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Pope Francis Global Academy**May 14, 2020**[School Calendar](#)[PFGA Website](#)[PFGA Facebook Page](#)[PFGA Parents' Club Facebook Page](#)[PFGAWolves Instagram](#)[PFGA on Twitter](#)**HEAD OF SCHOOL** *happenings*

Dear Pope Francis Global Academy Families,

Graduation marks an important transition for our students as they get ready to begin the next step of their education: high school. The closure of our school due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak necessitates adjustments to how graduation will be conducted. We appreciate your continued patience as we work through details and logistics as the Archdiocese just very recently released guidelines for schools to follow.

The administration and eighth grade teachers have been planning how we will best celebrate the Class of 2020 during this time of social distancing. As a result, I would like to share with you our current plans on how we have begun and will continue to recognize and celebrate our graduates.

With the help of parents, teachers, and administration, our first efforts began with daily Facebook posts highlighting our graduates in their caps and gowns. Just last week, teachers and administrators went to all of 8th graders' homes to deliver lawn signs congratulating them. (Check out videos of the sign deliveries here: [North](#) and [South](#)!)

SAVE the Date! A Graduation Parade will be held on Friday, May 29th, the original graduation date, to give our graduates the opportunity to socially distance themselves around the school in their caps and gowns and be showered by well-wishers who drive their decorated cars in the parade. Additional details will be made available very soon as the details, expectations, and guidelines are being finalized.

Additionally, using student photos and video footage, we are also in the midst of creating a "virtual ceremony" to recognize the Class of 2020 and their achievements. Since we plan to include photos and videos from the parade, the "virtual ceremony" will be distributed to our 8th graders in early June.

Also, at this time, I cannot say what other graduation activities will occur since we are limited by Governor Pritzker's mandates and the guidelines from the Archdiocese. My hope and prayer is that we can all celebrate together in person this summer, but that will have to be determined at a later time.

Please know that while we know this time is unsettling, we are committed to providing experiences for our 8th graders and their families. As such, we are also working on plans to get caps, gowns, pins, cord, supplies and personal items to the students by the end of May/ beginning of June. Eighth grade teachers will be coordinating pick up times with their students' families.

Wishing you continued health and wellness,

Margaret Kinel
Head of School**[PFGA Website](#) - Please check often as the website contains the most updated information****4TH ANNUAL PFGA WOLF RUN**

Just because we are learning from home, doesn't mean that we need to miss out on one of the best days of the school year. We are planning a Wolf Run for fun! Details will follow, but in the meantime read about our plans.

[PFGA Wolf Run](#)**CELEBRATING OUR 8TH GRADERS**

We will continue to focus on each of our 8th graders on Facebook in the coming weeks. Please take some time to give them a "Like" and send them your greetings. These will all be on the public Facebook page. Also, if you have an 8th grader, please share our Profile Picture Frame for Social media with them from our Facebook page. Look for another fun video in a few days focusing on our 8th graders!

[Celebrating Our 8th Graders on Facebook](#)**UPDATES FROM ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY SCHOOL**

A [FAQ SHEET](#) is now available to help answer your questions.

[The TENTATIVE calendar for St. Elizabeth's school.](#)**PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY**[Parents' Ultimate Guide to Zoom](#)**SUPPORT OUR FOUNDING PARISHES**

During this current crisis, parish giving is down significantly at our 4 founding parishes. Each of them has an e-giving option for weekly donations. It's not hard to set up and this way you never have to remember bringing a check or cash to Mass with you! Our pastors are all doing so much to help keep their flocks connected during this time, so please do what you can to help them keep their churches running smoothly as we move forward.

You can also catch live streaming from each of our pastors over the next 3 days, and every Sunday after Easter, as well.

[Our Lady of Victory](#)
[St. Cornelius](#)
[St. Pascal](#)
[St. Tarcissus](#)**FOR POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY (SOUTH CAMPUS ONLY) RE-ENROLLMENT**[Pope Francis Global Academy Tuition Letter Here](#)
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