

Howler - Friday, June 3, 2022

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2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, June 3 – 8th grade breakfast 9:00 am
- Friday, June 3 – 6:30pm – 8th Grade Graduation Mass and graduation
- Friday, June 10 – 8:30 am – All School Mass
- Friday, June 10 – Last Day of School – 3 pm release

SCHOOL NEWS

8TH GRADE GRADUATION IS TODAY!

Please join us in wishing our 8th graders all the best as they complete their PFGA journey Friday with an awards breakfast and then Graduation Mass tomorrow night. We're very proud of them as they head off to high school, well-prepared and very excited! We featured each of our 25 graduates on social media over the last 25 school days. Here are the shout outs if you didn't get to see them! <https://photos.app.goo.gl/eRADJeztYC4Fy87EA>

We started a new PFGA Tradition today with an 8th grade "Clap Out" as they left the building for their final school day. There's a Facebook Live Video on our Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/pfgacademy/> and pictures are forthcoming.

Let us pray that God continues to bless them with many new friends and teachers who welcome them with open arms and help to support them through the many challenges and celebrations throughout high school.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Our Media Club has been hard at work creating a fantastic record of everything that has happened at PFGA this year! They have been pouring through photos submitted by teachers, staff and parents, and have been laying out a great book of memories for this school year (including Wolf Run, pep rallies, Field Day, and Graduation! **8TH GRADERS DON'T NEED TO ORDER A YEARBOOK AS ONE IS FACTORED INTO THEIR 8TH GRADE FEE AND WILL BE ORDERED FOR THEM!**

THE DUE DATE FOR ORDERING IS JUNE 17 and Books will be delivered to your home by mid-July. There is a way to do customized pages and to do electronic signatures in the books of your friends!

- Please watch **THIS VIDEO** to see how you should set up your account, personalize pages, request/share digital signatures from friends, and submit your orders.
- To set up your account, after watching the video, go here: <https://tr5.treering.com/create-account/1014891837901020>.
- Our passcode is **1014891837901020**

You can also order PFGA yearbooks from previous years within the same system.

If you have any final photos to submit for consideration, please upload them **TO THIS GOOGLE PHOTO ALBUM**.

DRAMA CLUB "CAMP KINDNESS"

Drama Club did a fabulous job with their play last night! It was clear that a ton of hard work went into practicing as well as creating costumes and sets! Congrats to Drama Club and thanks to the sponsors, Mrs. Kells and Ms. Petkute!

PHOTOS ARE HERE

BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Our 1st Graders learned all about the lifecycle of the butterfly and watched over the weeks as each of their small larva turned into a caterpillar, then a pupa, and eventually a butterfly! Several of our other grades came to watch and learn! Thanks to Ms. Bradley (and to Mrs. Trigo and Mrs. Kells for helping with the project over the weekend!) **HERE ARE PHOTOS**.

FIELD DAY PHOTOS

Last week we celebrated Field Day throughout the school, both indoors and out. Our Parents' Club provided a delicious Hot Dog Lunch with waters and chips! Thank you! **HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS AND VIDEOS**

SUMMER TOURS

We're still enrolling in many of our classes, so remember that you'll get a \$300 enrollment bonus for each student that you bring into our school with a referral who enrolls and stays throughout the first semester! Send your friends and family members who are looking for a school to Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org. She will be giving tours all summer!

HOWL AT THE MOON RETURNS – NOVEMBER 12, 2022!

Save the date! The Howl at the Moon Silent Auction Party is back! We are thrilled to be bringing the **Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos** to the PFGA gym. This is an adults-only event, so secure a babysitter now!

A volunteer committee is forming now to pick a theme, decide on decorations, catering and to start soliciting silent auction items. If you can lend a hand, please email/text event Chair Amie Zander at amiezander@hotmail.com or 312-543-9510. This is a fantastic way to get your service hours in AND to meet other fun PFGA parents!!

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR WOLF RUN SPONSORS!

Huge shout out to our sponsors for this year's Wolf Run...please support them by giving them business whenever possible!

- **Trattoria Porretta** – Owned by PFGA parents John and Gabby Panvino
- **James Gay Law** – James Gay, PFGA dad, proprietor
- **Measure Twice Home Inspections** – Brian Esterline, PFGA dad, proprietor
- **Gale Street Inn** – Longtime supporter of PFGA events, in the heart of Jeff Park
- **Fettes, Love and Sieben** – Plumbing and Heating company with a tie to Mr. A
- **Perkolator Coffee** – Our good friends and neighbors, Joe and Melissa Basilone

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• **SUMMER MARKETING** – You could, in theory, earn all your volunteer hours for next year before school begins in the fall!

- **Portage Park Farmers Market – Sunday, June 5 – THIS SUNDAY!**
Help to promote the school with the Market attendees. We'll set up a booth and hand out information to young parents walking around the market. We'll have a little craft for kids to do and try to get people interested in the school. We also need helpers to assist with setting up the market early and to help clean up at the end. One very special person can help me schlep and possibly store the tent and table before/after the event. **SIGN UP HERE!**
- **Portage Park Farmers Market – Sunday, July 17**
Same as above, only in July! **SIGN UP HERE!**
- **Portage Park Farmers Market – Sunday, August 7**
Same as above, only in August! **SIGN UP HERE!**
- **Summer Door Hanger Distribution** between 6/15 and 7/1 – **SIGN UP HERE!**
- **Jeff Fest Beer Tent** – Saturday, July 30 – One of our popular and most fun summer marketing opportunities. Sign up is coming soon!
- **Summer Event Flyer Drop Off** at parks, coffee shops, stores, library, etc. – Sign up coming soon!
- **New Family Welcome Project** – We will once again be welcoming new families with personal Welcome Bags, Yard Signs, and PFGA student-made Welcome Cards. We current families to help assemble all the pieces and coordinate deliveries to the new families. Contact Mrs. Thyen to get involved. We'll pick a date in late July or early August that works for everyone involved.

CLUBS AND SPORTS

A LETTER FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PATTY MCGUIRE

Hello PFGA Families,

I know it's hard to think about Fall but Fall Sports will be here before you know it! Soccer and Cross Country start in August, so we have to start planning now.

FALL SPORTS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross County is a great way to get into sports. The team aspects of supporting other students happen every practice and every meet. The individual aspect of doing your best and improving your own times allows all students to achieve and see great results. Cross Country is also great training for other sports that happen.

- Three Meets:
- Bronze Meet: Friday 9/16/22
- Silver Meet: Friday 9/23/22
- Gold Championship Meet: Friday 9/30/22
- Rain Makeup: Friday 10/7/22
- Practice: (TBD)
- All meets are at Resurrection High School on Talcott west of Harlem Avenue.
- JV is 4th - 6th Grade and run a 1 mile course
- Varsity is 7th- 8th Grade and run a 1.5 course

SOCCER

One of our most popular sports is Soccer. Students can participate on our coed school teams and show Wolf Pride!

- Practice begins the 2nd week of August at Cumberland and Addison.
- August Practices 8/8-8/20 will be Mon - Thursday 5:30-6:30 and Saturday 8:30 am - 10 am
- Within the season Practices are Saturdays. (during the week practices determined by game schedule)
- Games begin 8/22. Typically there are 2-3 games per week. Home Games are Tuesdays and held at Hiawatha park on Addison and Forest Preserve Drive.
- Game Schedule will be released 8/9
- Season runs from 8/22-10/17 (Playoffs 10/12-10/17)

If your child is entering 4th-8th grade in Fall of 2022 please email pattymcgr1@gmail.com for Soccer or Cross Country information and registration.

The rosters need to be set before the end of the school year so we can order uniforms and submit rosters.

Additional sports will run throughout the year. More information will be given closer to the start of the season. Basketball begins practice in October, followed by Volleyball in January, and finally ending the year with Track and Baseball in April.

YOUNGER GRADE LEVEL SPORTS

PreK-3rd Grade in Fall of 2022 please consider the Hiawatha Soccer Club.

Rumor has it we already have teams formed for incoming 1st-3rd grades. It's a fun program with games on the weekends and it's a great way for PFGA families to get to know each other.

<https://hiawathasoccerclub.com/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sports are an integral part of our school and it was very exciting to see it come back this year. Please consider volunteering. I've been working with the school since 2016 and it's incredibly rewarding. It's an investment both in your child's education and the development of the community as a whole. We need people to organize schedules, place uniform orders, work scoreboards, cheer our athletes on, coach. . . and the list goes on. It is all worth it.

Uniforms

If you have any of the following Uniform tops that your child has outgrown or they are graduating, please consider passing them on...It greatly helps with keeping costs down.

- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Track
- Baseball

Lastly, next year Katrina Cook will take over as the Athletic Director for PFGA. I will remain on as the Assistant AD and together we are committed to keeping the kids active and participating in competitive sports.

Go Wolves!!!

Katrina Cook
Patty McGuire

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA...some, with very little effort! Help us spread the word!

- **WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!**
The pot for our new board is nearly \$10,000! 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 IS BACK!**
Parents, friends, parishioners, and friends can order products around 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**
- **AMAZON SMILES**
If you shop on Amazon, go instead to smile.amazon.com and set Pope Francis Global Academy up as your "charity of choice." Then, when you shop, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our school! It's so easy to do!
- **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!

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS STILL OPEN

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

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!

MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Support our parish music ministry while also supporting our local coffee shop, Perkolator! **HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS!**

ST. PASCAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM - Saint Pascal

10:00 AM - Saint Pascal

12:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Polish)

6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 12:00PM to info@pfgacademy.org

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