



**SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Friday, September 17 - Cross Country Meet at 4 pm at Resurrection High School
- Sunday, September 19 - Installation Mass for Father Mike O'Connell 10 am at St. Pascal Church
- Tuesday, September 21 - Soccer game at 5:30 vs. SPC Gold at Hiawatha Park
- Wednesday, September 22 - Soccer game at 4:15 vs. St. Eugene at Oriole Park
- Friday, September 24 - NO SCHOOL for a teacher Professional Development Day
- Saturday, September 25 - 8th Grade Car Wash Fundraiser 9 am - 12 pm
- Wednesday, September 29 - Virtual Back to School Night - more info to come

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**FATHER MIKE O'CONNELL'S INSTALLATION MASS - JOIN US!**

This weekend Father Mike will be officially installed as Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Please join us for his Installation Mass this Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 AM at St. Pascal Church. We will be having a gathering in front of the school afterward, hosted by the Holy Name Society. Bishop Birmingham will be the celebrant for Mass. Students may wear their school uniforms to receive a special token that they can exchange for a Family Service Hour.

**8TH GRADE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

Help the 8th grade fund their graduation celebrations and activities by coming out for a car, van or SUV wash on Saturday, September 25! They'll be open in the lot across from the school at Irving and Moody from 9 am - 12 pm. [DETAILS HERE](#)

**SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS**

A huge thank you to all of our parents, as well as their friends and family, who have supported PFGA through our Monthly Money Raffle! The first of 8 monthly money raffles took place on Wednesday this week. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in to the office before the next one on Wednesday, October 20!

- 1st prize - \$750 went to Bob Molenda (uncle of one of our 4th graders)
- 2nd prize - \$200 went to Ledio Bregu (PFGA parent)
- 3rd prize - \$100 went to Celeste Arroyo (PFGA parent)

**VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

Save the date...Wednesday, September 29...for our Virtual Back to School Night! We will once again host Zoom meetings with the teachers. More information is coming soon on how and when to log onto the call.

**ONLINE VIRTUS TRAINING AVAILABLE NOW!**

ANY adult family member, who hopes to volunteer with our students either at school or during a school sanctioned event must take special Virtus training and then complete several forms and steps to become compliant each year with the Archdiocese Office for the Protection of Children and Youth.

**VIRTUS** training is a one-time seminar which is required. Normally, this is a 3 hour session at a school or parish anywhere in the Archdiocese. However, right now, due to COVID, there is AN ONLINE OPTION FOR TRAINING AVAILABLE! It is shorter (1.5 - 2 hours vs. 3 hours plus drive time) and easier to deal with logistically! Take advantage of this while it lasts!

STEP #1 – go [HERE](#) and then click the green bar which says **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT**. Complete the forms, choose "online" training then complete the subsequent steps, including approving an online background check.

STEP #1 – Go [HERE](#) and find the "to volunteer" line on the chart, then complete every step which is linked from there, including approving and applying for a background check.

Once you have completed everything, send all the forms to Mrs. Tina Menendez in the school office. Nothing goes in the mail to the state.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR ONLINE VIRTUS TRAINING NOW!** You will be glad you averted driving to Lake Bluff or Tinley Park to do it in person!

**FAMILY HANDBOOK**

The handbook has been updated and is now available [HERE](#) and on the school [website](#). Please:

1. Read through the handbook,
2. Talk through the pertinent parts with your child/children,
3. Sign the paper Handbook Acknowledgement and Agreement that went home in LAST WEEK'S Thursday Folders, then
4. **Return that signed form to the school office by September 15, 2021.**

**LOU MALNATI'S FROZEN PIZZA COUPON FUNDRAISER**

We are once again running our fall Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Coupon fundraiser! The order form/flyer went home today with the youngest student in your family. Orders are due back to the school office by September 23, along with payment. You can sell them to friends and family or you can buy them to GIVE as gifts to friends and family! Lots of options here!

The classroom that sells the most coupons (averaged per student) will earn a pizza lunch!

[FLYER IS HERE](#)

**WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!**

Our Queen of Hearts raffle pot is up over \$55,000! You could win half of that!

Buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta's](#) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place **EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT** at [Trattoria Porretta](#) at 3656 North Central.

**5 GALLON BUCKETS NEEDED!**

A message from Ms. Bieshke, our new music teacher: "Hello everyone I am Megan Bieschke the new music teacher, and I am so glad I get to teach all of your children. The school year started off great! I'm looking into some fun music ideas for future lessons. I'm looking for 30 Five Gallon Buckets to do a really fun Bucket Drumming unit. All of the students are eager and would love the opportunity to try this unit out. If you happen to have any five gallon buckets ([LIKE THESE](#)), we would gladly take them off your hands!"

**SPORTS AND CLUBS**

**COME OUT TO CHEER ON THE WOLVES!**

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**SCHOOL AMBASSADORS FOR PORTAGE PARK FARMERS MARKET**

If you have a few hours on Sunday morning, please consider helping Mrs. Thyen out at the PFGA tent at the Portage Park Farmers Markt this Sunday, September 19, or on Sunday, October 3. Sign up here:

- [Sunday, September 19](#)
- [Sunday, October 3](#)

**RECESS MONITORS**

The school is in need of several parents each day to monitor outdoor recess between 11:30 and 12:30. This is an easy and fun way to earn your hours if you have a flexible schedule! This volunteer position DOES require you to be in compliance with all VIRTUS and Protecting God's Children annual requirements. See the Virtus training section above for information.

Contact Tina Menendez at [tmendez@pfgacademy.org](mailto:tmendez@pfgacademy.org) to volunteer.

**FAMILY DIRECTORY EDITOR**

We're in need of one person to update the Family Directory using the current directory which is formatted as a Google Doc, adding new family information and updating returning family information. This person doesn't need VIRTUS training but does need to be good at Google Docs. Contact Mrs. Thyen if you would like to do this. It is probably about 2 hours worth of work.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS HELPERS**

We are in need of someone to help sell tickets at Trattoria Porretta on Thursday nights from about 6 - 8 pm. For more information on this one, please contact Mrs. Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**JOIN PARENTS CLUB AND EARN 2 VOLUNTEER HOURS!**

This year, when you join as a dues paying member of the Parents Club by **September 30**, you will earn two Volunteer Hours. What does joining mean? Send in the form found at the link below to the office with the \$20 annual dues. With your payment you will also receive a cool PFGA wine tumbler and complimentary drinks/apps at our meetings. (Typically the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm) [PARENTS' CLUB MEMBERSHIP - Join Today!](#)

**PARENTS' CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 30**

The 1st Parents' Club Meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 30 in Room 100 at 6:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Father Mike the new pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Questions? email [parentsclub@pfgacademy.org](mailto:parentsclub@pfgacademy.org)

**PARENT RESOURCES**

**PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY**

Wondering about books and movies that your kids want to get into? [Commonsense Media](#) has reviews!

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to [info@pfgacademy.org](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org)

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