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Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 6:28 PM

Pope Francis Global Academy



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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Community,

Where does time go? How many times do we hear those four simple words? Weren't we just on Christmas Break? Or maybe you have turned around and you are in awe with how fast your children are growing up? I'm looking at the calendar, and it is hard to believe that the second trimester has come to an end and report cards will go home tomorrow. For those parents that would like to meet with their child's teacher, please note that we do have optional Parent-Teacher conferences on Friday, March 8th; students will be dismissed at 11:30 pm. Please contact your student's teacher to arrange a meeting. Also, mark your calendar that next Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday. All students will attend the all-school Mass at both campuses at 8:30 am. All are welcome to attend.

Re-Enrollment

A reminder to complete your re-enrollment on FACTS for the 2019-2020 school year. Your family's re-enrollment is important to us as we plan the budget for the next school year. If you have not yet completed your re-enrollment form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible or by March 1st so that you can receive the reduced re-enrollment fee. Thank you to our families who have already completed the re-enrollment process!

Student Handbook Compliance

Please make sure that your child is in compliance with the following the Academy's **Hairstyles/Makeup/Jewelry Policy** so that they are not found in violation of the Parent/Student Handbook:

Girls: Hairstyles must be age and school appropriate, reflective of good grooming. Hair dyeing, tinting, or streaks are not allowed. The faculty reserves its right to determine whether a hairstyle is appropriate. Girls are not allowed to wear makeup or dangling earrings. Only one earring per ear is permitted- worn in the lobe, not the cartilage. Wearing expensive jewelry is not recommended. School personnel will not be responsible for lost or damaged jewelry worn by students. Clear nail polish only is allowed. Appropriate attire must be worn on Out of Uniform Days.

Boys: Boys haircuts need to be traditional and appropriately outlined. Hair must be above the ear on the sides, above the eyebrow in the front, and above the shirt collar in the back. Hair dyeing is not allowed. Tails, mousses, etc. are not acceptable for school. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings while they are at school. Colored t-shirts should not be worn under shirts. Appropriate attire must be worn on Out of Uniform Days.

If you are ever not sure about a school policy, please click [HERE](#) for the full Parent/Student Handbook that is located on our school website. Please remember that the handbook applies to all school-sponsored events, even those activities occurring off-campus. It serves as a guide to the policies and procedures which help make Pope Francis Global Academy both a strong academic and faith filled community.

“Double Double” for Rwanda

The Academy will be holding two out of uniform days this Lent to support our sister school, the Station School in Rwanda. We call this a “Double Double” because we will have two out of uniform days which is our first double. We also have an anonymous donor that will be matching the money we collect for the out of uniform days on a dollar for dollar basis [up to \$1,000] which is the second double or what we call the “Double Double” for Rwanda. Our two out of uniform days will be on Friday, March 8th and Friday, March 22nd. Students that donate \$1 for each out of uniform day (Two dollars if students want to participate in both out of uniform days. One dollar per day is the minimum to participate). In the past some families have been inclined to make additional amounts above the requested amount, and we would encourage that seeing we have the opportunity to get up to \$1,000 extra for the Station School from our donor.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel
Head of School

REMINDER

We will dismiss at **11:30am on Friday, March 8th** for Parent/Teacher Conferences. EDP will be available at both campuses.

Report Cards will be sent out electronically Friday, March 1st.

Fun Fair is Tuesday, March 5th.

Re-enroll your student by March 1st and **save \$100** in registration fees!

[School Calendar](#)

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP (WAY) MORE THAN YOU'D THINK!

If you owe ANY taxes at all to the state of Illinois, you could potentially redirect ALL of the money you would normally be paying to the state in taxes to scholarships for Pope Francis students! The matching grant opportunity has passed, and we truly appreciate all of our donors who were able to help us triple their donations, but you can STILL help, even if your money won't be tripled by the grant.

[Click Here for a couple of examples of how this might work for you.](#)

Mrs. Thyen would be happy to answer any and all questions and to walk you through the donation process step-by-step if you would like help. She has helped several parents already to make donations that will benefit the whole school by allowing us to enroll more interested students and in retaining more of our current students. Email her at jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

[Here is a very helpful video with instruction on how exactly to donate into the fund.](#)

RE-ENROLLMENT DISCOUNT ENDS ON MARCH 1

Don't forget that the enrollment fee is discounted to \$100 ONLY until tomorrow, March 1. The FACTS system will automatically reset the fee to \$200 after that and we won't be able to give the discount if you miss the date.

Please remember that by enrolling early you not only save \$100, but you will also help us to determine our staffing and budgeting needs for next year. This is a critical component as our school continues to grow, retain current families, and attract more NEW families. Thank you for your attention on this matter and the for the faith you've put in the future of our school!

If you have a new sibling starting in the fall, please complete the [NEW SIBLING APPLICATION FORM](#) and return it to your campus office along with the new sibling's birth certificate and baptismal record.

[Begin Re-Enrollment Here](#)

FUN FAIR - MARCH 5TH

We will be celebrating Mardi Gras with Fun Fair, March 5th for PreK - 8th grade students. Cost is \$5 per student for Games - Prizes and Popcorn.

This year the event will take place at BOTH campuses. Please consider volunteering your time.

**This is the last Parents Club service hour opportunity that will count for this school year.*

[Fun Fair Information](#)

[Fun Fair Sign Up](#)

ANNUAL NORTHWEST SIDE IRISH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Marching as a school in the annual Northwest Side Irish St. Pat's Parade has become a Pope Francis Global Academy tradition, and we'll do it again this year! Adults and kids are invited. No unaccompanied kids will be allowed.

Adults marching will earn up to 3 hours of volunteer time which will count toward THIS SCHOOL YEAR. You can't count your Pope Francis students for volunteer time, but high school and college-aged students may earn hours for your family.

Please send at least one bag of wrapped candy per person for each family member who is marching. We pass out tons of candy in this fun community event! Also, we won't have the trolley this year so all marchers will need to be able to walk (or ride if they're in a wheelchair or stroller!) the entire course. If you have a wagon you can pull along, please bring it as that would help us carry our supplies.

[St. Patrick's Day Parade Sign Up](#)

MC TEACHER NIGHT IS MARCH 12

Mark your calendars for our McTeacher Night at the McDonalds at Milwaukee and Elston...Tuesday, March 12 from 5-8 pm. Come on out for some burgers, fries and apple pies! Our school will receive 15% of our sales that night (you must bring in the paper slip to have it counted) and we'll get 100% of the apple pie sales and tips. Kids love having their teachers behind the counter and this is a terrific way for friends and relatives to get in on the fun and support our school.

[McTeacher Night slip to print out and share on social media](#)

(Paper version will come home on February 28)

Note that we are working to reschedule the Culver's Dine Out for Pope Francis for an evening in the spring.

MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS UPDATES

Please take some time to read through the Ministry Effectiveness Committee February 2019 Newsletter. They have many great initiatives underway, such as the Distinguished Disciples Program, and within the newsletter, they present some interesting resources to help families connect with our Catholic identity.

[Ministry Effectiveness Committee February 2019 Newsletter](#)
[Distinguished Disciples Program](#)

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS/EMPOWER ILLINOIS/BIG SHOULDERS FUND SGO

If you still need any help at all with completing your Empower Illinois application, or your Big Shoulders Fund application, please visit the home page of our website at www.PFGAcademy.org for more information.

TAX INFORMATION

With tax season upon us, you can quickly and easily create a payment summary from FACTS Management. You can easily print a summary of payments for the year which will include all of the pertinent information.

If your students did the summer program at our South Campus, you should have received an email from hello@kinderlime.com in August which would have included your summer program payment summary.

[Payment Summary/FACTS Tax Information](#)



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE is over \$43,000

The queen is still hiding after John Herman chose #32 and revealed the 3 of Hearts. John receives \$50.

The 2nd prize was won by Billy Randansal who receives a \$25 gift certificate to Porrettas. Trattoria Porretta donated a bottle of wine that goes to Audrey Janik for 3rd place. Congratulations to all.

Numbers already chosen: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 27, 32, 40, 43, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54

Thanks to Mark Zander for helping us with the drawing!

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Pope Francis Global Academy SPORTS NEWS



PFGA Track Information Meeting
Sunday, March 10th
6:00PM
North Campus Gym
[Track Information](#)

TECHNOLOGY YOU CAN USE

Do you have questions about the new game Apex Legends?
[Apex Legends](#)

PARISH NEWS

Troop 969 - March Gazette
[Troop News](#)

St. Cornelius St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 2nd
[St. Patrick's Day Party](#)

St. Tarcissus Troop 969 Annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle
Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd
See page 4 of the Bulletin below
[Pancake Breakfast](#)



CURRENT BULLETINS
[Our Lady of Victory](#)
[St. Cornelius](#)
[St. Pascal](#)
[St. Tarcissus](#)

AROUND TOWN

Trinity's Fine and Performing Arts Presents: The Morrigan
[The Morrigan](#)

HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

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Jodi Thyen <jthyen@pfgacademy.org>
To: "Katie V. Kupka" <kkupka@d211.org>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 8:08 AM

I don't know what's going on with that and Linda is getting a lot of complaints that that's happening. She checks through school messenger and it from our end it looks like things are arriving at the parents addresses. But it has happened to enough people that it's really starting to grate on my nerves. I will see what else we might be able to come up with.

Also, I'm noticing that pasta dinner is not listed in the Howler. That is my fault. I'm not sure how I missed that. It's been on the website for a while now. And of course on the Facebook page.

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Jodi Thyen
Director of Admissions and Advancement



Katie V. Kupka <kkupka@d211.org>
To: Jodi Thyen <jthyen@pfgacademy.org>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 8:52 AM

I'm wondering if it's a Comcast issue?

Sent from my iPad

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Katie V. Kupka <kkupka@d211.org>
To: Jodi Thyen <jthyen@pfgacademy.org>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:33 AM

Don't worry about the pasta dinner not being in there. It's still early. Just get it in next week and the into the bulletins ASAP. As long as we do that it'll be fine.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 1, 2019, at 8:09 AM, Jodi Thyen <jthyen@pfgacademy.org> wrote:

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Jodi Thyen <jthyen@pfgacademy.org>
To: "Katie V. Kupka" <kkupka@d211.org>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:39 AM

Yes, Linda keeps pointing to the service providers. She has narrowed it down to "not a school messenger issue", but beyond that, it's hard to say. I would definitely contact Comcast. I would also go into your settings and add pfgnotifications@pfgacademy.org to your address book. There was also a school messenger email address I found before which you may want to add, but I can't find it now. I'll look for it and send it again. Are you getting everything else from the school?

Thanks!

Jodi Thyen

Director of Admissions and Advancement



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Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:53 AM

I'll try to add the site. I get communications from teachers, but that's pretty much it.

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Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:59 AM

What is really weird to me is that we were getting them through December and then not at all. And it's not coming through for 3 different addresses.

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