



# The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

## NOVEMBER 18, 2021

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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, November 19 – **SPIRIT DAY AND HOMECOMING PEP RALLY! WEAR MAROON AND GOLD AND/OR SPIRIT WEAR!**
- Saturday, November 20 – Pre-Thanksgiving Fun Run – details below
- Monday, November 22 – Early release at 11:30 with Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 23 – No School...Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday – Friday, November 24-26 – No School...Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday and Friday, December 2-3 – Santa's Workshop (during school)
- Saturday, December 4 – Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- Sunday, December 5 – Mistletoe Market Parents' Club Holiday Market
- Wednesday, December 8 – Parents' Club Meeting
- Thursday, December 9 – Annual Tree Lighting Event (6:30-7:30 pm)
- Thursday, December 16 – Picture Retakes
- Thursday, December 16 – Prospective Family Thursday Tour
- Thursday, December 16 – Virtual Christmas Program Debut
- Friday, December 17 – Pajama Day
- Friday, December 17 – Classroom Christmas Parties and Movies
- Friday, December 17 – Early dismissal at 11:30

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### END OF TRIMESTER BUSINESS

Report cards will be sent tomorrow, November 19th, with parent-teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday next week. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, conferences will once again be virtual. Teachers will be sending out instructions on how to sign up for conferences.

#### HOMECOMING GAME AND PEP RALLY!

Our boys basketball team has been on a winning streak and will face St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this Saturday, November 20 in our home gym. We thought it would be an appropriate day to celebrate "Homecoming!" Although, we won't be able to invite extra people in to watch the game due to COVID constraints, we are going to try to work it out to live stream the game starting at 10 am. Look for an email with details if we can work it out.

We will celebrate all FALL sports with a **PEP RALLY TOMORROW, Friday, November 19** at the end of the school day. We'll also stream that one out on Facebook Live beginning around 2:15. Student Council has been making pom poms for the students!

#### ADVENT WREATH, CANDLES, AND PRAYER CARD KITS FUNDRAISER

The wreath kits will go home tomorrow, November 19, for those who ordered.

#### NEW FUN THANKSGIVING TURKEY-TROT!

Join us for a pre-Thanksgiving fun run **THIS SATURDAY from 9-10 am at Portage Park!** The event is FREE and open to all PFGA families and friends! Meet us at the center OVAL at Portage Park. [HERE ARE THE DETAILS!](#)

#### STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Please consider a donation of canned or dry goods for the upcoming Student Council Food Drive. [THIS FLYER](#) has all the details.

#### ABSENTEE & RETAKE PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Anyone who was not at school on Picture Day, OR anyone who is unhappy with their photos, once they arrive, will have another opportunity on December 16. Further information is forthcoming.

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you, and your extended family and friends, can support PFGA with very little effort! Help us spread the word, especially as we go into the holiday shopping season!

#### AMAZON SMILES

Like it or not, Christmas shopping has begun for many people...especially this year with longer lead times on delivery of items. If you shop on Amazon, if you set us up as your "charity of choice" and then shop at "[smile.amazon.com](#)" will find the same Amazon that you already know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the 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! <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

#### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – DON'T FORGET TO SCAN YOUR THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS!

Did you know you can help our school by simply scanning your grocery store receipts? If you prefer to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons from packaging, you can still do it that way also!

- [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to get the app and scan your receipts.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for the most recent list of QUALIFIED PRODUCTS and instructions.

#### WIN BIG IN OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Buy your tickets NOW at [Trattoria Porretta's](#) anytime their dining room or pick up window are open! The raffle takes place EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT at [Trattoria Porretta](#) at 3656 North Central.

### CLUBS AND SPORTS

#### VOLLEYBALL CALLOUTS!

Calling all Volleyball players!!! We need to know how many teams we can form. Please fill out the packet and send into the main office. DO NOT SEND IN FEES YET. We will collect fees once we have actual team counts.

The deadline for submission of [THIS PACKET](#) is 11/19. Once teams are submitted to the league, we cannot accept additional players.

We're hoping to get enough interest AND coaches to field the following teams:

- Instructional Girls Team – 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- JV Girls Team – 6th
- Varsity Girls Team – 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Instructional Boys Team – 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- JV Boys Team – 6th
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Practices for Girls teams can start the week of December 20 and games will begin in mid-January. Practices for Boys Teams can begin the week of January 17 and Games will begin the last week of January. The regular game schedule ends in late-March with playoffs in the beginning of April.

#### WE NEED SPORTS VOLUNTEERS!

- Basketball – We currently need volunteers for all home games for both Scorekeeping and Door Check. Contact [Patty McGuire](#) to sign up to help. You must be Virtus Trained and compliant to volunteer.
- Volleyball season begins soon and we need Coaches and Volunteers to run the program! We need to have coaches in place before we can commit to having teams. Contact [Patty McGuire](#) to sign up to help. You must be Virtus Trained and compliant to volunteer.

#### UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

- Saturday, November 20 at 10 am – HOME vs. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (Homecoming Game)
- Friday, December 3 at 8 pm – AWAY vs. St. Robert Bellarmine
- Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm – AWAY vs. Mary Seat of Wisdom Blue

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always in need of help. Please visit the [Volunteering for the School](#) page of our website for details and current needs. Contact the office to do any of these volunteer jobs.

- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors
- Queen of hearts ticket sales at school during pick up and/or at Porretta's for a couple of hours from about 6-8 pm on Thursday nights...what a great way to help out, earn hours, and maybe even enjoy a drink or some delicious food at Porretta's! **YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT TO EVERY THURSDAY. YOU CAN SIGN UP TO DO JUST ONE OR TWO THURSDAYS!**

### PARENT CLUB NEWS

#### PARENTS' CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 18

Please join the Parents' Club for a meeting on November 18 in Room 100 at the school. The social will begin at 6:30 with the official meeting start of 7 pm. There will be a Mistletoe Market vendor sneak peek at this meeting!

#### SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS DECEMBER 2 & 3

Kids will have an opportunity to shop for small Christmas gifts right at school. More information will be sent home in the November 18 Thursday Folder.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Earn volunteer hours by helping to set up the Santa's Workshop space in the gym. Event set up will be on Wednesday, December 1 at 6 pm. Or, if you are VIRTUS compliant AND VACCINATED, you can volunteer to help the students with their shopping during the mornings on Thursday and/or Friday, December 2 and 3. Sign up at this link: <https://signup.com/go/nxRmtsO>

#### IN NEED OF CHRISTMAS DÉCOR

Parents' Club is also looking for gently used Christmas decor to be used for the Mistletoe Market and Santa's Workshop. If you have items to donate (or lend) contact Amie Zander [amiezander@hotmail.com](mailto:amiezander@hotmail.com) by November 30.

#### MISTLETOE MARKET IS DECEMBER 5 from 9 am – 3 pm – SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to attend and shop at our annual holiday market for a jump start to your Christmas shopping! [A FLYER IS HERE.](#)

#### SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN

The PFGA Spirit Shop ([the Wolves Squad Locker](#)) is open! Christmas is coming quickly...order early!  
<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/pfga-spirit-wear-store>

### PARISH NEWS

#### OUR LADY OF VICTORY – FINAL MASS THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

If you are able, please join in the final scheduled Sunday Mass celebration at Our Lady of Victory Church this Sunday at 10:30 am. If you are not able to attend the Mass, please pray together with and for the OLV community as they close the doors of the building.

#### SUNDAY EVENING SPANISH MASS ADDED AT ST. PASCAL CHURCH

Beginning Sunday, November 28, there will be a Sunday evening Spanish Mass at 6 pm at the St. Pascal Church site of OLR. This will be in addition to the Saturday 4 pm English Mass, Sunday 8 am and 10 am English Masses, and the 12 noon Polish Mass at St Pascal.

#### PARISH 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!

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

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