



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Saturday, November 18 - Howl at the Moon Silent Auction
- Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Break
- Tuesday, November 28 - Giving Tuesday, Global Day to Giving Back
- Wednesday, November 29 - November Raffle Drawing
- Saturday, December 2 - Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, December 3- Mistletoe Market
- Sunday, December 3 - Five Below Fundraiser Begins
- Wednesday, December 6 - Early Release 1:30pm
- Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8- Santa's Workshop
- Friday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass (No Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 6)
- Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass (No Mass on Wednesday, December 13)
- Wednesday, December 20 - Christmas Concert
- Friday, December 22 - Christmas Break Begins (Classes resume Jan. 8, 2024)



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

## SCHOOL UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### POWERSCHOOL UPDATES AND TROUBLESHOOTING

**UPDATES:** Please help us update our school records. Click on this [LINK](#) to view instructions of how to update your information on PowerSchool for the current school year.

**TROUBLESHOOTING:** Parents received instructions for the PowerSchool Parent Portal in their packets during Parent Teacher Conferences. If you have any issues, please complete this [FORM](#) for assistance.

Both the instructions and the form can be found on the school website, under the Parent Information tab - click [HERE](#).

## SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS COMING SOON!

Santa's Secret Shop will be coming to PFGA December 7 & 8. This fun event allows the kids to shop for small gifts for you, grandma, siblings etc., all on their own. Most gifts cost between \$2-\$5 each. Each class will be assigned a time to shop and get their gifts wrapped by Santa's "Elves". Be on the look out for shopping guides, envelopes and more info to come home with your student.



We need lots of parent help to pull this off! Please consider getting involved!

(If you want to help during school, you must be Virtus trained). <https://signup.com/go/whfZRAW>

## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Howl at the Moon Silent Auction & Dinner.** Volunteer to help set-up and/or during the event. Sign up [HERE](#).
- **Queen of Hearts.** Volunteer to sell tickets at the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing. Sign up [HERE](#).
- **Santa's Secret Shop.** Volunteer to help make the holiday season magical for the kids shopping at Santa's Secret Shop. Sign up [HERE](#)

Remember, you must be Virtus-trained and in compliance with all requirements. 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](mailto:gybarra@pfgacademy.org).

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

### HOWL AT THE MOON IS THIS SATURDAY!

Buy your tickets or staff tickets or Howl from Home for the auction.

Enjoy dinner, desserts, DJ music, dancing, and a chance to bid on a SO many great items, from Blackhawks and Bulls tickets to gift certificates from local businesses. This is an adults only/BYOB event.

Purchase tickets here!

[Howl2023](#)

A poster for the "Howl at the Moon" silent auction and dinner. The background is dark purple. At the top, it says "HOWL AT THE MOON" in large white letters, followed by "SILENT AUCTION & DINNER" in smaller white letters. Below that, it says "Saturday, November 18, 2023". Further down, it lists "Doors open at 6 pm", "POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY", "6143 W. Irving Park Road", and "(please use the main entrance)". In the center, there is a silhouette of a wolf howling on a rock against a large yellow full moon. Below the wolf, it says "\$50 per ticket". At the bottom, it lists "Dinner, DJ, dancing, silent auction, raffles, desserts, soft drinks & coffee are included", "Purchase your tickets at [www.pfgacademy.org](http://www.pfgacademy.org)", and "Starting October 1st". The Pope Francis Global Academy logo is at the bottom right.

### HELP OUR 8TH GRADERS!

Place your order now through **11/20/23** to get your spirit wear in

**Spirit Wear Fundraiser**

Place your order now through [11/20/23](#) to get your spirit wear in time for the holidays by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code. Orders will be distributed to students the week of December 11th.

**Store Link**

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[Vea este mensaje en español](#)

## QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE IS REACHING \$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!

to benefit  
POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Help us raise funds for a playground!

Tickets sold and drawings held at

**THE POT IS OVER \$40K!**

TRATTORIA *Amella* RESTORANTE & PIZZERIA

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**THURSDAY NIGHTS - 8 pm**  
Until the Queen of Hearts is revealed!

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](http://www.PFGAcademy.org)

## FOOTBALL MANIA - WE HAVE A WEEK 10 WINNER!

Hey there FootballMania Fans,



We have great news for week 10. That's right we have another WINNER. Jacki bought her ticket from LJ, Tommy and Cece.

That's right, they sold the winning ticket last week too! They must have the golden touch just like Cairo Santos. Great Job and this is turning out to be a fantastic season for football. Anything can happen and anyone can win. You too can be a big winner when you play FootballMania!



Also more GREAT news: We can now sell tickets until Nov 26th. (Game cards are not eligible to win prize money in any week prior to their activation, but will be eligible to win the current and future weekly prizes as well as the grand prize at the end of the season.) If you haven't set up an account yet for your child please do so A.S.A.P.

Click on the link below and follow the directions to get started and to customize your own fundraising webpage: <https://www.charitymania.com/register/GD07D>  
If you are a parent, make sure to log in using your child's first and last name when prompted and your email address as the contact.

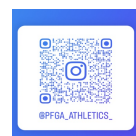
If you have questions about the fundraiser feel free to contact Dominic Maino at [dmaino@stbartholomew.net](mailto:dmaino@stbartholomew.net).

## ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS

### News

Follow PFGA Athletics on Instagram!

[Click here](#)





Boys Basketball - register [HERE](#) - updated link.



**Bitty Cheer** - Attention K-3rd graders, it is time to sign up for Bitty Cheer. Bitty Cheer will start practicing the week after Thanksgiving and start cheering at home basketball games in December (**PLEASE NOTE ALL HOME BASKETBALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE ST. BART'S GYM**). The fee will be \$50.00. This fee includes a cheer t-shirt, cheer shorts, cheer bow and cheer socks. We will have pom poms for the girls to use at each game. The fee will be collected through

FACTS on December 8, 2023. **If you would rather pay in cash, that will need to be received no later than December 4th.**

The girls will cheer at approximately 8 to 10 home games from December – February. Approximately 90% of the games will be played on weeknights and we may have 1 or 2 weekend games.

Please see the [practice schedule](#) through the beginning of December. A full schedule will be available next week. Please note all practices will be from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. This will give the girls a chance to change and have a snack before practice begins. Girls can come directly to the gym at 3pm to get ready. Girls will be walked back to EDP at 4:15 pm if needed.

Also note that during practices we prefer that parents do not come into the gym as it is just another added distraction for the girls.

If your daughter is interested in cheer and would like to sign up, please talk to them about the importance of listening at practice. It is very hard to teach cheers and a dance routine when others want to talk to their friends or think that it is play time.

Register [HERE](#).



## PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



### MRS. GARCES' MEDICAL LEAVE

With the news of our amazing Spanish teacher Ms. Garces starting chemotherapy, Parents' Club will be taking up a collection of gift cards/cash for her and her family. We are thinking Jewel, restaurants, etc. - things that will make it easy for her while she is doing treatment. Please send donations to the office in an envelope marked Parents' Club/Ms. Garces or you can give to Amie Zander at pick up. Thank You!



### PFGA WOLVES TAKE ON THE GREAT WOLF LODGE

The PFGA Wolves take on the Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee, IL Sunday, January 14! This is a super fun overnight stay with PFGA families. We have secured a discounted room block for our group. All rooms sleep up to 6 people and come with 6 waterpark passes. You can book on their website [www.greatwolf.com](http://www.greatwolf.com) or by calling 1-844-485-9653. Use the group code 2403POPE to get the discounted rate of \$269.99 plus the discounted resort fee of only \$9.99. Total: \$318.38.

Reservations MUST be made by 12/10/23. Book now - they will sell out! Makes a great family Christmas gift!

## 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>

**MISTLETOE MARKET**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
CRAFTS, JEWELRY, HOME DECOR, HANDMADE ITEMS, CHILDREN'S GIFTS, RAFFLES AND SO MUCH MORE!

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
December 2 & 3  
Pope Francis Global Academy  
6143 W. Irving Park Rd.

PICTURES WITH SANTA,  
"COOKIE WALK" & HOT COCOA BAR

Pope Francis  
Parents' Club

**FIVE BELOW**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**TO a FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT FOR**

organization name Pope Francis Global Academy 8th Grade Class  
date December 3rd - 9th time 10am - 9pm  
where Five Below Harlem Irving Plaza

**it's simple! 10% of the purchases made by members of your group will be donated back to your organization.**

simply present this flyer to a member of our W@V CREW at the time of purchase.  
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SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!

**PICK-UP BASKETBALL**

**MONDAY NIGHTS**  
7:30-9:30PM

**PFGA GYMNASIUM**  
**PARENTS & ADULTS 18+**

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

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