

**Howler - September 22, 2022**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

**PFGA WEBSITE - Please visit the school website often for the latest news**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Thursday, September 22 – Curriculum Night at School 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Friday, September 23 – No School, Teacher Professional Development
- Saturday, September 24 – 8th Grade Car Wash 9 am – noon!
- Friday, September 30 – Fall Pep Rally and Spirit Day
- Tuesday, October 4 – St. Francis Day Pet Blessing
- Sunday, October 9 – Holy Name Bears vs. Vikings Watch Party Fundraiser
- Monday, October 10 – NO SCHOOL – Indigenous People Day / Columbus Day
- Friday, October 14 – Catacombs Opening Night!
- Saturday, October 15 – Catacombs No Scare Trick or Treat/Family Fun Fest
- Wednesday, October 19 – October Monthly Money Raffle @2:10 pm
- Wednesday, October 26 – School Picture Day

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CURRICULUM NIGHT IS TONIGHT at 5:30 – SEPTEMBER 22**

TONIGHT our teachers will each host curriculum night. This 5:30 – 6:30 pm event is intended to be an adult-only opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and learn about classroom curriculum and expectations.

An open house is scheduled for January, to kick off Catholic Schools Week, where children can attend along with their parents to show off their work and what they have been learning about.

**REMINDER ABOUT SIGNING KIDS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL**

Please be sure that if you drop your student off for school after an early morning appointment or for any reason (any time after 8:30) you will need to come to the door with them to sign them in. If you are picking up a student early from school (either for a doctor's appointment, if they are feeling sick, or for any other reason), you also have to come up to the door to physically sign them out. Thank you!

**PET BLESSING ON ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY**

There will be an opportunity to have your family pets blessed on Tuesday, October 4, the Feast Day of our patron's patron, St. Francis of Assisi! St. Francis holds a special place at PFGA as our Wolf mascot was taken from a traditional St. Francis story about the Wolf of Gubbio! You can read more about that [HERE](#).

The blessing of pets will take place at 3:30 in the Dakin Street parking lot behind the school. Please DO NOT bring your pets to pick up as some students and parents have allergies and/or fear of them. Please be respectful of our community and wait until closer to 3:30 to bring your leashed animals for a blessing.

**THE CATACOMBS IS BACK!**

After a two year hiatus, we are back in business with one of the midwest's best Haunted Houses...*the Catacombs!*

There are 9 nights of scary fun, plus one Saturday Family Fun Fest with a No Scare Trick or Treat! Mark your calendars now and please tell your friends and coworkers! This is our best event for bringing in people from the wider Chicago/Suburban Community to help support our school!



**CATACOMBS HAUNTED HOUSE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As October – the "haunting month" at PFGA – approaches, our Catacombs team will be in need of many volunteers to help it all come back together after a 2-year hiatus! In addition to being fun and very helpful for the school and the Catacombs, helping with the Catacombs could help you earn most, if not ALL, of your volunteer hours!

- **SPONSORS** – If anyone has a business which may be interested, or if you can even just assist with calling local businesses and picking up sponsor checks, that would be helpful. Contact Amie Zander at [amiezander@hotmail.com](mailto:amiezander@hotmail.com).
- **SECURITY** – We are looking for law enforcement officers to volunteer as security members during the Catacombs events. If you have any experience with this or are currently an officer and can help out, please contact Steve Findysz via text message at 773-610-5334.
- **CREW AND NIGHTLY VOLUNTEERS** – Construction, hair and makeup, actors, licensed electricians, advertising, IT, artists, graphic artists, makeup artists, costumers, etc. Are all needed. A news sign up will go out next week for specific jobs and shifts! **TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE POSITIONS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT BACK TO SCHOOL.**
- **TRICK OR TREAT CANDY DONATIONS** – We are starting to collect bags of donated Halloween Candy from parents which will be used for our October 15 Family Fun Fest and No-Scare Trick or Treat through the Catacombs. If you are out at Costco or anywhere, and see giant bags of candy you can donate, please grab a couple to send into school. Sales may be starting now...grab some before they're all out of candy at the Jewel! You can record one volunteer hour for every \$15 spent on candy. Thank you for helping us stock up!
- **TEEN VOLUNTEERS – COME OUT TO THE MANDATORY MEETING** – Did you know that our PFGA 8th graders, as well as any high school students, can volunteer to help out with the Catacombs as creepy, fun characters. There will be a meeting for PFGA 8th graders and high school student volunteers on Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the school gym. Enter at the Heimsath Hall door by the back parking lot. You'll learn about the volunteer work available to teens and the requirements at the meeting. Everyone who helps ends up loving it! An adult will eventually have to sign your commitment form to be able to volunteer.

**SAVE THE DATE – HOWL AT THE MOON IS RETURNING!**

On Saturday, November 12 we hope you'll join us for the premier PFGA event of the year! Book those sitters now for an evening of great fun with your PFGA parent friends, teachers, school administrators, parishioners, and fun-seekers of all kinds! This year's Howl at the Moon will feature the *Howl 2 Go Dueling Pianos*, Howl 2 Go (an offering of the *Howl at the Moon* live music entertainment franchise, unrelated to our school's annual event, but fortuitously named the same thing!) is a total entertainment experience! This high-energy live music show is centered around dance hits and party anthems that will get you dancing in no time.

In addition to the entertainment, we'll have our traditional Live and Silent Auctions, plus an exciting limited-sale-of-tickets raffle will be featured! Due to space constraints, a limited number of event tickets will be sold. More info coming soon...mark the date on your calendar now!

Event ticket and raffle ticket sales will begin in the next day or two!! Get ready to HOWWWWWLLLLL!

**8TH GRADE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY**

Support our 8th graders as they host their Annual 8th Grade Car/van Wash on Saturday, September 24 from 9 am - noon! This will take place in the parking lot directly across Irving Park Road from the school. [PRINTABLE FLYER WITH DETAILS IS HERE](#)

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Paper order forms will be sent home closer to the time of photos.

**SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS**

We drew our first winners out this past Wednesday and we congratulate the Krebiehl family for winning the big prize, the Wojtkiewicz family for winning 2nd prize, and the Barbo family for winning 3rd prize. All winners from every previous monthly money raffle can be found [HERE](#).

**CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND SPORTS**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING BEGINNING SOON**

We are excited to start having altar servers again at Mass! Being an altar server is a wonderful and special way to participate in Mass. This ministry puts a new perspective on why things are done on the altar. Everything that happens on the Altar has a purpose and a meaning.

Deacon Shallcross will be training servers over the course of several meetings. If your student is interested in becoming a new altar server or if they have been trained in the past and want to begin serving again, please plan on attending these training sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shallcross directly at [cshallcross@archchicago.org](mailto:cshallcross@archchicago.org). Full details are here in this [Altar Server Training flyer](#).

**FALL AFTER SCHOOL/EXTRACURRICULARS**

After school classes will begin next week, if they haven't already. You will be notified by the teacher of your kids' after school activities soon with details. Please be sure to pay the teacher through the office before the first class of the session.

**BASKETBALL TEAM CALL OUTS**

Based on the responses we received, we will field 2 teams. One will be 6-8th grade boys and one will be a co-ed 4th and 5th grade team. Practices will begin soon, mainly on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings with games on Fridays and Saturdays.

[HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS.](#)

Please use this link to register for the teams: <https://forms.gle/GrNkGpuuuLDURF6e>

Contact Ms. Cook with any questions: [athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org](mailto:athleticdirector@pfgacademy.org)

**FALL SPORTS PEP RALLY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

The Fall Pep Rally, which will honor our Soccer and Cross Country Teams, will take place at 2:15 on Friday, September 30 in the front yard of the school. Come early for pick up to cheer on our athletes! Guests (other than Fall Team Coaches) must stay on the outside of the fence on Irving. Athletes may wear their team jersey tops. That day will be a Wolf Spirit Day (wear Maroon and Gold, or any PFGA Spirit wear to school!) for all students and staff!

**JV SOCCER SCHEDULE**

- Monday, September 26 – JV vs. MSW JV White at Jaycee Park in Park Ridge at 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, September 27 – JV vs. St. Monica JV at Hiawatha Park at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 28 – JV vs. SMOV JV at Wildwood Park at 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 3 – JV vs. St. Eugene JV at 5430 North Olcott at 5:00 pm
- Thursday, October 6 – JV vs. SRB at Dunham Park at 6 pm

**VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE**

- Monday, September 26 – Varsity vs. MSW White at Jaycee Park in Park Ridge at 5:15 pm
- Tuesday, September 27 – Varsity vs. SMA at Hiawatha Park at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, September 29 – Varsity vs. SRB at Hiawatha at 5:45 pm
- Monday, October 3 – Varsity vs. St. Eugene at 5430 North Olcott at 6:00 pm

**CROSS COUNTRY MEETS** (All are at Resurrection College Prep on Talcott)

- Silver Friday, September 23
- Gold Friday, September 30
- Rain Make up Friday, October 7

Questions about Soccer, email Patty McGuire: [pattymcgr1@gmail.com](mailto:pattymcgr1@gmail.com)

Questions about Cross Country, email Jessica Zamudio: [jesszamudio@hotmail.com](mailto:jesszamudio@hotmail.com)

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Lou Malnati's Fundraiser – Tuesday, September 27 from 8-9 am  
 We need a small team to help sort, stuff and label envelopes with the Lou Malnati's Coupons purchased by our families. These will be distributed in the September 29 Thursday folders. Contact Mrs. Thyen at [jthyen@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jthyen@pfgacademy.org).
- Catacombs Haunted House (see entire paragraph above)

**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**PARENTS CLUB FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR**

All parents are invited to attend the first Parents' Club meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 28, at 6:30pm at Trattoria Porretta. Appetizers will be served. Cash bar will be available for drinks.

Come and find out about volunteer opportunities and fun events that are coming up this school year for both you as parents, and your families!!

**PARENTS CLUB SOCIAL OUTING**

Parents' Club is hosting its first parent social event in October! Save the date! This is a great way to get to know other parents in your school community. This is an adult-only event. Appetizers will be provided. Cash bar. Hope to see you there! [INFO IS HERE!](#)

**CHICAGO WOLVES OUTING**

Save the Date to see the Chicago Wolves! Sunday, September 18. [MORE INFO IS HERE.](#)

**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 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! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PFGAParentsclub>

**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, even during the summer.

- **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. [MARKET DAY.COM](#)
- **AMAZON SMILES**  
 If you shop on Amazon, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](https://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!
- **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**

If you have a student in junior high, it's time to start looking at high schools! We will be sharing information that we get from the high schools as we get it. But there are also resources online that you can look at. Fall is high school open house season across the city, so please google "high school open houses Chicago" to see what you can find and start making your calendar now! The Catholic High Schools often offer school shadow days for 8th grade students in the fall and for 7th grade students in the spring. You'll find links to all of the Catholic High Schools on our website:

- [St. Patrick High School \(Boys only\) Open House Flyer](#)

**PARISH NEWS**

**BEARS GAME WATCH PARTY**

The Our Lady of the Rosary Holy Name Society has been an ongoing supporter of our sports program. They have helped us purchase sports/team equipment and supplemented the cost of ref fees over the years.

The Society is hosting a Bears vs Vikings watch party on October 9 in the Convent Yard (between EDPP/lunch room and The'll have a few kids activities!

- Doors open at 10:30 am
- Tickets are \$15.00 per person
- Menu: Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Italian Sausage, Soda, Ice Tea and Desserts
- There will be Squares, Raffles, and various other games to play.
- Kids are welcome, too!

Prizes include: 40" Roku TV, \$75 Liquor basket, Hunter Pence autograph package, Haunted house Package and so much MORE!!!

If you or any of your family or friends are interested, please contact Patty McGuire at [pattymcgr1@gmail.com](mailto:pattymcgr1@gmail.com).

Proceeds from all the tickets Patty sells go to the PFGA sports program. PLEASE, consider attending. We need the extra support! Ref fees went up this year.

**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)

**TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER**

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

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