

PFGA Howler February 25, 2021

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REMINDERS

- Feb 26 - Spirit Day - Wear your school colors or Spirit Wear
- Mar 12 - Report Card Day
- Mar 17 - Picture Retake Day
- Mar 17 - Out of Uniform - Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 - Early Dismissal - 11:30 Parent / Teacher Conferences (By request only)
- Mar 26 - Spirit Day - Wear your school colors or Spirit Wear
- Apr 1 - Apr 11 - Easter Break

ENROLLMENT FEE DISCOUNT ENDS ON MONDAY, MARCH 1!

One last reminder that the deadline for the \$100 discount on the enrollment fee is March 1! This is a hard deadline and can not be adjusted, therefore no exceptions will be made. To be "fully enrolled" you must have paid the \$100 fee at the very end of the process. If you haven't paid the fee, you're not fully enrolled for 2021-2022. This is a simple process and should take you about 10 minutes. [HERE ARE INSTRUCTIONS!](#)

Remember, too, that there is a \$300 bonus for each family that you refer to our school when they enroll and stay, in good standing, through Christmas of 2021! There's no limit, so the more families you bring in, the bigger the discount you will get on your January 2022 FACTS bill!

FAMILY GAME/TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER - SAVE THE DATES!

We've got a fun evening planned for your whole family and, because space is limited, we'll be offering at least 2 nights to pick from for FAMILY GAME/TRIVIA NIGHT! Mark your calendar for Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13! Look for details in next week's Howler!

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT ZOOM MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4 from 7 -8:30 pm

Our Institutional Advancement Team is made up of parent volunteers who help with planning for both marketing and fundraising for the school. We are currently working on planning for a couple of upcoming school fundraisers and could use your help! If you join the meeting, you will earn 2 hours of service. If you help out with planning the fundraisers and/or marketing efforts, you can earn more hours. Contact [Mrs. Thyen](#) for the Zoom link.

PRINTING YOUR FACTS PAYMENT SUMMARY FOR DOING YOUR TAXES

If you would like a year-end payment summary to use on your 2020 tax returns, please go [HERE](#) for instructions. As parents are able to do this on their own through the FACTS portal, the school will not be sending individual summaries. Be sure to indicate the date range January 2020 - December 2020. This would reflect the end of last school year and the beginning of this school year (2020 payments only).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you have been using the Box Tops for Education App on your phone, please double check that your points earned are going to Pope Francis Global Academy, with our Irving Park Road address. Please do this right away!

We're doing a **WEEKEND BLITZ FOR BOX TOPS!** If you have ANY box tops or Bonus sheets at home, or if you are doing ANY shopping this weekend, please download the APP and do the simple to use scanning process to upload your receipts and earn a few bucks for our school! All Box Tops are due on Monday, March 1. Please check out [THIS PAGE](#) to see just how easy it is to do!

UPCOMING ZOOM VIRTUAL TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

If you have friends or family to refer, please let them know they can tour our school with an appointment, any school day after 3:15 pm. We are also offering Virtual Tours on Zoom regularly. Here are our upcoming Zoom Tour dates and times:

- Thursday, March 4 from 9-10 am
- Wednesday, March 10 from 7-8 pm
- Tuesday, March 16 from noon - 1 pm

GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON MARCH 15

One notable change to this year's FACTS Grant and Aid application is that they are asking for your 2020 Tax returns. This will give the review team the best, most accurate picture to determine your family's current financial need. Plus, it's a good motivator to get your taxes done sooner rather than later! [MORE INFO IS HERE.](#)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY UPDATES

It has been an unusual year, to say the least. While we have tried to maintain as many of the "normal" school year activities as possible, we have been hampered by the COVID-19 restrictions necessary to keep our kids and staff safe and to keep our school building open for business.

That said, because of the limitations on the "traditional" types of service hours available, we will continue to offer many creative ways for parents to earn their hours. These creative new "eligible hours" are offered for the current school year only. We will reevaluate the situation for the coming school year closer to the start of school in the fall.

IN ADDITION WE ARE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE...parents will need to complete and log hours by April 30, 2021 and any hours NOT completed AND LOGGED IN at that point will be billed at \$15/hour on May 15, 2021 via FACTS.

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGGING THEIR OWN HOURS. If you don't have a login for [www.trackitforward.com](#), contact Mrs. Garrett ASAP at [lgarrett@pfgacademy.org](#) and she will hook you up. When you log your hours you should put details in the comment section, including for whom you did the work (Teacher name, Mrs. Thyen for marketing or art help, Mrs. Garrett for recess or lunch duty, etc.)

[HERE IS A LIST WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE UPDATED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN HOURS.](#) Check back to this list often if you are looking for hours.

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY – SAVE THE DATE!

Pope Francis Global Academy is proud to partner with the Six-Corners Association and the Irving-Austin Business District and the Dunning Community Organization to sponsor and assist with an Irving Park Clean Up Saturday, April 17 from 9-11 am! This is part of the city's Clean and Green efforts. PFGA families are invited to join this effort in service to our community, our city and our earth!

Families will be given specific areas to safely work on in small pods which will remain distanced and masked the entire time. More information and a sign up will be forthcoming. [You may log 2 hours of PFGA service for each family member who helps with the clean up at this event!](#)

THE QUEEN IS BACK!!!!

Week two of the return of the Queen. Our jack-pot was \$32,515. # 24 was chosen by Dorothy Padzik that revealed the 2 of Hearts. Steve Findzy got a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's. Charlie Romans can stay warm in his BlackHawks's scarf. And Maria Miern will enjoy a bottle of wine.

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Buy your tickets **NOW** at Trattoria Porretta's from 4-10 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, when the dining room is open!

- Tickets are \$5 each; Buy 4 (\$20) and you'll get one extra free;
- Buy 6 (\$30), and you'll get 2 extras free!
- If yours is the lucky ticket pulled out of the bin but your number doesn't hit for the Queen of Hearts, you'll still win \$100!
- Other fun door prizes will be given out weekly!

We're looking for donations for the door prize giveaways. Do you have any unused gift cards cluttering your wallet? Maybe a nice, new and unopened board game or puzzle? How about a promotional item for your local business...hat...waterbottle...COVID masks? Send these items into the school marked "Queen of Hearts Door Prize" and we'll get them to Porretta's to be used for the drawings!

As always, thank you to everyone who supports our school.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT REPORTING ALL THINGS COVID-RELATED

When you have anything at all to discuss or report regarding COVID-19, your first call and/or email should be to Mr. Argamaso. In an effort to better funnel your communications or even questions about COVID -19 to the right person in a timely manner, we have set up a special email address for this purpose. [COVID@pfgacademy.org](#). Or, call the school and speak with Mr. Argamaso directly at 773-736-8806.

HOT LUNCH MENUS

[February Menu](#)

[March Menu](#)

PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[Best Apps for Kids](#)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

The February Parents Club Meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 25 at 630pm on Zoom.

Topic: February Parents Club Meeting Time: Feb 25, 2021 06:30 PM Central

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87601962124?pwd=Y1RxVTQ0cjlVNi6UDdBVVJUQWh5Zz09#success>

Meeting ID: 876 0196 2124 Passcode: 942972
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

PARISH NEWS

Our Founding Parish Weekly Bulletins

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Pascal](#)

AROUND TOWN

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to [lgarrett@pfgacademy.org](#)

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