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## Pope Francis Global Academy



### February 14, 2019

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Community,

It has been brought to my attention that there are rumors starting to circulate surrounding the Renew My Church activation of St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, and St. Thecla Parishes, and I would like to share the bulletin announcement letter from the three pastors announcing the activation. Please do not believe or perpetuate any of the rumors as they are not healthy for the vitality of the school or parishes. Your pastors and I will keep you up to date on any new developments as they become available.

Please click [HERE](#) for the bulletin announcement.

**Distinguished Disciple Nominations**

Also, the Ministry Effectiveness Committee would like to remind you to nominate someone that you believe lives out one or more tenet of our Spiritual Charter among our Pope Francis Global Academy community.

Please click [HERE](#) for additional information.

### **Re-Enrollment for 2019-20**

Finally, I do want to remind everyone that the special \$100 discount on the Enrollment Fee will end on March 1. It's still a couple of weeks off, but we don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to save \$100! Please take a minute to review [THIS FLYER](#) of all the enrollment incentives we are offering this year.

In addition to pointing out the financial incentives and fun promotions that our admissions team is offering this year, I'd like to also encourage you to proceed with re-enrollment for several other good reasons, not the least of which is planning.

As our school's reputation gains momentum we are seeing more and more families transfer in at all grade levels, which is great news! This helps us fill the seats in some of our smaller sections, but it also means that some grade levels may eventually need to be split into two sections due to higher numbers. This is also great news! However, we can't split any grade levels until we have completed enrollments/commitments which fiscally support the decision.

I have great faith in this school, in our teachers, in our strategic plan, and in the "product" that we offer. Continued improvements have been made across the board, both in alignment with the specific goals of our strategic plan and also within the simple day to day processes, communication, and procedures. I am confident that you have seen the improvements and have felt their results as well and so I encourage you to check re-enrollment off of your list of things to do, ASAP. [Click here to begin.](#)

Speaking of our Strategic Plan, we are very pleased to share with you [THIS FLIP BOOK](#) which will be added to our website tomorrow.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

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### **REMINDER**

There will be no school Monday, February 18th for Presidents' Day.

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

[School Calendar](#)

## **BSJ MEETING MINUTES**

Our Board of Specified Jurisdiction met on Monday night. The next meeting will be on April 8 at Our Lady of Victory.

[Minutes of the open session portion of the meeting](#)

## **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.

## **DISTINGUISHED DISCIPLE NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

The Ministry Effectiveness Committee of our Board of Specified Jurisdiction is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Disciples Recognition Program. You are encouraged to nominate someone from our school community, or who works with our school community, that you believe lives out one or more tenet of our Spiritual Charter.

[Program details and Nomination Form](#)

[List of Distinguished Disciples of Spring 2018](#)

## **TRIVIA NIGHT #2**

Join us for a fun filled night of Trivia on Saturday, February 23rd in the North Campus Mason Orchard Auditorium.

[Trivia Night #2](#)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRIVIA NIGHT**

Still looking for volunteer hours? There is no VIRTUS training required to help out on Trivia Night #2 on Saturday, February 23rd. Sign up below.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Get your Box Tops for Education in by Wednesday, February 20th. Send them to school with your child in an envelope with their name and room number to get credit for the homeroom contests.

[Got Box Tops?](#)

[List of Box Top Products](#)

[Phone App to collect and turn in Box Tops](#)

Printable Flyers to Show Your Progress

[10 Box Tops](#)

[25 Box Tops](#)

[50 Box Tops](#)

## **TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

We should start to see some movement soon with awards being offered over the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, if you have been the recipient of a State Tax Credit Scholarship, please take some time to contact your lawmakers to thank them and encourage them to continue this very important program.

Please use the website <http://onechanceillinois.org/take-action> to reach out to Illinois lawmakers in support of the program.

## **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](mailto:hello@kinderlime.com) in August which would have included your summer program payment summary.

[Payment Summary/FACTS Tax Information](#)

## **ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT FAMILIES IS NOW OPEN**

Please re-enroll ASAP so that we can determine how many seats will be available for our new families.

Don't forget that the enrollment fee is discounted to \$100 until March 1.

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](#)

## **SWEETHEART DANCE - HELP NEEDED**

Looking for some volunteer hours? Parents' Club is looking for volunteers at the Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 15th. Check out the possibilities below.

[Sweetheart Dance Volunteers Needed](#)



## **QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE - \$37,570**

The pot rolls over again this week! We're up over \$37,500 right now so by the time of next week's drawing we'll be close to \$40,000! This week #27 was revealed as the Ace of Diamonds and Yvonne Frasier won the \$50 weekly prize. Yvonne Frasier also won the Trattoria Porretta Ristorante, Pizzeria, and Catering gift certificate. And 3rd prize of a bottle of wine goes to Steve Findysz. Thank you all for your support! Thanks to Jennifer and Ken Brezina who helped with the drawing tonight.

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

## **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](http://www.PFGAcademy.org) for more information.

## TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY FOR DONATIONS INTO THE STATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- RIGHT NOW, through February 23, there is a very generous 2-for-1 MATCHING GRANT which will TRIPLE the value of your donation! This means that a \$1,000 donation turns into \$3,000 in Tax Credit Scholarships for our Pope Francis students! And, \$750 of that \$1,000 was going to be paid to the state in taxes anyway, so you're really only out \$250 and you have provided \$3,000 in scholarships!
- [HERE IS A VERY HELPFUL VIDEO WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW EXACTLY TO DONATE INTO THE FUND](#)
- And, Jodi Thyen would be happy to sit down with you at the school to walk you through the donation process step-by-step if you would like help setting it up. Email her at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).
- [Matching Gift Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Matching Gift Program FAQs](#)

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## PFGA SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our 7th grade volleyball champions for bringing home the trophy on Saturday!  
Way to go Wolves!



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## TECHNOLOGY YOU CAN USE

## PARISH NEWS

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

Our Lady of Victory CCW Presents  
Lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt  
Sunday February 17th  
[Lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt](#)

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](#)

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## AROUND TOWN

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