



The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

WELCOME Back to School... And to School Mass!

Coming Together in Faith: Reflecting on Our First Wednesday School Mass

Our students, teachers, staff, and families came together to find guidance and unity in the presence of God. We were reminded of the values that bind us as a community. We were humbled by the opportunity to pause, center ourselves, and seek inspiration from the teachings that guide us on our journey.



A special shout out to our PK-ers! They did an amazing job with this new experience. Our Kindergarteners - 8th graders did a great job too!

As we move forward in the school year, let's continue to support and uplift one another, embracing the values of compassion, unity, and gratitude.



Attention 4th-8th Graders

Students in 4th - 8th grade are invited to be altar servers

at Saint Pascal Church. Servers are needed to assist at School Masses, Sunday Masses, and other special occasions.



ALTAR SERVERS



We will have training for anyone who would like to serve, to cover all the things that servers do to set up and assist at Mass.

If you are interested, contact Deacon Charley at Mass or by email at cshallcross@archchicago.org.



Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship

Donor Thank You Notes!



This year, PFGA was blessed with a sizeable donation for Tax Credit Scholarships from a few anonymous donors as well as some parishioners and school families. 94% of the students that applied, received awards for the 2023-2024 school year! This is amazing and we would like to extend our gratitude for their generosity.

With that said, we are requesting families that received a TCS scholarship to help us thank donors by writing a handwritten note from either the student or family thanking them for their generous donation! The note should be addressed as "Dear TCS donor" – handwritten is preferred and students are encouraged to include their own artwork and express their creativity.

Our hope is that our donors will continue to support PFGA in the coming year. These thank you notes will go a long way showing our appreciation!

[Ver en español.](#)



We Highly Encourage Tax Credit Scholarship Families To Attend!

Attention TCS families! The Illinois Invest in Kids Act in is danger of going away. You are invited to an Advocacy Training to help empower families and students to use their voices to apply pressure on their elected officials to protect this program and their scholarships. As an organization, Empower can only do so much to protect this program. It will come down to the students and families, making these trainings very impactful.

¡Recomendamos encarecidamente a las familias con becas de crédito fiscal que asistan!

¡Atención familias TCS! La Ley de las Becas Invest in Kids de Illinois está en peligro de desaparecer. Usted está invitado a una Capacitación de Defensa para ayudar a empoderar a las familias y estudiantes a usar sus voces para presionar a sus funcionarios electos para proteger este programa y sus becas. Como organización, Empower no puede hacer mucho para proteger este programa. Todo se reducirá a los estudiantes y las familias, lo que hace que estas capacitaciones sean muy impactantes.

ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS



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- We are still looking for girls to sign up for basketball. Sign-ups for 5th-8th grade have been sent via email. The link to sign-up is also at the bottom of this flyer.
- **The final deadline to field a team is Friday, September 1.**
- Games start the week of September 11.
- Please consider coaching a girls basketball team!
- Girls basketball will not interfere with Soccer or Cross Country.
- The 1st Cross Country meet is Friday, September 8 at Resurrection College Prep.

The JV soccer team played well during their first game of the season against SRB.
Way to go Wolves!



Upcoming Events



Soccer - Mon 8/28

Varsity vs. St. Eugene @ Oriole – 5330 N. Olcott @ 4:45 pm

Soccer - Tues 8/29

JV vs. SRB @ Dunham – 4638 N. Melvina @ 4:30 p.m

Varsity vs. SRB @ Dunham – 4638 N. Melvina @ 5:30 p.m.



Girls Basketball

Sign up for girls basketball 5th – 8th grade girls [HERE](#)

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



Parents' Club Board Elections are coming up!

Join us for the Parents' Club Board elections and first meeting! Here is the link to sign up for the Parents' Club elections.
<https://forms.gle/DtreFEaUKn7rSSUu9>

Parents' Club will be hosting the first PFGA happy hour at **Six Penny Bit** on Friday, September 1st! Book your sitters and come on out to mingle with parents and members of our school community!

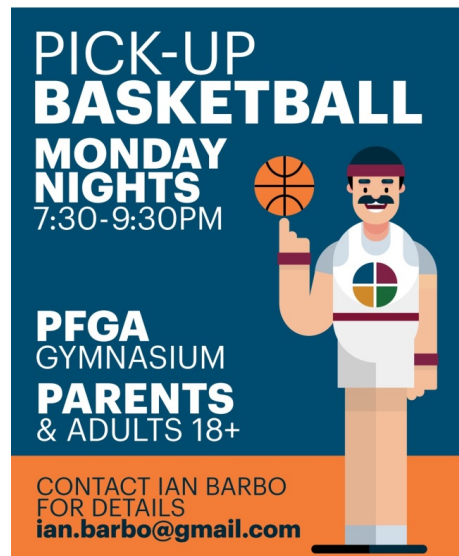
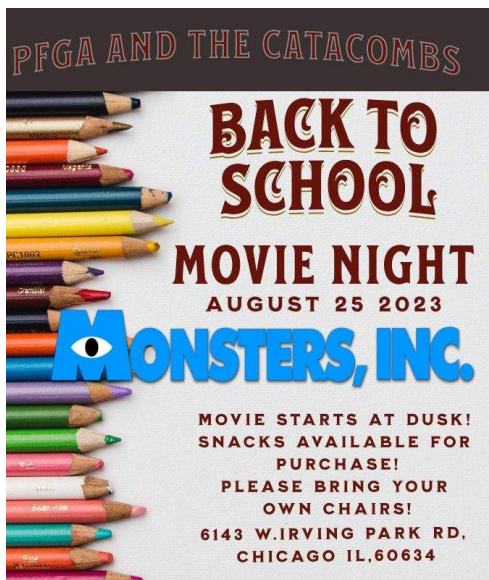
We need help with the Queen of Hearts fundraiser!

The raffle drawing takes place every Thursday night at Trattoria Porretta.

Below is the signup link for a volunteer to sell tickets at the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing.
<https://signup.com/go/WyRVTPa>



SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!





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