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UNIFORM "CLOSET" DATES SET!

It's always helpful to grab a few hand-me-down uniform pieces for FREE when you get the opportunity! Our Parents' Club has 2 dates set for all parents to come in and "shop" (there is no cost) the **Uniform Closet** (formerly known as the Uniform Exchange)! **THE FLYER IS HERE**. The uniform pieces are "gently used" hand-me-downs which parents have been donating back to the school throughout the year (THANK YOU, PARENTS!) and are available to all parents for FREE! It is a great way to help keep these things out of landfills, and also a great way to "pay it forward!" Anyone coming in to "shop" must wear a mask.

The Uniform Closet will be set up in the Lunch/EDP room. Enter at the EDP door which is east of the main entrance on Irving Park by about 100 yards.

- Monday, August 9; 1-7pm
- Monday, August 16; 1-7 pm



ICE POPS AND DROP OFF (OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES!)

Join Parents' Club as they host a gathering in the Convent Yard (east of the lunch/EDP/Camp room) on Thursday, August 19 from 6-7 pm! This is a great opportunity to enjoy a cool treat and some back to school mingling with old and new friends. Families are encouraged to also bring their school supplies in to drop off that evening as well.

Bags/boxes of supplies must be labeled with **your child's name and grade level!**

The **PFGA Uniform Closet** will be open for "shopping" during the Popsicle event, and tickets for the **Queen of Hearts School fundraiser** will be on sale, as well as **Parents' Club memberships**.

- Queen of Hearts tickets are \$5 each; 5/\$20; or 8/\$30! Cash only.
- Parents' Club annual memberships are \$20 per family and include hospitality at our monthly meetings and a fun PFGA stainless steel tumbler. (Cash or check)
- 8th graders interested in helping to accept and organize the supplies to earn Service Hours for Confirmation should contact Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

PRE-K ORIENTATION SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Pre-K orientation on Wednesday evening, August 18. This will be a Parent-Only event and will be limited to one adult per family. Look for more information coming soon!

SUMMER PARENT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

If you're interested, you could knock out all 20 of your Parent Service Hours before school even begins! There are several opportunities coming up. Please sign up via the links below! Aside from getting some or all of your hours out of the way before school even begins, summer volunteers earn a limited-run Summer Volunteer T-shirt which no one else gets! Here are a couple of opportunities you can sign up for NOW!

- [Portage Park Farmers Market - Sunday morning, August 15 -- WE COULD REALLY USE HELP ON THIS!](#)
- [Distribute door hangers throughout various neighborhoods - anytime](#)
- [Raffle Ticket sorting and distribution project](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you do the grocery shopping for your family, please download the **Box Tops For Education App** and start scanning your receipts right away (and, if you save your receipts, scan the old ones too)! It's so easy and the money really adds up. Our goal of \$1,000 can be easily attained if we get even half our parents on board. It's way easier than collecting the cardboard "box tops" like in the old days! **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!**

If you refer a friend (neighbor, family member, coworker, or even another PFGA parent!) you both get a bonus of 10 points. **HERE IS INFORMATION ON THAT PROMO. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND AUNTS AND UNCLES TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Parents' Club is once again providing a VERY convenient way to order your students' school supplies for the new year through **SCHOOL TOOL BOX!** It's easy and the pricing is competitive with buying supplies from multiple different stores and schlepping the kids around to chase the sales! Simply go to the link below, plug in our school name, and order for your appropriate classroom/s! The supplies will be shipped in a nice corrugated "tool box" to your homes!

If you prefer to shop for your own supplies, you can find the lists on our website in the Parent section. See the link below:

- [SCHOOL TOOL BOX FLYER](#)
- [ORDER THROUGH SCHOOL TOOL BOX](#)
- [CLASSROOM LIST ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

IMPORTANT FORMS

Each year there are several forms that our office needs updated. Some of them are health forms required by the state and some are our own school forms. Please review the following requirements and return new forms by **August 15, 2021**.

Forms may be emailed directly to INFO@PFGACADEMY.ORG, or may be dropped off to the school during summer hours of the office (10 am. through 2 pm Monday through Thursday).

ALL FORMS ARE HERE - THIS LINK WORKS NOW!

HELP RECRUIT NEW FAMILIES AND EARN A TUITION DISCOUNT!

Remember, if you are a current **OR NEWLY ENROLLED** family and you refer a new family to our school, IF they enroll and IF they stay at least through Christmas, in good standings, you will earn a \$300 tuition discount which will be credited to your January 2022 FACTS bill! If you know of anyone looking for a new school, we've got a couple of in-person group tours coming up! Or, Mrs. Thyen will be happy to give them a personal tour of the school. jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

UPCOMING IN-PERSON GROUP TOUR DATES

- [Tuesday, August 10 from 9-10 am](#)
- [Wednesday, August 18 from 5-6 pm](#)

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM NEEDS SOME RUNNERS!

The Cross Country is still looking for 4th- 8th graders interested in running. Please complete **THIS REGISTRATION FORM** and submit it to **Patty McGuire Cook ASAP!** pattymcgr1@gmail.com. We need to submit our team by 8/13 so please respond by 8/7. Cross Country is coed and the meet dates are:

- Friday 9/10 4 pm
- Friday 9/17 4 pm
- Championship Meet 9/24 4 pm
- Rain make up 10/1

BASKETBALL TEAM SIGN UPS - BOYS AND GIRLS

PFGA is hoping to field individual 4th-8th grade teams for both boys and girls this fall/winter! Practices begin on September 20 and Games begin on October 11. Please complete and return **THESE FORMS** ASAP to Patty McGuire Cook at pattymcgr1@gmail.com, or drop them off at the school with a check for the fee.

6TH- 8TH CO-ED SOCCER STILL NEEDS A COUPLE OF PLAYERS

Contact Patty team is still in need of a couple of players for the fall soccer league. If you have a student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade who loves to run and play, send the Patty McGuire Cook ASAP! pattymcgr1@gmail.com

WOLF PUPS TO RESUME IN THE FALL

We are so excited to start up our popular Wolf Pups Classes again beginning on September 8! We are switching to WEDNESDAY mornings from 9-10 and we'll still be meeting in the gymnasium for 30 minutes of music and then 30 minutes of free play. Students ages 0-4 are invited to join the group. Classes are \$5 each (pay-as-you-go) and \$35 for an 8 week session, paying in advance. This is a child AND ADULT class, not a drop off class. **REGISTER HERE!**

FREE WOLF PUPS PLAYDATES!

We will be hosting 3 more FREE Wolf Pups playdates at the park! **RSVP HERE** for the FREE playdates.
PFGA PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE INVITED, too!

- **PORTAGE PARK PLAYGROUND** (on Central between Irving and Berseau)
 - Wednesday, August 18 from 9-10 am
- **MERRIMAC PARK PLAYGROUND** (On Irving near Narragansett)
 - Wednesday, August 25 from 9-10 am
 - Wednesday, September 1 from 9-10 am

QUEEN OF HEARTS - A JOKER WAS REVEALED SO WE STARTED A NEW BOARD LAST NIGHT!

Our Queen of Hearts raffle pot is up over \$49,000! You could win half of that!

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.

- 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!

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

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