



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- Monday, November 27 - Classes Resume
- Tuesday, November 28 - #GivingTuesday, 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 and St. Nicholas Day
- 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

- **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](#)
- **Mistletoe Market.** Volunteer to help make the event a success. Sign up [HERE](#)



#### NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

**WE NEED YOUR HELP - BAKE COOKIES FOR THE 2023 MISTLETOE MARKET COOKIE WALK!**

- Receive ½ hour towards your mandatory hours for every dozen cookies you bake. (Maximum 5 hours)
- Cookies can be dropped off at PFGA on Friday, December 1, 2023 at the EDP doors (just east of the main entrance) between 3pm - 6pm OR on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Mistletoe Market between 7:30am - 9am.
- The more you make the better our Cookie Walk will be!
- We kindly request Christmas Cookie recipes be used - 'Tis' the Season!
- Please put your cookies in a disposable container and label with the information listed below:
  - Family Name
  - # of Dozen Baked/Volunteer Hours Earned
  - Type of Cookie
  - If nuts or nut oils were used to bake

Questions? Email [Julie Molenda](mailto:Julie.Molenda@pfgacademy.org) @ [jmolenda@pfgacademy.org](mailto:jmolenda@pfgacademy.org)

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

### 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 *Corolla* RESTAURANTE & PIZZERIA  
3656 North Central Avenue • 773.736.1429

**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 11 WINNER!

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful and Layne is probably thankful because she bought the WINNING ticket for FootballMania week 11! Ticket sold by Rafael. We wish you and your families a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! Tune in every week to see who walks away with the big win!





Remember: 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).

## HOWL AT THE MOON

Thank you again for all your support and generosity with the Howl at the Moon Silent Auction & Dinner last week.



Congratulations to Jessica Zamudio (7th grade parent) for winning the 50/50 raffle!

## ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS



### News

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[PFGA Athletics](#)



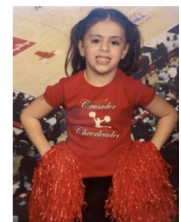
**Bitty Cheer** - Attention K-3rd graders, it is time to sign up for Bitty Cheer. Bitty Cheer will start practicing the week after Thanksgiving and start cheering at home basketball games in December (**PLEASE NOTE ALL HOME BASKETBALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE ST. BART'S GYM**). The fee will be \$50.00. 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.

Register [HERE](#). Sign up deadline is Monday, November 27.



## PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

### 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

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@W CREW** at the time of purchase. please note that we do not allow flyers to be handed out in our store or shopping center at any time before, during or after your event.

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## SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!

**PICK-UP BASKETBALL**

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

**PFGA GYMNASIUM**

**PARENTS & ADULTS 18+**

CONTACT IAN BARBO FOR DETAILS  
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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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