



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, December 8** - Santa's Workshop/Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass
- **Tuesday, December 12** - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass (No Mass on Wednesday, December 13)
- **Friday, December 15** - Las Posadas Re-enactment led by 7th Grade/Office of Catholic Schools Art & Essay Contest Deadline
- **Saturday, December 16** - Simbang Gabi & Las Posadas Celebrations Begin
- **Sunday, December 17** - Pope Francis' Birthday
- **Monday, December 18-Thursday, December 21** - Christmas Spirit Week
- **Wednesday, December 20** - Christmas Concert/December Raffle Drawing
- **Thursday, December 21** - Middle School Breakfast/Progress Reports Go Home
- **Friday, December 22** - Christmas Break Begins (Classes resume Jan. 8, 2024)
- **Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve School Family Mass at 4pm



[PFGA WEBSITE](#) - Please visit the school website for the full calendar and latest news.

SCHOOL UPDATES AND REMINDERS

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS HERE!

Santa's Secret Shop is at PFGA for one more day! Our Wolf Pack got to shop for Christmas gifts today. This fun event allows the kids to shop for small gifts for you, grandma, siblings etc., all on their own. Thank you to the Parent Club and all of Santa's helpers!



Christmas Spirit Week
December 18-21

Monday
Holiday Socks*

Tuesday
Holiday Sweaters

Wednesday
Holiday Accessories*

Thursday
Holiday Pajamas

*wear your uniform on this day

The poster features a green background with a string of colorful lights at the top. It includes illustrations of a Santa hat, a reindeer, a snowman, and a penguin. The daily themes are presented in white boxes with red and white striped borders.

LET'S MAKE THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT MAGICAL!

As we gear up for our much-anticipated Christmas Concert, please be reminded:

Rehearse at Home:

To ensure that our young performers shine on stage, we kindly ask that you encourage your child to rehearse their songs at home.

Dress to Impress:



The dress code for our performers is a formal Christmas outfit - red tops paired with black pants/skirts or red dresses.

Arrival Time:

We kindly request that all students arrive by 6:00 pm.

¡HAGAMOS QUE EL CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD SEA MÁGICO!

Mientras nos preparamos para nuestro tan esperado concierto de Navidad, recuerde:

- Ensayar en casa: Para asegurarnos de que nuestros jóvenes artistas brillen en el escenario, le pedimos amablemente que anime a su hijo/a a ensayar sus canciones en casa.
- Vestir para impresionar: El código de vestimenta para nuestros artistas es un atuendo navideño formal: blusas rojas combinadas con pantalones/faldas negras o vestidos rojos.
- Hora de llegada: Solicitamos amablemente que todos los estudiantes lleguen antes de las 6:00 pm.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Queen of Hearts.** Volunteer to sell tickets at the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing. Sign up [HERE](#).
- **Santa's Secret Shop.** Volunteer to help make the holiday season magical for the kids shopping at Santa's Secret Shop. Sign up [HERE](#)

Remember, you must be Virtus-trained and in compliance with all requirements. Please review the [Compliance Guidelines Chart](#).

Make sure to track your volunteer hours on [TrackitForward](#). If you are new to TrackitForward, please follow the [instructions](#) or contact Gigi Ybarra at gybarra@pfgacademy.org.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE IS OVER \$45K!

The pot is getting bigger! Don't miss your chance to win. Plus, you are helping our school raise money for a much-needed playground! Thank you

for your support!



Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

to benefit

POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Help us raise funds for a playground!

Tickets sold and drawings held at

TRATTORIA *Arabella* RESTAURANTE & PIZZERIA

3656 North Central Avenue • 773.736.1429

THURSDAY NIGHTS - 8 pm
Until the Queen of Hearts is revealed!

THE POT IS OVER \$40K!

Ticket \$5, 5 for \$20, or 8 for \$30

Prize money will roll over weekly until there is a winner. Weekly \$100 prizes will be given to the person whose ticket is drawn but does not reveal the Queen of Hearts. Plus, other door prizes given! All terms and Conditions can be found at: www.PFGAcademy.org

FOOTBALL MANIA - WE HAVE A WEEK 13 WINNER!

Greetings & Salutations FootballMania Fans.

I'm not saying that the Packers paid off the refs so they could beat the Chiefs but....I do know who IS paying out and that would be the FOOTBALLMANIA SWEEPSTAKES! Our week 13 winner is Lois (That's right, she won last week too.) I just might have Brianna and James pick lottery numbers for me. They must have a hot hand. Thank you everyone that sold tickets and everyone that bought them to support the kids at PFGA!!



If you have questions about the fundraiser feel free to contact Dominic Maino at dmaino@stbartholomew.net

ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS

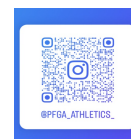


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PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



READY, SET, BAKE!!!!



Parents' Club

is hosting a

Teacher Cookie Exchange

WHEN? Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023

WHERE? Room 100

WHAT TO BRING? 5 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies

Cookies are given as a gift from our school parents to the teachers and staff.

Please R.S.V.P. with the type of cookies you will be donating to:

Amanda Brostek • dempseyb.angel9@gmail.com

We will start setting up the exchange at 7am on 12/19. Please send your cookie donation (preferably in a container that you DO NOT want back) with your child or drop in Room 100 (accessible from the outside door between the church and school).

Please indicate if the cookies contain NUTS or they are NUT FREE.



LAST CALL - PFGA WOLVES TAKE ON THE GREAT WOLF LODGE

The PFGA Wolves take on the Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee, IL Sunday, January 14! This is a super fun overnight stay with PFGA families. We have secured a discounted room block for our group. All rooms sleep up to 6 people and come with 6 waterpark passes. You can book on their website www.greatwolf.com or by calling 1-844-485-9653. Use the group code 2403POPE to get the discounted rate of \$269.99 plus the discounted resort fee of only \$9.99. Total: \$318.38.

Reservations MUST be made by 12/10/23. Book now - they will sell out! Makes a great family Christmas gift!

FAMILY DAY AT THE CHICAGO WOLVES

PFGA Family Day at the Chicago Wolves game will be on Sunday, February 25 at 3 pm. The Chicago Wolves will take on the Iowa Wild. Tickets are \$16 each and everyone will receive a free Chicago Wolves hat and all PFGA families will be seated in the same section. Additionally, they are offering our group discounted vouchers for \$6.50 each that get you a hot dog and a pop at the game. Tickets must be purchased by January 19, 2024. The link to purchase tickets is below.



<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/pfgacademy/chicagowolvesgame>

SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Students in Grades 4 and up are invited to be altar servers at Saint Pascal Church. Servers are needed to assist at School Masses, Sunday Masses, and other special occasions.

We will have training sessions for all servers (new and old) to cover all the things that servers do to set up and assist at Mass, especially for the upcoming Christmas Season!

There will be two training sessions, and servers may attend either one (both are in St. Pascal Church):

- Wednesday December 13th
- 3:00 to 4:00 (right after school)
 - 6:00 to 7:00 PM

If have any questions, email me at cschalkcross@archchicago.org

I'd like all server families to email me, so I can contact you when we need servers for special occasions.

Thank you!
Deacon Charley



PICK-UP
BASKETBALL
MONDAY NIGHTS
7:30-9:30PM



PFGA
GYMNASIUM
PARENTS
& ADULTS 18+

CONTACT IAN BARBO
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TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 5:00PM to info@pfgacademy.org.

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