



The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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

NO SCHOOL MONDAY FOR LABOR DAY!

IMPORTANT FORMS

The school office sent home a list for each family who is missing one or more forms, or has missing information on one or more forms. Confidential information was in a manilla envelope and non-confidential information was placed in your youngest or only student's Thursday folder. **PLEASE**, complete the missing information/forms and return to the school as soon as possible. It is imperative that we have updated information on file for the safety of your child/children. Thank you.

FAMILY HANDBOOK

The handbook has been updated and is now available [HERE](#) and on the school [website](#).

Please read through the handbook, talk through the pertinent parts with your child/children, sign the paper Handbook Acknowledgement and Agreement that went home in the Thursday Folders today, then return that form to the school office by September 15, 2021.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Today a light blue paper copy of the September School Calendar when home for your convenience. Dates may change so please continue to check the school website, as well as SchoolMessenger blasts, and the Howler for the most current information and dates. We will send home a new monthly calendar at the start of each month.

4th - 8th GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL SIGN UPS DUE TOMORROW!

Basketball team rosters are due **TOMORROW**. There was a paper basketball registration packet sent home today with ALL 4th-8th graders. If you have already registered your child, you can disregard those papers. If you would LIKE to register your child you must do so by tomorrow (FRIDAY). The forms are also **HERE**. Complete the forms then turn them in tomorrow, along with a check or cash for the team fee, to the school office. Please contact Patty Cook with questions. at pattymcgr1@gmail.com.

Basketball teams are not COED; We are hoping to field separate all-Girls and all-Boys teams for each of these:

- 4th and 5th Grade Girls Team - Instructional
- 4th and 5th Grade Boys Team - Instructional
- 6th Grade - JV Girls Team
- 6th Grade - JV Girls Team
- 7th and 8th Grade Varsity Girls Team
- 7th and 8th Grade Varsity Boys Team

We would like to form these teams within our PFGA community. But we need more players if we're going to be able to form the right groupings. Consider joining even if your student has little/no experience...it's fun and keeps kids active!

In order to compete in our current league we also need more parent volunteers to be Coaches and Team managers. Please contact Patty Cook if you can help in one of these roles, or if you have any questions about what all it would entail. pattymcgr1@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please do not park in the cross walk at Dakin and Melvina during either pick-up or drop-off. Our parents and students need to cross and by parking there, even just momentarily, you put them at risk. Your car also impedes the view for cars trying to make the turn. In addition, please be a good neighbor and don't park in or block any driveways. Finally, please be aware that Irving Park Road in front of the church and school is actually a tow zone during school hours. Please do not part here during drop-off or pick-up. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The school is in need of several parents each day to monitor outdoor recess between 11:30 and 12:30. This is an easy and fun way to earn your hours if you have a flexible schedule! This volunteer position DOES require you to be in compliance with all VIRTUS and Protecting God's Children annual requirements. See below for that information.

Contact Tina Menendez at tmendez@pfgacademy.org to volunteer.

VIRTUS TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE

Each parent, and any adult family member, who hopes to volunteer with our students either at school or during a school sanctioned event must take special training and then complete several forms and steps to become compliant each year with the Archdiocese Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. **VIRTUS** training is a one-time seminar which is required. Once you get your **VIRTUS** training, you will then have to keep up with occasional emailed newsletters to remain in good standing with **VIRTUS**. There are several additional forms and steps which must be completed **EACH YEAR**, in order to be compliant with the Archdiocese and therefore eligible to participate as a volunteer with the school.

The first step if you have never taken the training is to go **HERE** and then click the green bar which says **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT**. Complete the forms, choose a way to take the VIRTUS training (either online or in person) then complete the subsequent steps, including approving an

online background check. It's all laid out in [THIS STEP BY STEP GUIDE](#).

CLARIFICATION ON FREE LUNCHES

All students are being offered FREE lunch again this year through the USDA as part of the Recovery Act. There are enough lunches so that your student may receive one each day if they would like. Any student that does not bring a lunch will be offered one of these lunches. Any student who brings a lunch but also wants a school lunch will also be offered this lunch. Chocolate and white milk are offered as well. You do not need to order these lunches. If you would like to see what is being offered each day, here are the upcoming menus.

- [September Lunch Menu](#)
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FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH FORMS

Each year families are asked to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Application Forms. This year is no different, even though free lunches are being offered to all. You were recently sent a 2 ply paper application through your child's folder. PLEASE complete it and return it to the school office through your student's folder. **The deadline for those is September 9.** Thank you.

COME OUT TO CHEER ON THE WOLVES!

Cheer on the Cross Country wolf pack at their first meet of the season on Friday, 9/10/21. Meet begins at 4pm at Resurrection High School located [7500 w. Talcott](#). Go Wolves!!

Upcoming Soccer Games are:

- Tuesday 9/7/2021 at Hiawatha Park at 5:30 PM PFGA vs NRP Maroon Thursday
 - 9/9/2021 at Jaycee Park in Park Ridge at 5:15 PM PFGA vs Mary Seat of Wisdom White
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WOLF PUPS TO RESUME ON WEDNESDAY!

We are so excited to start up our popular Wolf Pups Classes again beginning on September 8! We are switching to **WEDNESDAY** mornings from 9-10 and we'll be meeting at the school (either in the gym or out in the Convent Yard, depending on weather) for 30 minutes of music and then 30 minutes of free play. Students ages 0-4 are invited to join the group. Classes are \$5 each (pay-as-you-go) and \$35 for an 8 week session, paying in advance. Your very first visit to Wolf Pups is FREE. This is a child AND ADULT class, not a drop off class. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

SUPPORT OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Our Queen of Hearts raffle pot is up over \$55,000! You could win half of that!

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.

PARENTS' CLUB ROOM PARENT CALL OUT

Parent's Club is looking for one Parent Volunteer for each grade level to serve as Homeroom Parents. Volunteers get a max of 10 service hours and must be Virtus Trained. Volunteer forms are due September 13. Please contact the Homeroom Parent Coordinator Layne Arens at Layne.Arens@gmail.com with questions.

- [ROOM PARENT FORM AND INFO](#)

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 30

The 1st Parents' Club Meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 30 in Room 100 at 6:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Father Mike

the new pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Questions? email parentsclub@pfgacademy.org

PARENTS' CLUB MEMBERSHIP - Join Today!

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