

The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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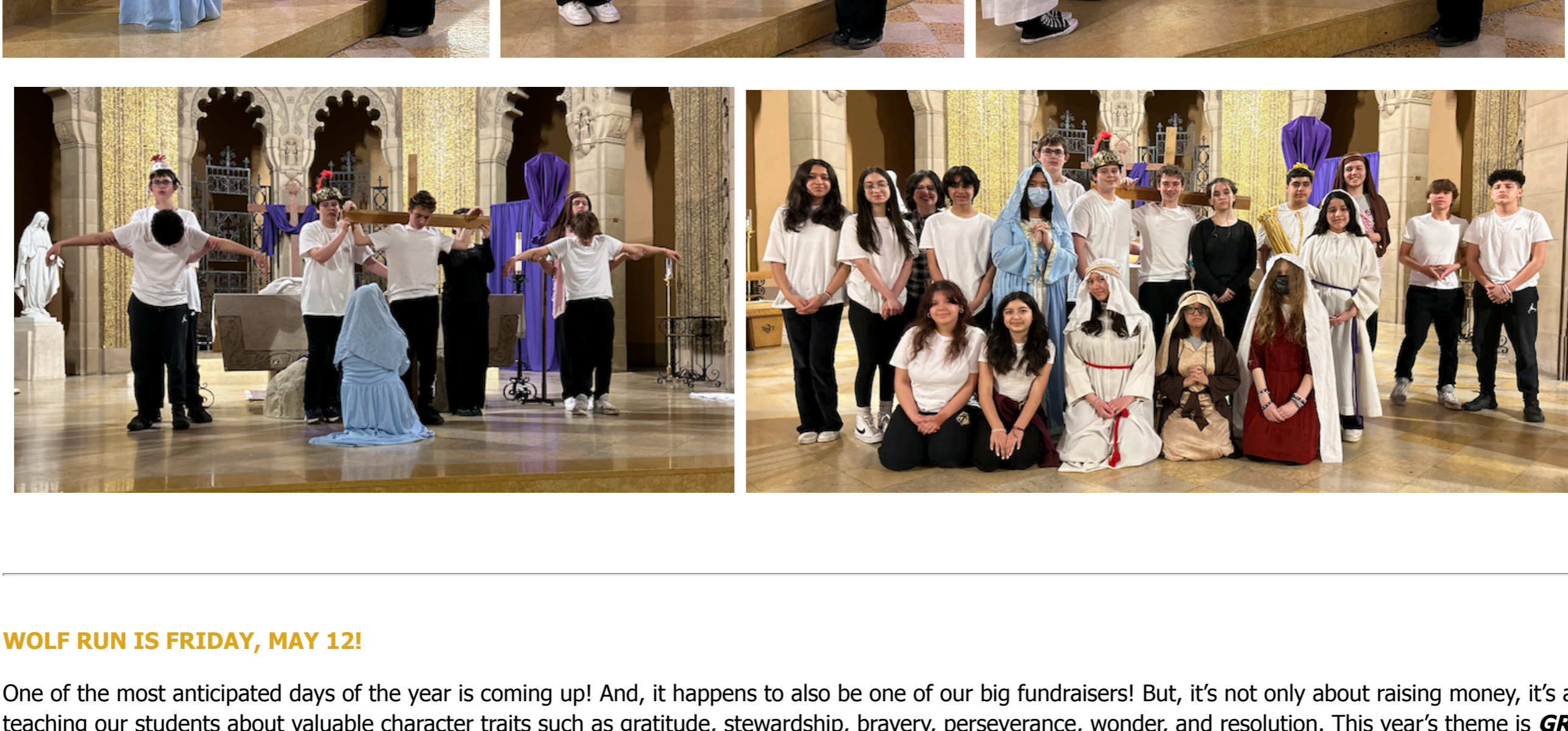
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, April 6 - Sunday, April 16 - Easter Break
- Friday, April 12 - Wolf Run Sponsorship forms due
- Saturday, April 22 - Earth Day Neighborhood Clean Up - more info to come!
- Tuesday, May 2 - Deadline to Log Your Volunteer Service Hours for the Current School Year!
- Friday, May 12 - Wolf Run!

SCHOOL NEWS

ANNUAL 8th GRADE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

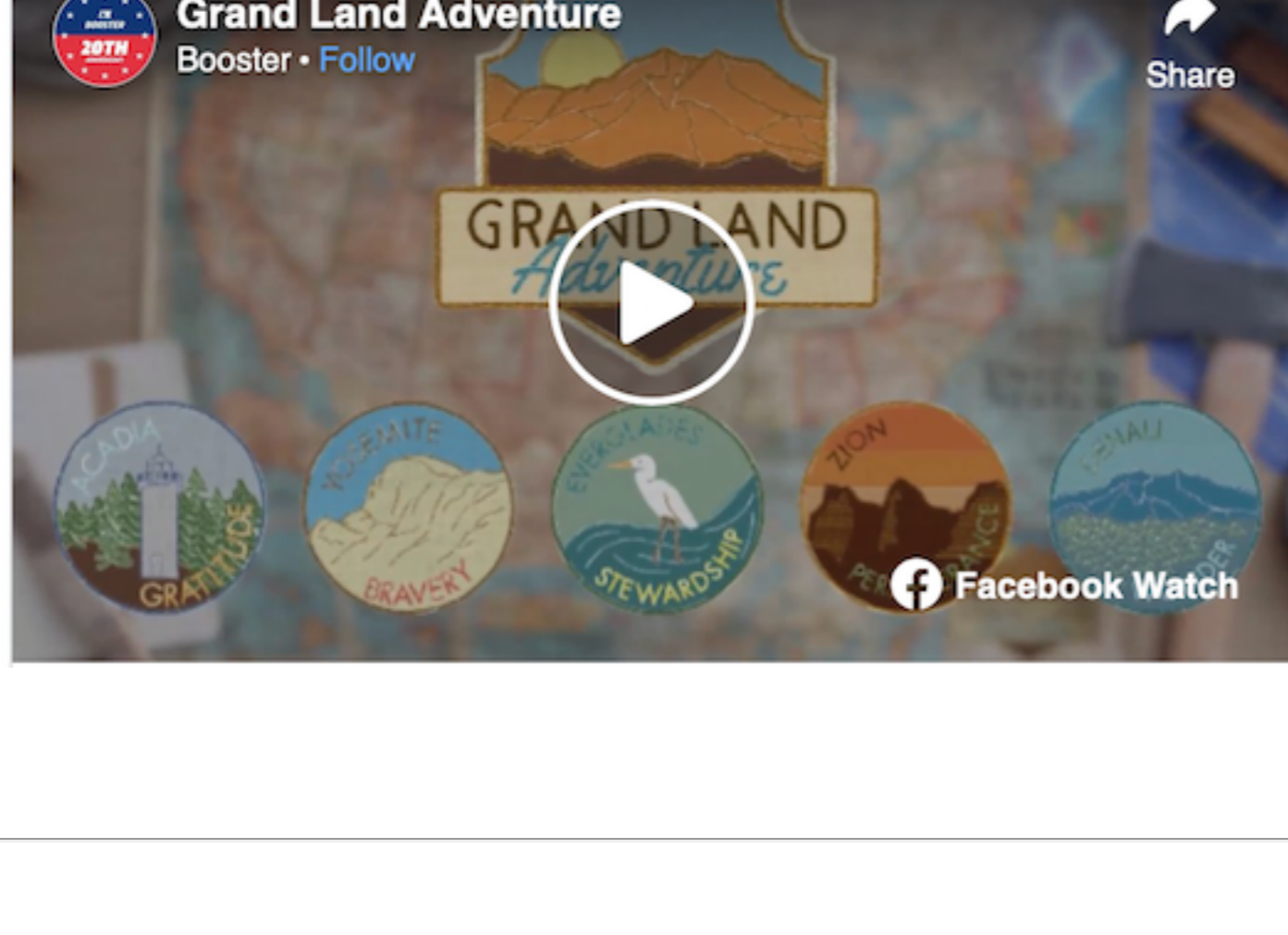
On Friday, March 31, our 8th graders took part in our time-honored tradition, acting out and leading our final Lenten Stations of the Cross of the Lenten Season. It was a beautiful presentation and helped set the tone for Holy Week. Here are a few photos. More photos and short video clips are available here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Z2XAZLuG2ukbDGDV8>



WOLF RUN IS FRIDAY, MAY 12!

One of the most anticipated days of the year is coming up! And, it happens to also be one of our big fundraisers! But, it's not only about raising money, it's also about teaching our students about valuable character traits such as gratitude, stewardship, bravery, perseverance, wonder, and resolution. This year's theme is **GRAND LAND ADVENTURE**. We'll be visiting (via video!) 5 of our most impressive National Parks as we learn!

Check out this video for a small sample: <https://fb.watch/Q8toXKTOH/>



WOLF RUN T-SHIRT SPONSORS NEEDED

One thing everyone LOVES about the Wolf Run is the awesome new custom t-shirt each year! We have been blessed with sponsors each year who underwrite the cost of producing these t-shirts, and now is the time to raise your hand if you/your business would like to sponsor! Here is what the back of last year's shirts look like to show you how your logo would be set up with the rest of the sponsor logos.

HERE IS THE FULL INFORMATION ON SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS!

Contact Mrs. Thyen by **Friday, April 21** if you're interested in sponsorship!
jthyen@pfgacademy.org

HUGE THANKS TO OUR WOLF RUN SPONSORS!

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS EXEMPTIONS

All students must participate in physical education classes and outdoor recess unless they have a written exemption/excuse from their physician.

PERKOLATOR FUNDRAISER

We are so excited to once again be partnering with our friends at Perkolator to bring you a special Wolves' Blend Coffee for purchase by the bag! They are generously giving us \$5 of each bag sold through this program. It's delicious and helps us raise money for the school! What's not to love?

Orders must be placed by April 24. Details are at the QR code on the flyer here, or at <https://perkolatorcoffee.com/collections/fundraisers>:

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE
Support Pope Francis Global Academy by buying **WOLVES' BLEND COFFEE**
\$5 FROM EVERY BAG PURCHASED FUNDS PFGA!
Freshly Roasted by PERKOLATOR
All orders must be placed online.
Fundraiser ends 4/24/2023

MARCH MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congrats to our March winners! Thank you for your support of our school. The final monthly money raffle will happen on Wednesday, April 19 at 2:15 pm. A list of all monthly winners can be found here-> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e7ks737-mpdXVWu-kzW6EcyQH2P/MWJL3PnMn-Gc2X4/edit>

- 1st Prize - \$750 - Jessica Slomski
- 2nd Prize - \$200 - Ramon Tancinco
- 3rd Prize - \$100 - Madelyn Farag

PIRATES OF PENZANCE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Big thanks go out to Meg and Sean Sullivan of the Sullivan Chicago Studio for Performing Arts for their immense time and effort they put into helping roughly 50 PFGA students stage a wonderful and impressive spring musical! Congratulations to our actors and stage crew for their hard work and dedication. It was a lovely show enjoyed by who attended. Here is a Google photo album with photos and video clips. Please feel free to add your own from the performance! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/HsGmdAYNYCxFv8A>



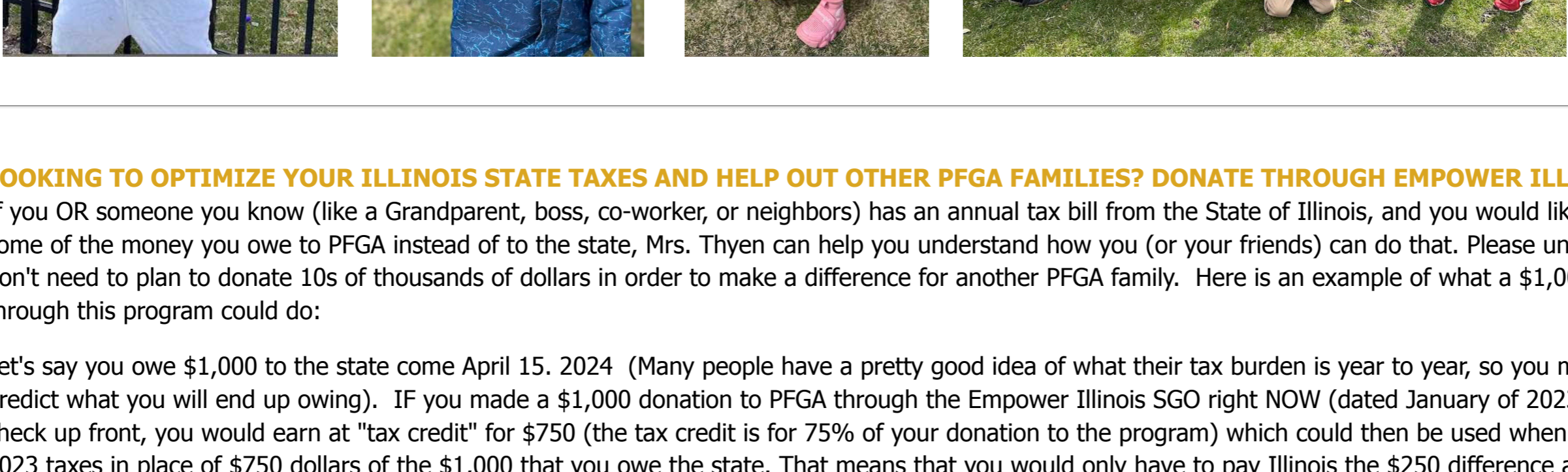
SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT PIVOTS TO THE GYM

The Easter Bunny made an appearance during the school day last Wednesday to deliver a fun, albeit indoor, egg hunt for our Pre-K - 2nd grade classes! There are lots of photos and short videos here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zScpted6wLdGn9v8>



PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT FOR THE PARISH

A couple years ago we created a new event to help build community between the parish and the school, hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for parish families after the 10 am Palm Sunday Mass. Our school hosts the event, complete with the Easter Bunny, himself, and hospitality hosted by our administration and PFGA parent volunteers! We had another beautiful day and a great turn out! More photos and short video clips can be seen here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/AHEPHZzHu33eb7x7F6>



LOOKING TO OPTIMIZE YOUR ILLINOIS STATE TAXES AND HELP OUT OTHER PFGA FAMILIES? DONATE THROUGH EMPOWER ILLINOIS!

If you OR someone you know (like a Grandparent, boss, co-worker, or neighbors) has an annual tax bill from the State of Illinois, and you would like to REDIRECT some of the money you owe to PFGA instead of to the state, Mrs. Thyen can help you understand how you (or your friends) can do that. Please understand that you don't need to plan to donate 10s of thousands of dollars in order to make a difference for another PFGA family. Here is an example of what a \$1,000 donation through this program could do:

Let's say you owe \$1,000 to the state come April 15, 2024. (Many people have a pretty good idea of what their tax burden is year to year, so you may be able to predict what you will end up owing). If you made a \$1,000 donation to PFGA through the Empower Illinois SGO right NOW (dated January of 2023), paying that check up front, you would earn a "tax credit" for \$750 (the tax credit is for 75% of your donation to the program) which could then be used when preparing your 2023 taxes in place of \$750 dollars of the \$1,000 that you owe the state. That means that you would only have to pay Illinois the \$250 difference and, in the end, the only EXTRA money you will have paid to give \$1,000 toward a PFGA student tuition scholarship will be the \$250 of your donation that wasn't counted as a tax credit.

INFORMATION FOR PREPARING YOUR 2022 TAX RETURNS

To complete your tax returns you may need a Tuition Payment Summary. You can find this information right within your FACTS portal. [HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS TO FIND WHAT YOU NEED.](#) As in the past, we will not be sending individual summaries home.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

PARENTS' CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

For the benefit of our new families, we have created 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/flockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

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).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 22 EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Save the date and make plans to join us, as a school, as we pitch in to help clean up our neighborhood on Earth Day! More information will come home soon. Volunteer hours can be logged for up to 3 ADULTS who are representing your family cleaning.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA!

WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Be sure to get over there and buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta](#) 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

Parents, Friends, parishioners, and friends can order products anytime from the Market Day website, 24/7! Just like other popular eCommerce sites, customers pay online. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](#)

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM

This is a relatively new program...if you purchase any Coke/Desani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

If you have a PFGA Alumni story you'd like to be spotlighted, please submit the information to Jodi Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org

PARISH NEWS

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

Sunday Anticked Mass
4:00 PM - Saint Pascal
Sunday Masses
8:00 AM - Saint Pascal
10:00 AM - Saint Pascal
6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FUN AT THE AUSTIN-IRVING LIBRARY!

There are some fun activities coming up at the library right across the street from our school!

- **Tweens and Teens Beginner Crochet - Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:30 - 5 pm**
<https://chipublib.biblicommons.com/events/6402157a0717af1608f46023>
- **Family Night of Play - Monday, March 20, 2023 from 6:30PM - 7:30PM**
<https://chipublib.biblicommons.com/events/640211500717af1608f46416>

HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY!

M & W 3:30-6:30pm; Tu 3:30-6pm. Please let your students know that if they need help with homework after school the teacher, Dawn, is available to assist with grades K-High School. **DETAILS ARE HERE:** <https://www.chipublib.org/news/free-homework-help/>

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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