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# Pope Francis Global Academy



## The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

As we end 2019 and enter the 2020's, I would like to wish you a restful Christmas break and hope you enjoy this time with your child(ren). For the New Year, I wish you health and happiness and hope that the break provides a myriad of opportunities for you and your family to do things that you might not be able to accomplish when school is in session.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a half-day with dismissal at 11:30 am. There will be **NO EDP** tomorrow so that our entire staff may start their Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.

## **Special Thank Yous**

Our school is lucky to have wonderful, supportive parents who are generous with their time, talent, and treasure on behalf of our school and teachers!

Thank you to all of our parents that contributed toward the teacher and staff Christmas gift fund as well as those who generously baked cookies for our teachers' cookie exchange! The teachers' lounge was quite the sight to see and smell with all of the delectable cookies! Thank you for all of your support for our teachers! Choosing to teach in a Catholic school is truly a calling and we appreciate all of your efforts that show our teachers how much they are loved!

Thank you as well to all of our school families who generously donated toys for our Christmas Toy Drive that benefitted Catholic Charities. I appreciate your support and Larry Cubalchini's organization and efforts in running this drive for us.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mr. Burnett for his work with the students on preparing them for their Christmas program and to all of the teachers for helping the students practice their songs and lines.

## **New Pastor Announcement**

It is with great pleasure that I inform you all that Fr. Mike Grisolano, pastor of St. Tarcissus Parish, has been asked to be the pastor of the new Milwaukee Ave. parish grouping. He immediately accepted the position and is excited to begin planning for the future.

Please join me in congratulating him and wishing him all the best in his new appointment!

## **UPDATES ON THE NEW SCHOOL AT [6040 WEST ARDMORE](#)**

We know there are many questions and rumors swirling about the new North Campus parish school. Now that we have a newly named pastor for the new Ss .Cornelius, Tarcissus, and Thecla Parishes, I can share the following information with you at this point about the new school:

- Ss .Cornelius, Tarcissus, and Thecla Parishes will be united as one Parish on July 1, 2020, with a new Parish school. Please click [HERE](#) to participate in choosing a new name.
- The school will be a parish school with local leadership, which will enable it to build a tighter, stronger community with the families from the reconfigured parish.
- The curriculum will, by-and-large, follow our current PFGA curriculum. Curricular resources are evaluated yearly so there may be some new additions.
- There will be no tuition increase for the first year; PLUS there will be a larger multi-child discount.
- Our current North Campus teachers, along with those of St. Thecla, will be prioritized for the teaching positions available for next year; the more students that we have the more teachers we will need.
- Registration for both the New School and the South Campus PFGA will begin shortly after we return from Christmas break.
- PFGA South will remain an Archdiocesan regional school for the 2020-21 school year. We will know more in November of 2020 after Our Lady of Victory, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Constance, and St. Pascal participate in the Renew My Church process. The Cardinal will then make the final decision on their re-configuration.

On behalf of our pastors and the faculty and staff of Pope Francis Global Academy, I would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy new year!

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 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

- 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
- Tuesday, February 4 from 6-7 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**

[Best Kids APPS of the Decade](#)

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## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

*North Campus Student Council Happenings*

Wear Red & Green Day

*South Campus Student Council Happenings*

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

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## **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

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## CASINO NIGHT DETAILS ARE OUT!

The Casino Night committee is happy to announce the details on our February 29 Casino Night Fundraiser! Please remember that this fundraiser (as with Howl at the Moon, which this replaces) is a regular school fundraiser and all funds raised go to the operational expenses incurred at both campuses FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. We hope everyone will come out to enjoy a night of dinner, Vegas-style casino games, raffles, silent auction, and entertainment! Plus, since it's LEAP DAY, it's an extra day in the year you didn't have last year, so what's to lose?! haha!

We're also asking for EVERYONE to help secure great auction and raffle prizes. If you helped with securing prizes last year, please approach those donors again on behalf of the school with the current solicitation letter and form. Hard copies will be distributed after the break to each family. If you are ready to jump on this over break, please print out the flyer and solicitation pack from the links below. THANK YOU in advance for your continued efforts on behalf of our school! We are also seeking SPONSORS for the event. The Solicitation letter includes sponsorship levels and benefits as well.

[CASINO NIGHT FLYER/INVITATION](#)  
[SOLICITATION LETTER AND DONATION/SPONSOR FORM](#)  
[TICKETS](#)

## QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

The pot is \$19,660.00

\$100 went to Karen & Bill Smart who picked #7 that revealed the Jack of Spades.

2nd place receives a bottle of wine.

Congratulations Cristaphano.

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

Congratulations to George Szymanski.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our school.

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

Drawn Numbers

1, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 37, 38, 43, 47, 48, 51 and 52.

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## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### ANNUAL PARENTS' CLUB SWEETHEART DANCE IS JANUARY 24!

The Sweetheart Dance tradition continues this year on Friday night, January 24 at the Pacocha Center at St. Cornelius. Complete information is [HERE](#).

- Purchase tickets for a pair (1 adult/1 student) [HERE](#).
- Purchase tickets for a family [HERE](#).

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## SHOUT OUTS

### ART CONTEST PRIZE

4th grader Selah A. won 3rd place in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Pictured with Selah are Mrs. Kinel and Ms. Wojciechowski, our art teacher, who used the competition as a classroom project with the students.



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## SPORTS NEWS

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

[Athletics schedules](#)



## FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS

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### 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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