



The Howler

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PFGA WEBSITE – Please visit the school website often for the latest news

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, February 24 – Parents' Club meeting
- **Friday, February 25 – SPIRIT DAY! WEAR MAROON AND GOLD!**
- Friday, February 25 – History Fair Judging
- Saturday, February 26 – Mask Survey deadline at 6 pm
- Monday, February 28 – History Fair Judging
- Tuesday, March 1 – Fat Tuesday – students may wear their 8th grade Mardi Gras wolf t-shirts if you purchased one!
- Tuesday, March 1 – Parents' Club Treat for Fat Tuesday! Culvers Custard for all!
- Tuesday, March 1 – March into Kindergarten event from 6-7 pm
- Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday (students will receive ashes at Mass)

SCHOOL NEWS

HISTORY FAIR – JUDGES STILL NEEDED FOR MONDAY

Our Junior High students have been working HARD on their history projects! They are in the final stages now and everyone is very proud of their work! Some of the judging begins tomorrow (Friday). If you are already set for judging, thank you so much!

We are still looking for a few people who would be willing to judge the 8th grade projects on Monday. (So, you can't be an 8th grade parent to judge this group). The judging will all be done virtually. There are three time slots, 3:15 to 3:45; 3:45 to 4:15; and 4:15 to 4:45. We need judges for all of these time slots.

Anyone who volunteers will receive a service hour for each project judged. If you are available for all the time slots, Great!! if you are only

available for a certain time, that is wonderful too, just let Mrs. Kells know which time slot or time slots you would like. skells@pfgacademy.org.

GRADUATION PICTURE RETAKES AND GROUP PHOTOS ON THURSDAY

Van Gogh Photographers will be back on campus next Thursday, March 3, to do retakes and absentee 8th grade graduation photos. They will also be taking shots of the clubs and winter teams. A sheet with information went home in backpacks today.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT TEAM INFORMATIONAL ZOOM MEETING – MARCH 2 at 7:30

Mrs. Thyen is looking for people to join the **Institutional Advancement Committee** to help with school marketing, welcoming new families, and with school fundraising.

We are looking for parents with any interest and/or experience in any of those areas to join us on a one hour Zoom call to learn more about the committee and brainstorm some ideas. This is a great way to earn hours and to meet other parents. It's a fun group with some important responsibilities. But you can choose how involved you want to become. If you have participated on this committee in the past, we would LOVE for you to reconnect and join us. Complete [THIS FORM](#) if you are interested.

RE-ENROLL BY MARCH 1 TO SAVE \$100!

Please remember that your opportunity to save \$100 on the enrollment fee will end at 11:59 pm on March 1. After that, the enrollment fee automatically bumps back up to \$200. If you completed the FACTS enrollment already, and you were charged \$100, then you are done with this process. Thank you!

- [HERE IS A FLYER WITH ALL THE RE-ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES!](#)
- If you have a new sibling starting in the fall, please complete [THIS SIBLING APPLICATION](#) in addition to adding them to your FACTS account.

MARCH 1 – MARCH INTO KINDERGARTEN INFO SESSION

Mrs. Thyen will be hosting a MARCH INTO KINDERGARTEN event on Tuesday, March 1 from 6-7 pm. Current Pre-K 4 families are invited to attend to learn more about what Kindergarten at PFGA is all about. Prospective parents will also be in attendance, so if you have any friends, neighbors or family members looking at schools for next year, please direct them to [OUR WEBSITE](#) where they can RSVP for MARCH INTO KINDERGARTEN, or any of our other school tours. Or, they can set up a private 1-on-1 tour! And, remember, if you refer a family and they enroll and stay through Christmas, you will earn a \$300 FACTS credit in January of 2023. **THERE IS NO LIMIT AS TO HOW MANY FAMILIES YOU CAN BRING IN AND YOU'LL EARN \$300 FOR EACH NEW FAMILY YOU BRING IN!**

PORTAGE PARK FIREFIGHTER T-SHIRT SALE TO CREATE MEMORIAL

Some of our parents and students will remember meeting firefighter Mashawn Plummer when he was here last summer with his squad to teach the kids about fire safety. We were devastated when we found out he was killed on the job later in the year. His fellow firefighters are now raising money for a Firehouse Memorial to honor this fallen hero. You can support their fundraising efforts by purchasing a special t-shirt designed in Plummer's honor. [HERE IS MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO HELP.](#)

MEDIA CLUB – WOLF PRINTS

Our Media Club put out their February Edition of Wolf Prints, our school newspaper. A printed copy is going home with each student in kindergarten and up. But, meanwhile, you can check it out [HERE!](#)

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE COMING MONTHS

- [FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU](#)
- [MARCH LUNCH MENU](#)
- [APRIL LUNCH MENU](#)

CLUBS AND SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, March 9 at 6 pm – 4th/5th vs. JSB @SJB
- Wednesday, March 9 at 7 pm – JV vs. JSB @SJB
- Wednesday, March 9 at 8 pm – Varsity vs. JSB @SJB
- Thursday, March 10 at 6 pm – 4th/5th vs. SMOW @ SMOW
- Wednesday, March 16 at 8:30 pm – Varsity vs. SPC @ SPC

PFGA BASEBALL

Calling all 6th-8th grade students interested in playing baseball! We will be hosting two baseball training sessions in the gym starting this weekend as we prepare for a spring school baseball season. The plan is to field a baseball team for school league play this year to represent PFGA and by hosting the training sessions we hope to gauge if there is enough interest to do so. Here are the dates and times:

1. **Saturday, February 26, 2022, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.**
2. **Saturday, March 5th 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.**

All participants will need a baseball glove and are required to wear proper protection (protective cups), gym shoes, sweatpants, and MASKS.

PLEASE contact Coach Eliud Medina ASAP if your student is interested in playing or attending the workout sessions. coacheliud@gmail.com

TRACK

If you're interested in helping to coach Track, please contact Katrina Cook at kcCook@pfgacademy.org. The track season runs from April 4 through May 15. There are only 3 meets.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always in need of help. Please visit the [VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SCHOOL](#) page of our website for details and current needs. Contact the office to do any of these volunteer jobs.

- Spring Fundraiser Committee Call Out – Please contact Mrs. Thyen if you are interested in being on a committee to head up a spring event (hopefully, in person) (jthyen@pfgacademy.org)
- Institutional Advancement Committee – Meeting March 3 at 7 pm via Zoom
- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you, and your extended family and friends, can support PFGA...some, with very little effort! Help us spread the word!

WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

The pot is over \$77,000 now!! Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta's](#) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](#) at 3656 North Central.

THE MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

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.

- Check out the February **“Cluck Buck Special!”**
- Orders ship in a cooler packed with dry ice via FedEx directly to the customer's front door.
- [HERE](#) are the instructions to get started!
- MARKETDAY.COM link

AMAZON SMILES

you shop on Amazon, if you set us up as your “charity of choice” and then shop at [“smile.amazon.com”](https://smile.amazon.com) will find the same Amazon that you already know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the 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! <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – DON'T FORGET TO SCAN RECEIPTS!

Did you know you can help our school by simply scanning your grocery store receipts? If you prefer to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons from packaging, you can still do it that way also! [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW TO START!](#)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

FEBRUARY MEETING TONIGHT!

Join Parents' Club for their monthly meeting tonight at the school. 6:30 Social time and 7 pm meeting time.

SIP AND PAINT EVENT

Join Parents' Club for our Sip and Paint spring event! Parents' Club will provide pizza and drinks for this fun night out! The cost is \$40.00 per person and that includes instruction and a canvas to bring home. The class is limited to 25 ADULT participants. To sign up, pay, and reserve your spot, [CLICK HERE](#). Scroll down to "PFGA Parents' Club Sip and Paint Night" and register. All participants must be fully vaccinated and show their vaccine card at the door. This is a great opportunity to meet some new parents!

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH NEWS

PARISH 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!

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

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