



Saint Hilary School

Education for a beginning. . . Values for a lifetime.

Dear Parent and Guardian,

September 4, 2013

Today you have received the Parent/Student Handbook. Please take some time to read over the procedures and expectations for a wonderful school year together. There have been a few changes this year, many you are already aware of. These changes are present in the handbook. You received the Handbook Acknowledgement Receipt Form which must be signed and returned to school once you have read the handbook.

There has been much debate over our Peacemaker awards. The faculty and I meet and discussed your concerns and ours. We have decided to replace the Peacemaker awards with a new incentive program. This program allows students to be acknowledged for good behavior and following the rules on a daily basis. Your child will be earning Cardinal Cards on a daily basis. They will be working towards 3 different goals. The first is an individual bi-weekly goal for a small reward the first reward is to earn a "Pick your seat pass". The second goal is a lunch period reward that they will be working together with other students in their lunch period. This reward is given monthly and the first is to enjoy music during their lunch period. The third goal is an all school wide incentive that is given on a quarterly basis. This reward is given when all the students work together as a team. The first quarter reward is that I will dress up like.... We will have to see what that is; personally I can't wait to reward the students. These Cardinal Cards cannot be taken away once earned and are used to praise our students and encourage collaboration rather than competition working together as a community.

I am proud to announce that St. Hilary will once again be adopting a soldier through the Soldier's Angels program. Our soldier this year is Jason, who is stationed in Afghanistan. He is very appreciative of anything that is sent to him and he rooms with three other gentlemen who he is willing to share his gifts with. Each grade will be given a month to write letters and send donations to Jason. Sincere thanks to Ms. Sexton for organizing this project and making sure that Jason receives all the wonderful things that are donated to him.

Last week you received a great deal of paperwork that needed to be completed and returned, please do so in a timely manner so that we can organize it all.

Coaches and Volunteers:

Volunteers/Coaches are required by Archdiocesan policy to complete a file, which includes: Form 7703 Archdiocesan Application for Employment or Volunteer Service
Criminal Background Check –eAppsDB – online application
CANTS 689 form (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System)
Code of Conduct: read signed and dated

Safe Environment Training: Virtus/Protecting God's Children and Youth
Job Description/Position Description

We appreciate the gifts of time and talent our volunteers offer to the students of Saint Hilary School. **If you have completed this process last year or before last year you need only to renew the CANTS form and the Code of Conduct.**

Back to School Night:

Tomorrow is our Back to School Night. This is the perfect opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about the year ahead. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the church for short introductions and then proceed into the classrooms where you will meet the teachers.

Opportunities for your child:

Enclosed in this week's envelope are some opportunities for your child to share their talents with the school and parish community:

- The Lector Club
- Schola
- Handbell Choir

Please complete the forms if your child has an interest in any of these programs.

Please check out the Peek at the Week for a look at the week ahead.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan
Principal

St. Hilary where faith, family, and academics thrive!

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9th – 13th

St Hilary...where faith, family, and academics thrive!

MONDAY: September 9th

Altar Servers: Daniel Dinh, Katherine Lynch

- ✓ Book Fair set-up
- ✓ Lector Club 3:15 – 4:15

TUESDAY: September 10th

Altar Servers: Daniel Dinh, Katherine Lynch

- ✓ Student council meeting - officers and representatives
- ✓ Book Fair viewing

WEDNESDAY: September 11th

Altar Servers: Rayven Wehling, Sofia Yunez-Torres

- ✓ Family School Association meeting 7:00 p.m. in school cafeteria
- ✓ Book Fair viewing
- ✓ School liturgy 8:30 mass

THURSDAY: September 12th

Altar Servers: Rayven Wehling, Sofia Yunez-Torres

- ✓ Book Fair purchasing

FRIDAY: September 13th

Altar Servers: Kurtis Dinh, Cyan Andalis

- ✓ Book Fair purchasing
- ✓ Grandparents Day for Preschool – 2nd graders

SATURDAY: September 14th

Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Kurtis Dinh, Cyan Andalis

5:00 p.m. Matthew Crowe, Joe Sirgiovanni

SUNDAY: September 15th

Altar Servers: 8 am Louis Sirgiovanni, Camryn Serion, Sarah Martin

10 am Christopher Troyke, Jack McNabb, Destne Bailey

12 pm Roswell Omandam, Dan Echeverria, Sofia Joseph

10:00 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15th

**Don't forget to visit the
Scholastic Book Fair open after all masses!**



Don't worry, be healthy.

Family Fun & Safety Fair September 15, noon to 4 p.m.

Tour fire trucks, ambulances and the Evanston Fire Safety House as we celebrate 25 years as a Level 1 Trauma Center and 40 years as an EMS system with rides, music and refreshments.

Free activities for kids of all ages.

Experts from the hospital and the community will be on hand to share their tips about personal safety and health. You'll leave armed with helpful information, better prepared for any emergency.

- + Bike helmets & fittings while supplies last
- + Free lunch bags for the first 200 guests
- + Kids games, face painting and balloon art
- + Car seat safety checks
- + How to recognize a heart attack or stroke
- + Blood pressure, BMI and glucose screenings
- + Zumba

Register to win an iPad mini. Or enter our raffle for gift cards, back to school gear, household items and more -- proceeds benefit the AHA Heart Walk.



Get in touch.

**To RSVP, call 877.737.INFO (4636).
355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston**

Open Your Hearts to Life!

Respect Life Poster and Essay Contest

October 2013

“Open your hearts to life,” is a favorite theme of Pope Francis and the focus of this year’s Respect Life month.

“Open your hearts to life” means we stand firm against abortion, destructive embryo research, euthanasia and the use of other life threatening procedures and practices from the moment of conception to natural death.

“Open your hearts to life” means we reject the death penalty, slavery, human trafficking, terrorism and unjust war and we support our brothers and sisters in realizing their full human potential.

“Open your hearts to life” means we are open to the needs of the people in our lives and that we treat them with love and understanding. It also means bringing Christ’s love to all we meet.

Sixth to eighth grade students are asked to submit essays on the above theme.

Other grades are asked to reflect the theme in posters on 8 1/2” x 11” paper using markers, paint, crayons or colored pencils. Collages also will be accepted. Students need to put their name, grade and room number on the BACK of their artwork.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, Sept. 20.

A \$10 cash prize will be given for the best entry in each grade.



Help Kids Discover a Treasure of Books by Volunteering at Our Book Fair

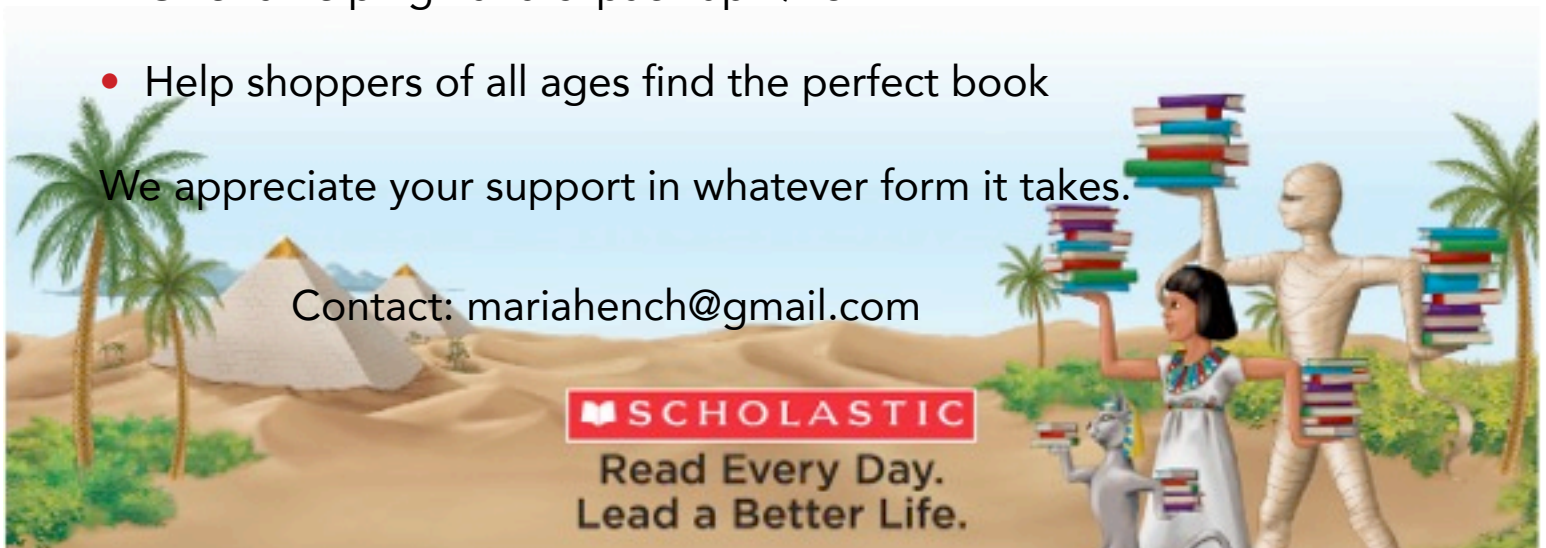
Dates: September 9-15, 2013

Volunteer to help kids enjoy our Book Fair: a journey back to Ancient Egypt overflowing with hundreds of treasures just waiting to be discovered. We need your help to make this our most historic Book Fair ever. Join our volunteer team to:

- Set up the Book Fair 9/9 from 7-9PM
- Assist students making wish lists 9/10 & 11 during school.
- Sell books and fill orders 9/12, 13 & 15.
- Organize and put things in place
- Offer a helping hand & pack up 9/15.
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Contact: mariahench@gmail.com



Volunteers are needed for the following time slots.
This is a great way to fulfill your service hours!

AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER DAYS & TIMES

BOOK FAIR TAKES PLACE IN THE SCHOOL GYM

Monday, Sept. 9	Set Up	7 pm–9 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 10*	Viewing Day	8 am–11 am; 12:30 pm–2:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 11*	Viewing Day	9 am–1 pm
Thursday, Sept. 12*	Selling Day	8 am–11 am; 12:30 pm–2:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 13*	Selling Day	8 am–12 pm
Sunday, Sept. 15	Selling Day & Clean Up	8:45 am–2:45 pm**

To volunteer, please call or email

Maria Hench

773-620-0642

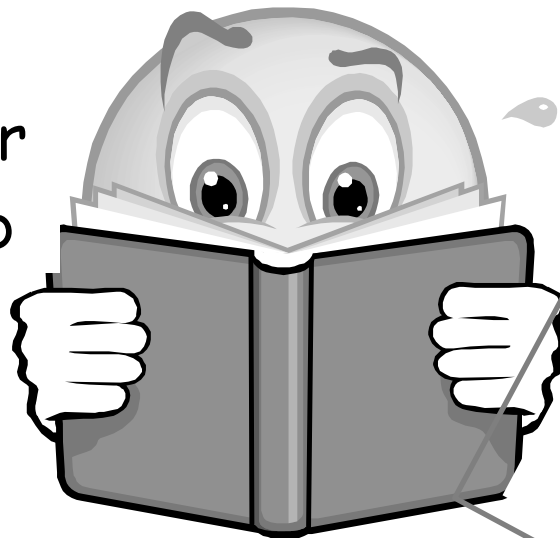
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*On Tuesday through Friday, volunteers must sign in at the office before proceeding to the gym.
Volunteers who work Tuesday through Friday must be done with VIRTUS paperwork!

**On Sunday, 2-hour time slots are available throughout the day. Please bring your own snack/lunch if you plan to work the entire day on Sunday.

Please bring your service hour cards on the day you volunteer to receive credit for working.

The Lector Club



Attention Parents &
Kids

There is a new club
@St. Hilary

Open to Grades 4-8

Do you love to read?

Would you like to become a better

- Storyteller?
- Public Speaker?

Join the Lector Club



Members of the Lector Club

- Will be trained to read the Scriptures at Mass.
- When the Scriptures are read in the Church, *God himself is speaking to his people, and Christ is made present in the Word.*
- ***Learn to help others hear and understand God's Word.***

- Learn to use your voice in new and amazing ways
- Learn how to engage others in the stories you tell
- The Lector Club will meet after school from **3:15-4:15** on **September 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7**
- Student Lectors will be commissioned at the 8:30 am Mass on October 9
- Only trained Lectors will read at the school Masses and the Family Masses on Sunday

Help us make our School and Family Masses more appealing to young people. Show how young people can make a difference. Be an example to all about the importance of God's Word.

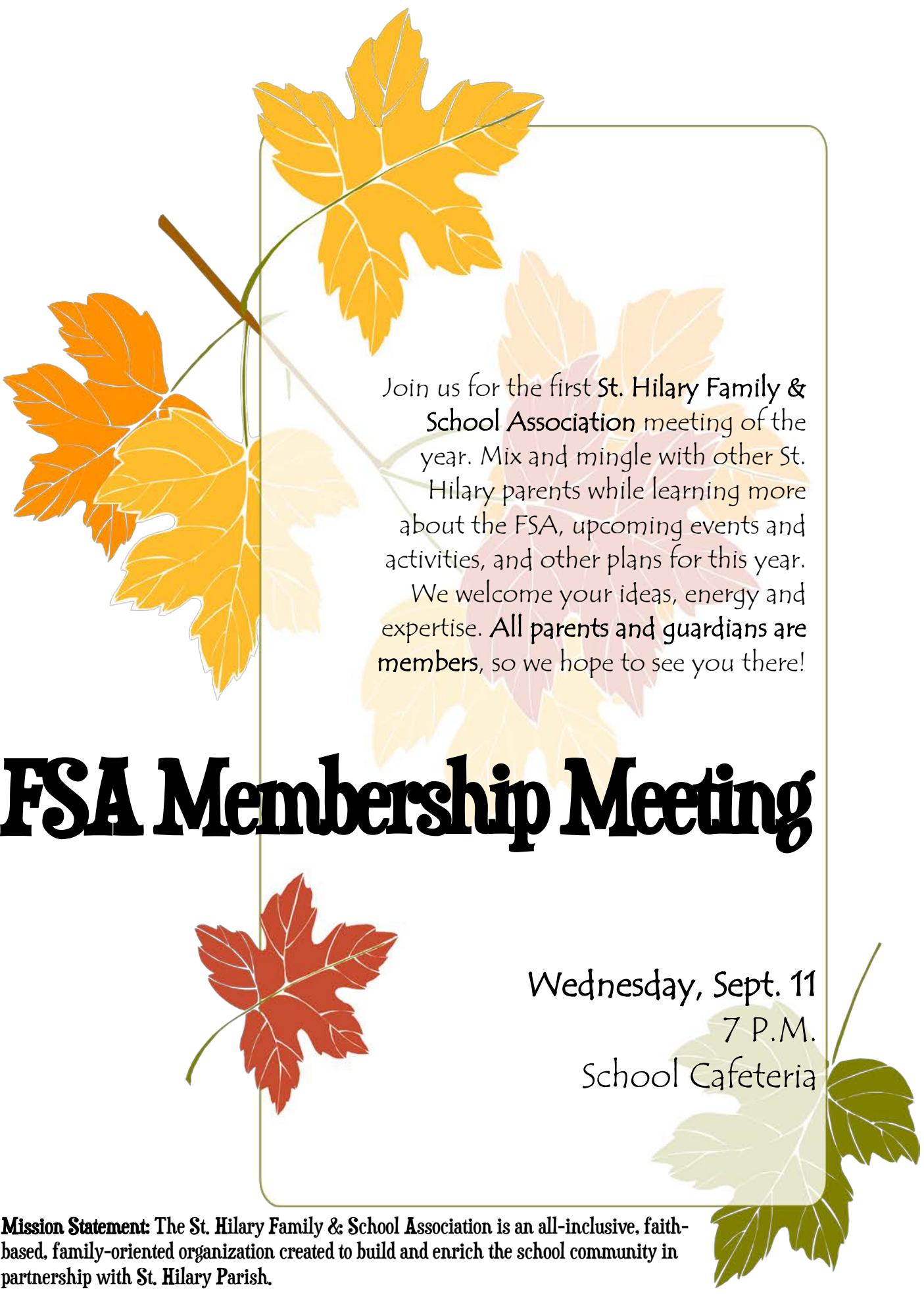


Interested? My name is (print) _____

Have your parent sign here _____

(return to your teacher by Friday, September 6, 2013).

Parent email _____ Daytime phone _____
(please print)



Join us for the first **St. Hilary Family & School Association** meeting of the year. Mix and mingle with other St. Hilary parents while learning more about the FSA, upcoming events and activities, and other plans for this year. We welcome your ideas, energy and expertise. **All parents and guardians are members**, so we hope to see you there!

FSA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 11
7 P.M.
School Cafeteria

Mission Statement: The St. Hilary Family & School Association is an all-inclusive, faith-based, family-oriented organization created to build and enrich the school community in partnership with St. Hilary Parish.

The St. Hilary Schola Cantorum

The *NEW St. Hilary Schola Cantorum* will hold auditions on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 3:15PM. **The audition is required.** Young singers who are already somewhat confident will build on that confidence during the course of this program. Starting with this season, members of the Schola Cantorum will

all have solo opportunities during Masses, Concerts, and other events. The ability to read music is not required since this is a skill that will be acquired in the process of learning and rehearsing the materials that will be used. Students from grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 interested in singing with the Schola Cantorum should come into church, **prepared to sing one song**, immediately after school on Wednesday, September 11. Enter through the doors off the Fairfield Avenue parking lot.

AUDITION SUGGESTIONS from our green Gather Hymnal:

My Country, 'tis of Thee #889 **OR** America the Beautiful #890

Any hymn or psalm you wish from our green Gather Hymnal. Christmas, Lent, Easter – whatever you wish!

Please DO NOT sing Happy Birthday or any “pop” tunes. ☺

Parents and guardians – the permission slip below must be filled out and returned to the school office or the parish office by Monday, September 9, 2013. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE AUDITION OR SUBSEQUENT REHEARSALS UNLESS A PERMISSION SLIP IS ON FILE. No exceptions. Please see the other side of this page for more information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Wednesday, September 11	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Sunday, September 15	10AM	Catechetical Sunday	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Wednesday, September 18	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Wednesday, September 25		NO REHEARSAL	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday, October 2	2 – 2:45PM	Rehearsal	Please note earlier time.
Sunday, October 6	10AM	Rite of Presentation for Reconciliation Respect Life Sunday	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Wednesday, October 9	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Wednesday, October 16	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Wednesday, October 23	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Wednesday, October 30	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Friday, November 1	8:30AM	All Saints Day Mass	Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, November 6	2 – 2:45PM	Rehearsal	Please note earlier time.
Wednesday, November 13	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Wednesday, November 20	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Sunday, November 24	10AM	Christ the King & Giving Tree	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Wednesday, December 4	2 – 2:45PM	Rehearsal	Please note earlier time.
Wednesday, December 11	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, December 12	8:30AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Feast Day Mass
Wednesday, December 18		NO REHEARSAL	Concert Rehearsal During School Hours
Thursday, December 19	7PM	Parish Christmas Concert	Super Concert Event!
Tuesday, December 24	5PM	Christmas Eve Mass	Arrive at 4:30PM



St. Hilary Schola Cantorum Participation Agreement

My child _____ will participate in the *St. Hilary Schola Cantorum* for 2013-2014.

I have read and agree to the information listed on both sides of this page – procedures, rehearsals, Masses, and events.

___ My child has permission to walk home from rehearsals.

OR

___ My child will be picked up from rehearsals at ____ PM.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Primary Phone _____

Email _____

Important Additional Information for the St. Hilary Schola Cantorum

Parents and guardians – you must make arrangements for your child's transportation to and from all rehearsals and events. Students waiting for pick-up after rehearsals will be sent to After School Care if not picked up by 4:15PM on regular dismissal days or by 3PM on early dismissal days on scheduled Wednesdays. No exceptions. Sign-Out and Dismissal from extra-curricular activities takes place at the school front entrance on Fairfield Avenue. Your child's safety requires that there are no exceptions to this dismissal policy.

Parents and guardians – to be eligible for the Schola Cantorum, your child must audition, be able to carry a tune, and be available for all scheduled rehearsals and events.

Please do not over-schedule your child with conflicting activities.

Attendance will be taken to make sure your children are where we expect them to be. If your child will be absent from a rehearsal, you must call the school office at 773-561-5885 before that rehearsal begins. You will be called if your child is not here and no notification has been given.

Parents and Guardians – Service hours are offered for parents and guardians who wish to be part of the supervision of this program. Duties include taking attendance and assisting with dismissal.

Carl Chadek, Director of Music
773-989-2485
chadek@sthilarychicago.org

Please call or email with questions or concerns.
The 2014 schedule will be announced before
Christmas.

The St. Hilary Handbell Choir

The St. Hilary Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals again on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 3:15PM. The Handbell Choir will perform at select parish Masses and school Masses.

Students continuing with the Handbell Choir and interested new students from grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 should come into church immediately after school on Thursday, September 12. Enter through the doors off the Fairfield Avenue parking lot.

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Thursday, September 12	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Sunday, September 15	10AM	Catechetical Sunday	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Thursday, September 19	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, September 26		NO REHEARSAL	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Thursday, October 3	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Sunday, October 6	10AM	Rite of Presentation for Reconciliation Respect Life Sunday	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Thursday, October 10	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, October 17	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, October 24	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, October 31	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Friday, November 1	8:30AM	All Saints Day Mass	Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, November 7	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, November 14	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, November 21	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Sunday, November 24	10AM	Christ the King	Mass 10AM – Arrive at 9:30AM
Thursday, December 5	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, December 12	8:30AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Feast Day Mass
Thursday, December 12	3:15PM – 4PM	Rehearsal	
Thursday, December 19	7PM	Parish Christmas Concert	Super Parish Event!
Tuesday, December 24	5PM	Christmas Eve Mass	Arrive at 4:30PM



St. Hilary Handbell Choir Participation Agreement

My child _____ will participate in the *St. Hilary Handbell Choir* for 2013-2014.

I have read and agree to the information listed on both sides of this page – procedures, rehearsals, Masses, and events.

___ My child has permission to walk home from rehearsals.

OR

___ My child will be picked up from rehearsals at ____ PM.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Primary Phone _____

Email _____

Important Additional Information for the St. Hilary Handbell Choir

Parents and guardians – you must make arrangements for your child's transportation to and from all rehearsals and events. Students waiting for pick-up after rehearsals will be sent to After School Care if not picked up by 4:15PM on scheduled Thursdays. No exceptions. Sign-Out and Dismissal from extra-curricular activities takes place at the school front entrance on Fairfield Avenue. Your child's safety requires that there are no exceptions to this dismissal policy.

Parents and guardians – to be eligible for the Handbell Choir, your child must be able to read music and be available for all scheduled rehearsals and events

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