## POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

# PIRATE POST



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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday each year! Getting to spend time with family and friends, eating good food and watching football. What's not to like!!!!

You get to relax, take a nap after you've eaten too much, and you don't have the pressure of getting and giving gifts.

Thanksgiving brings back several memories of my mother calling every year to make sure my kids were watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Playing in "Turkey Bowls" and running Turkey trots were also a holiday staple growing up.

My wife Gina, aka "Gigi" and I have been blessed with four wonderful children and six even more wonderful grandchildren. There is no better feeling in the world than to have them all under the same roof for even just a couple hours.

We give thanks every day for our family, friends, and good health.

On behalf of the entire Garchar family, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!

Sincerely, Paul



### **Upcoming Holiday Activities**

At this time of the year, Potential Development is filled to the brim with exciting and fun events!

Thanksgiving break is **Wednesday**, **November 23 through Sunday**, **November 26.** School resumes on **Monday**, **November 27.** 

Raise Right is our gift card fundraising program where we receive a percentage of each gift card sold. It's a great way to make your Holiday gift shopping easier. You can opt for either an e-card or a physical card which we will get to you. Last call, though, because orders are due **December 1**.

Our Pep Club and some Basketball players, plus several staff members will be marching in the **Downtown Youngstown Holiday Parade on Friday, December 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** More information is coming!

We are the Mocha House-Downtown's charity of choice for the **Santa Shuffle Fundraiser on December 2** in Downtown Youngstown. You may purchase tickets at the Draught House that day from 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Stop by the **Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens** to see our decorated Pirate tree during their Winter Celebration: Festival of Trees, **December 2**, **through January 2**, **2024**. We are one of 60 trees beautifully decorated by area non-profits.

PTO will be setting up for Santa's Workshop on December 7.

Santa will arrive at all three schools on December 8 and this year, Santa's Workshop is at both the E/M & HS that same day. More information will follow.

## **Giving Tuesday is November 28**



We are so grateful to the many donors who so generously support Potential Development. During this Season of Giving, we salute and honor you!





#### The Sciences Flourish at PD

Miss Debbie's class at the High School has been exploring a Geology unit for science. They recently spent time digging up stones from kits and learning about the Earth's materials. Miss Jennifer's and Miss Meg's senior science class made homemade butter after taking a virtual tour of a dairy farm and processing plant. They completed the activity by shaking a jar with heavy cream while dancing to some favorite songs.







#### **HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP**

Our senior class attended the YSU Leadership Summit where they enjoyed seven speakers at the event, explored leadership, advocacy, and inclusiveness topics and gained public speaking skills and to learn about important skills. Our Interact Club also assisted at Harding and with the Purple Pinkie Donut Project. Our students are out in the community!







#### Halloween Celebrations at PD

It was a "boo-tiful" day in our neighborhood for Halloween hijinks. Every school had a great time during their Halloween parties.













Congratulations to our friends at **Birdfish Brewery** who received the Outstanding Small Business Philanthropist Award sponsored by the AFP Mahoning-Shenango Chapter.



