

PFGA Howler - September 7, 2022
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2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sunday, September 11 – Catechetical Sunday – Teacher blessings at 10 am Mass
- Wednesday, September 14 – Grandparents Day Mass and Hospitality
- Thursday, September 15 from 3:15 – 4:15pm – Group Prospective Family Tour
- Thursday, September 22 – Curriculum Night at School 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Friday, September 23 – No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
- Friday, September 30 – Fall Pep Rally and Spirit Day

SCHOOL NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN COVID OPERATING FRAMEWORK FOR 2022-23

As we enter our third academic year after the onset of COVID, we continue the transition towards living with COVID. Testing, vaccinations, natural immunity and the evolution of the virus afford schools the ability to assume a more normalized approach and remove many of the precautions required over the last two years. This approach allows school professionals to focus nearly 100% of their time on the academic, emotional and spiritual growth of our students.

PLEASE take a few minutes to read through and fully understand this *ARCHDIOCESAN COVID FAMILY PLEDGE LETTER* and then **SIGN AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. A paper copy also went home in the backpacks today.

<https://archchicago.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet-HomePage/Shared%20Documents/General/Coronavirus/OCS/Operations/Schools%20Family%20Pledge%20English.pdf>

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 10 am MASS AT ST. PASCAL

Please join us this Sunday for a blessing and commissioning of our parish catechists (school teachers and religious education teachers). This is an annual national day that is set aside to recognize and appreciate the work of all of our catechists.

GRANDPARENTS DAY - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

We welcome all Grandparents to join us on Wednesday, September 15 for our celebration of Grandparents Day! Our students (K - 8th) will attend Mass and sit with their classes. Grandparents may sit in the pews toward the back behind the last row of students. There will be a blessing of all Grandparents and then coffee and cake will be served after Mass in the school gymnasium. Grandparents should walk over to the school and the kids will meet up with them inside the school. All the festivities will be in the gym, not in the classrooms.

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. Just a reminder that you should just send back in the handwritten part of the ticket with the ticket holder's name and contact info. You've already paid for the tickets, so you don't need to turn in any money with the tickets...you KEEP the money as you sell the tickets! Also, of course, you can put your own name on any or all of the tickets if you'd rather not sell them.

FALL EXTRACURRICULAR SIGN UPS

Look for an email tomorrow with several offerings for after-school classes which will run for 8 weeks between the weeks of September 26 - November 14.

WOLF PUPS IS SWITCHING TO THURSDAYS!

We will begin meeting for Wolf Pups, our Toddler Music and Movement Class, on **Thursday mornings** beginning next week, September 15, from 9-10 am. On nice days, we'll meet outside in the "Convent Yard," just east of the school between the Lunch Room and the Convent building. During wet or cold weather, we'll meet in the gym. Look for the white sandwich board to see where to enter. [SIGN UP HERE TO BE ADDED TO OUR WOLF PUPS MAILING LIST TO GET ALL UPDATES BY EMAIL!](#)

LOU MALNATI'S FROZEN PIZZA COUPON FUNDRAISER – ORDERS DUE SEPTEMBER 12!

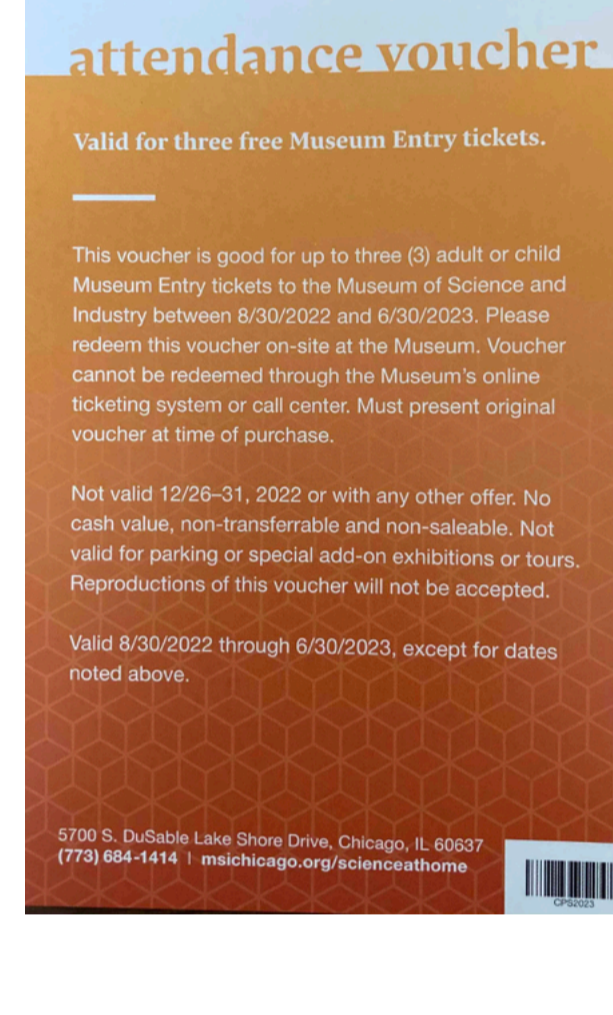
This fundraiser is great for our school and is a STEAL for you since the cost to buy these delicious frozen 9" pizzas in-store is up to about \$18! The coupons through the fundraiser are \$13 and we will make \$5 on each coupon we sell! Please encourage friends and family to buy some. They are delicious and well worth the money! Orders are due on Monday, September 12.

You can pay by check or cash with the paper order form that went home last week, OR you can pay with credit or debit card online at the link below. Either way, buy a bunch, sell a bunch, give a bunch as gifts!

- [PAPER ORDER FORM AND INFO IS HERE.](#)
- [ONLINE ORDER FORM IS HERE.](#)

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY VOUCHERS SENT HOME!

Please check the backpacks every Thursday, but today in particular, please check specifically for an orange paper voucher for free admission for 3 people which your family can use for a Museum of Science and Industry outing! We have a limited supply of these...only enough for one voucher per family so we can't replace lost vouchers. Thank you to Mrs. Reed for these!



SCHOOL TOURS AND THE REFERRAL BONUS!

If you know anyone who has been wavering on their school choice, please send them over to Mrs. Thyen for either a private tour or one of the upcoming Thursday group tours. Don't forget that for each family you refer for a tour, if they enroll and stay through Christmas, you'll earn a \$300 bonus credit on your January FACTS bill!! [PEOPLE CAN RSVP FOR A TOUR HERE.](#)

- Thursday, September 15 from 3-4 pm

CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The primary Catacombs Crew is looking to expand and we're hoping to recruit some help for them among our parents. They are in need of help in some specific areas and they will also need volunteers who are simply in and out for a shift or two during October. Here are some of their specific needs:

- **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 new sign up form will go out next week for specific jobs and shifts!
- **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 MANDATORY MEETING** – 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!

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! We've not gathered in this way for over 2 years and we are ready! Book those sitters now for an evening with the Howl 2 Go Dueling Pianos. Howl at the Moon 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. Live and Silent Auctions, plus an exciting limited-sale-of-tickets raffle will be featured! Limited event tickets will be sold!!! More info coming soon...mark the date on your calendar now!

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

HALLOWEEN T-SHIRT/HOODIE SALE

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. Design and details, including a paper order form are [HERE](#).

- [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](#)

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

ROOM PARENT CALLOUTS EXTENDED

Parents' Club is looking for a few more parents/caregivers who are interested in being the homeroom parent for grades 4, 5, 6 and 8. Homeroom parents earn a maximum of 10 PFGA Volunteer Hours for their work. To be considered you are REQUIRED to complete Virtus/ Protecting God's Children Program. Email Layne Arens at layne.arensgmail.com if you are interested or need more information.

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!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Grandparents' Day – Wednesday, September 15**
Our Parents' Club is hosting a Coffee after the 8:30 Mass on Grandparents Day and they can use your help to set up, serve, bring in coffee and treats, and clean up. Only those parents who are CURRENTLY fully compliant (VIRTUS, PLUS all the current forms) can help out since this is inside the school with the kids. <https://signup.com/go/dGRmJAz>
- **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)**

CLUBS AND SPORTS

FALL SPORTS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

- **JV SOCCER**
 - o Tuesday, September 13 – JV vs. SPC JV Tigers at Hiawatha Park at 5:30 pm
 - o Sunday, September 18 – JV vs. St. Celestine JV at St. Patrick High School at 12:15 pm
 - o Tuesday, September 20 – JV vs. SRB JV Red at Hiawatha Park at 5:30 pm
- **VARSITY SOCCER**
 - o Tuesday, September 13 – Varsity vs. SPC Varsity Tigers at Hiawatha Park at 6:30 pm
 - o Wednesday, September 14 – Varsity vs. SMOW Varsity at Wildwood Park at 4 pm
 - o Sunday, September 18 – Varsity vs. St. Celestine at St. Patrick High School at 1:15 pm
 - o Tuesday, September 20 – Varsity vs. SRB at Hiawatha Park at 6:30 pm
- **CROSS COUNTRY MEETS are all at Resurrection College Prep on Talcott. Meet dates are as follows:**
 - o Bronze Friday, September 16
 - o Silver Friday, September 23
 - o Gold Friday, September 30
 - o Rain Make up Friday, October 7

BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

We're starting to plan for basketball teams for the fall/winter and we would love to field Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity, Boys JV and Girls JV, if we have enough coaches willing to commit. We can also work with pairs of coaches where one has more basketball experience and one is the organizational lead (communications, paperwork, etc.). Please contact Katrina Cook at kcook@pfgacademy.org to learn more about this fun opportunity to earn your full 20 volunteer hours!

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
12:00 PM - Saint Pascal
6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to INFO@pfgacademy.org

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