

PFGA HOWLER - November 23, 2022

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022 - Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Break!

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday, November 23 - Friday 25 – NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break**
- Saturday, December 3 – Catholic High School Entrance Exams
- Saturday, December 3 – Mistletoe Market – 9 am - 3pm in the gymnasium
- Tuesday, December 6 – St. Nick's Day
- Tuesday, December 6 – Tree Lighting and Student Council Hot Cocoa Sale
- Wednesday, December 7 – Picture Retake Day

MUSICAL THEATER STARTS DECEMBER 1 - REGISTER BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29!

Beginning on Thursday, December 1, **The Sullivan Chicago Studio of Performing Arts** will be running a Musical Theater class after school in the gym and black box theater room in junior high, which will culminate in a musical theater production presented on March 31 and April 1! The specific show will be chosen based on the number of students we have come out for the program and the breakdown of ages of those students.

Registration forms and payment are due to the office by Tuesday, November 29. The \$250 will cover all 15 weeks of classes, one technical rehearsal, and two performances. Students will work on a combination of acting, staging, set design, costumes and make up.

There is also an option to pay \$25 for the first class on December 1 to give it a "test run" and then pay the balance as an "add on" should the student choose to continue after the first class. This is a way to "try before you buy" in case your student is just not sure yet. All details can be found [HERE](#).



CHRISTMAS T-SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT SALES - ORDERS DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Grab a cute Christmas Wolf t-shirt or sweatshirt to wear in the lead up to Christmas or with your favorite Christmas flannel pants as part of a Christmas Pajama set! Orders are due on MONDAY. You can order with paper and a check, or online...details are [HERE](#).

ARE YOU BLACK FRIDAY OR CYBER MONDAY SHOPPING? SET UP AMAZON SMILES AND LIST US!

If you are planning to do any shopping with Amazon this holiday season, PLEASE take a few minutes to set up Pope Francis Global Academy as your "Charity of Choice" in Amazon Smiles. It's super simple...rather than going straight to 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! Even if you've already filled your cart in Amazon.com, when you switch the address to smile.amazon.com, your items should still be in your cart! Just switch before checking out and we should get the credit! Thank you!

MISTLETOE MARKET

Mark your calendars for some fun holiday shopping at our **Annual PFGA Mistletoe Market Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3** brought to you by our wonderful **Parents' Club!** The Market will take place in the school gymnasium. The committee is looking for volunteers!

- **LOTS OF Volunteers are Needed** - Sign up to help with set up and other needs here: <https://signup.com/go/LTKtyUf>
- **COOKIE Contributions are Needed** - One fun aspect of the **Mistletoe Market is the "Cookie Walk!"** This is an opportunity to purchase a box or two of **HOME MADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES!** Parents are asked to make and deliver Christmas Cookies to Julie Molenda at the school. Those cookies will be packed into variety boxes and sold as part of the Market. Parents receive a 1/2 hour of volunteer hours for each dozen cookies they make and contribute (MAX of 5 hours). [HERE IS THE COMPLETE INFORMATION.](#)

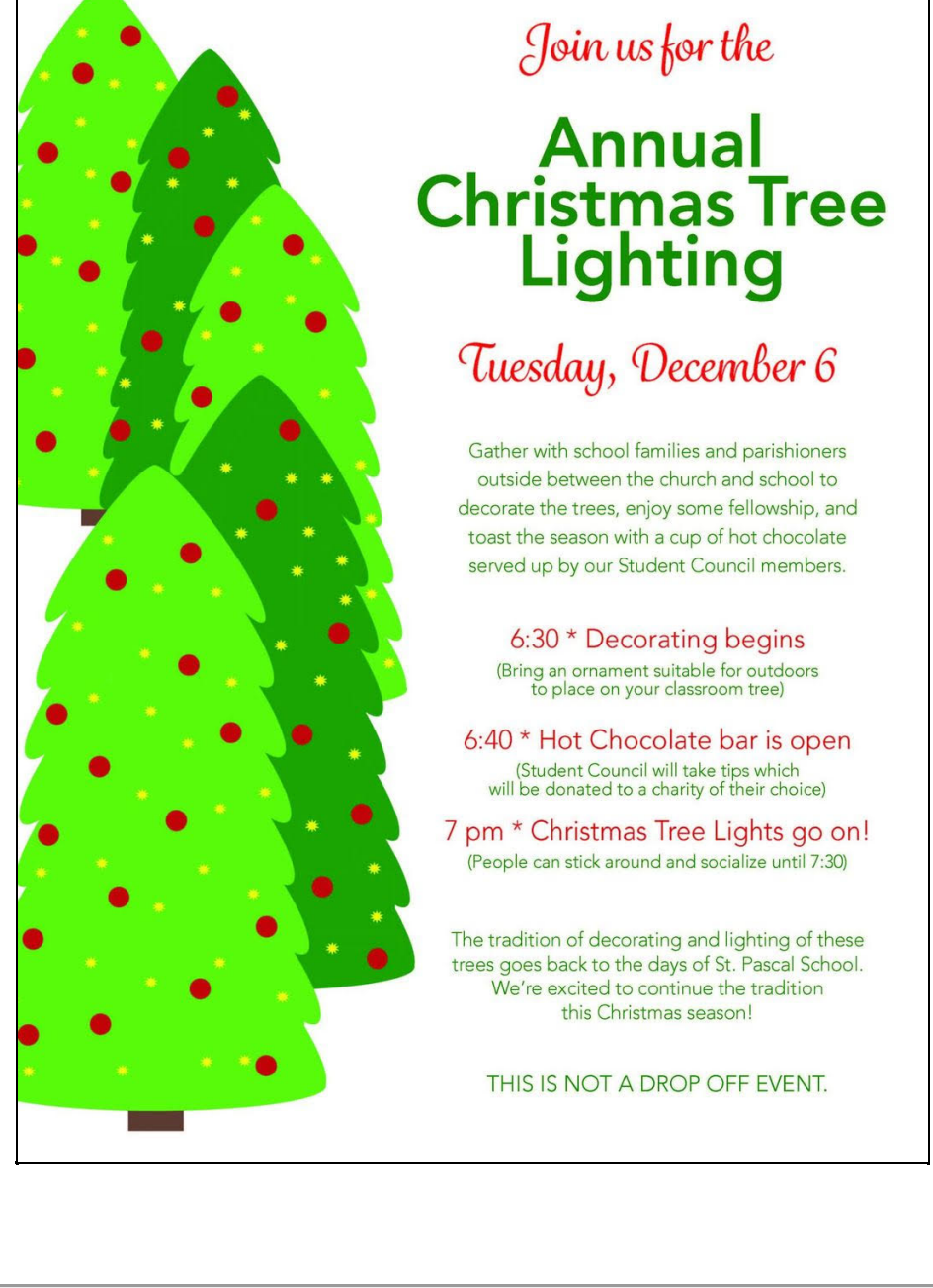


ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us on Tuesday night, December 6 for our **Annual School and Parish Tree Lighting Ceremony** and a spot of hot chocolate, brought to you by the Student Council!

Please bring an ornament to hang from home which is appropriate to be hung on one of the many outdoor Christmas trees that will be set up between the church and the school and on the lawn! (you likely won't get the ornament back)

This is a **FREE** event but there is a small "tip" for hot chocolate.



NOVEMBER MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congrats to the following winners of our November Monthly Money Raffle winners! Checks will go

- 1st prize - \$750 - Matza Family
- 2nd prize - \$200 - Jose Zapata - sold by Luis Negron
- 3rd prize - \$100 - Gisha Joy (Joy Family)

PICTURE RETAKES DECEMBER 7 AT 8:15 AM

After seeing your photos, if you would like your student to do RETAKES, send the picture packet back to your student's teacher letting them know you want to do retakes.

Any students who were absent on the original picture day will be sent down to be photographed.

Every student who attended school on the original picture day took a photo. If you DID NOT pre-order school photos and would like to, information on how to purchase photos is listed on a SCHOOL PHOTO CALENDAR which every student received. There is a code provided which will be needed when ordering.

CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS

BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE

We'll have an updated b-ball schedule to publish after Thanksgiving.

EXTRACURRICULARS ARE FINISHED FOR THE FALL SEASON

All of our fall extracurriculars have wrapped up for this season and we'll put a new sign-up out before Christmas for winter classes which will start in January. The only exception to that schedule is Musical Theater, which begins on Thursday after Thanksgiving. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, November 29. See details at the top of the Howler.

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).

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

- **SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP**
 Santa's Workshop is returning to PFGA on December 8 & 9. This is an in school shopping opportunity for the students to pick up small gifts for everyone on their list. Please send your child with a small amount of cash on the day that their class will attend. (your teacher will let you know which day) Most items cost between \$1-\$10.

 We need lots of parent volunteers to make the Christmas magic happen. You'll help the kids do their shopping. You can sign up <https://signup.com/go/OfojApP>
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE VIRTUOUS TRAINED AND COMPLIANT TO VOLUNTEER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.** Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/OfojApP>
- **SANTA'S WORKSHOP SET UP AND PARENTS' CLUB MEETING**
 Join Parents' Club to help set up the workshop on Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm. You DON'T need Virtus training for the set up. Then, stick around for a Parents' Club meeting. Enter through gym door off the Dakin Street lot.
- **GREAT WOLF LODGE OUTING**
 Save the Date for the Wolves take on Great Wolf Lodge!!! Sunday, January 15, 2023. (Monday, January 16 is a day off of school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Discounted room blocks and further information will be available soon!
- **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>

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

There are many ways you and your extended family and friends can support PFGA, especially during the Holidays!

- **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 on-line. Market Day accepts all major credit cards. MARKETDAY.COM
- **AMAZON SMILES**
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- **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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM DECEMBER 3

If you have an 8th grader, your teachers have already told you about the Catholic School Entrance Exam which is given on ONE DAY, December 3, at all of the Catholic High Schools throughout the city and suburbs. More information can be found on the Archdiocese of Chicago website, here: <https://schools.archdiocese.org/curriculum-and-resources/catholic-high-schools/catholic-high-school-admission-information>

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- HighSight (Due March 25): <https://www.highsight.org/apply/>

PARISH NEWS

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy the sounds of the season at the annual Our Lady of the Rosary Music Ministry's Christmas Choir on Friday, December 16 at 7 pm. [ENGLISH FLYER. SPANISH FLYER](#)

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 Anticipated Mass
 4:00 PM - Saint Pascal

Sunday Masses
 8:00 AM - Saint Pascal
 10:00 AM - Saint Pascal
 6:00 PM - Saint Pascal (Spanish)

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JUMP ON THE HOLIDAY TROLLEY DECEMBER 3

Shop local on Saturday, December 3 taking the Six Corners Northwest Side Trolley to various stops INCLUDING our very own Mistletoe Market!

It's FREE and fun for the family!



TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER

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

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