



The Howler

News from Pope Francis Global Academy

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, September 10 - Red, White, and Blue Out of Uniform Day to commemorate 9/11
- Wednesday, September 15 - Signed Handbook Agreements due to the school office
- Wednesday, September 15 - First Monthly Money Raffle drawing at 2:10 pm (Facebook Live)
- Thursday, September 16 - 3rd Thursday Group Tour for prospective families - 4-5 pm
- Friday, September 24 - NO SCHOOL for a teacher Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, September 29 - Virtual Back to School Night - more info to come

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPROMPTU OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW TO DRESS IN Red, White, and Blue

To remember the events of September 11th, 20 years ago, we are asking everyone to dress in some form of Red, White and Blue. Students may wear something as simple as a red shirt with blue jeans or appropriate shorts. Or, a blue ribbon in the hair. Please don't go buy anything new or stress out about getting all of the colors in there.

MONTHLY MONEY RAFFLE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY - GET YOUR TICKETS IN!

Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets! And, since you have already paid for them, you can keep the money as you sell them...essentially, paying yourself back for the fundraising fee. If you want a chance to win one of the 8 Monthly Money Raffle

prizes, instead of selling them all, keep some to put your own name on! **EITHER WAY**, try to get them in by Wednesday, September 15 before noon! We will hold the first raffle at 2:10 and we'll post it on Facebook Live from the school's public facebook page. We'll give away \$750, \$200, and \$100 prizes! Thank you for supporting the school with your purchases!

VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Save the date...Wednesday, September 29...for our Virtual Back to School Night! We will once again host Zoom meetings with the teachers. More information is coming soon on how and when to log onto the call.

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](#).

FAMILY HANDBOOK

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

1. Read through the handbook,
2. Talk through the pertinent parts with your child/children,
3. Sign the paper Handbook Acknowledgement and Agreement that went home in LAST WEEK'S Thursday Folders, then
4. **Return that signed form to the school office by September 15, 2021.**

NEW 3RD THURSDAY RECRUITMENT TOURS

Mrs. Thyen will be hosting a group tour for prospective families on the 3rd Thursday of each month this year, beginning next Thursday, September 16 from 4-5 pm. If you know of anyone still considering switching schools for this year, or even beginning to look at schools for NEXT year, remember that if you refer them to us, and if they enroll and stay at least through Christmas, you'll get a \$300 credit on your January tuition bill! So, help us spread the word about 3rd Thursday tours. We can also set up a personal tour for a family any day after school.

LOU MALNATI'S FROZEN PIZZA COUPON FUNDRAISER

We are once again running our fall Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Coupon fundraiser! The order form/flyer went home today with the youngest student in your family. Orders are due back to the school office by September 23, along with payment. You can sell them to friends and family or you can buy them to GIVE as gifts to friends and family! Lots of options here!

The classroom that sells the most coupons (averaged per student) will earn a pizza lunch!

[FLYER IS HERE](#)

SUPPORT OUR QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

Our Queen of Hearts raffle pot is up over \$53,000! 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.

SPORTS AND CLUBS

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:

- PFGA Varsity Soccer vs MSW White, TONIGHT, Thursday 9/9 5:15 pm at Jaycee Park (Park Ridge)
- PFGA Varsity Soccer vs St Paul of the Cross Tigers, Sunday 9/12 4:30 pm at Ni-Ridge Park
- PFGA Varsity Soccer vs North Ridge Prep Gold on Monday 9/13 7pm at Golf Mill Park
- PFGA Varsity vs St Robert Bellermine on Tuesday 9/14 5:30 pm at Hiawatha Park
- PFGA Varsity vs St Monica on Wednesday 9/15 5:30 pm at Ridgewood High School

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RECESS MONITORS

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.

As we move forward with the goal of keeping things this year as "normal" as possible, we will continue to provide volunteer opportunities regularly, which can be used to meet the Family Service Hour Commitment. All volunteers will be expected to maintain current rules about social distancing, mask-wearing, etc. This year, we will be accepting volunteer/service hours for both St. Pascal and Our Lady of Victory parishes. To qualify, these hours must be approved through the parish office of either church.

FAMILY DIRECTORY EDITOR

We're in need of one person to update the Family Directory using the current directory which is formatted as a Google Doc, adding new family information and updating returning family information. This person doesn't need VIRTUS training but does need to be good at Google Docs. Contact Mrs. Thyen if you would like to do this. It is probably about 2 hours worth of work.

QUEEN OF HEARTS HELPERS

We are in need of someone to help sell tickets at Trattoria Porretta on Thursday nights from about 6 - 8 pm. For more information on this one, please contact Mrs. Thyen at jthyen@pfgacademy.org.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

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!](#)

PARENTING IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

Should I Let My Tween Girl Use Social Media?

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

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