

**The Howler - September 29, 2022**  
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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Friday, September 30 – **Fall Pep Rally and Spirit Day**
- Tuesday, October 4 -- St. Francis Day Pet Blessing
- Sunday, October 9 -- Holy Name Bears vs. Vikings Watch Party Fundraiser
- 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
- Wednesday, October 26 – School Picture Day

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**FALL SPORTS PEP RALLY TOMORROW - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

The Fall Pep Rally, which will honor our Soccer and Cross Country Teams, will take place at 2:15 on Friday, September 30 in the front yard of the school. Come early for pick up to cheer on our athletes! Guests (other than Fall Team Coaches) must stay on the outside of the fence on Irving. Athletes may wear their team jersey tops. It will also be a Wolf Pack Spirit Day (wear Maroon and Gold, or any PFGA Spirit wear to school!) for all students and staff!

**LOU MALNATTI'S COUPONS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME IN BACKPACKS**

If you ordered any Lou Malnatti's Frozen Pizza Coupons through the recent fundraiser, please check your youngest (or only) child's Thursday folder. They all went home today (Pre-K may have received theirs on Tuesday). **PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DO HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 30, 2023!**

*There ARE some extra coupons for purchase. If you missed the deadline to order but would still like a couple, please Contact Mrs. Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).*

**REMEMINDER ABOUT SIGNING KIDS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL**

Please be sure that if you drop your student off for school after an early morning appointment or for any reason (any time after 8:30) you will need to come to the door with them to sign them in. If you are picking up a student early from school (either for a doctor's appointment, if they are feeling sick, or for any other reason), you also have to come up to the door to physically sign them out. In addition, please be sure to sign into the Visitor Log Book if you are coming into school for more than a couple of minutes. Thank you!

**ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL OPEN GYM TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK!**

Parents and adult family members (18+) of PFGA students are invited to join in casual pick-up basketball games on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 starting this upcoming Monday, October 3, in the PFGA gymnasium. Unless the gym is reserved for school or parish functions, we will meet each Monday throughout the school year. Registration is not required -- Just show up ready to play! For more information, please email Ian Barbo ([ian.barbo@gmail.com](mailto:ian.barbo@gmail.com)).

**PET BLESSING ON ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY**

There will be an opportunity to have your family pets blessed on Tuesday, October 4, the Feast Day of our patron's patron, St. Francis of Assisi! St. Francis holds a special place at PFGA as our Wolf mascot was taken from a traditional St. Francis story about the Wolf of Gubbio! You can read more about that [HERE](#).

The blessing of pets will take place at 3:30 in the Dakin Street parking lot behind the school. Please DO NOT bring your pets to pick up as some students and parents have allergies and/or fear of them. Please be respectful of our community and wait until closer to 3:30 to bring your leashed animals for a blessing.

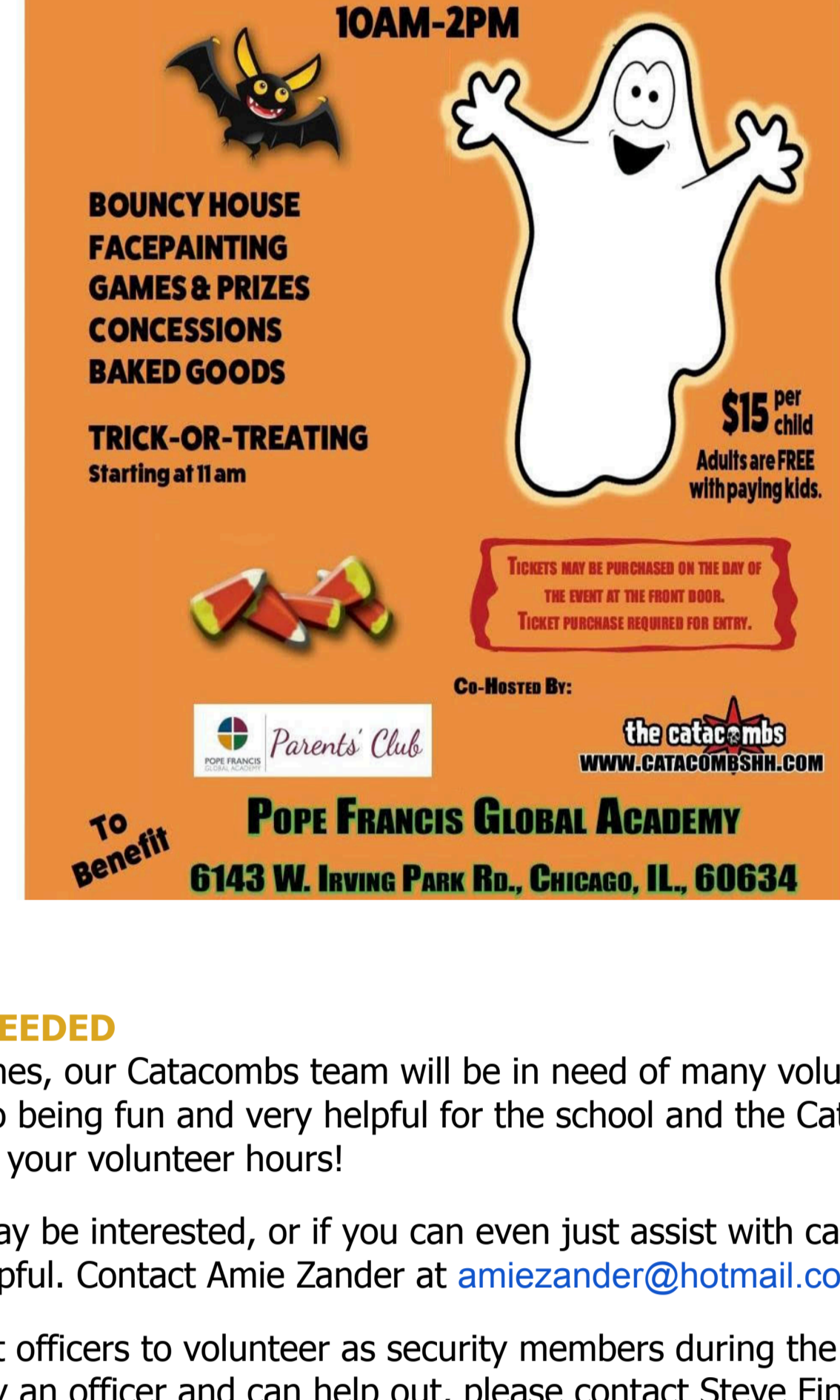
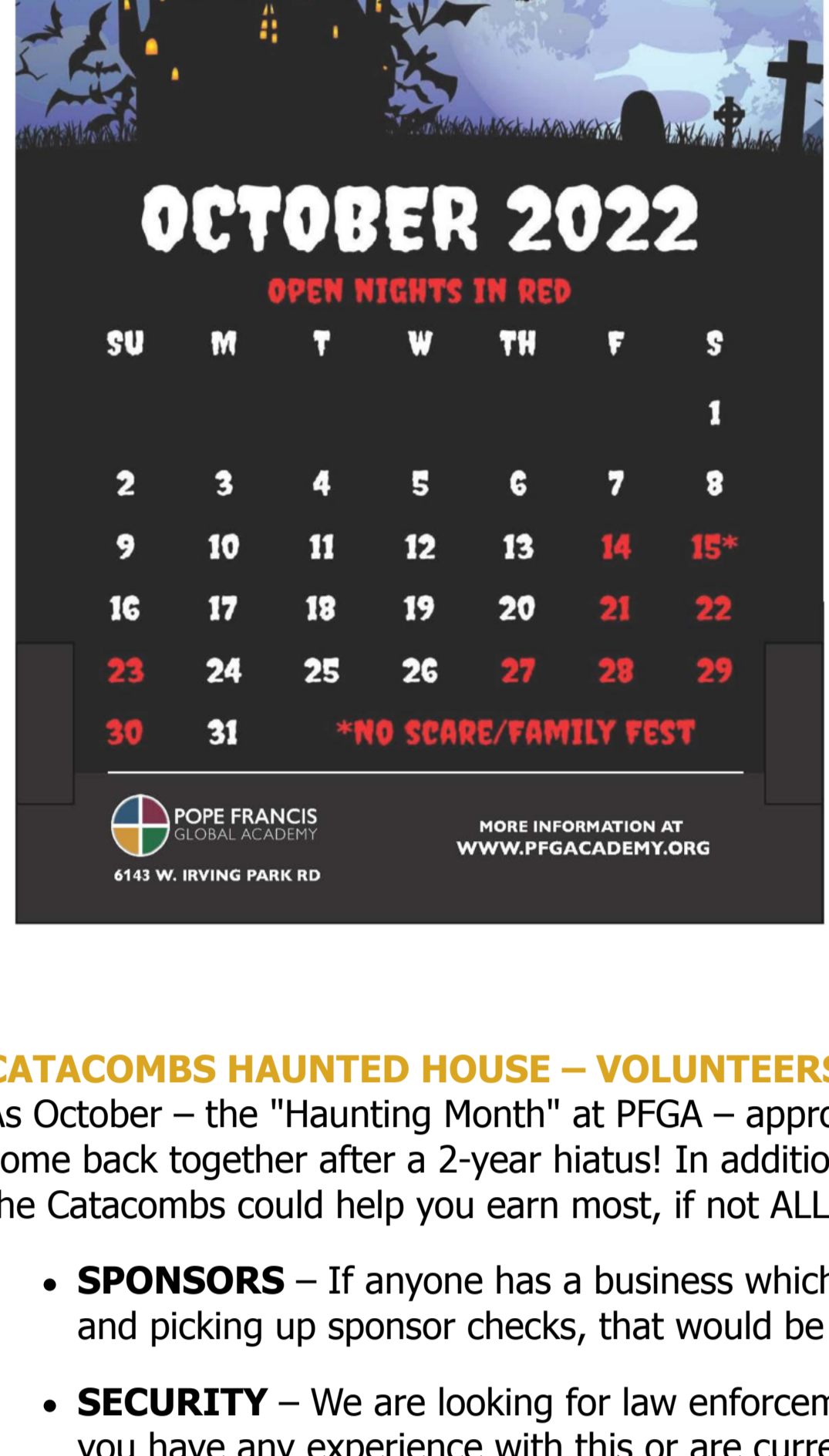
**THE CATACOMBS IS BACK!**

After a two year hiatus, we are back in business with one of the midwest's best Haunted Houses...**the Catacombs!**

There are 9 nights of scary fun, with general admission tickets at \$10 each, and a VIP ticket (like a *Fast Pass*) for \$18 each. Group rates are available! Go to [www.scarypopcorn.com](http://www.scarypopcorn.com) for more info.

For the younger set, on October 15, from 10am - 2 pm, we'll host our annual **Family Fun Fest with a No Scare Trick or Treat!** A kid's ticket is \$15 and adults who are with kids are free. At least one ticket must be purchased for entry.

Mark your calendars now and please tell your friends and coworkers! This is our best event for bringing in people from the wider Chicago/Suburban Community to help support our school! People LOVE the Catacombs!

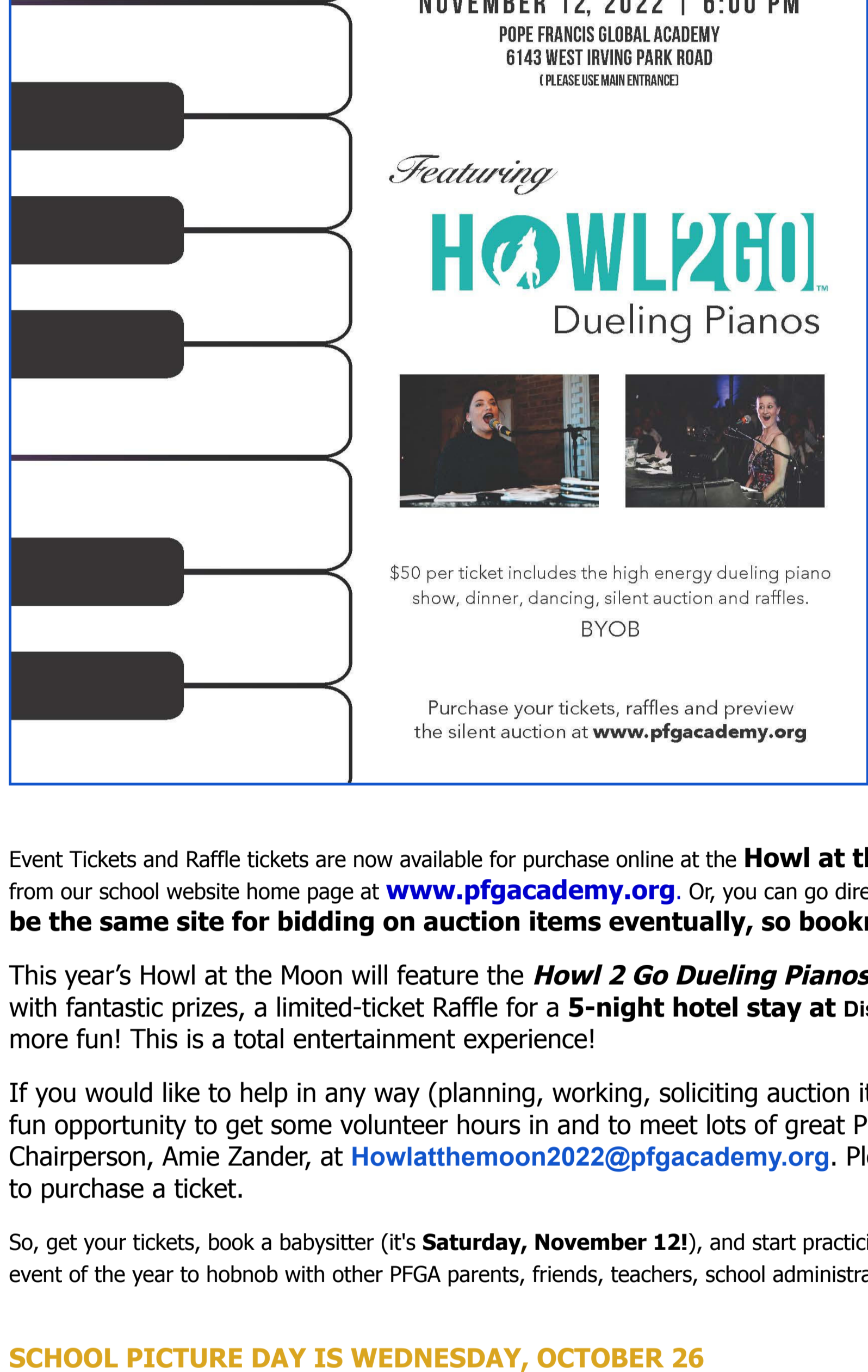


**CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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](mailto: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!

**SAVE THE DATE – HOWL AT THE MOON IS RETURNING!**



Event Tickets and Raffle tickets are now available for purchase online at the **Howl at the Moon GiveSmart** Website. You can reach the site any time from our school website page at [www.pfgacademy.org](http://www.pfgacademy.org). Or, you can go directly there to purchase tickets **NOW** by clicking [HERE](#). **This will be the same site for bidding on auction items eventually, so bookmark it now**

This year's Howl at the Moon will feature the **Howl 2 Go Dueling Pianos**. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a silent auction with fantastic prizes, a limited-ticket Raffle for a **5-night hotel stay at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa in Orlando**, and lots more fun! This is a total entertainment experience!

If you would like to help in any way (planning, working, soliciting auction items, donating auction items, sponsoring, etc.), this is a fun opportunity to get some volunteer hours in and to meet lots of great PFGA parents and supporters in the process! Contact Chairperson, Amie Zander, at [Howlatthemoon2022@pfgacademy.org](mailto:Howlatthemoon2022@pfgacademy.org). Please note that volunteers who attend the party will need to purchase a ticket.

So, get your tickets, book a babysitter (it's **Saturday, November 12!**), and start practicing your dance moves! We hope you'll join us for the premier PFGA event of the year to hobnob with other PFGA parents, friends, teachers, school administrators, parishioners, and fun-seekers of all kinds! Thank you!

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Paper order forms will be sent home closer to the time of photos.

**CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING BEGINNING SOON**

We are excited to start having altar servers again at Mass! Being an altar server is a wonderful and special way to participate in Mass. This ministry puts a new perspective on why things are done on the altar. Everything that happens on the Altar has a purpose and a meaning.

Deacon Shallcross will be training servers over the course of several meetings. If your student is interested in becoming a new altar server or if they have been trained in the past and want to begin serving again, please plan on attending these training sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shallcross directly at [cshallcross@archchicago.org](mailto:cshallcross@archchicago.org). Full details are here in this [Altar Server Training flyer](#).

**FALL AFTER SCHOOL/EXTRACURRICULARS**

If your kids are signed up and participating in after school classes, please be sure that you have submitted payment through the office.

**BASKETBALL TEAM CALL OUTS**

Based on the responses we received, we will field 2 teams. One will be 6-8th grade boys and one will be a co-ed 4th and 5th grade team. Practices will begin soon, mainly on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings with games on Fridays and Saturdays.

**HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS.**

Please use this link to register for the teams: <https://forms.gle/GRNkGpuuuLDURF66>

Contact Ms. Cook with any questions: [athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org](mailto:athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org)

**JV SOCCER**

- Monday, October 3 – JV vs. St. Eugene JV at 5430 North Olcott at 5:00 pm
- Thursday, October 6 – JV vs. SRB at Dunham Park at 6 pm

**VARSITY SOCCER**

- Thursday, September 29 – Varsity vs. SRB at Hiawatha at 5:45 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:

- Gold Friday, September 30
- Rain Make up Friday, October 7

Questions about Soccer, email Patty McGuire: [pattymcgr1@gmail.com](mailto:pattymcgr1@gmail.com)

Questions about Cross Country, email Jessica Zamudio: [jesszamudio@hotmail.com](mailto:jesszamudio@hotmail.com)



**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Catacombs Haunted House (see entire paragraph above)
- Howl at the Moon - Contact Amie Zander at [amiezander@hotmail.com](mailto:amiezander@hotmail.com)

**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**PARENTS CLUB FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR IS TONIGHT!**

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 provided. 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/#/openers/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!**  
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, 24/7! Just like other popular e-commerce sites, customers pay on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](http://MARKETDAY.COM)
- **AMAZON SMILES**  
If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](http://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 shadow 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

**High School Scholarship Applications**

- Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation (Due October 3)
  - <https://www.dmsf.org/aspiring-scholars.html>
  - Open Now!
- HFS Chicago Scholars (Due November 15)
  - <https://www.hfischicagoscholars.com/application-guidelines>
- LINK Unlimited (Opens October 1): <https://linkunlimited.org/be-a-scholar/>
- HighSight (Due March 25): <https://www.highsight.org/apply/>

**PARISH NEWS**

**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 the convent yard (between EDP/Lunch room and the old convent). If it rains, Heimsath Hall (AKA the gymnasium) will be the location. CHILDREN and families are welcome! They'll have a few kids activities!

- 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.
- Kids are welcome, too!

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](mailto:pattymcgr1@gmail.com).

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

**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](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org)

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