

**PFGA Howler - March 16, 2023**

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# The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

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

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- **Friday, March 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day**
- Friday, March 24 - End of the 3rd Quarter
- Saturday, March 25 - First Reconciliation - 10:00 am at St. Pascal Church
- Thursday, March 30 - Academic Bowl at St. Mary of the Woods
- Friday, March 31 - Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade - 2:15 pm at St. Pascal Church
- Wednesday, April 5 - 11:30 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 12-7 pm
- Thursday, April 6- Sunday, April 16 - Easter Break

**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](#).

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

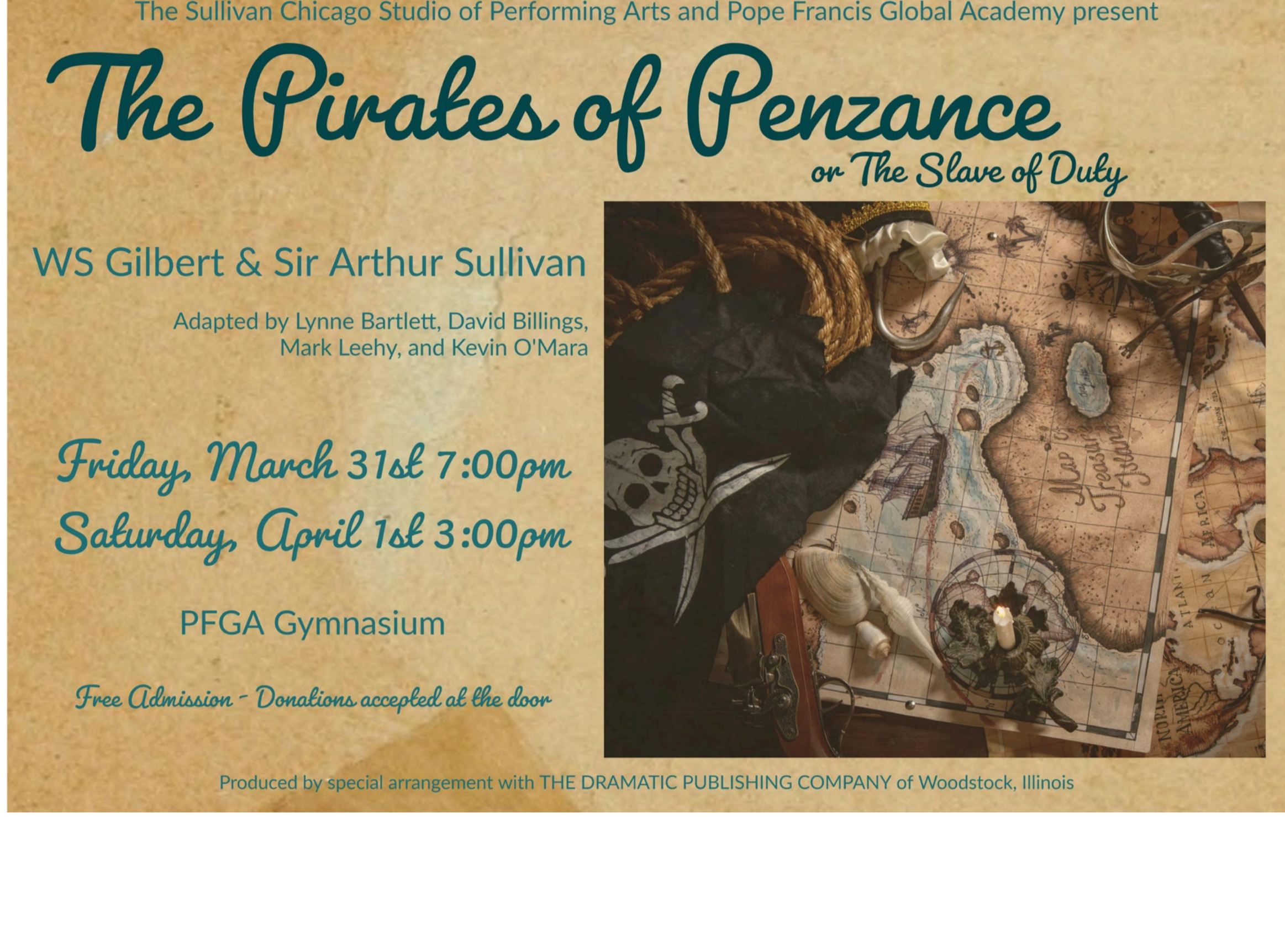
The Women's Club of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is having a fund raiser at the **Buona Beef at 7343 West Lawrence Avenue ON MARCH 22!** Buona Beef will donate 20% of sales to benefit the **Women's Club Girl's Scholarship Fund**. This will be the first Women's Club fundraiser of the year so they are 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!**



**HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS**

**Hairstyles/Makeup/Jewelry/Tattoos**

**Girls:** *Hairstyles must be age and school-appropriate, and reflective of good grooming. Hair dyeing, tinting, or streaks are not allowed. Hair accessories should not be large and must match their uniform. The faculty reserves its right to determine whether a hairstyle is appropriate. Girls are not allowed to wear makeup or dangling earrings. Only one earring per ear is permitted- worn in the lobe, not the cartilage. Wearing expensive jewelry is not recommended. School personnel will not be responsible for lost or damaged jewelry worn by students. Clear nail polish only is allowed for girls. No tattoos, or drawing on hands, or arms are permitted. Appropriate attire must be worn on Out of Uniform Days.*

**Boys:** *Boys' haircuts need to be traditional and appropriately outlined. Hair must be above the ear on the sides, above the eyebrow in the front, and above the shirt collar in the back. Hair dyeing is not allowed. Tails, mousses, etc. are not acceptable for school. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings while they are at school. Colored t-shirts should not be worn under uniform shirts. No tattoos, or drawing on hands, or arms are permitted. Appropriate attire must be worn on Out of Uniform Days.*

**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 a "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](mailto: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.

**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**

**VOLLEYBALL - COME OUT TO CHEER ON OUR TEAMS!**

**5th GRADE**

- 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**

- 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 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/4xcCyy3ve3JFfW7>

**BASEBALL REGISTRATION - DO IT NOW!**

There was a lot of interest in baseball but we still need for everyone interested to now actually **REGISTER** and pay. Coach wants to start conditioning ASAP! Please do so by completing this form and sending in payment to the office asap. <https://forms.gle/pKgGJcNYV9UwtqV8>

**CAN YOU HELP RUN A BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SKILLS CLINIC?**

Anyone interested in helping to run a baseball/softball clinic this spring for 4th-6th grade boys and girls, please reach out to Ms. Cook at [athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org](mailto:athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org).

**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](http://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 email comms regarding basketball, please email Ian Barbo ([ian.barbo@gmail.com](mailto:ian.barbo@gmail.com)).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**TREAT-FILLED EASTER EGGS NEEDED**

Each year we have a special guest come visit the school prior to Easter (hint: He has big ears!) and we are in need of treated-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](#)

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**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 online. 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!

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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

HighSight (Due March 25): <https://www.highsight.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 Anticked 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**

**FUN AT THE AUSTIN-IRVING LIBRARY!**

There are some fun activities coming up at the library right across the street from our school!

- **Tweens and Teens Beginner Crochet - Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:30 - 5 pm**  
<https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/6402157a0717af1608f45003>
- **Family Night of Play - Monday, March 20, 2023 from 6:30PM - 7:30PM**  
<https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/640211500717af1608f44f61>

**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 2023, is available to assist with grades K-High School. **DETAILS ARE HERE:** <https://www.chipublib.org/news/free-helpwork-help/>

**ST. FERDINAND PARISH FISH FRY**

St. Ferdinand Fish Fry, 3115 N. Mason Ave., has been 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 dinners, 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@pfgacademy.org)

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