

FRIENDS OF PULASKI

The logo for Friends of Pulaski is integrated into the end of the word 'PULASKI'. It features three stylized human figures in yellow and orange, standing side-by-side. Above them is a dark green circle with a yellow arc inside. The figures are positioned such that they appear to be part of the letter 'K'.

October 10, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Board member and guest introductions
- Approval of September minutes
- Calendar Updates
- Treasury Update
- Project Updates
- Communications and Volunteers
- Events
- Fundraising
- Saber Soiree
- Voting on Funding Requests
- Public comments/concerns

Current Board Members:

- Trini Alvarado De Leon, Secretary
- Maria Beltran, Treasurer
- Michelle Carlson, Fundraising
- Regina Crockett, Events
- Steph Fontaine, Volunteer/Comms
- Darya Stefanovic, Projects & Procurement
- Sharon Taylor, President
- Emily Zouras, Soirée Chair

September Recap

- Bingo Night Fundraiser @ Welcome Back Lounge each Monday in September
- Block Party, Sat 9/6 (\$20,347 profit)
- Movie on the Turf, Fri 9/19
- Professional Development Day, Fri 9/26 - Staff breakfast provided and Conscious Discipline training funded

October Calendar

1 Wed - Saber Soirée committee meeting (Thanks for hosting, Michelle!)

2 Thu - National Custodian Day (FOP provided recognition and goodie bags)

4 Sun - World Teachers Day (Teachers recognized 10/8 with donated cookies)

7 Tue - Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting / LSC meeting

8 Wed - 8th grade high school entrance exam (FOP provided breakfast)

10 Fri - Hispanic Heritage Month movie night (FOP provided refreshments) / FOP board meeting

13 Mon - NO SCHOOL Indigenous Peoples Day -Pulaski Band Marching in Downtown Parade

15 - Wed Hispanic Heritage Month closing event - mariachis and conchas (FOP co-sponsored)

16 Thu - Saber Sprint

20 Mon - Diwali cultural celebration

22 Wed - A Pied Shopping Event

23 Thu - Dad's Parent Saber Social / Poland trip pumpkin decorating fundraiser

27 - Mon NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences and Poland trip swag fundraiser

30 - Dine Out @ FARE

November Calendar

3 Mon - Native American Heritage Month cultural celebration

4 Tue - LSC meeting

5 Wed - Saber Soirée committee meeting

7-9 Fri-Sun - Vin Uncorking for a Cause (online and in-store) *

TBD - Chili/Pozole Cook Off or Crock Pot Competition

12 Wed - Dine out @ Art of Chicken

14 Fri - FOP board meeting

17-21 (Mon-Fri) Play it Forward Shopping Event @ Building Blocks*

20 Thu - Rach B Online and In-Store Shopping Event

**This is pending approval*

Treasury Update

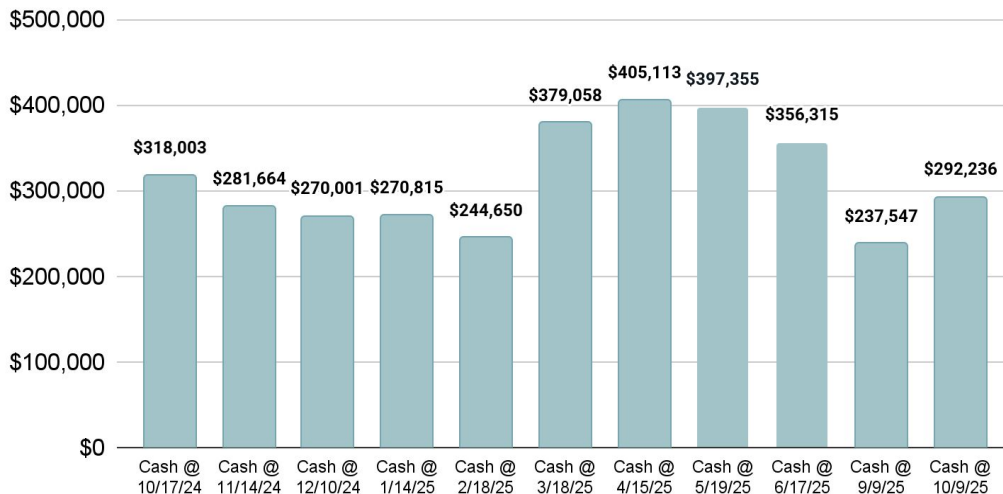
Net change: \$54,689

Cash in ~ \$74,000

- \$43,000 OneCause Fundraising
- \$25,500 Family donation
- \$2,500 Event fundraising

Cash out ~ \$20,000

- \$5,000 BetterUnite
- \$5,000 Conscious Discipline Training
- \$4,500 Block Party expense



Other updates:

- PayPal Zettle app has changed its name to: PayPal POS
- Document cash always when using app-

Projects

Communications/Volunteers



You had a solid month!
Here's a look at
September.

59K

Reels and post views
+11% from August

30%

Views from non-followers
+17% from August

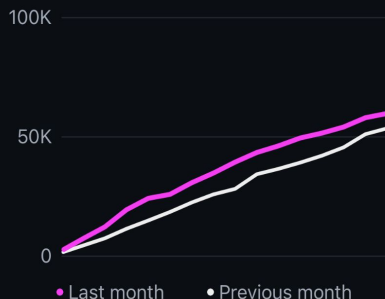
864

Followers
+34 from August

Your views are looking up

Your reel and post views were up 12% compared to the previous month. You're continuing to reach new audiences!

Reel and post views last month



📌 You shared 1 more reel than the previous month, which helped improve your views.



This post got some attention

You got over 2.3K views from this post. That's more than any other piece of content you shared last month.

NEW PRIZE ALERT!!!!!!

PRIZES
PRIZES FOR TOP CLASSROOM & TOP 3 STUDENTS IN EACH GRADE
Highest Caring Class & Class with the Most School Spirit
Those 2 winning classrooms get a prize from the auditorium with cash!

T-Shirt distribution on Tuesday & Wednesday
T-Shirts will be distributed to your child and placed in your child's backpack on Tuesday & Wednesday.

SABER SPRINT 2025
OCTOBER 16, 2025

What: Saber Sprint is Pulaski's 2nd largest fundraiser of the year. Students have fun running on campus while raising money for the school!

Goal: Our goal is to raise more than we did last year (\$62,000) to support Pulaski in things like curriculum, field trips, community events, student enrichment and capital improvements. This is necessary to bridge CPS budgetary gaps!

How: Help your child fundraise using their classroom page, cheer on your student 10/16/25, and volunteer at the event!

class donation page

PRIZES

PREMIOS

Qué: Saber Sprint es el segundo evento de recaudación de fondos más grande del año en Pulaski. ¡Los estudiantes se divierten corriendo por el campus mientras recaudan fondos para la escuela!

Meta: Nuestro objetivo es recaudar más que el año pasado (\$62,000) para apoyar a Pulaski en áreas como currículo, excursiones, eventos comunitarios, enriquecimiento estudiantil y mejoras de capital. ¡Esto es necesario para cubrir los déficits presupuestarios de CPS!

Cómo: Ayude a su hijo/a a recaudar fondos usando la página de su aula, apóyelo/a el 16/10/2025, y sea voluntario/a en el evento.

Events

Fundraising

SPONSORSHIPS

- YTD Sponsorships are \$45,840 (+\$7k from this time LY)
 - A lot of repeat sponsors went up/down in level
 - 15 more sponsors than last year
 - Planning to put \$10k into total \$ raised for Sprint
- Sponsorships are final for Sprint. Updated sponsorship packet will be sent to group to start Saber Soiree fundraising efforts
 - Looking for a lead on someone who would like to help with sponsorships for Soiree.

EVENTS

- September Bingo @ Welcome Back Lounge. Raised: \$?

Upcoming Events

- 10/22: a Pied Shopping event
- 10/30: Dineout at FARE
- 11/7-11/9: Uncorking for Cause @ Vin
- 11/12: Dineout at Art of Chicken
- 11/20: Rach B Shopping Event

SABER SPRINT

- \$36.6k TY from classroom fundraising, last year in total we raised \$42k from community donations!
- New prizes will be announced to encourage kids/families to raise more (especially older kids)
- Sponsor banners to be ready today or Monday and will be hung

UNCORKING FOR A CAUSE

November 7th, 8th, and 9th

For purchases made in-store and online, Vin Chicago will donate 10% to the participating organization of each customer's choosing.

For more information visit www.VinChicago.com



RACH B JEWELRY GIVES BACK

Shop & Support with 20% of proceeds donated to
Pulaski & Friends on
Thursday, November 20th

Two ways to shop!

* Online all day using code PULASKI at checkout
* In studio 5:00-8:00pm with rips of \$100

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SAVE THE DATE
2.28.26

Saber Soirée

@SARABANDE
TICKETS & INFO



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spoiler alert!

The poster is black with white and gold text and graphics. It features two disco balls in the top left, several white and gold stars scattered throughout, and three dice in the bottom right. A gold diagonal banner at the bottom right contains the text 'spoiler alert!' in a cursive font. The event title 'Saber Soirée' is in a large, white, serif font, with 'Saber' on one line and 'Soirée' on the next. The date '2.28.26' is in a gold, sans-serif font. The location '@SARABANDE' and 'TICKETS & INFO' are in a white, sans-serif font. The 'FRIENDS OF PULASKI' logo is in the bottom left, and a QR code is centered below the location information.

New This Year!!



Software Glow Up!!!

- Beautiful/ Modern Platform
- Up to 10 pictures/videos for silent auction items
- Elevated customer experience
- Ability to market and promote live auction and fund the need campaign in advance
- Easier winner contact notifications
- 1K character text messages
- Advanced check-in features
- CRM built in

Elevated Live Program!!!

- New Professional Auctioneer....Big Mike!
- Focus on "Fund the Need" initiative (paddle raise)
- Hails or Tails w/ Ms. M and Big Mike
- Heart Strings Video?
- Live Auction offering?

Casino Games!!!

- Roped off area
- Cocktail Bar Station
- Black Jack Tables(2)
- Craps Table (1)
- Roulette (1)
- Poker Table (2)
- Playing for Charity- but can receive raffle tickets to win prizes

Vote request

- Saber Soirée planning budget of \$35K for remainder of expenses
- Poland trip donation of \$5,000 (same as given last year)
- Approval to support financial management of Poland trip by collecting fees (in part, directly from students) and pay vendors directly (e.g. airfare, hotel)

Public comment/questions

Next FOP Meeting Date:

11/14/25
