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HEAD OF SCHOOL *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

Happy New Year! This is our first week back after a well-deserved Christmas break for our students and faculty. As you can imagine the first day back was a little tiring, but we've hit the ground running with the following activities:

Anti-bullying Assembly

Yesterday students in K-8 attended a FACTS Assembly that that teaches kids about Friendship, Art, Caring, Trust, and Sharing (F.A.C.T.S.) presented by Dale Obrochta, a professional entertainer and skilled TEDx speaker.

Students learned:

- how to make new friends
- that friends come in all shapes and ages
- that saying “Sorry,” doesn't always make things right
- about the power of words - to think before you speak
- that new friends can work together to overcome obstacles
- that trust is earned and not just given

[FACTS_Classroom_Poster043214.pdf](#)

[FACTS_One_Sheet.pdf](#)

[TeacherGuide_-_FACTS_Assembly.pdf](#)

ACT Aspire

Next week students in grades 3-8 will be taking their Interim II ACT Aspire test. We continue to be focused on data analysis of student assessments to further drive instruction. Professional development and instructional planning looks closely at the data analysis and is used to create rigorous curriculum that targets student needs.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week Begins on Sunday, January 26th with Open House events at each campus. A detailed schedule for each campus's activities will be sent out next week.

Open House	North	Sunday, January 26 from 10:30-12:30 pm
Open House	South	Sunday, January 26 from 11:30-1:30 pm
Student Appreciation Lunch provided by Parents' Club	Both Campuses	Monday, January 27
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch provided by Parents' Club	Both Campuses	Thursday, January 30
Scholastic Book Fair presented by		Sunday during the Open Houses and Monday

New Parish and School Update

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the naming options. During the Masses on January 11 and 12, each adult parishioner at St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, and St. Thecla will be able to indicate their top three preferences.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest update from Fr. Mike's bulletin on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

2020-2021 Re-Enrollment

North Campus Families, you will receive registration information for next year in the very near future after the parish and school have its new name, which is needed for setting up a new FACTS account for the new school.

South Campus Families, please click [HERE](#) for registration information for next year. As our enrollment season begins, I want to take a moment and thank you again for choosing to be part of our two school communities and for your commitment to Catholic education!

Blessings and peace,

Margaret Kinel
Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Jan 13 - 17 - ASPIRE Testing

January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL

January 24 - 8th Grade Graduation Photos

January 25 - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

January 26 - Open House North Campus 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- Open House South Campus 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

January 27 - 31 Catholic School's Week - See Parents' Club Section for details

PARENT NEWS

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Please spread the word that we are kicking off "enrollment season" with some upcoming tours for prospective parents. Remember that, as a current family, you are entitled to a \$300 tuition credit applied to your January 2021 tuition bill for each family you bring into the school. They must enroll, state that you referred them, and stay at the school in good standing through Christmas of 2020! Next month 13 of our families will be getting this credit! There's no limit on how many families you bring in...you'll get \$300 for each!

North Campus Events

- Monday, January 13 from 6-7 pm
- Thursday, January 16 from 8:30-9:30 am
- OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, January 26 from 10:30-12:30

South Campus Events

- Thursday, January 9 from 8:30-9:30 am
- OPEN HOUSE - Sunday January 26 from 11:30am -1:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 4 from 6-7 pm

Prospective families can RSVP [HERE](#) to any of these events. Current parents can train to help guide tours at our Open House. Look for information on training sessions soon.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP (EMPOWER ILLINOIS AND BIG SHOULDERS) APPLICATION DATES ANNOUNCED

The Illinois State Tax Credit Scholarships WILL once again be offered to those who both qualify financially AND apply the very split second the application opens. To see if you qualify, please check [HERE](#). This [detailed information](#) was emailed to all parents yesterday. Please be sure to read through this and, if you qualify, please put these two dates on your calendar and set an alarm:

January 14 - Big Shoulders SGO application opens at 8 am

January 15 - Empower Illinois application opens at 6:30 pm. Submissions begin at 7.

Please remember that IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE TCS, in order to be considered for ANY form of financial assistance, families MUST submit these two applications. The FACTS Grant and Aid application is separate from these.

DO YOU HAVE AN ILLINOIS TAX BILL?

As an Illinois taxpayer, you can help our students by donating to the Illinois State Tax Scholarship Program specifically for one of our schools. And, right now, **YOUR GIFT WILL BE TRIPLED** by a very generous matching grant! Please visit our school website or contact Jodi Thyen at Pope Francis to learn all the details. Even if your tax burden is small, your impact can be very big!

jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

[How to Set Parental Controls on Netflix](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

North Campus Student Council Happenings

South Campus Student Council Happenings

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

CASINO NIGHT UPDATES

Please look for important information in the Thursday folders tonight! We're excited about this new and exciting fundraiser which is sure to be fun for all! The Casino Night Committee is meeting tonight at 6:30 at the St. Tars Community Center across from the school. Please attend if you have any interest in helping out.

If you can't be on the committee, you can still help out by volunteering with any variety of things. A sign up sheet will be coming out soon!

- [Casino Night Invitation](#)
- [Casino Night - What Can You Do to Help?](#)
- [Casino Night Prize and Sponsor Solicitation Letter and Form](#)
- [Purchase Tickets HERE!](#)

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Happy New Year. After a short break over the holidays, our Pot is now at \$21,380.

Tony Leotti receives \$100 for choosing #41 and revealing the King of Spades.

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

Colleen McGuire also receives a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate to Porretta's.

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

2 3 4 5 8 9 10 14 18 24 27 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 39 40 42 44 45 46 49 50 53 54

PARENT CLUB NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY PARENTS' CLUB

Parents' Club is happy to announce that they will be hosting several events for the kids & staff throughout Catholic Schools Week. The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to school, the kiddos will be treated to a pizza lunch and we will also be treating the teachers and staff to a delicious lunch. We need lots of volunteers to pull this off so please consider volunteering for a few shifts. All events take place at both campuses. All volunteers must be fully Archdiocese Compliant in order to be in the building during regular school hours Questions? Just ask! parentsclub@pfgacademy.org
THANK YOU!!!

[Catholic Schools Week Volunteer Opportunities](#)

ANNUAL PARENTS' CLUB SWEETHEART DANCE IS JANUARY 24!

The Sweetheart Dance tradition continues this year on Friday night, January 24 at the Pacocha Center at St. Cornelius. Complete information is [HERE](#).

- Purchase tickets for a pair (1 adult/1 student) [HERE](#).
 - Purchase tickets for a family [HERE](#).
 - Volunteer Sign Up [HERE](#).
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SHOUT OUTS

SPORTS NEWS

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

[Athletics schedules](#)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - 4th and 5th grade

The season will begin in mid-January. If your daughter is interested in joining the team, please email Darlene Duggan (duggan5738@comcast.net) to be added to the roster. The girls will play in a developmental league hosted by St. Bart's School. Games will be on the weekends with 1-2 practices (at North Campus gym) held during the weekdays. It's a fun season and a great introduction to the sport--we hope to see everyone on the court!

FOUNDING PARISH EVENTS

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. TARISSUS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Children's Liturgy of the Word](#)

ST. PASCAL BOY SCOUTS NIGHT OUT AT PORRETTAS

Please support our Boy Scout troop 815 from St. Pascal on Thursday, January 30 from 4-10 by dining out at Porrettas! Porrettas is donating 15% of all proceeds that night to the scouts! Dine-in, order carryout, delivery, drinks at the bar, gift certificates or prepaid catering orders qualify.

ST. TARS HOLY NAME FUNDRAISER

[Come out to watch the NFC and AFC Championship Games on the Big Screen with Friends!](#)

[Sunday, January 19](#)

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PRESENTS RICK LINDY & THE WILD ONES BAND

[JukeBox Legends of the 50's and 60's](#)

ST. TARISSUS TROOP 969 NEWS

[Troop 969 Gazette](#)

Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Sign Up

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

ST. CORNELIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY - FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

[Feed My Starving Children](#)

CURRENT BULLETINS

[Our Lady of Victory](#)

[St. Cornelius](#)

[St. Pascal](#)

[St. Tarcissus](#)

AROUND TOWN

ST. VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL

[Future Lion Newsletter](#)

EDISON PARK YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER

[Edison Park Youth Indoor Soccer](#)

RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL - JR. BANDITS

[Jr. Bandits Events](#)

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