

PFGA HOWLER - December 8, 2022

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, December 9 – Normal uniform day! (the Student Council OOU day was switched to 12/16)
- Friday, December 9 – Santa's Workshop, Day 2
- Monday, December 12 – School Mass (Our Lady of Guadalupe...no school Mass on Wednesday)
- Tuesday, December 13 – Reconciliation (all classes 3rd and up) beginning at 1 pm
- Friday, December 16 – Student Council Christmas Sweater Contest and Red and Green Out of Uniform Day)
- Monday, December 19 – Parents' Club Teacher Cookie Exchange - send in your cookies with the kids
- Wednesday, December 21 – Another Red & Green Out of Uniform Day (Wear your Wolf Christmas shirt!)
- Wednesday, December 21 – All School Christmas Program at 6 pm at St. Pascal Church
- Thursday, December 22 – 11:30 Dismissal (no after school EDP will be available)
- Thursday, December 22 – PJ Day
- Friday, December 23 – Sunday, January 8 – NO SCHOOL for Christmas Break

STUDENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST AND RED AND GREEN DAY HAVE BEEN SWITCHED TO NEXT FRIDAY!

The original SC out of uniform day for this month had been December 9, however a few weeks ago this was changed and announced in the *Important Upcoming Dates* section of the Howler. Tomorrow is a normal uniform day (unless your student has an out of uniform pass they'd like to use) and NEXT Friday is the Red and Green Day/Christmas Sweater Contest Day. Bring \$1 to wear Red and Green or a Christmas sweater (you may have already paid for the whole year up front, and that's fine too). Then, Wednesday, December 21 is also a Red and Green Day, and Thursday, December 22 is Pajama Day!

ARE YOU DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING ONLINE? SET UP AMAZON SMILES AND LIST US AS YOUR "CHARITY OF CHOICE!"

If you are planning to do any shopping with Amazon this holiday season, PLEASE take a few minutes to set up Pope Francis Global Academy as your "Charity of Choice" in Amazon Smiles. It's super simple...rather than going straight to Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do! Even if you've already filled your cart in Amazon.com, when you switch the address to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles), your items should still be in your cart! Just switch before checking out and we should get the credit! Thank you!

SANTA'S WORKSHOP - TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY

A few students who forgot money today and who have expressed interest in having another chance to to shop tomorrow will be given that opportunity. They can bring money tomorrow and ask their teacher to help them coordinate a time to go to the gym to shop.

PFGA ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 6 PM

Be sure to mark your calendar that our Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 6 pm. Students should arrive at 5:45 and will sit with their teacher and class toward the front of the church. Guests may sit, first come, first served, behind the students. [ALL DETAILS ARE HERE.](#)



PARENTS' CLUB ORGANIZING A GROUP TEACHER AND STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

A flyer and envelope went home in last week's folders explaining how you can contribute the a **Group Teacher and Staff Christmas Present** being organized by our **Parents' Club**. Please read through [THIS FLYER](#) to learn how you can contribute either online with a credit or debit card or through a cash or check contribution made through the front office.



PARENTS' CLUB ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL TEACHER COOKIE EXCHANGE

Another fun way our Parents' Club likes to show their love for our teachers is with the Annual Teacher Cookie Exchange! Parents are invited to bring in cookies as a gift to the teachers. The PC Cookie committee sets up all the cookies and teachers have a chance to fill a box to take home. It is one of the best days of the year to be a PFGA teacher! [HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS.](#)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Just in time to get you fully into the Christmas Spirit, the Music Ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be presenting their Annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 16. This is a beautiful evening featuring music from our parish musicians, some professional outside musicians, and even our PFGA students who sing with the OLR Children's Choir! The level of professionalism in this concert is impressive and the music is sure to wrap you in the spirit! [INFORMATION AND A TICKET PURCHASE LINK IS HERE.](#) You can also buy tickets at the school office with cash any time the school is open.



CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

We've got lots of girls interested in playing volleyball, and we're still in need of a couple of volunteers to coach. Are you a former volleyball player or even just enjoy the game? It would be great to have your experience!

- Do you want to learn volleyball and help our players grow? We could still use assistants that help our head coaches!
- Do you know of someone who might want to help? Have them email Ms. Cook at athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org and I can answer questions.
- The only requirements are that you are Virtus compliant...have a good attitude when working with kids...and display good sportsmanship
- The benefits include getting your volunteer hours in, having a great experience with our students in 4th - 8th grades, giving back to the community, and exercise (lots of opportunities to get into shape working with the students!)

If you are interested and can help, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Katrina Cook, at athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org. If you and a friend would like to commit to be co-coaches, that would work too!

BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE

- Friday, December 9 - 7pm @ Mary Seat of Wisdom Blue
- Saturday, December 17 - 11 am @ PFGA vs. St. Mary of the Woods

PICK-UP BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PARENTS AND ADULTS 18+)

When: Monday evenings, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
 Where: PFGA Gym

Parents and adult family members of students are invited to join in pick-up basketball games on Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm in the PFGA gymnasium. We will meet each Monday throughout the school year. For more information and to add yourself to email comms regarding basketball, please email Ian Barbo (ian.barbo@gmail.com).

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

- **GREAT WOLF LODGE OUTING**
 Save the Date for the Wolves take on Great Wolf Lodge!!! Sunday, January 15, 2023. (Monday, January 16 is a day off of school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Discounted room blocks and further information will be available soon!
- **PARENTS' CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**
 For the benefit of our new families, just a reminder that our Parents' Club hosts a private Facebook Group for our PFGA Families! If you're on Facebook, stop by and send a request to join the group! The group name is **PFGA Parents' Club**
- **SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN**
<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA, especially during the Holidays!

- **WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!**
 Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW! at [Trattoria Porretta](https://www.trattoria-porretta.com) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](https://www.trattoria-porretta.com) at 3656 North Central.
- **THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER**
 Parents, friends, parishioners, and friends can order products anytime from the Market Day website, 24/7! Just like other popular eCommerce sites, customers pay on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](https://www.marketday.com)
- **AMAZON SMILES**
 If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smiles) and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do!
- **COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM**
 This is a relatively new program...if you purchase any Coke/Dasani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- HighSight (Due March 25): <https://www.highsight.org/apply/>

PARISH NEWS

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy the sounds of the season at the annual Our Lady of the Rosary Music Ministry's Christmas Choir on Friday, December 16 at 7 pm. [ENGLISH FLYER. SPANISH FLYER](#)

BULLETIN

Check out the most recent bulletin for [Our Lady of the Rosary Parish](#) for all sorts of good information, upcoming events, and Mass times!

ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated Mass
 4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

Sunday Masses
 8:00 AM - Saint Pascal
 10:00 AM - Saint Pascal
 6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to info@pfgacademy.org

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