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# Pope Francis Global Academy



## The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

**February 6, 2020**

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# HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy School Families,

The health and safety of students and staff at our school campuses is very important to us, and with the cold and flu season upon us, I want to assure you that we are taking precautions at school to prevent the spread of all viruses.

Flu and other respiratory viruses are typically spread via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of the flu can include some or all of the following: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue, shortness of breath and/or vomiting and diarrhea.

To avoid contracting the flu or other respiratory illnesses, the CDC recommends the following methods of prevention:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additionally, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been working closely with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and closely monitoring the advice of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If you or someone from your family experiences concerning symptoms, such as severe cough; rapid noisy, painful, or other difficulty breathing; and dehydration, please contact your health care provider immediately for advice. If there is a significant diagnosis made by your doctor, I ask that you notify the campus that your child attends.

We will continue to provide updates and guidance as needed. You may also learn more through the CDC at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel  
Head of School

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**[PFGA Website](#) - Please check often as the website contains the most updated information**

**February 7 - Staff Development - NO SCHOOL**

**February 10 - Board of Specified Jurisdiction Meeting**

**February 13 - Parents' Club Meeting**

**February 15 - PFGA Night with the Chicago Wolves**

**February 17 - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL**

**February 21 - End of the 2nd Trimester**

**February 27 - 8th Grade Photo Retakes & Yearbook Group Photos**

**February 28 - Report Cards Emailed Home**

**Spirit Day**

**February 29 - Casino Night Fundraiser**

**March 2 - 6 - Aspire Testing**

**March 6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - 11:30 AM Early Dismissal**

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## **PARENT NEWS**

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### **BSJ (BOARD OF SPECIFIED JURISDICTION) MEETING**

Our board meets every other month and all are invited to the open session from 6:30-7:30 pm. The next meeting is THIS Monday, February 10. There is an opportunity for "kind sharing" toward the end of the open session. The meeting will be held at St. Cornelius Parish ([5430 W. Foster](#)) downstairs in the Pacocha Center. There is a parking lot between the church and the school building.

[BSJ Information, meeting minutes and upcoming meeting dates](#)

### **SOUTH CAMPUS PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS**

Mrs. Thyen is hosting 2 upcoming group admissions tours on Thursday, February 12 from 8:30-9:30 am and Monday, February 23 from 6-7 pm. If you know of any families who are looking for a new school for the next school year, please send them to our website where they can either RSVP to one of these tours or set up a private tour on another date. Remember to ask them to list you as the person who referred them! You can share our tour flyers from our public Facebook page.

[Tour Flyer](#)

### **RE-ENROLLMENT FOR POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY (SOUTH ONLY)**

Re-enrollment is open for the 2020-21 school year! Enrollment is once again on FACTS and is virtually identical to enrollment last year. There are a couple of re-enrollment incentives again this year, including the \$100 discount on the Enrollment Fee UNTIL MARCH 1, and the \$300 referral bonus. If you have any specific questions about how to get re-enrolled, please contact Jodi Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

[SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND INCENTIVES ARE HERE.](#)

### **ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY ENROLLMENT**

RE-ENROLLMENT for the new St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School will open tomorrow for the 2020-21 school year! North Campus families should check their email tomorrow for a letter including tuition information as well as enrollment instructions. Please contact Kathy Collins with any questions at [KathyCollinsAdmissions@gmail.com](mailto:KathyCollinsAdmissions@gmail.com).

**TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP - MATCHING GRANT STILL AVAILABLE ON EMPOWER ILLINOIS**

## DONATIONS!

Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarships are funded through donations made by people who 1.) support Catholic (or any private) schools and 2.) would like a direct tax CREDIT against their Illinois state tax bill. In essence, if you owe the state \$1,000, and donate \$1,000 to one of our schools through this program, you can essentially net out paying the state \$250 instead of \$1,000, and the school gets \$1,000 in TCS Scholarship money. And, right now, until February 13 (or until the funding for the match runs out) YOUR GIFT WILL BE TRIPLED by a very generous matching grant! Please visit our school website or contact Jodi Thyen to learn all the details, regardless of which school you'd like to donate to. Even if your tax burden is small, your impact can be very big! [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).

## TUITION SUMMARY REPORTS

If you would like to claim tuition payments on your 2019 tax returns, [HERE](#) are instructions on how you can print out a summary report. If you have issues doing so, please contact the FACTS customer service line at 866-441-4637.

## PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[Build Character Strengths with Quality Media](#)

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## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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*North Campus Student Council Happenings*

*South Campus Student Council Happenings*

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## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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## CASINO NIGHT UPDATES

Plans are really moving along and many fun auction and raffle items are being procured! HERE is the invitation/flyer.....NOW, we just need to pack the Pacocha Center at St. Cornelius on February 29!

- Ticket Sales - [You can purchase your tickets NOW, online at GiveCentral.org!](#) or, if you'd prefer to write a check, send it into either campus office along with [THIS COMPLETED FORM](#)
- **BUY TICKETS by tomorrow at midnight and earn AN OUT OF UNIFORM OPTION FOR EVERY DAY NEXT WEEK!** (Teachers will be given a list of the students who qualified...there will be no paper passes given)
- Classroom Theme Baskets are coming together. We need all contributions to these baskets in by Friday, February 14!
- Drop off contributions to either school office, labeled as to what it is and which basket it is for.
- [OR, drop off your contributions in the morning drop-off line on either Thursday, February 13 or Friday, February 14!](#)

- Sign up to help with THAT morning for collection of basket contributions, or for any other [volunteering for Casino Night HERE](#).
- Please note that if you plan to volunteer actually AT CASINO NIGHT, you'll need to purchase a ticket. Not so with the volunteering ahead of time or after the event. No VIRTUS training necessary for any Casino Night spots (except the Room Parents who are helping the kids create one-of-a-kind handmade auction items...thank you Room Parents!)

## **PASTA DINNER UPDATES**

We're now underway with planning for the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on March 27 at OLV in the club room and gym! If you still need hours, this is a fun way to get them! You can tag-team with your spouse at the event to get a few hours in, but STILL be able to enjoy the party with your kids! Volunteers who help AT THE EVENT do need to purchase tickets. Not so with the volunteers who help plan, set up, or clean up.

## **QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE**

The Pot is OVER \$24,620

Pat Joes receives \$100 for choosing #14 and revealing the 10 of diamonds.

Charlene Romans receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.

Steve Dodovich receives a Porretta's gift certificate and a bottle of wine.

Thank you to John Panvino for his generous donation of wine and gift certificates each week on behalf of our school.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our school.

Buy your tickets at either campus office or at Trattoria Porretta.

Available Numbers

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## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **PARENTS' CLUB MEETING**

Parents' Club Meeting Thursday, February 13

North Campus Auditorium

6:30 pm Social Time

7 pm Meeting

Pizza and drinks are provided

### **PFGA NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES**

Join other Pope Francis families at the Allstate Arena on Saturday, February 15th.

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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## **SPORTS NEWS**

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Come on out to support our sports teams, if you can, as they represent our school in the community!

[Athletics schedules](#)

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## **FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS**

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### **TROOP 969 FEBRUARY GAZETTE**

[Troop 969 Gazette](#)

### **ST. PASCAL PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY LENTEN PROGRAM**

[St. Pascal 2020 Lenten Program](#)

### **ST. PASCAL 2ND GRADE COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES**

[St. Pascal 2ND Grade Important Dates](#)

### **ST. PASCAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Every Sunday during 10 AM Mass

### **ST. TARCISUS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## CURRENT BULLETINS

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Cornelius](#)

[St. Pascal](#)

[St. Tarcissus](#)

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## AROUND TOWN

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Edison Park Youth Sports

[Edison Park Girls Volleyball](#)

Resurrection Craft Fair

[Resurrection Spring Craft Fair](#)

St. Viator High School

[Future Lions Newsletter](#)

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