



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



- **Friday, September 29** - Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Day - Out-of-Uniform Day! Wear a shirt to represent your heritage and show your pride!
- **Sunday, October 1** - First Day of Italian American Heritage Month, Polish American Heritage Month, and Filipino American History Month
- **Monday, October 2** - Standard Uniform Policy goes back into effect (Warm Weather Policy ends)
- **Wednesday, October 4** - Early Release 1:30pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday, October 4** - St. Francis Pet Blessing at 4pm
- **Thursday, October 5** - Wolf Pups Program Begins!
- **Friday, October 6** - Polish American Heritage Month Cultural Day - Out-of-Uniform Day! Wear a shirt to represent your heritage and show your pride!
- **Friday, October 6** - Catacombs Opening Night
- **Monday, October 9** - No School, Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day
- **Tuesday, October 10** - School Board Informational Session
- **Friday, October 13** - Italian American Heritage Month Cultural Day - Out-of-Uniform Day! Wear a shirt to represent your heritage and show your pride!
- **Saturday, October 14** - No-Scare Family Fun Fest
- **Friday, October 20** - Filipino American History Month Cultural Day - Out-of-Uniform Day! Wear a shirt to represent your heritage and show your pride!

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

SCHOOL UPDATES

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW!



As part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, students are invited to wear a shirt representing their country of origin.

PET BLESSING ON ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY - OCTOBER 4

There will be an opportunity to have your family pets blessed on Wednesday, October 4, the Feast Day of 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 4:00 pm in the Dakin Street parking lot behind the school.



STANDARD UNIFORM POLICY BEGINS

Please be advised that, as of October 2, students must follow the [standard uniform policy](#) (wear long pants instead of shorts, both for gym and on regular uniform days). It is also advisable that you label your students' outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece jackets and coats) on the inside tag.

PHYSICAL EXAM AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

The State Of Illinois REQUIRES that physical examination and immunizations requirements MUST be on file prior to October 15th each year. If your new student (any grade), Kindergarten, 2nd Grader, or 6th Grader does not have a current form in the office, you have been notified. Reminders have been sent via, emails, phone calls, or letters sent home. Failure to have up-to-date immunizations and completed Health Examination forms on file prior October 15th, will result in your child not being able to attend school until you are in compliance. Please contact the school office with an update.

ALTAR SERVERS

Students in Grades 4 and up are invited to be altar servers at Saint Pascal Church. Servers are needed to assist at School Masses, Sunday Masses, and other special occasions. We will have training for anyone who would like to serve, to cover all the things that servers do to set up and assist at Mass. If you are interested, contact Deacon Charley at Mass or by email at cshallcross@archchicago.org.

[Vea esta información en español.](#)

UPCOMING OUT-OF-UNIFORM CULTURAL DAYS





As part of our Polish American Heritage Month celebration, students are invited to wear a shirt representing their country of origin on Friday, October 6.



As part of our Italian American Heritage Month celebration, students are invited to wear a shirt representing their country of origin on Friday, October 13.



THE CATACOMBS START SOON!

There are 10 nights of scary fun, with general admission tickets at \$13 each, and a VIP ticket (like a Fast Pass) for \$20 each. Group rates are available (\$10/person, minimum 10 people).

Go to www.scarypopcorn.com for more info.

NO-SCARE FAMILY FUN FEST

For the younger audience, we will host our annual No-Scare Family Fun Fest on Saturday, October 14, from 10am - 2 pm! A kid's ticket is \$15 and adults who are with kids are free. At least one ticket must be purchased for entry. 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! People LOVE the Catacombs!





TRICK OR TREAT CANDY DONATIONS

We have begun to collect bags of donated Halloween Candy from parents which will be used for our October 14 No-Scare Family Fest 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 (maximum 2 hours)
 Thank you for helping us stock up!

TRICK-OR-TREAT CANDY DONATIONS

We are starting to collect bags of donated Halloween candy from parents which will be used for our Saturday, October 14 No-Scare Family Fun Fest. If you are able to donate, we would really appreciate it!

Thank you!



FALL HALLOWEEN-THEMED CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

Join us for another fun event on October 14 - the St. Pascal's Haunted House Car Show. The Car Show will take place in the St. Pascal's church parking lots on Irving Park Road.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER [HERE!](#)

A VOLUNTEER FORM WAS ALSO SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT.

The Catacombs Haunted House

We need YOU to make it happen!

This is a major fundraiser for PFGA, so please give freely of your time to make this fundraiser successful.

Return your forms early! Assignments will be made as forms are received. You will be assigned for every day you indicate on this form and contacted with your assignment.

- * We rely on you to fulfill the commitment specified. *
- If we close earlier, you will receive the FULL time you signed up for. Please be prepared to be there the whole time that you sign up for.
- * No partial time will be given. *

Please do not bring your children if you are volunteering, childcare is not available.

- * Only adults (18 years and older and out of high school) may volunteer on this form.
- * No child volunteers, this is for their own safety and in compliance with Protecting God's Children. Teen Volunteers may visit www.ScaryPopcorn.com.

For more information/questions, please email Volunteers@scarypopcorn.com.

SCHOOL NEWS



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW AND GET A 10% DISCOUNT.

ATHLETICS - WOLVES HIGHLIGHTS

News

Calling all K-3rd graders to sign up for Bitty Basketball. Last day to sign up is Monday, October 2. Please fill out the google form below.

[Bitty Basketball Form](#)



Varsity soccer is finishing the season strong and pushing for a playoff spot. Current standing for Varsity soccer is 6-4 with two matches left. Let's Go Wolves!

Soccer

Fri 9/29 JV @ Golf Mill Park vs Brefeuf Black @ 7:45 pm
Varsity @ Dunham Park vs. St. Elizabeth @ 6pm



Mon 10/2 JV @ Divine Savior
@ 4:00 pm vs. Eugene Blue
@ 5:00 pm – Eugene Gold

Tues 10/3 JV & VARSITY @ Portage Park vs. MSW White
@ 5:30 pm – JV
@ 6:30 pm - Varsity



Girls Basketball

Wed 10/4 @ St. Juliana at 7pm vs. SJ White
Thur 10/5 @ Queen of All Saints at 7pm vs. QAS Blue

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Catacombs Haunted House.** Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).
- **Queen of Hearts.** Volunteer to sell tickets at the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing. Sign up [HERE](#).

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



Monthly Raffle Drawing Winners!

Congrats to our September and 1st monthly raffle winners:

- 3rd prize \$100 Jay Family
- 2nd prize \$200 Campbell Family
- 1st prize \$750 Link/McCormick Family

Keep sending in those ticket stubs for YOUR chance to win! Next drawing is on **Wednesday, October 25.**



Drawings to be held monthly from September 2023 - April 2024. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds benefit PFGA. Thank you for your support!

1st Prize \$750 Cash (one winner monthly)/2nd Prize \$200 Cash (one winner monthly)/3rd Prize \$100 (one winner monthly). Win or lose, every ticket goes back into the drawing each month \$10/ticket.

¡Ganadores del primer sorteo!


Felicidades a nuestros ganadores del primer sorteo mensual:

3er premio \$100 Familia Jay

2do premio \$200 Familia Campbell
1er premio \$750 Familia Link/McCormick

¡Sigán enviando los talones de boletos para SU oportunidad de ganar! El próximo sorteo es el **miércoles 25 de octubre**.

Become a School Advisory Board Member



WHY?

- We need your ideas and opinions.
- Parents are a critical part of the school puzzle and can help advance our mission taking our school to the next level.
- All voices must be heard.

WHAT/RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Offer experience and expertise in the service of others.
- Offer advice for continuous improvement and strategic plans.
- Offer financial and fiscal advice fostering long-term vitality and sustainability.
- Be a vehicle for public relations within our school community.


WHEN?

- Board Meetings are once a month.
- Dates will be determined once in office.

HOW?

- Come in for an informational session.
- All are welcome!

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INFORMATIONAL SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2023
7:00 P.M.
SCHOOL BUILDING - ROOM 100**



SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL SESSION - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Please consider joining us! We are looking for parents to become part of the School Advisory Board. Parents play a critical role in the school's mission. All are welcome to come share ideas to help our school improve and grow.

[Vea esta información en español.](#)

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE IS OVER \$40K!

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:



TRAITORIA Corbella RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA

3456 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

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

HOWL AT THE MOON
SILENT AUCTION & DINNER
Saturday, November 18, 2023
Doors open at 6 pm
POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY
6143 W. Irving Park Road
(please use the main entrance)



\$50 per ticket

Dinner, DJ, dancing, silent auction, raffles, desserts, soft drinks & coffee are included

Purchase your tickets at www.pfgacademy.org
Starting October 1st



Tickets are on sale now!

WE NEED DONATIONS!

The Howl at the Moon Silent Auction is November 18. We are looking for donations of all kinds! Do you or your business have season tickets to Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks, Fire? Can you or your business donate a gift card or basket? Merchandise? Hotel stays? No item is too big or too small. Below is the solicitation letter. Please share! If you would like a word doc so you can edit to your own name for the personal ask - let us know and we can send it to you.

We also need volunteers to ask local businesses! Below is a link to our log, just list who you can ask and what they can donate.



Due to supply chain issues, the gold/maroon flannel pants that we used to offer as part of our spirit wear are no longer available. We have 2 options to choose from to replace them as our new style. Please vote [HERE](#). Voting ends 10/2/23.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY - YOU ARE INVITED!

The Wolf Pups Program is Back! If you or anyone you know is looking for fun, interactive play time for your toddler, click [HERE](#) for the registration form.



**JOIN US ON THURSDAYS
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR
WOLF PUPS!**

Wolf Pups is our popular music and movement class for tots (babies through Pre-K age) with an adult.

**THURSDAY MORNINGS (Starting Oct. 5)
9-10 AM
PFGA GYMNASIUM**

YOUR FIRST CLASS IS FREE!
\$5 per class after that, or save \$5 by signing up and paying for a full session up front!

 POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ACADEMY
6143 W. IRVING PARK RD
773.736.8806 INFO@PFGACADEMY.ORG

Scan QR Code to Register 




AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We offer music initiation classes, individual and group lessons for all levels and ages.

CONTACT:
ortegonmusic2@gmail.com
Phone: 734-7178789

FIRST FREE LESSON AND CONSULTATION

MUSIC LESSONS

- Guitar
- Piano
- Violin
- Voice
- Cello

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL 

Lessons will take place in St. Pascal Church and St. Bartholomew Church



Can eating foods like steak, eggs, and low-carb vegetables improve **HEART HEALTH?**



FREE Health Education Presentation on HEART DISEASE

October 7, 2023
10 am to 11 am


CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
MERRIMAC PARK
6343 W. IRVING PARK RD
CHICAGO, IL 60634




For questions, please contact: Elenita Soriano at LINETM@WUOD.COM

PICK-UP BASKETBALL

MONDAY NIGHTS
7:30-9:30PM



PFGA GYMNASIUM PARENTS & ADULTS 18+

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