

PFGA Howler - March 10, 2021

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, March 10 - Stations of the Cross - 2 pm at St. Pascal Church
Friday, March 10 - Parents' Club Parent Social (see below)
Saturday, March 11 - Science Fair Regionals at Northeastern University
Sunday, March 12 - Family Mass led by 5th and 6th Grades
Friday, March 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
Friday, March 24 - End of the 3rd Quarter
Saturday, March 25 - First Reconciliation - 10:30 am at St. Pascal Church
Thursday, March 30 - ISBE Visit
Thursday, March 30 - Academic Bowl at St. Mary of the Woods
Friday, March 31 - Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade - 2 pm at St. Pascal Church

SCHOOL NEWS

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The FACTS portal is now open for 2023-24 re-enrollment. There are several early enrollment incentives again this year. The two big financial incentives are a \$100 Enrollment Fee discount for completing your FACTS re-enrollment by April 1, 2023 and also a \$300 Referral Bonus for each new family that you bring in (CERTAIN PARAMETERS APPLY). See all the details HERE.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Dogs

An animal's behavior may be unpredictable when placed in a confusing or frightening situation. Because of the inherent activity of hundreds of children and adults around the school buildings at arrival and dismissal times, dogs are not permitted on school property. This includes but is not limited to the sidewalks outside of the fences and on the church steps.

You can always check the handbook here: https://www.pfgacademy.org/familyhandbook

REGIONAL STATE SCIENCE FAIR THIS SATURDAY

We're wishing our 7 Regional Science Fair contestants the best of luck as they go head-to-head with the other Chicago area school level winners this weekend at Northeastern University. We know they are prepared and wish them well! Two others, Marcus Davis-Wooten and Alondra Rodriguez Lopez, qualified but are unable to attend regionals.

- Rhea Mae Bayan
Krista Bregu
Brayden Felix
Victoria Lopez
Chloe Ranzoni
Ryenne Villaseñor
Lucy Woods

BUONA BEEF FUNDRAISER FOR THE WOMEN'S CLUB GIRLS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND - MARCH 22

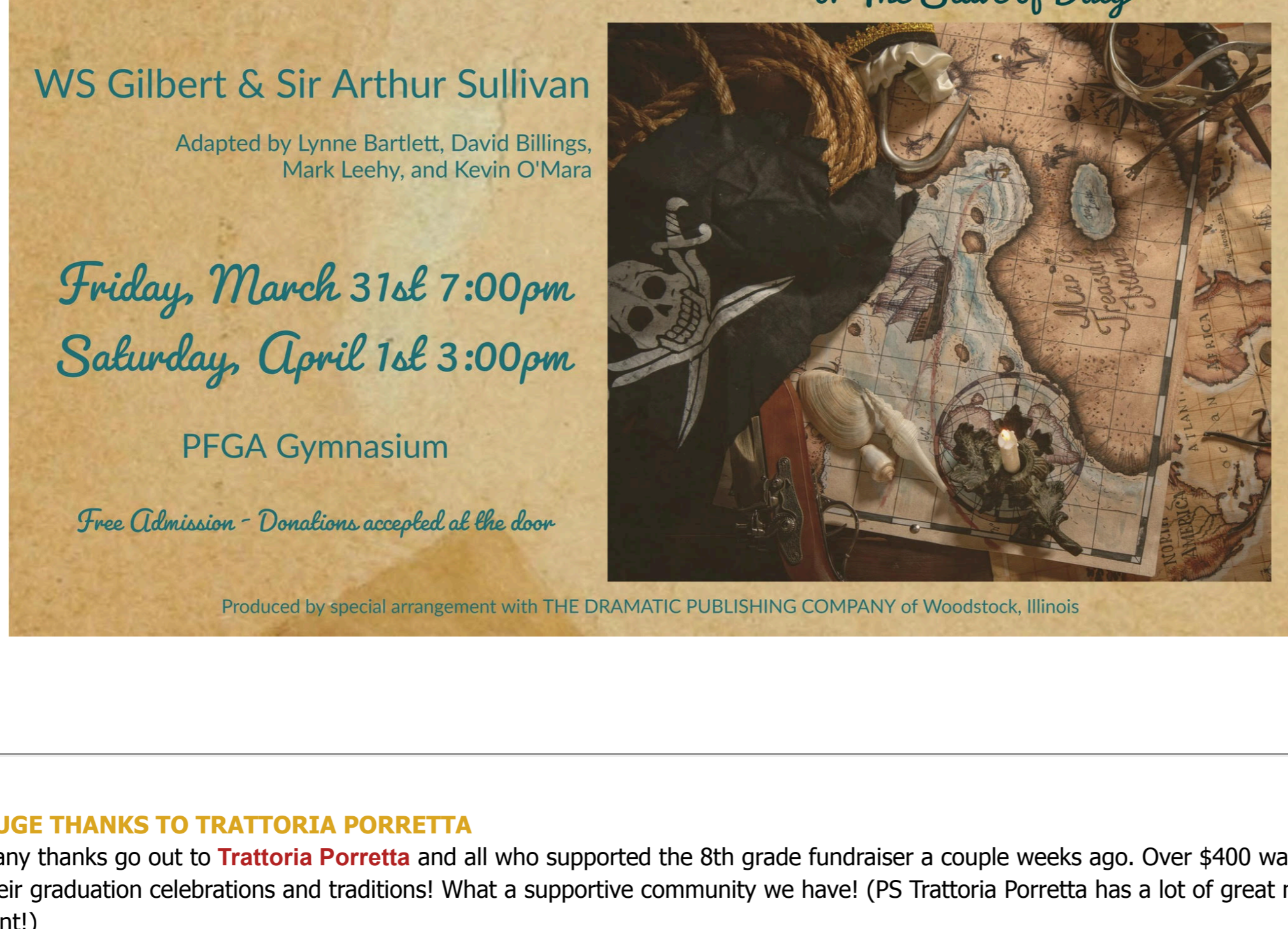
The Women's Club of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is having a fund raiser at the Buona Beef at 7343 West Lawrence Avenue ON MARCH 22! Buona Beef will donate 20% of sales to benefit the Women's Club Girl's Scholarship Fund. This will be the first Women's Club fundraiser of the year so they are hoping for a huge turnout! Since Covid, it has been a little harder to have fundraisers. They can provide a bigger (or more) scholarship to the 8th grade girls heading to a Catholic High School with your support!

You can go to the drive thru or they have a very nice inside eating area. Besides Buona beef sandwiches, which they are noted for they also have chicken, pasta, salads, burgers, hot dogs, pizza and more.

The fundraiser will run all day long, from 10:30 am to 10 pm on March 22. You do need to show the physical flyer or simply show a mobile version to the cashier. Invite family and friends to take a picture of the flyer so that they can show it to the cashier on their phone!

Flyers will be sent home in the Thursday folders NEXT WEEK. HERE IS A COPY FOR YOUR PHONE!

SAVE THE DATE - PIRATES OF PENZANCE MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION!



HUGE THANKS TO TRATTORIA PORRETTA

Many thanks go out to Trattoria Porretta and all who supported the 8th grade fundraiser a couple weeks ago. Over \$400 was raised to help offset the cost of all of their graduation celebrations and traditions! What a supportive community we have! (PS Trattoria Porretta has a lot of great non-meat dishes for a Friday Night during Lent!)

4TH GRADE NATIONAL PARKS PASS PROGRAM

Did you know that all 4th graders are eligible for a FREE National Parks Pass throughout the whole school year? It's a special perk to get American families out into our National Parks and Historic Sites! But, hurry...the pass only lists during a student's 4th grade year! If you have a 3rd grader, keep this in mind for next school year! Find all the details here: https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm

HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY ACROSS THE STREET!

great service available to your students at the Austin-Ingving Chicago Public Library Branch. We now have our teacher in the Library. Her name is Dawn and her hours are M & W 3:30-6:30pm; Tu 3:30-6pm. Please let your students know that if they need help with homework after school, Dawn is available to assist with grades K-Highschool. DETAILS ARE HERE: https://www.chipublib.org/news/free-homework-help/

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 by check up front, you would earn at "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.

AND, RIGHT NOW YOUR DONATION WOULD BE DOUBLED BY A GENEROUS ARCHDIOCESAN BENEFACTOR! The Matching Grant will run out before February, so if you want to maximize your impact, please call Mrs. Thyen ASAP to learn more! Or, email at jthyen@pfgacademy.org. You can first learn more by going here: https://empowerillinois.org/donate/

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.

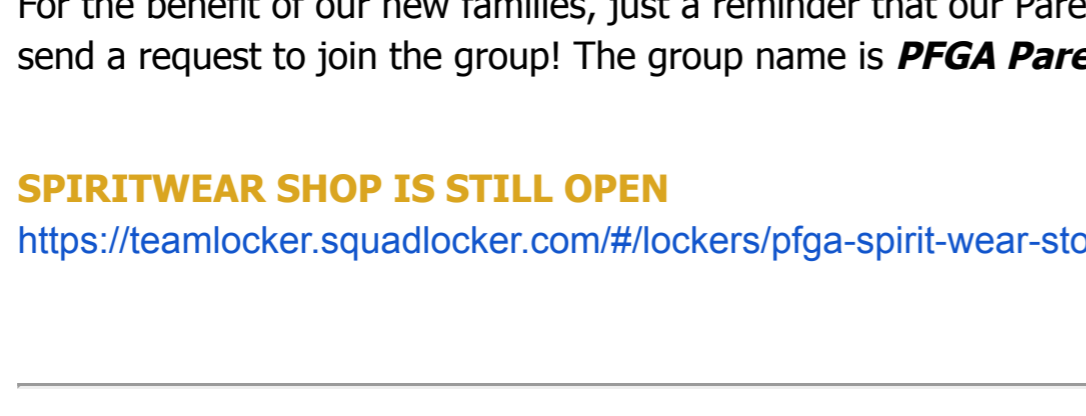
PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Johana Ortegon, the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Director of Music, is coordinating individual and group lessons for all levels and ages in guitar, piano, violin, voice and choir during after school hours. PLEASE SEE THESE DETAILS and contact Johana with questions.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

PARENTS' CLUB HAPPY HOUR - MARCH 10 AT 7:30 PM!

Join PFGA parents at their next social event! This is a no cost and low key event...just show up and buy your own drinks/food. It's a great way to get to know other parents! You can also invite prospective parents that you might know are looking for a school, including any St. Bart's parents!



PARENTS' CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

For the benefit of our new families, just a reminder that our Parents' Club hosts 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 PFPA Parents' Club

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN

https://teamllocker.squadlocker.com/#lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL - COME OUT TO CHEER ON OUR TEAMS!

5th GRADE

- Friday, March 10 at 6pm. PFGA Wolves vs. St. John Berchman @ PFGA (Enter through Dakin Street gym entrance)
Saturday, March 11 at 10am. PFGA Wolves vs. SMOV Blue @ PFGA (Enter through Dakin Street gym entrance)
Friday, March 17 at 6:30pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SPC Blue @ SPC (St. Paul of the Cross, south Northwest Highway in Park Ridge)
Friday, March 24 at 6pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SRB @ SRB (Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic School, West Eastwood Avenue, Chicago)

6TH GRADE

- Friday, March 10 at 8pm. PFGA Wolves vs. St. Eugene @ PFGA (Enter through Dakin Street gym entrance)
Saturday, March 11 at 11am. PFGA Wolves vs. SMOV White @ PFGA (Enter through Dakin Street gym entrance)
Sunday, March 12 at 3pm. PFGA Wolves vs. MSW @MSW Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School (South Cumberland Avenue in Park Ridge - Barry Gym)
Saturday, March 18 at 2pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SPC Gold @ SPC (St. Paul of the Cross, south Northwest Highway in Park Ridge)

7TH GRADE

- Friday, March 10 at 7pm. PFGA Wolves vs. St. John Berchman @PFGA (Enter through Dakin Street gym entrance)
Friday, March 17 at 7:30pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SPC Blue @ SPC (St. Paul of the Cross, south Northwest Highway in Park Ridge)
Friday, March 17 at 8:30pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SPC Gold @ SPC (St. Paul of the Cross, south Northwest Highway in Park Ridge)
Saturday, March 18 at 1:30pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SRB @ SRB (Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic School, West Eastwood Avenue, Chicago)
Friday, March 24 at 7pm. PFGA Wolves vs. SRB @ SRB (Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic School, West Eastwood Avenue, Chicago)

TRACK TEAM CALL OUTS!

If you have a 4th - 8th grader who is interested in running track this spring for PFGA, please complete this registration form and send the \$50 team registration fee into the office in a labeled envelope by March 17. Spread the word among friends because we do need to submit rosters and to order uniforms, so the deadline is hard. https://forms.gle/4xcCyy3ve3JFFFW7

BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL INTEREST FORM

If you have a student who is interested in playing either baseball or softball for PFGA this spring, please complete this Interest Form ASAP: https://forms.gle/DL5hBV16CigPMr8. Again, please spread the word among friends so that the results are an actual reflection of who would want to play. Thank you!

SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE AVAILABLE FOR PFGA STUDENTS

The JSL Soccer League, voted the #1 Grade School League, has opportunities for Pre-K 4 through 8th grade players to play in a Co-ed league from Mid-April to Early-June. MORE INFO IS HERE.

CHEERLEADER CAMP AT DEPAUL PREP

DePaul Prep is running Cheer Camp for grades 4-6 and 7-8. Camp will be held June 20th-22nd at the Gordon Tech campus of DePaul Prep. You can register at www.depaulprepcamps.org

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 Monday comms regarding basketball, please email Ian Barbo (ian.barbo@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TREAT-FILLED EASTER EGGS NEEDED

Each year we have a special Easter egg visit the school prior to Easter (hint: He has big ears!) and we are in need of treat-filled plastic Easter Eggs for this visit, and another one for Parish families on Palm Sunday. You can earn volunteer hours for your donations. Thank you! FULL INFO IS HERE

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family 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/Dasani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Sister Carmen de Barros Scholarship Fund (due March 22) Sister Carmen de Barros Scholarship application info.pdf

HighLight (Due March 25): https://www.highlight.org/apply/

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

Saturday Antipascal 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

ST. FERDINAND PARISH FISH FRY

St. Ferdinand Fish Fry, 3115 N. Mason Ave., will have serving dinners every Friday during Lent for over 30 years. Join them Fridays, Feb. 24 - March 31, 4:30 - 7:30 pm in all school halls. Menu includes fried & baked fish plus shrimp and vegetable soup, clam chowder & vegetable soup, nachos & cheese pizza. Phone ahead at (773) 622-3022, Ext. 361 for carry out or convenient DRIVE THRU service between 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Wheelchair accessibility through our Drive Thru area behind the school. Volunteer opportunities available. Follow us on Facebook at "St. Ferdinand Fish Fry" for the latest information! Email: St.FerdinandFishFry@gmail.com. Follow them on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SFFishFry

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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