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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Community,

As I wrote about last week, in light of the recent Renew My Church announcement, the rumors have started about our school. One that has recently come to my attention is that the North Campus is closing. Please believe me when I tell you that the North Campus is NOT closing; we are academically and financially strong and are in the process of planning new curriculum resources, capital improvements, and new technology for next year. Please DO NOT believe or perpetuate any of the rumors as they are not healthy for the vitality of Pope Francis Global Academy.

Makeup Snow Days

While we have taken a total of four snow/cold days this school year, we will only need to make up two of them since our calendar has more days than the state requires. These days will be made up on Friday, April 12th and Friday, May 24th. The Teacher Inservice days that were originally scheduled will now be regular school days with students in attendance. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

Trivia Night

Calling all trivia buffs and any adults 21 or over looking for a fun night out with friends! Don't forget that Trivia Night will be this Saturday, February 23rd in the Mason Orchard Auditorium (North Campus) – [6040 W. Ardmore Avenue 60646](#).

Doors will open at 6:30pm, and the game starts at 7:00pm.

How does Trivia Night work?

- You work as a team to answer 10 questions in 10 different topics.
- Teams can have up to 10 players.
- Agree on an answer and submit answers in writing
- Bring your own food and drinks to share with your table
- 50/50 Raffle & Heads or Tails Game; make sure to bring cash to play!
- Cash Prize of \$300 to the winning team!

Please see the below for the sign-up form for individual or team registrations. If you have any questions, please email Meghan O'Neill at moneill.feely@gmail.com.

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!

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.

ASPIRE testing begins Monday, February 25th for 3rd thru 8th grades. The best preparation for your student is a good night sleep and a good breakfast.

8th Grade Graduation retakes are Tuesday, February 26th.
Yearbook group pictures take place Tuesday, February 26th.

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

TRIVIA NIGHT #2 - Tables Still Available

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.

[Trivia Night Volunteers Needed](#)

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](#)

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

The February Parents' Club Meeting has been **Cancelled**.

Parents Club would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Sweetheart Dance last Friday. Special thanks to new Chairwoman Catherine Mullan and to all 4 parish Holy Name Societies for their donations. Also, a big thanks to Trattoria Poretta for donating all of the food for the event. A great time was had by all.

POPE FRANCIS FLANNEL PANTS SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE

The PFGA flannel pants are now back in stock. Place your order now for this popular piece of spirit wear.

[PFGA Flannel Pants](#)

8th GRADE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPIRITWEAR FUNDRAISER

The deadline has been extended to order shirts to support the 8th Grade class fundraiser. Completed forms and money is due back *TOMORROW*, Friday morning.

[St. Patrick's Day Spiritwear](#)

MATH CONTESTANTS EARN AWARDS AT RESURRECTION CONTEST

Congrats to the following Pope Francis Global Academy students who placed in the Resurrection High School Math Contest on Friday, February 15th. In all, over 30 of our students participated in the contest. A great job was done by all!

6th Grade Geometry

1st place: Annabel S

3rd place: Annie F

4th place: Riley M

6th Grade Algebra

1st place: Annie F

2nd place: Annabel S

4th place: Riley M

5th place: Maisie P

7th Grade Geometry

3rd place: Sofia C

5th place: Patricia M

8th Grade Geometry

2nd Place: Kirra S

8th Grade Algebra

3rd Place: Kirra S

5th Place: Morgan G

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](#)

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! And, right now, through February 28, your donation will be tripled!!

[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.](#)

[Matching Gift Program Fact Sheet](#)

[Matching Gift Program FAQs](#)

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 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 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](#)



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE is over \$40,000

The queen has not shown up yet! The 2 of Spades was revealed this week by Angel Whisler who receives \$50. Robert Tonsic got the number 2 slot for the Porrettas' gift certificate. And the 3rd prize of a bottle of wine goes to Lisa S. Thank you all for your support!

Numbers already chosen: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 19, 24, 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 for more information.

Pope Francis Global Academy SPORTS NEWS



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

TECHNOLOGY YOU CAN USE

Is your student having troubles with learning fractions? Here are some fun apps to help.

PARISH NEWS

The Life and Legacy of Cardinal Francis George a documentary
at St. Pascal Church
Saturday, February 23rd
7:30PM in Heimsath Hall
Admission is Free

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](#)



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