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**PFGA HOWLER - May 18, 2023**

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**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**

[PFGA WEBSITE](#) - Please visit the school website often for the latest news

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Friday, May 19 - Spring Pep Rally and SPIRIT DAY!
- Saturday, May 20 - First Communion at St. Pascal
- Saturday, May 20 - 8th Grade Dance
- Sunday, May 21 - Family mass at St. Pascal led by 2nd and 8th Grade
- Friday, May 26 - Field Day
- Monday, May 29 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- Wednesday, May 31 - Yearbook Orders are Due
- Saturday, June 3 - 8th Grade Graduation - 2 pm at St. Pascal
- Friday, June 9 - Pre-K celebration directly after 8:30 all-school Mass
- Friday, June 9 - Kindergarten graduation at 10:30 in the gym
- Friday, June 9 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 11:30

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**SCHOOL NEWS****THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WOLF RUN!**

We had a great time last Friday outside running (sometimes in the sprinkles!) in our Annual Wolf Run! A great big (let's say "GRAND"! Thank You goes out to all who helped by sponsoring a student or two!

[HERE](#) are some really fun photos and videos from the day!

**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR WOLF RUN SPONSORS!**

T-Shirts for all of our students and staff are provided through contributions of our Wolf Run sponsors! Everyone loves a fun PFGA t-shirt, and we truly appreciate the ability to produce them through these generous contributions! We hope you'll continue to support them through patronizing their businesses when you can!

- **Trattoria Porretta (PFGA parent-owned!)**
- **JGL Personal Injury Law (PFGA parent-owned!)**
- **Farmers Market Garden Center (on Elston Avenue)**
- **Perkolator Cafe (great friends and neighbors!)**
- **David Chiriboga Music (PFGA Dad!)**
- **Halo4Paws.com (Illinois Pet Cremation) (PFGA parent-owned!)**
- **Humana Sales Rep Ewelina Walek (health and drug plans, life insurance, annuities, long-term care)**

### PEP RALLY TOMORROW AT 2:15!

All students who were in Spring Sports, as well as on Academic Teams, will be honored tomorrow at our Spring Pep Rally at 2:15! Unfortunately, it looks like it may be raining, which would push the Rally into the gym. If it's nice out, parents are invited to come and cheer from outside the fence in front of the school. If we're forced indoors, parents won't be included.

Students on spring sports teams should wear their jerseys and everyone else can wear SPIRIT DAY attire!

### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS CLOSED - WAITLIST IS OPEN

PFGA Summer Camp is currently at capacity, but more spaces may become available. You can join the waitlist on our website at [www.pfgacademy.org/summercamp](http://www.pfgacademy.org/summercamp).

### 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!**



### 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 YEARBOOKS

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 the 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/fkyDuo1eiTS7zNNL7>

### FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY

For those families wishing to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year, you must complete your Grant and Aid Application NOW. Please be sure to upload all pertinent documents (see the application for details) so that you can be considered. The Grant and Aid Application is what is used to determine the financial need among those families wishing to apply for either a Caritas renewal, a McGraw scholarship, or locally-funded aid. **You may start your application HERE.**



### FACTS ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALIZED EARLY NEXT WEEK

As per the norm, all FACTS Tuition Payment Plans will move from "Pending" status to "Final" status on Monday or Tuesday. At that point you will be able to see your tuition schedule for the 2023-24 school year. We will NOT have financial assistance awards applied immediately when you look at them. Those will be entered separately as reviews are completed, sometime in early May.

### THANKS TO BISTRO 6050!

The owner of **BISTRO 6050**, Mike, will generously be donating a free scoop of ice cream to each of our Kindergarten graduates to help them celebrate on June 9! Thank you so much, Mike! Please support our local neighborhood businesses so we can remain an interesting and delicious neighborhood!

## PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

### END OF SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY AT PORRETTA'S!

Join our Parents' Club at an end of year celebration to enjoy some great food and time together before parting for the summer! Details are to the right!

### 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>

### CHOIR WILL BE SINGING AT TWO MASSES THIS WEEKEND

If your student is in choir you should have received an email today from Johanna Ortegon about singing at both the First Communion Mass tomorrow and at the Family Mass on Sunday at 10 am at St. Pascal Church. 2nd and 8th graders will be "hosting" and it would be great to have lots of families from lots of grade levels there!

## 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 look out 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](mailto: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 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 on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. [MARKETDAY.COM](http://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!

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## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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## 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](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org)

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## 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)

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## 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/>

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## TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to [info@pfgacademy.org](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org)

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