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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, May 12 - Wolf Run
Monday, May 15 - First Communion Rehearsal at 6 pm at St. Pascal Church
Wednesday, May 17 - Uniform Closet Event
Friday, May 19 - Spring Pep Rally
Saturday, May 20 - First Communion at St. Pascal
Friday, May 26 - Field Day
Monday, May 29 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
Wednesday, May 31 - Yearbook Orders are Due

SCHOOL NEWS

HUGE THANKS FOR ALL OF THE TEACHER "APPRECIATIONS!"

This week our teachers were showered with thoughtful gifts from Parents' Club, individual families, and even our Administrative team for National Teacher Appreciation Week! They all asked us to pass along their deep APPRECIATION and a great big "THANK YOU!"

WOLF RUN IS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 12!

Our PFGA Wolf Run is TOMORROW and we're on our way to reaching our goal of \$25,000. Thank you so much to our families who have registered and shared their donation pages to get us to this point! LET'S GET OUT THERE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SHARE, SHARE, SHARE TO OPTIMIZE OUR GIVING! Click here to log into MYBOOSTER.COM to share your donation page!

Thank you for supporting our school!

WEAR YOUR WOLF RUN T-SHIRTS TOMORROW!

T-shirts went home with the students yesterday (Wednesday) and should be worn tomorrow for the Wolf Run! Gym shorts/sweat pants, or school appropriate athletic shorts or pants (no leggings or bike shorts as pants) can be worn. Running or gym shoes should also be worn.

WEATHER AND SCHEDULE

Sadly, tomorrow's forecast is calling for rain throughout the whole school day. But, not to fear, Booster is great at turning an indoor run in the gymnasium into something really fun...a GLOW RUN! The show will go on rain or shine, and the schedule will remain the same. Unfortunately, with the Booster stuff set up in the gym there won't be room for parents or spectators. We'll take lots of photos and post them for you! The schedule is here:

Table with 3 columns: Grade, Start, End. Rows include K-8 and May 12th, 2023.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for our Summer Camp 2023 and all the information you need can be found on our website at www.pfgacademy.org/summercamp. At this point, only PFGA and St. Bart's families can register. After May 16, if there are still slots available, we will open up registration to other families.

MARTIAL ARTS FUNDRAISER

Master Joe Stagen of the Stagen Marial Arts studio at the corner of Irving and Austin has been teaching our students Tae Kwon Do this school year and has graciously gifted us 40 Certificates good for one month of free classes at his dojo in order for us to sell them at \$25 each! Each certificate is worth \$185!

If you would like to purchase a certificate, please contact the office. Checks or cash can be sent in and your certificate will be sent home with your student.

If you are NOT a PFGA family, please arrange a pick up time with the front school office at 773-736-8806.

THANK YOU, MASTER JOE!



UNIFORM CLOSET - MAY 17

Please join the Parents' Club for a year-end Uniform Closet on May 17 from 6 - 8:30 pm in the Lunch Room/EDP Room. Enter at the EDP Door. DETAILS ARE HER

PAY-IT-FORWARD BY DONATING YOUR KIDS' OLD UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms your kids have outgrown, please wash them and bring them to the school to pay it forward! Your kids' clothes will have a new life blessing another student, and you'll be blessed with more room in your kids' closets!



YEARBOOK ORDERING IS NOW OPEN

You are now invited to order your 2023 yearbook! This link should take you directly to our personalized yearbook order page: https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1014891837901020. But, if you need to enter a code separately, the code is 1014891837901020. A flyer went home today with ordering instruction

Yearbooks will include all school-year activities through the last day of school, including 8th and Kindergarten graduation, Wolf Run and Field Day, and will be shipped directly to each family who orders one, at their home, in July.

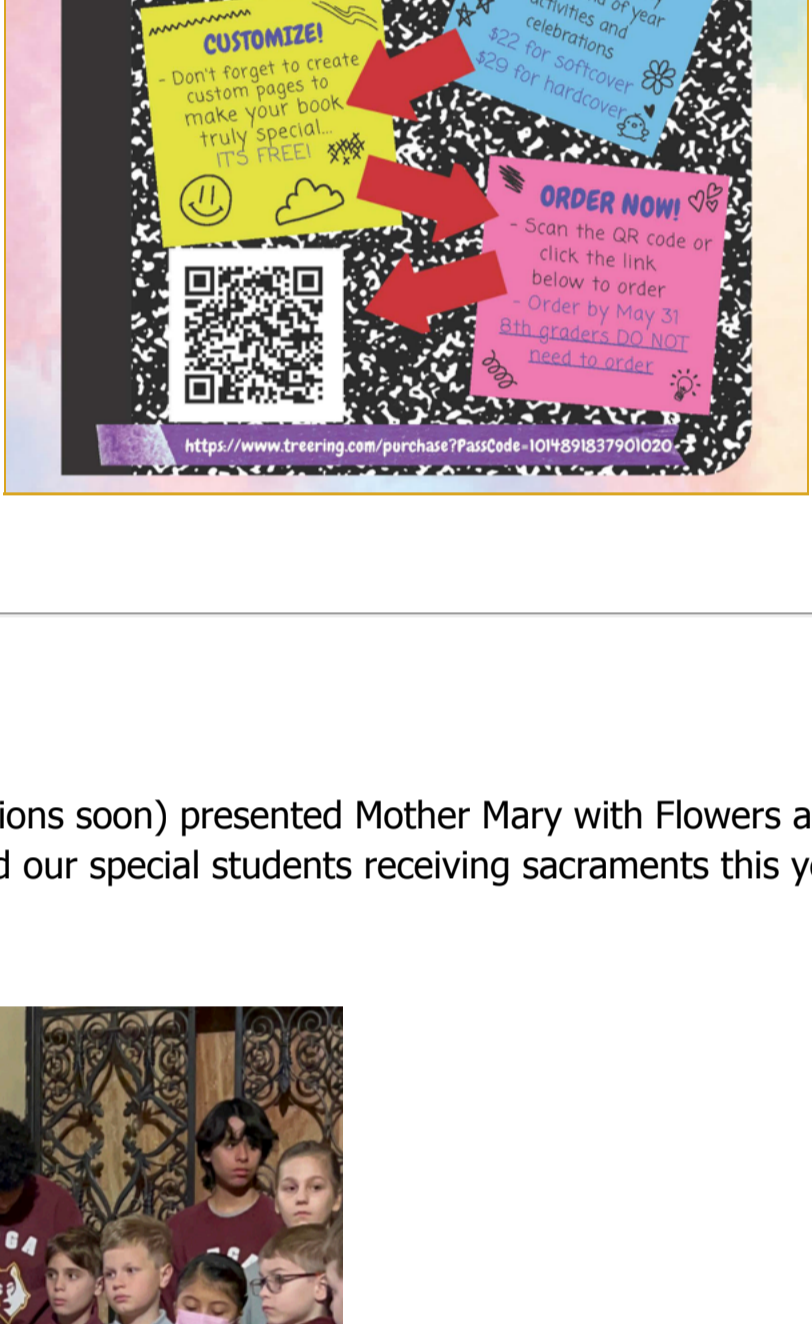
2 customized pages are included in the price of each yearbook. Customized pages, with your own personal photos and graphics can be created either before or after you submit an order for your yearbook, but all custom pages must be finalized by May 31. If you'd like additional custom pages, you can add more for \$.99 per page.

8TH GRADE YEARBOOK

8th graders should NOT order yearbooks as a hardcover version for each of them is included in their graduation fee. These will be sent to the school and a short gathering will be organized for kids to come and pick them up and sign each others' book.

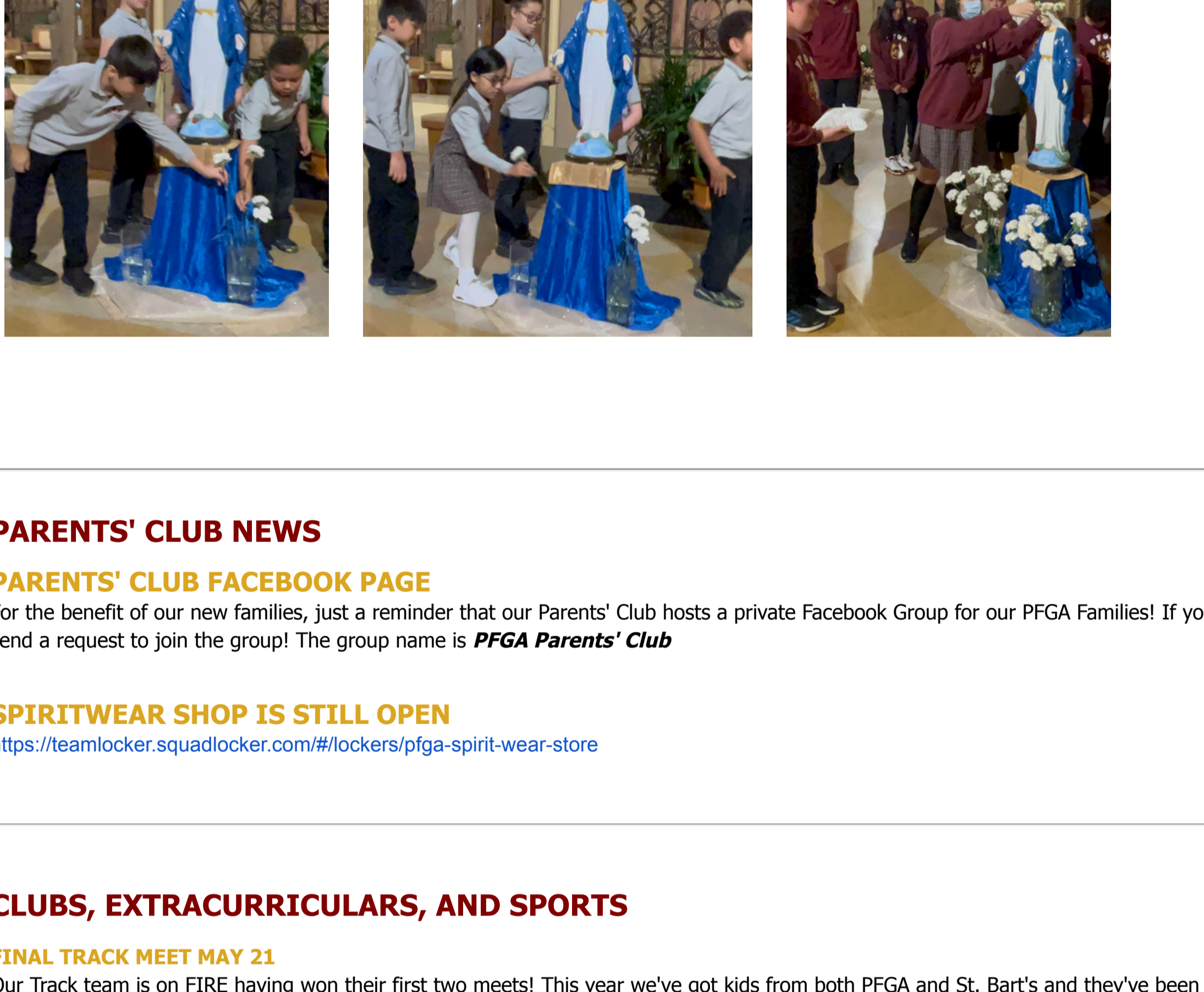
YEARBOOK PHOTOS

If you have any photos from this school year from field trips, school outings, sporting events, etc. please upload them here to be considered for use in the yearbook! https://photos.app.goo.gl/fkyDuo1e1T5Z2NLL7



MAY CROWNING

Our 8th graders (who were confirmed last Saturday) and our 2nd graders (who will celebrate their First Communions soon) presented Mother Mary with Flowers and a Crown in our school's May Crowning on Wednesday at our School Mass. It was a lovely day to celebrate Mary and our special students receiving sacraments this year. Here are a few photos:



PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

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 PFGA Parents' Club

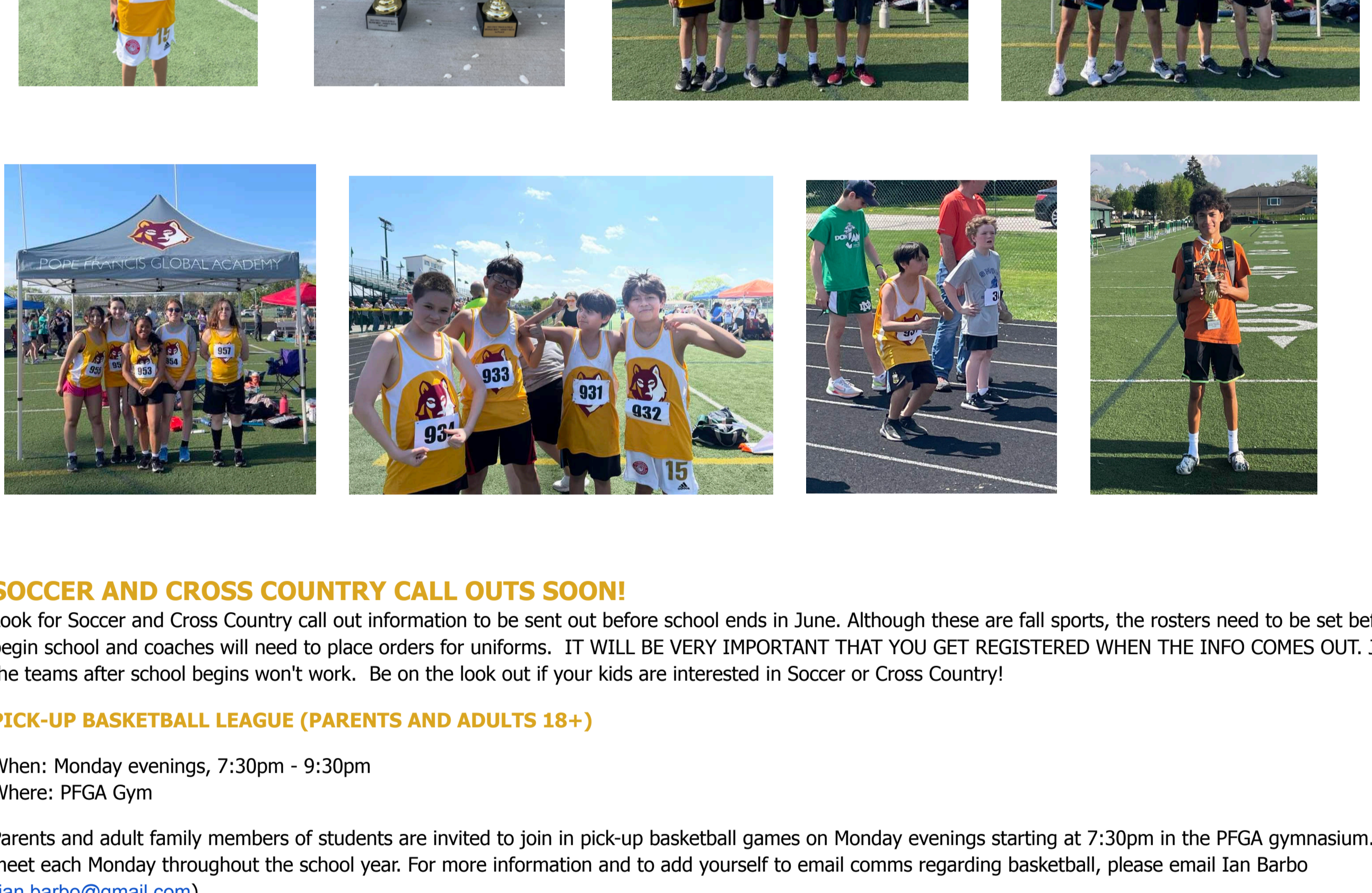
SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN

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

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

FINAL TRACK MEET MAY 21

Our Track team is on FIRE having won their first two meets! This year we've got kids from both PFGA and St. Bart's and they've been very successful! Come out to cheer them on at Notre Dame High School on Saturday, May 21! The younger runners begin around 11 am and the older runners around 2 pm.



SOCCER AND CROSS COUNTRY CALL OUTS SOON!

Look for Soccer and Cross Country call out information to be sent out before school ends in June. Although these are fall sports, the rosters need to be set before we begin school and coaches will need to place orders for uniforms. IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET REGISTERED WHEN THE INFO COMES OUT. Joining the teams after school begins won't work. Be on the lookout if your kids are interested in Soccer or Cross Country!

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).

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 Porettta anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at Trattoria Porettta 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

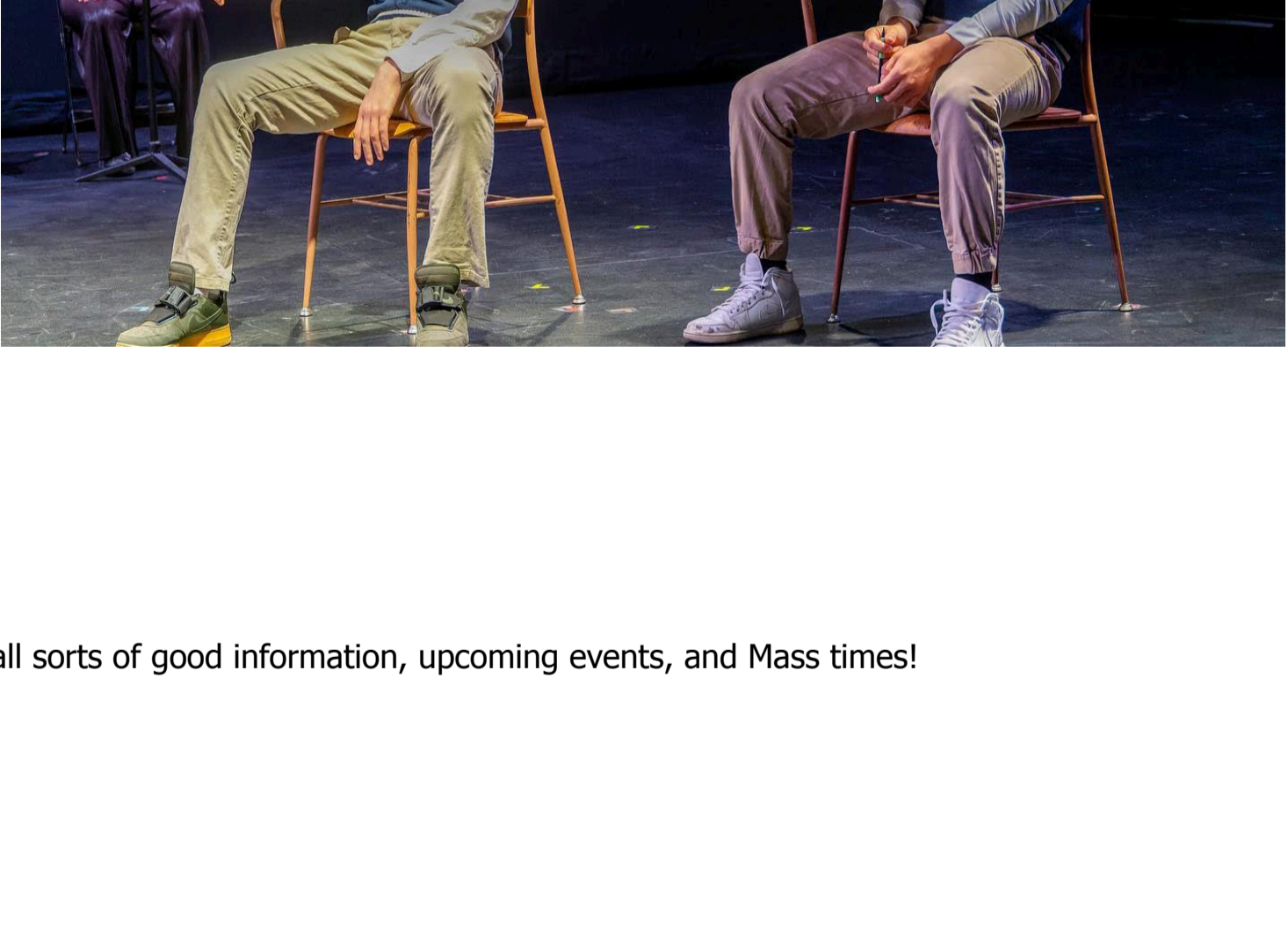
This is a relatively new program...if you purchase any Coke/Dasani products, you can quickly and easily set up an account to log the numbers found under the caps of qualified products!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

PADDY BERGER - PFGA CLASS OF 2017

Paddy was part of our very first PFGA graduating class and went on to Lane Tech High School where he was heavily involved. He earned his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Troop 815 out of St. Pascal. Paddy is currently a sophomore at UIUC working on his BFA in Acting. He is also a member of the James Scholar Honors Program and is taking part in productions both on stage and behind the scenes as part of his training. His last role was as Tiny Tim in the musical Urinetown (the fellow on the left in this photo). We're so proud of all Paddy has already accomplished and anticipate seeing more great things from him in the future!



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

Saturday Anticipated 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

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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