

Howler – October 21, 2021

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**OCTOBER 21, 2021****PFGA WEBSITE** - Please visit the school website often for the latest news**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- **Friday October 22 – Student Council WEAR PINK FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH DAY! BRING (at least) \$1 to earn being out of uniform!**
- Friday, October 22 - Photos due for the Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
- Friday, October 22 – Family Movie Night
- Thursday, October 28 – Parents' Club meeting
- Friday, October 29 – School Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties
- Wednesday, November 3 - Picture Day

SCHOOL NEWS**PFGA 8th GRADER AURORA B. NAMED DANIEL MURPHY SCHOLAR!**

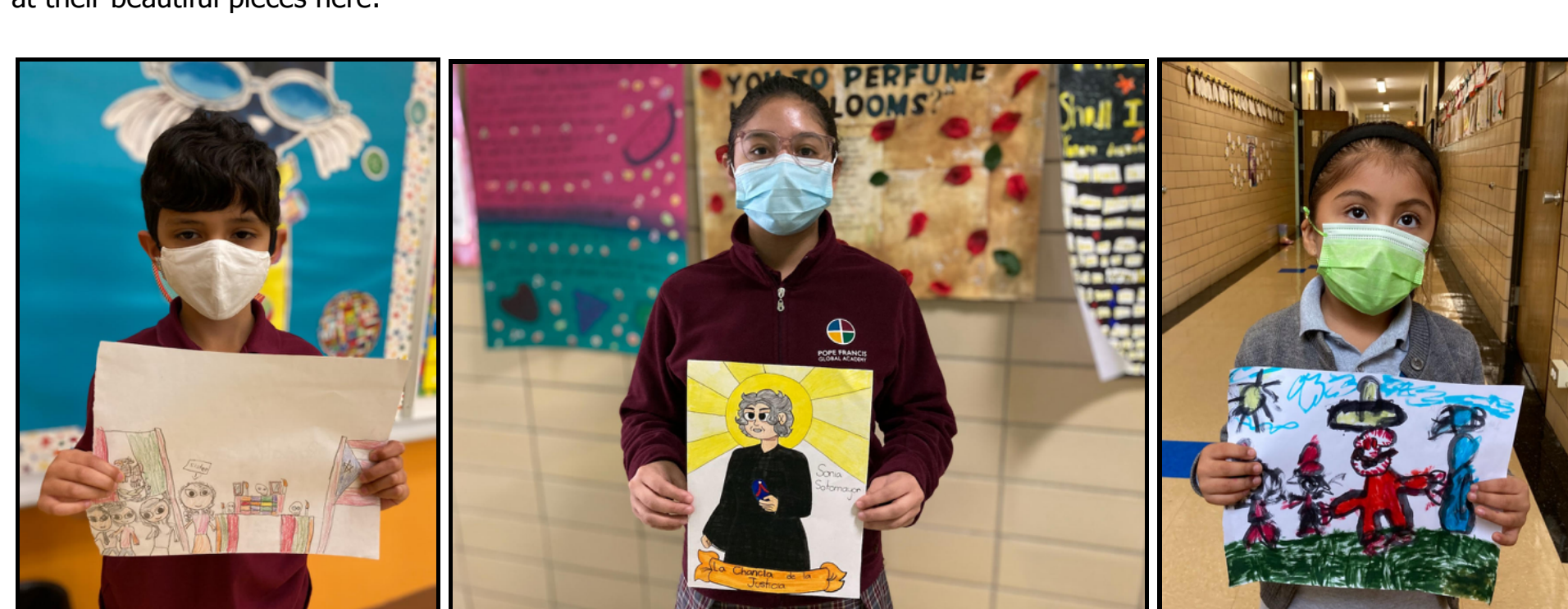
We could not be more proud to announce that PFGA 8th grader Aurora B. was notified yesterday that she has been named to the Daniel Murphy Class of 2026! This distinguished award and mentor program comes with a sizable scholarship to be used for the high school of Aurora's choice.

"Each year approximately 800 students throughout the city of Chicago apply to be a Murphy Scholar. Because of your academic abilities, leadership skills and hard work you are being invited to join the DMSF community. Your accomplishments are a tribute to your family, teachers and school community." – from the DMS announcement letter.

**CONGRATS TO OUR BUDDING ARTISTS!**

The Archdiocese office of Catholic Schools invited students to participate in a Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest a while back and we had 3 entrants from PFGA.

We are proud to announce that among all the students throughout the archdiocese who entered, Rodolfo G. won the K-2nd grade category, winning a \$75 gift card! Aurora Barraza came in 2nd in the 6th through 8th grade category and earned a ribbon! We're also proud of Haley Landa, who entered a beautiful piece into the contest as well! Take a look at their beautiful pieces here:

**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

Student Council has prepared a Halloween activity in which all students can participate! A flyer is being sent home today.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest**PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3!**

Forms went home with students last week in the Thursday folder. Please complete and return prior to November 3. Or, you can do your order ONLINE ahead of time. Details are on the printed order forms.

REMINDER ABOUT THE PICK UP LINE

When you are picking up your kids after school in the driving line, if your student is not out yet and you see that other students are getting into the cars behind you, please be courteous and loop around the block rather than block traffic until your student comes out. Thank you.

OCTOBER MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Place - \$750 – Megan Pigoni
- 2nd Place - \$200 – Anne Conkle
- 3rd Place - \$100 – Negin Ghaedi

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

We're gearing up for another Halloween celebration together on Friday, October 29. This year, our celebration will include students dressing in costumes, our traditional costume parade, and classroom parties! [HERE ARE THE DETAILS](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS BY NOVEMBER 1

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 of **QUALIFIED PRODUCTS**, you can still do it that way also!

- [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to get the app and scan your receipts.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to print out a new form to track your paper or digital coupons!
- [CLICK HERE](#) for the October Promotion. **SUBMIT BOX TOPS BY NOV. 1!**

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS OFRENDA - INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Our school will once again be creating an **Ofrenda** to honor our dearly departed family and friends during the lead up to **Dia de los Muertos** (November 1 and 2). Everyone is invited to provide a small photo (or better yet, a photocopy of a photo) of your deceased loved ones. We will include them all on the Ofrenda and they will all be included in our daily prayer intentions during late October and early November. We will post photos of our completed Ofrenda on November 1.

Send photos in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Thyen through your student's backpack with an indication of whether you want to get the photo/photocopy back. Please do NOT send one of a kind family heirloom photos.

WORKING ON OUR OFRENDA

Students have been working on making items to place on our ofrenda. 6th grade made traditional Mexican sugar skulls from scratch and we thought you may want the recipe and instructions! Plastic forms were ordered <https://mexicansugarskull.com>. The ingredients are refined sugar, merengue powder, and water. It's a fun and easy to do project for kids of all ages! They are decorated with royal icing in bright colors once they have hardened. [HERE ARE THE RECIPES](#). [CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO OF OUR 6TH GRADERS MAKING SUGAR SKULLS!](#)

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

Our boys basketball team is off to a great start! They beat St. Stans last week in their first game and looked strong doing it! Congratulations to the team and coaches!

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.

- Poster and flyer distribution in the neighborhoods
- Recess monitors
- Queen of hearts helpers
- Queen of hearts ticket sales at school during pick up

PARENT CLUB NEWS**HAPPY HOUR AT PORRETTAS – TONIGHT!**

PFGA Moms and Dads are invited to come out for some social time with other PFGA parents at Trattoria Porretta on Thursday, October 21 from 6-8 pm. This is a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old friends! Cash bar will be available. [INVITE IS HERE](#)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT OCTOBER 22

Enjoy a night out with a family-friendly double feature in the back school parking lot! The event is co-sponsored by Parents' Club AND our friends on the Catacombs Committee. The movies are FREE with popcorn and limited snacks available for purchase. [DETAILS ARE HERE](#)

MOVIE NIGHT #2 - FOR THE BIGGER CROWD - IS OCTOBER 30

Our beloved Catacombs committee is hosting a SECOND free movie night on October 30 for the bigger kids and adults! Parents' Club is co-hosting this one as well! [DETAILS ARE HERE](#)

NEXT PARENTS' CLUB MEETING IS OCTOBER 28

Join the Parents' Club at their next meeting on Thursday, October 28, LIVE...IN PERSON, in Room 100 at the school. We'll gather for some social time and snacks beginning at 6:30 then the meeting starts at 7.

SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN

The link on the website for our Spirit Shop (**the Wolves Squad Locker**) had been down, but it is now back open! Parents' Club is working to order more of the always-popular pajama pants. There is evidently a shortage in the supply due, probably, to COVID.

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

PARISH NEWS**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

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