

HOWLER – September 15, 2022

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, September 15 – Final day to order October lunches on the Boonli website
Wednesday, September 21 – September Monthly Money Drawing @ 2:10 pm
Thursday, September 22 – Curriculum Night at School 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Friday, September 23 – No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
Saturday, September 24 – 8th Grade Car Wash across from the school in the lot on Melvina 9 am – noon!
Friday, September 30 – Fall Pep Rally and Spirit Day
Monday, October 10 – NO SCHOOL – Indigenous People Day / Columbus Day
Friday, October 14 – Catacombs Opening Night!
Saturday, October 15 – Catacombs No Scare Trick or Treat/Family Fun Fest
Wednesday, October 19 – October Monthly Money Raffle @2:10 pm

SCHOOL NEWS

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER LUNCHES FOR OCTOBER

Just a reminder that if you'd like to order lunches for October, today is the cut off. Each month the ordering window is open between the 1st and the 15th of the month to order for the FOLLOWING month. Go to https://spro.boonli.com to place your October lunch order. Please be sure to confirm your payment for the items in the cart. You will receive an email to confirm the order has been placed.

FIRST MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE DRAWING IS SEPTEMBER 21

Don't forget to get out there and sell those raffle tickets! The first drawing will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 2:10 pm. Get your tickets in by Wednesday at 9 am.

CURRICULUM NIGHT IS SEPTEMBER 22

Thursday, Sept. 22. is curriculum night. This 5:30 – 6:30 pm event is intended to be an adult-only opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and learn about classroom curriculum and expectations.

An open house is scheduled for Jan. where children can attend with parents to show off their work and what they have been learning about.

CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As October – the Haunting Month at PFGA – approaches, our Catacombs team will be in need of many volunteers to help it all come back together after a 2-year hiatus! In addition to being fun and very helpful for the school and the Catacombs, helping with the Catacombs could help you earn most, if not ALL, of your volunteer hours!

- SPONSORS – If anyone has a business which may be interested, or if you can even just assist with calling local businesses and picking up sponsor checks, that would be helpful. Contact Amie Zander at amiezander@hotmail.com.
SECURITY – We are looking for law enforcement officers to volunteer as security members during the Catacombs events. If you have any experience with this or are currently an officer and can help out, please contact Steve Findysz via text message at 773-610-5334.
CREW AND NIGHTLY VOLUNTEERS – Construction, hair and makeup, actors, licensed electricians, advertising, IT, artists, graphic artists, makeup artists, costumers, etc. Are all needed. A news sign up will go out next week for specific jobs and shifts! TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE POSITIONS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT BACK TO SCHOOL.
TRICK OR TREAT CANDY DONATIONS – We are starting to collect bags of donated Halloween Candy from parents which will be used for our October 15 Family Fun Fest and No-Scare Trick or Treat through the Catacombs. If you are out at Costco or anywhere, and see giant bags of candy you can donate, please grab a couple to send into school. Sales may be starting now... grab some before they're all out of candy at the Jewel! You can record one volunteer hour for every \$15 spent on candy. Thank you for helping us stock up!
TEEN VOLUNTEERS – COME OUT TO THE MANDATORY MEETING – Did you know that our PFGA 8th graders, as well as any high school students, can volunteer to help out with the Catacombs as creepy, fun characters. There will be a meeting for PFGA 8th graders and high school student volunteers on Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the school gym. Enter at the Heimsath Hall door by the back parking lot. You'll learn about the volunteer work available to teens and the requirements at the meeting. Everyone who helps ends up loving it! An adult will eventually have to sign your commitment form to be able to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE – HOWL AT THE MOON IS RETURNING!

On Saturday, November 12 we hope you'll join us for the premier PFGA event of the year! Book those sitters now for an evening of great fun with your PFGA parent friends, teachers, school administrators, parishioners, and fun-seekers of all kinds! This year's Howl at the Moon will feature 1 with the Howl 2 Go Duelling Pianos, Howl 2 Go (an offering of the Howl at the Moon live music entertainment franchise, unrelated to our school's annual event, but fortuitously named the same thing!) is a total entertainment experience! This high-energy live music show is centered around dance hits and party anthems that will get you dancing in no time.

In addition to the entertainment, we'll have our traditional Live and Silent Auctions, plus an exciting limited-sale-of-tickets raffle will be featured! Due to space constraints, a limited number of event tickets will be sold. More info coming soon...mark the date on your calendar now!

Event ticket and raffle ticket sales will begin in the next day or two!! Get ready to HOWWWWWLLLLL!

HOWL AT THE MOON COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7 PM IN THE GYM

Join committee chair Amie Zander for the first official planning meeting! Please enter through the Heimsath Hall doors. We'll need many different types of helpers, so come out to get involved and start earning more volunteer hours by working with fun people doing something important! It's a win-win!

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

HALLOWEEN T-SHIRT/HOODIE SALE – DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THIS UPCOMING MONDAY!

Show your school spirit this Halloween by sporting your PFGA gear... in BLACK and ORANGE!

Two options are available - short sleeve t-shirt and hoodie! Proceeds will help supplement the 8th grade activities.

ORDER ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD HERE

ORDER WITH PAPER FORM AND CASH OR CHECK HERE

8TH GRADE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Support our 8th graders as they host their annual car/van wash on Saturday, September 24 from 9 am - noon!

PRINTABLE FLYER IS HERE

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

FALL AFTER SCHOOL/EXTRACURRICULARS SIGN UPS

Sign up now for after school classes being offered for an 8-week session going from the week of September 26 - November 22. Some date exceptions apply. Please see all class details on this page of our website: https://www.pfgacademy.org/afterschoollfall22. A couple of the courses are already full.

Please register your child on the corresponding Google form for the specific class. Payment for most classes will be made through the office or directly to the teacher of the class. There is one exception, which is the martial arts class. Payment for that class only will be made to PFGA. Please submit payments (cash or check made to the teacher) in an envelope clearly marked with the activity for which you are paying.

FALL SPORTS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

JV SOCCER

- Sunday, September 18 – JV vs. St. Celestine JV at St. Patrick High School at 12:15 pm
Tuesday, September 20 – JV vs. SRB JV Red at Hiawatha Park at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, September 21 – JV vs. SJB JV White at Golf Mill Park, Niles at 6:15 pm
Monday, September 26 – JV vs. MSW JV White at Jaycee Park in Park Ridge at 4:15 pm
Tuesday, September 27 – JV vs. St. Monica JV at Hiawatha Park at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, September 28 – JV vs. SMOW JV at Wildwood Park at 4:00 pm
Monday, October 3 – JV vs. St. Eugene JV at 5430 North Olcott at 5:00 pm

VARSITY SOCCER

- Sunday, September 18 – Varsity vs. St. Celestin at St. Patrick High School at 1:15 pm
Tuesday, September 20 – Varsity vs. SRB at Hiawatha Park at 6:30 pm
Monday, September 26 – Varsity vs. MSW White at Jaycee Park in Park Ridge at 5:15 pm
Tuesday, September 27 – Varsity vs. SMA at Hiawatha Park at 6:30 pm
Monday, October 3 – Varsity vs. St. Eugene at 5430 North Olcott at 6:00 pm

CROSS COUNTRY MEETS are all at Resurrection College Prep on Talcott. Meet dates are as follows:

- Bronze Friday, September 16
Silver Friday, September 23
Gold Friday, September 30
Rain Make up Friday, October 7

Questions about Soccer, email Patty McGuire: pattymcgr1@gmail.com

Questions about Cross Country, email Jessica Zamudio: jesszamudio@hotmail.com

BEARS GAME WATCH PARTY

The Our Lady of the Rosary Holy Name Society has been an ongoing supporter of our sports program. They have helped us purchase sports/team equipment and supplemented the cost of ref fees over the years.

The Society is hosting a Bears vs Vikings watch party on October 9 in Heimsath Hall (AKA the gymnasium).

Doors open at 10:30 am
Tickets are \$15.00 per person
Menu: Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Italian Sausage, Soda, Ice Tea and Desserts
There will be Squares, Raffles, and various other games to play.

Prizes include: 40" Roku TV, \$75 Liquor basket, Hunter Pence autograph package, Haunted house Package and so much more!!!

If you or any of your family or friends are interested, please contact Patty McGuire at pattymcgr1@gmail.com.

Proceeds from all the tickets Patty sells go to the PFGA sports program. PLEASE, consider attending. We need the extra support! Ref fees went up this year.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Portage Park Farmers Market – Sunday, September 18
Help to promote the school, and the CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE to the Farmers Market attendees. We'll set up a booth and hand out information to young parents walking around the market. We'll have a little craft for kids to do and try to get people interested in the school. We also need helpers to assist with setting up the market early and to help clean up at the end. SIGN UP HERE!
Lou Malnati's Fundraiser – Tuesday, September 27 from 8-9 am
We need a small team to help sort, stuff and label envelopes with the Lou Malnati's Coupons purchased by our families. These will be distributed in the September 29 Thursday folders. Contact Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org.
Catacombs Haunted House (see entire paragraph above)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

PARENTS CLUB FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

All parents are invited to attend the first Parents' Club meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 28, at 6:30pm at Trattoria Porretta. Appetizers will be served. Cash bar will be available for drinks.

Come and find out about volunteer opportunities and fun events that are coming up this school year for both you as parents, and your families!!

PARENTS CLUB SOCIAL OUTING

Parents' Club is hosting its first parent social event in October! Save the date and book your sitters! This is a great way to get to know other parents in our school community. This is an adult-only event. Appetizers will be provided. Cash bar. Hope to see you there! INFO IS HERE!

CHICAGO WOLVES OUTING

Save the Date to see the Chicago Wolves! Sunday, December 18. MORE INFO IS HERE.

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! https://www.facebook.com/groups/PFGAparentsclub

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!

The pot for our new board is over \$16,000! Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at 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 "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 open house 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

PARISH NEWS

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!

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)

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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