



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Saturday, December 2 - Catholic High School Entrance Exam - Good luck 8th graders!
- Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, December 3 - Mistletoe Market
- Sunday, December 3 - Five Below Fundraiser Begins
- Wednesday, December 6 - Early Release 1:30pm, St. Nicholas Day, Christmas Tree Lighting
- Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8 - Santa's Workshop
- Friday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass (No Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 6)
- Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass (No Mass on Wednesday, December 13)
- Sunday, December 17 - Pope Francis' Birthday
- Monday, December 18-Thursday, December 21 - Christmas Spirit Week
- Wednesday, December 20 - Christmas Concert/December Raffle Drawing
- Friday, December 22 - Christmas Break Begins (Classes resume Jan. 8, 2024)



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

SCHOOL UPDATES AND REMINDERS

POWERSCHOOL UPDATES AND TROUBLESHOOTING

UPDATES: Please help us update our school records. Click on this [LINK](#) to view instructions of how to update your information on PowerSchool for the current school year.

TROUBLESHOOTING: Parents received instructions for the PowerSchool Parent Portal in their packets during Parent Teacher Conferences. If you have any issues, please complete this [FORM](#) for assistance.

Both the instructions and the form can be found on the school website, under the Parent Information tab - click [HERE](#).

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS COMING SOON!

Santa's Secret Shop will be coming to PFGA December 7 & 8. This fun event allows the kids to shop for small gifts for you, grandma, siblings etc., all on their own. Most gifts cost between \$2-\$5 each. Each class will be assigned a time to shop and get their gifts wrapped by Santa's "Elves". Be on the look out for shopping guides, envelopes and more info to come home with your student.



We need lots of parent help to pull this off! Please consider getting involved!

(If you want to help during school, you must be Virtus trained). <https://signup.com/go/whfZRAW>



JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL
Christmas Tree
LIGHTING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Gather with school families and parishioners outside between the church and school to decorate the trees, enjoy some fellowship, and toast the season with a cup of hot chocolate served up by our 8th grade students.

5:00pm Decorating begins
Bring an ornament suitable for outdoors to place on a tree. Hand-made PFGA ornaments will also be available for purchase. **\$3 each or 2 for \$5.**

5:15pm Hot chocolate available for purchase.

6:00pm Christmas tree lights go on!
Funds raised will go towards the 8th grade class of 2024 activities.
THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT.

POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Our Lady of the Rosary
presents
Christmas Concert
FEATURING

Pope Francis Global Academy
Students,
Our Lady of the Rosary Choirs, and
Ortegon School of Music Students and
Faculty

December 20th, 2023 | 7pm
Saint Pascal Church
3935 N Melvina Ave

\$5 suggested donation
For information contact
773 2867871

Our Lady of the Rosary, Ortegon School of Music, Saint Pascal Church

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](#)
- **Mistletoe Market.** Volunteer to help make the event a success. 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.



NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

WE NEED YOUR HELP - BAKE COOKIES FOR THE 2023 MISTLETOE MARKET COOKIE WALK!

- Receive ½ hour towards your mandatory hours for every dozen cookies you bake. (Maximum 5 hours)
- Cookies can be dropped off at PFGA on Friday, December 1, 2023 at the EDP doors (just east of the main entrance) between 3pm - 6pm OR on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Mistletoe Market between 7:30am - 9am.
- The more you make the better our Cookie Walk will be!
- We kindly request Christmas Cookie recipes be used - 'Tis' the Season!
- Please put your cookies in a disposable container and label with the information listed below:
 - Family Name
 - # of Dozen Baked/Volunteer Hours Earned
 - Type of Cookie
 - If nuts or nut oils were used to bake

Questions? Email [Julie Molenda](mailto:Julie.Molenda@pfgacademy.org) @ jmolenda@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 Raffle 50/50

to benefit
POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Help us raise funds for a playground!

Tickets sold and drawings held at:

TRATTORIA *orella* 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 12 WINNER!

Hello Party People of PFGA,

Week 12 brings us an ugly but sweet victory. It proves that with a little sweat and determination you can pull off the win. Even though we didn't hit our goal on sales of these FootballMania tickets we will have another chance soon with the SuperBowl SuperMatch. This week we get to celebrate Lois and her big win! We also get to celebrate Brianna and James who sold this winning ticket and are tied for 3rd place in sweepstakes sales! Thank you everyone that sold tickets and everyone that bought them to support the PFGA Wolf Pack!!



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

ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS

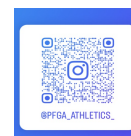


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PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



PFGA WOLVES TAKE ON THE GREAT WOLF LODGE

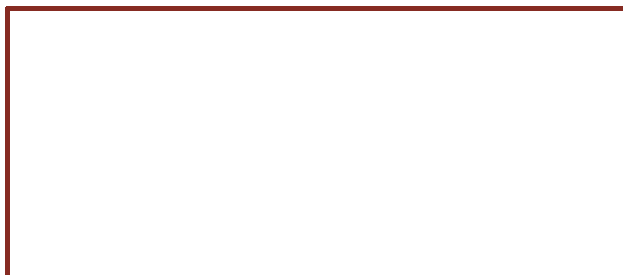
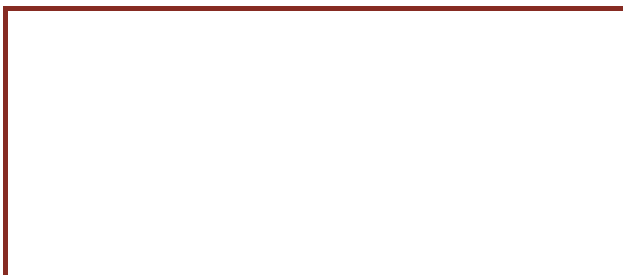
The PFGA Wolves take on the Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee, IL Sunday, January 14! This is a super fun overnight stay with PFGA families. We have secured a discounted room block for our group. All rooms sleep up to 6 people and come with 6 waterpark passes. You can book on their website www.greatwolf.com 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>





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YOU'RE INVITED! **TO a FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT FOR**

organization name Pope Francis Global Academy 8th Grade Class
 date December 3rd - 9th time 10am - 9pm
 where Five Below Harlem Irving Plaza

It's simple! 10% of the purchases made by members of your group will be donated back to your organization.

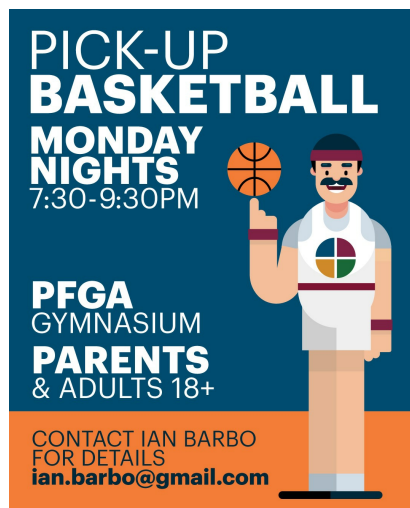
simply present this flyer to a member of our W/W CREW at the time of purchase. please note that we do not allow flyers to be handed out in our store or shopping center at any time before, during or after your event.

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purchase amount (pre-tax) \$ _____
 register (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6
 associate name _____

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 fivebelow.com

SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!



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

PFGACADEMY.ORG

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