



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, December 15 - Las Posadas Reenactment led by 7th Grade/Office of Catholic Schools Art & Essay Contest Deadline
- Saturday, December 16 - Simbang Gabi & Las Posadas Celebrations Begin
- Sunday, December 17 - Pope Francis' Birthday
- Monday, December 18-Thursday, December 21 - Christmas Spirit Week
- Wednesday, December 20 - Christmas Concert/December Raffle Drawing
- Thursday, December 21 - Middle School Breakfast/Progress Reports Go Home
- Friday, December 22 - Christmas Break Begins (Classes resume Jan. 8, 2024)
- Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve School Family Mass at 4pm



[PFGA WEBSITE](#) - Please visit the school website for the full calendar and latest news.

SCHOOL UPDATES AND REMINDERS

PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

We invite you to complete a very brief survey from the Office of Catholic Schools as the results will help us to focus our school improvement efforts. Please complete the survey no later than **Thursday, December 21**. We will report back to the community about the survey results soon. We truly value your opinion!

[Parent Satisfaction Survey](#)

Thank you for your participation!



LET'S MAKE THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT MAGICAL!

As we gear up for our much-anticipated Christmas Concert, please be reminded:

- Rehearse at Home:
To ensure that our young performers shine on stage, we kindly ask that you encourage your child to rehearse their songs at home.
- Dress to Impress:
The dress code for our performers is a formal Christmas outfit - red tops paired with black pants/skirts or red dresses.
- Arrival Time:
We kindly request that all students arrive by 6:00 pm.

¡HAGAMOS QUE EL CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD SEA MÁGICO!

Mientras nos preparamos para nuestro tan esperado concierto de Navidad, recuerde:

- Ensayar en casa: Para asegurarnos de que nuestros jóvenes artistas brillen en el escenario, le pedimos amablemente que anime a su hijo/a a ensayar sus canciones en casa.
- Vestir para impresionar: El código de vestimenta para nuestros artistas es un atuendo navideño formal: blusas rojas combinadas con pantalones/faldas negras o vestidos rojos.
- Hora de llegada: Solicitamos amablemente que todos los estudiantes lleguen antes de las 6:00 pm.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Queen of Hearts.** Volunteer to sell tickets at the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing. Sign up [HERE](#). NO Virtus compliance required.

Remember, you must be Virtus-trained and in compliance with all requirements to volunteer when children are present. Please review the [Compliance Guidelines Chart](#).

Make sure to track your volunteer hours on [TrackitForward](#). If you are new to TrackitForward, please follow the [instructions](#) or contact Gigi Ybarra at gybarra@pfgacademy.org.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE IS OVER \$45K!

The pot is getting bigger! Don't miss your chance to win. Plus, you are helping our school raise money for a much-needed playground! Thank you for your support!



Queen of Hearts Raffle 50/50

to benefit

POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Help us raise funds for a playground!

Tickets sold and drawings held at:

TRATTORIA *Ornella* RESTAURANTE & PIZZERIA

3656 North Central Avenue • 773.736.1429

THURSDAY NIGHTS • 8 pm

Until the Queen of Hearts is revealed!

THE POT IS OVER \$40K!

Ticket \$5, 5 for \$20, or 8 for \$30

Prize money will roll over weekly until there is a winner. Weekly \$100 prizes will be given to the person whose ticket is drawn but does not reveal the Queen of Hearts. Plus, other door prizes given! All Terms and Conditions can be found at: www.PFGAcademy.org

FOOTBALL MANIA - WE HAVE A WEEK 14 WINNER!

Greetings and Salutations PFGA,

Week 14 is in the books and we are getting a better picture of what the playoffs are going to look like. There were some losers but more importantly there were winners. Theresa is our big winner this week! Ticket sold by Brianna and James. Have you been having a great time with FootballMania? Do you want the fun to continue... Well you are in luck starting next week we will be selling tickets for our Super Bowl SuperMatch Sweepstakes. It's another great chance to support the great kids at PFGA and to win some great cash prizes!



Tune in next week to see who walks away with the big win or feel free to go to our FootballMania fundraising page at <https://www.charitymania.com/give/GD07D>.

If you have questions about the fundraiser feel free to contact Dominic Maino at dmaino@stbartholomew.net

ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS

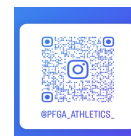


News

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Bitty Cheer





Don't forget that the bitty cheerleaders cheer during boys' home basketball games. All home games are played at the St. Bartholomew gym.
Performance: Thursday December 21st, 7/8th grade @ 6pm



Upcoming Events

Boys Basketball

Saturday December 16 @ St. Juliana vs. St. Juliana White @ 1:10pm
3/4th grade boys

Monday December 18th @ St. Ed's 4343 W. Sunnyside Ave.
5/6th grade @ 5pm
7/8th grade @ 6pm

Tuesday December 19th @ Queen of All Saints 6230 N. Lemont
5/6th grade @ 5pm
7/8th grade @ 6pm

Thursday December 21st @ St. Bart's Gym
5/6th grade @ 5pm
7/8th grade @ 6pm

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



READY, SET, BAKE!!!!



Parents' Club

is hosting a

Teacher Cookie Exchange

WHEN? Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023

WHERE? Room 100

WHAT TO BRING? 5 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies

Cookies are given as a gift from our school parents to the teachers and staff.

Please R.S.V.P. with the type of cookies you will be donating to:

Amanda Brostek · dempseyb.angel9@gmail.com

We will start setting up the exchange at 7am on 12/19. Please send your cookie donation (preferably in a container that you **DO NOT** want back) with your child or drop in Room 100 (accessible from the outside door between the church and school).

Please indicate if the cookies contain NUTS or they are NUT FREE.

FAMILY DAY AT THE CHICAGO WOLVES


PFGA Family Day at the Chicago Wolves game will be on Sunday, February 25 at 3 pm. The Chicago Wolves will take on the Iowa Wild. Tickets are \$16 each and everyone will receive a free Chicago Wolves hat and all PFGA families will be seated in the same section. Additionally, they are offering our group discounted vouchers for \$6.50 each that get you a hot dog and a pop at the game. Tickets must be purchased by January 19, 2024. The link to purchase tickets is below.

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/pfgacademy/chicagowolvesgame>



SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!

PICK-UP BASKETBALL
MONDAY NIGHTS
7:30-9:30PM



PFGA GYMNASIUM PARENTS & ADULTS 18+

CONTACT IAN BARBO FOR DETAILS
ian.barbo@gmail.com

Happy Holidays

Hello & Holiday greetings from your new neighbors at **ECCELECTION**
6049 W. Irving Park Road

An eclectic variety/gift shop that is bursting with great items at FANTASTIC PRICES!!

We will be hosting a school FUNDRAISER December 15 & 16th with 15% of sales to benefit PFGA-Be sure to mention PFGA at checkout & receive a holiday goody bag for each student

From trinkets to to treasures- you are assured to find something for everyone on your list, furry friends included

We feature home decor, toys, baby, seasonal decorations & gifts, candles, oils & incense, bath, vintage, jewelry, cool clothing as well as showcase & rent spaces to local Artisans.

ECCELECTION is also hosting on Sunday December 17th from 11:00-4:00

Children's Holiday Shopping Day- a kid friendly shopping & gift giving experience with items priced from \$1.5 that include gift wrap & card. There will also be crafts as well as notes for the "Letters To Santa Box" & treats for the parents as well.

HOURS
Wednesday-Friday 12-6 Saturday 11-6 Sunday 12-5

Like us on Facebook @Ecclection or Follow on Instagram @EcclectionChicago

CHICAGO

COMMUNITY MEETING: TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR NEW ARRIVALS



The City of Chicago will have a community information session to provide details about the activation of St. Bartholomew Catholic School as an emergency temporary shelter for migrants seeking asylum.

12/18/23 | 6:30PM
St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
3601 N Lavergne

For additional questions, email
newarrivalschicago@cityofchicago.org

CHICAGO

REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA: ALBERGUE TEMPORAL PARA MIGRANTES



La Ciudad de Chicago llevará a cabo una sesión de información comunitaria para proporcionar detalles sobre la activación de la Escuela Católica St. Bartholomew como refugio temporal de emergencia para migrantes en busca de asilo.

12/18/23 | 6:30PM
St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
3601 N Lavergne

Para preguntas adicionales, envíe un correo electrónico a
newarrivalschicago@cityofchicago.org

TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE HOWLER Please send all submissions to the Howler by Tuesdays at 5:00PM to info@pfgacademy.org.

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773.736.8806 info@pfgacademy.org



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