A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS!**
- Howl at the Moon - Contact Amie Zander at amiezander@hotmail.com **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR HOWL AT THE MOON HERE**

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTING FOR THE CONTEST DUES TOMORROW
 Student Council is hosting a Pumpkin Decorating Contest Students will carve pumpkins at home and bring them in TOMORROW. Student Council will judge the contest and winners from each grade will be announced on Halloween Day.

STUDENT COUNCIL TO HOST A JUNIOR HIGH DANCE
 Student Council will be putting their hard earned fundraising budget to work hosting a junior high dance on Friday, November 18. This dance will be for 5th - 8th graders. Parents in those grades have been emailing the details.

4th and 5th GRADE COED BASKETBALL TEAM STILL TAKING PLAYERS!
 If you have a 4th or 5th grade BOY OR GIRL interested in playing co-ed basketball, please fully register them at this link ASAP! Practices will begin tomorrow after school until 4:15! <https://forms.gle/DhVzGU6QotFBd4W7>. Payment of the fee should be made to the school office in an envelope marked "4th/5th basketball."

BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE

- Come out to cheer on our Wolves!
- Friday, November 27 @ St. John Berchmans - 4th/5th at 6:30 pm; 6-8th at 7:30 pm
 - Friday, November 4 @HOME - 4th/5th at 6 pm; 6-8th at 7 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Several volunteers are needed for all of our home basketball games. 7th and 8th graders can help and earn service hours. Student Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAAAC22AAF9C43-basketball>

Adult volunteers must **CURRENTLY** be compliant in order to sign up to help.
 Adult Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAAAC22AAF9C43-basketball1>

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

CHICAGO WOLVES OUTING
 Save the Date to see the Chicago Wolves! Sunday, December 18. [MORE INFO IS HERE.](https://www.chicagowolves.com)

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, even during the summer.

- **WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!**
 Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta](https://www.pfgacademy.org) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](https://www.pfgacademy.org) 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](https://www.pfgacademy.org)
- **AMAZON SMILES**
 If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity 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 INFORMATION

If you have a student in junior high, it's time to start looking at high schools! We will be sharing information that we get from the high schools as we get it. But there are also resources online that you can look at. Fall is high school open house season across the city, so please google "high school open houses Chicago" to see what you can find and start making your calendar now! The Catholic High Schools often offer school shadow days for 8th grade students in the fall and for 7th grade students in the spring. You'll find links to all of the Catholic High Schools on our website:

- St. Patrick High School (Boys only) Open House Dates Flyer

High School Scholarship Applications

- HFS Chicago Scholars (Due November 15)
 - <https://www.hfischicagoscholars.com/application-guidelines>
 - Open Now!
- HighSight (Due March 25): <https://www.highsight.org/apply/>

PARISH NEWS

BULLETIN
 Check out the most recent bulletin for [Our Lady of the Rosary Parish](https://www.rosaryparish.org) 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

GREAT AMERICA VETERAN'S DAY EVENT
 On November 12-13 Great America is honoring America's veterans with a bunch of free stuff and activities. More info is here: <https://www.sixflags.com/greatamerica/events/veterans-day-weekend>

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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