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# Pope Francis Global Academy



## The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

**December 12, 2019**

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Parents and Guardians,

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year, and our students' performances at their Christmas Programs next week will remind us that Jesus is the reason for the season.

December has been such a festive month, and I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Burnett and all of the teachers who are working hard to prepare the students for a wonderful, musical

celebration of our Catholic faith.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Selvaggio and Mrs. Zander and their committee of volunteers for all of their hard work organizing and running last week's Secret Santa Workshops. The students excitedly, and proudly, purchased Christmas gifts for all of their loved ones in preparation for Christmas.

Parents' Club also hosted Pizza with Santa at Trattoria Porretta which was great fun and helped put everyone in the Christmas spirit! Thank you to both Parents' Club and Trattoria Porretta, who donated 20% of all of the sales that night to our Parents' Club.

## **ILLINOIS STATE TAX CREDITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

As the fiscal year closes and many parents and businesses begin their tax preparation, they may find that they are going to owe the Illinois Department of Revenue for taxes. If you find that you will be paying Illinois taxes this year instead of receiving a refund, I want to remind you and encourage you to take a closer look at the Invest in Kids Income Tax Credits. Please see [HERE](#) for more information. From now until February 29 there is an opportunity to TRIPLE the value of your contribution through a 2-for-1 matching grant. If you would like to have the tax credit count for this year, it is important to begin the process through Empower Illinois by December 14.

Donations can be made to a specific school, but not a specific student or group of students. When choosing the district and school, please use the following information:

North Campus - Region 1 - District 299 - PFGA/St. Thecla

South Campus - Region 1 - District 299 - PFGA South Campus

Invest in Kids offers approved Illinois individual and business taxpayers income tax credits in the amount of 75 percent of their total qualified contributions made to one or more Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) during a taxable year. Credits cannot exceed \$1 million per taxpayer, per year.

**Example:** A taxpayer makes a qualified contribution of \$10,000 to an approved SGO. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit.

A tax CREDIT is far more beneficial to a taxpayer than a tax deduction. Speak with your tax advisor, or contact Jodi Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org) for additional information.

As we prepare for the birth of our savior let us remember to keep the real reason for the season in our hearts. Sometimes the rush and craziness get in the way of remembering what Christmas is all about.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**[PFGA Website](#)** - Please check often as the website contains the most updated information

**December 16 - [Teacher Cookie Exchange](#)**

**December 18 - [Christmas Program](#) - South Campus**

**December 19 - [Christmas Program](#) - North Campus**

**December 20 - Early Dismissal - 11:30 am - EDP will not be available after dismissal**

**December 21 - January 5 - Christmas Break**

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## **PARENT NEWS**

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### **ADVENT MEDITATIONS**

Thank you to our Ministry Effectiveness Committee of the BSJ who have compiled daily Advent Meditations, with a particular focus on St. Joseph as a model, for our families to use in an effort to help us focus on what's important this Advent season. You should be receiving emails daily, and you can find all of the meditations in PDF format [HERE](#).

### **UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS**

Please spread the word that we are kicking off "enrollment season" with some upcoming tours for prospective parents. Remember that, as a current family, you are entitled to a \$300 tuition credit applied to your January 2021 tuition bill for each family you bring into the school. They must enroll, state that you referred them, and stay at the school in good standing through Christmas of 2020! Next month 13 of our families will be getting this credit! There's no limit on how many families you bring in...you'll get \$300 for each!

#### **North Campus Events**

- Tuesday, December 17 from 10-11 (free Wolf Pups party from 9-10 for guests who bring their little one)
- Monday, January 13 from 6-7 pm
- Thursday, January 16 from 8:30-9:30 am
- OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, January 26 from 10:30-12:30

#### **South Campus Events**

- Thursday, January 9 from 8:30-9:30 am
- OPEN HOUSE - Sunday January 26 from 11:30am -1:30 pm

Prospective families can RSVP [HERE](#) to any of these events. Current parents can train to help guide tours at our Open House. Look for information on training sessions soon.

### **TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP (EMPOWER ILLINOIS AND BIG SHOULDERS) APPLICATION DATES ANNOUNCED**

The Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarships WILL once again be offered to those who both qualify financially AND apply the very split second the application opens. To see if you qualify, please check [HERE](#). If you qualify, please put these two dates on your calendar and set an alarm:

January 14 - Big Shoulders SGO application opens - likely in the morning

January 15 - Empower Illinois application opens - likely in the evening.

More information will be forthcoming. In order to be considered for ANY form of financial assistance, families MUST submit these two applications if they qualify. The FACTS Grant and Aid application is separate from these.

## **DO YOU HAVE AN ILLINOIS TAX BILL?**

As an Illinois tax payer, you can help our students by donating to the Illinois State Tax Scholarship Program specifically for one of our schools. And, right now, **YOUR GIFT WILL BE TRIPLED** by a very generous matching grant! Please visit our school website or contact Jodi Thyen at Pope Francis to learn all the details. Even if your tax burden is small, your impact can be very big!

[jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

## **PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY**

[What is the best video console for kids?](#)

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## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

### *North Campus Student Council Happenings*

Dec. 2nd - 13th Candy Cane Connection

### *South Campus Student Council Happenings*

Dec. 20th - 2nd Annual Night before Christmas pajama party - movie and hot cocoa grades K-8.  
Details to follow

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## **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

### **QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE**

The pot is \$18,850.00

\$100 went to Mary Lubben who picked #13 that revealed the 6 of Spades.

2nd place receives a Porretta's hat to Porrettas.

Congratulations Patrick Jones.

3rd place receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porrettas.

Congratulations to Eric Camacho.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our school.

Buy your tickets at either campus office or at Trattoria Porretta.

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## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

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### **TEACHER COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Bring 4 dozen of your favorite cookies to share with teachers and staff of both campuses on Monday, December 16th.

[Teacher Cookie Exchange](#)

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## **SHOUT OUTS**

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## **SPORTS NEWS**

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Come on out to support our sports teams, if you can, as they represent our school in the community!

[Athletics schedules](#)

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## **FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS**

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### **ST. CORNELIUS MUSIC OF THE SEASON**

[St. Cornelius Christmas Music Concert](#)

### **ST. PASCAL 2ND GRADE COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES**

[St. Pascal 2ND Grade Important Dates](#)

## ST. PASCAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Sunday during 10 AM Mass

## ST. TARCISSUS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Children's Liturgy of the Word](#)

## CURRENT BULLETINS

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Cornelius](#)

[St. Pascal](#)

[St. Tarcissus](#)

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## AROUND TOWN

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## ICELAND SKATING

[Learn to Skate](#)

[Rookie Rangers Ice Hockey](#)

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