



# Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

October 16, 2013

Our students certainly know how to show their school spirit. The Vacala Auditorium was full of red and white on Friday during our Pep Rally to celebrate our football players, volleyball players, and our cheerleaders. There were many fun games played and the students were proud to show off their dance moves also. Thank you to the Student Council officers, Ms. Rath, Mrs. Hopkins, and Ms. Montemurro for organizing this fun filled afternoon. We hope that you will continue to show your school spirit on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> when our 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball players will be celebrating their rose ceremony before their 7:00 p.m. game. Hope to see you all there!

Renaissance Learning the parent company of our Accelerated Reading and Math programs featured St. Hilary in their October issue of their Extraordinary Educators newsletter. I have copied the pages that highlight our school and included them in this week's family envelope. I am very proud of our teachers and students who are making a difference in their education each and every day through their accomplishments. Way to go!

St. Hilary has partnered with Lands' End for some additional uniform pieces. You will soon see some sample of red polos, cardigan sweaters, sweater vests, and v-neck sweaters on display in the front hall. Lands' End has a life time guarantee on all their clothing items. You don't even need a receipt – hole in your sweater – they give you a new one. Your son ripped a hole in his new reinforced knee khaki pants, no problem they will replace them for free. The link for Lands' End is on the school website and from October 18 – 22 they are having a sale. Check out their website for prices and more information. St. Hilary's school code is 900154212.

On Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> HR Imaging will be back to take pictures for any student who was absent on picture day (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>). If you were not happy with your child's original proofs, bring back the proof sheet with a short explanation on how the photographer can help your child look their best. Only student's who will be having their pictures taken or retaken may be out of uniform.

Parents, please remember to call the school office on days when your child is absent. It is very important that we know your child is safe at home with you. We also need to take

any necessary steps of informing their classmates if they are sick. I appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our children safe.

Dates to remember:

- Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> the first Junior High Dance for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will host. The dance is from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Please note that the dance will end 30 minutes earlier than last year.
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Student Council will be holding a bake sale after school in the parking lot each day. Please support our officers and enjoy a fantastic treat!
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Oct 24<sup>th</sup> is also Red Ribbon Week where we focus on staying away from drugs and keeping our bodies healthy. We will wear as much red as possible on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to say no to drugs.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> is no school for the students. The teachers will be attending a religious conference at Drury Lane. This is also the last day of the first quarter. I personally cannot believe that we are a quarter of our year has already passed.
- Remember to tell everyone you know who graduated from St. Hilary to attend our all-school reunion on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin by celebrating our faith together at the 5:00 p.m. mass. Tickets are available through GiveCentral – see the alumni page on the school website [www.sthilarychicago.org](http://www.sthilarychicago.org).

***The end of the first academic quarter is October 25th. Please make sure your financial obligations to Saint Hilary are taken care of in a timely manner in the next two weeks. If you have experienced a change in circumstances please contact Mrs. Donovan to make adjustments to your bill and arrange a payment plan. Per board policy, students whose tuition and fees have not been kept up to date will be subject to exclusion on Monday, October 28th. If your account is current, I thank you!***

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

Gratefully,

***Mrs. Kathie Donovan***

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Principal

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# A Peek at the Week

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 21 - 25**

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<p><b>MONDAY: October 21<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Diala Michael-Emmanuel</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Religious Education classes</li> <li>✓ Chicago's Safe Routes Ambassador program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grades</li> <li>✓ Rose Ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball players at 7:00 p.m. in the gym</li> <li>✓ Advanced Band rehearsal 3:00 – 4:00 p.m</li> </ul> </p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY: October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Diala Michael-Emmanuel</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Student Council meeting for officers and representatives 3:00 – 3:45</li> <li>✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Budlong Library</li> <li>✓ Picture retake day</li> <li>✓ Beginning band brass and percussion 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.</li> </ul> </p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY: October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: Nuala Kalensky, Siera Kim</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 8:30 a.m. all school mass</li> <li>✓ Schola 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.    AND    Chorus 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.</li> <li>✓ Beginning band woodwinds 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.</li> </ul> </p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY: October 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: Nuala Kalensky, Siera Kim</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week</li> <li>✓ Handbell Choir 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>✓ Advanced Band rehearsal 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.</li> <li>✓ Beginning band 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>✓ First Quarter ends – <b>All financial obligations must be up to date!</b></li> </ul> </p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY: October 25<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: Ruel Yamat, Dillon Grant</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No School for students – Teachers' Religious Conference</li> </ul> </p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY: October 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Ruel Yamat, Dillon Grant</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wedding 1:00 p.m. Kurtis Dinh, Angelo Obra, Chris Portokalis</b>  <b>5:00 p.m. Daniel Dinh, Cyan Andalis, Diana Flatsousis</b>  <b>St. Hilary All School Reunion begins with the 5:00 p.m. mass</b></p> </p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY: October 27<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Altar Servers: 8 am Destne Bailey, Gabriel Aco, Zheous Abalos</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 am Camryn Serion, Louis Sirgiovanni, Siera Kim</b>  <b>12 pm Ruel Yamat, Jack McNabb, Angela Lynch</b></p> </p>	

☺ *Don't forget the Student Council Bake Sale every day this week after school – pick up some delicious treats on your way home!!!*

# **A Fall Festival Of Fantastic Flavors**

**October 21-24**

❖ **Come and fall in love with student council's "Fall Festival of Fantastic Flavors" including:**

- **Taffy Apples**
- **Apple Cider**
- **Brownies**
- **Cake Pops**
- **Lemon Squares**
- **Sugar Cookies & many other homemade treats!**



***Prices***  
***\$.50 -***  
***\$2.00***

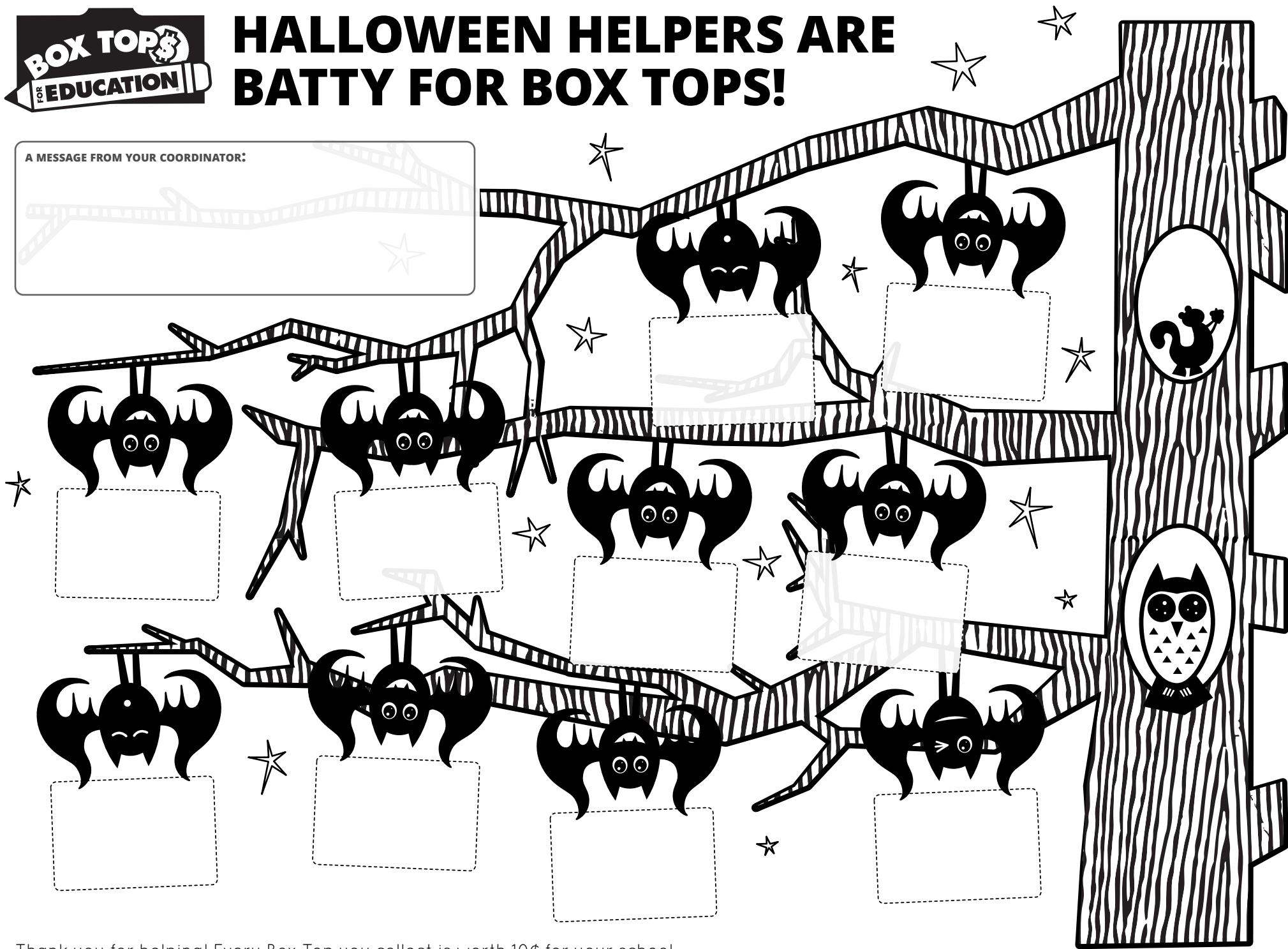


***On the***  
***Parking Lot***



# HALLOWEEN HELPERS ARE BATTY FOR BOX TOPS!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR:

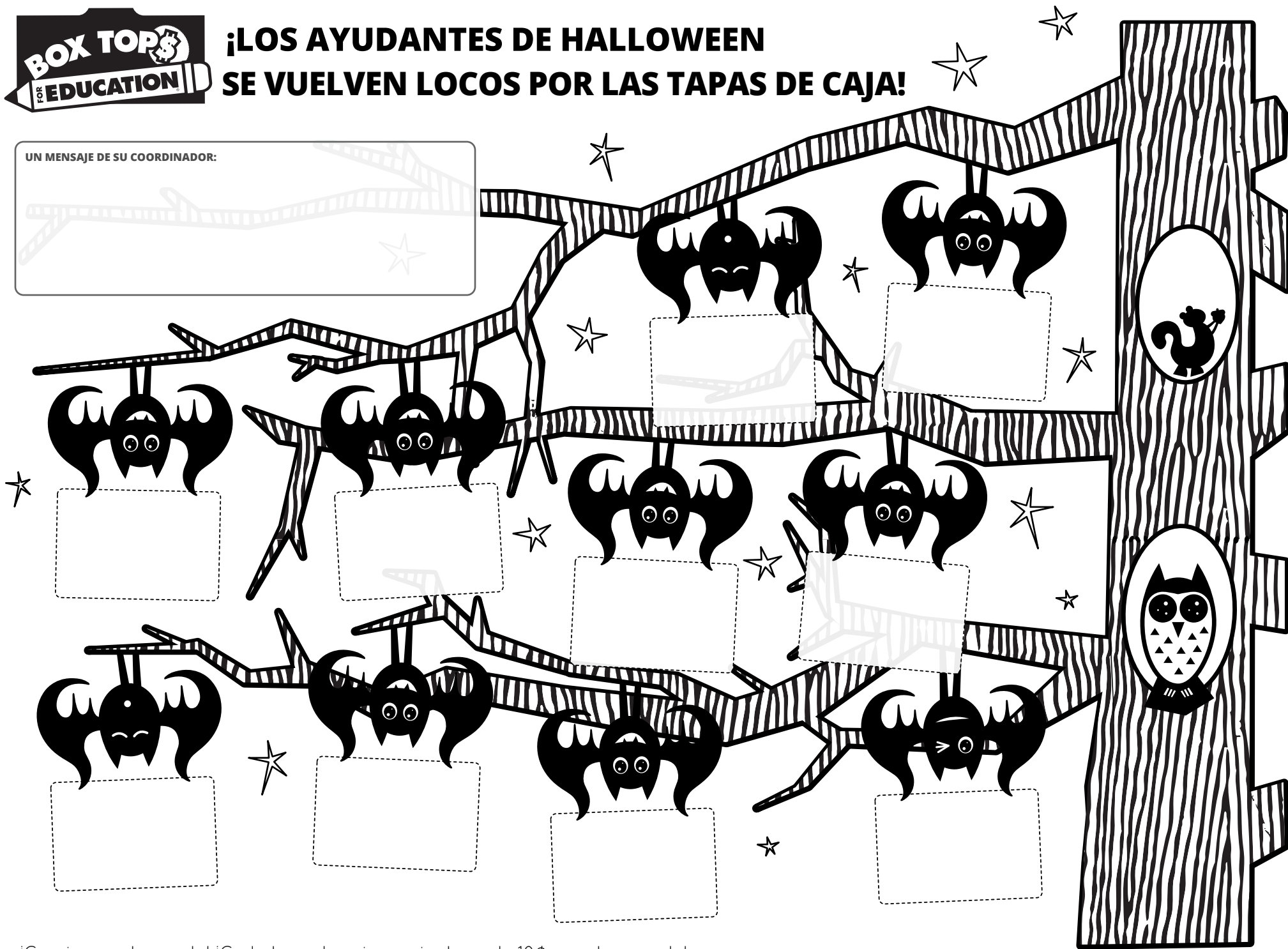


Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.  
To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com)!



# ¡LOS AYUDANTES DE HALLOWEEN SE VUELVEN LOCOS POR LAS TAPAS DE CAJA!

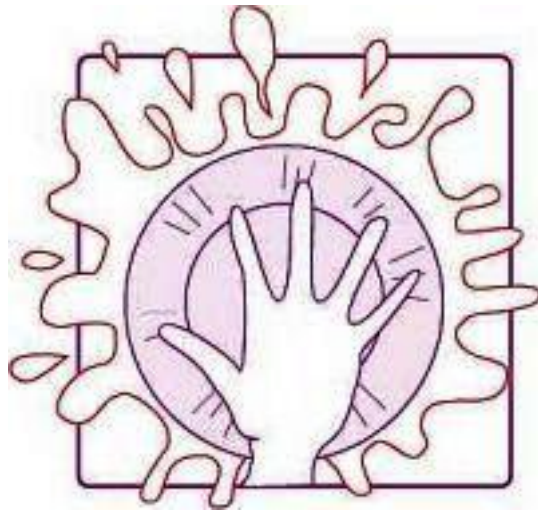
UN MENSAJE DE SU COORDINADOR:



¡Gracias por tu ayuda! ¡Cada tapa de caja que juntas vale 10¢ para tu escuela!  
Para ver más maneras de ganar dinero para tu escuela, puedes ir a [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).



November is our BIGGEST month!!!  
ST HILARY needs your HELP!!!  
OUR goal is selling 100 pies!!!  
The classroom or person that sells  
The most pies get to throw a pie at our  
principal Mrs. Donovan!!!



If we sell 100 PIES we get 30% OF  
PROFIT!!!  
Remember the holidays are right around  
the corner...Thanksgiving, Christmas and  
New Years!!! Bring the dessert!



**Get SCP for all your WITCHES and GHOULS!**

**Bonus Rebate Offers in October: ITUNES (3%) Sept. 26 thru Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**You can now use your rebate towards reducing your tuition, your book fee, purchase gym uniforms, after school care, or add to your lunch card and as always you can buy more certificates, or donate your rebate to the school which would be used towards the school technology program!**

Remember, no order too BIG or too small. It all goes to benefit our children.

- USE THEM TO SHOP INSTEAD OF CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT.
- ST. HILARY RECEIVES A COMMISSION ON EACH CERTIFICATE SOLD.
- WE WILL SPLIT THAT COMMISSION "50-50" ON YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE FOR EACH QUARTER. IT CAN BE USED TOWARDS TUITION, BUY MORE CERTIFICATES OR DONATE IT TO THE SCHOOL.
- "FACTS" PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE SCP PROGRAM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCP\*

EMAIL KATHY ERNST @ [Ernst@sthilarychicago.org](mailto:Ernst@sthilarychicago.org)



**CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:**

**RESTAURANTS:**

Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10	_____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
I Hop (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Kentucky Fried Chicken (4.5% rebate)	\$5	_____
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Lou Malnatis (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Olive Garden/Red Lobster (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Pizza Hut (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
Starbucks Coffee (3.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Subway (2% rebate)	\$10	_____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10	_____

**SPECIALTY:**

AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$7	_____
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20	_____
I Tunes (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mobil/Exxon (0.75% rebate)	\$50	_____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$25	_____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$100	_____
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .45¢ (0% rebate)	8.8	_____

**RETAIL:**

Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Best Buy (1% rebate)	\$25	_____
Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Dominicks (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100	_____
Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marshall's/T J Maxx (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20	_____
Old Navy, Gap, Banana Republic	\$25	_____
Ross (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Toy-R-Us (1.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Walgreens (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Wal-mart (1.25% rebate)	\$25	_____

**ST. HILARY GIFT CERTIFICATE**

**CHOOSE THE AMOUNT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RETAIL:**

**CERTIFICATE ORDERS (FROM BOTTOM SECTION) RECEIVED BY FRIDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK:**

**RESTAURANTS:**

	\$10	_____
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Boston Market (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Buffalo Wild Wings (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Eduardo's Pizza (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
Houlihan's (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mrs. Fields Cookies (9% rebate)	\$5	_____
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Red Robbin (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____

**SPECIALTY:**

	\$10	_____
Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
B P Gas (.75% rebate)	\$50	_____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20	_____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marriott Hotels (4.5% rebate)	\$50	_____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Sara Lee Outlets (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____

Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Build A Bear (5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$100	_____
Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Express (6.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Foot Locker (5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Hair Cuttery (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
J C Penneys (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Land's End (7% rebate)	\$25	_____
Lane Bryant (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mario Tricoci (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Menard's (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Office Max (2.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Payless Shoes (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Pier 1 Imports (4.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Pottery Barn/Wm. Sonoma (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Shutterfly (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Sports Authority (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Target (.75% rebate)	\$25	_____
Target (.75% rebate)	\$100	_____

Please note: When one or more companies are listed together, the certificates are good at either store.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary School

SEND WITH STUDENT \* \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM # \_\_\_\_\_

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE NOTE: St. Hilary School & its Board cannot be held responsible for any loss that may occur in transit.  
Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.

# CHICAGO'S ST. HILARY A **model of success**

## Certification process leads to goals met and lifelong skills

There's no question that St. Hilary, a private, pre-K–8 Catholic school in Chicago, Illinois, is a model of success. In 2013, the school achieved 11 Model Classroom (even 2 Master Classroom) Certifications through Accelerated Reader, 2 Model Classroom Certifications through Accelerated Math, and both Model Library and Model School status.

"The certification process through AR and AM acknowledges the achievements of both students and teachers alike," said St. Hilary Principal Kathie Donovan. "Teachers are motivated to spur students even further on their educational journey, and students are self-motivated as they see their endless possibilities. St. Hilary is truly committed to these programs and their successful implementation."

Their hard work paid off in state testing, with students scoring well above national averages across all grade levels, and the average student in grade four ranking higher than 92 percent of the nation in reading and higher than 91 percent in math.

Fourth-grade teacher Mary Kay Donnelly, whose classroom achieved Master Certification for Accelerated Reader and Model Certification for Accelerated Math, said striving for certification had her students highly engaged in the process. They monitored their own weekly progress and cheered on classmates.

### Students motivated to succeed

"Great things happen with the excitement and pride that comes with meeting goals," Donnelly said. "They ultimately become accountable not just to us, but to themselves and to their peers. That's the best recipe for success."

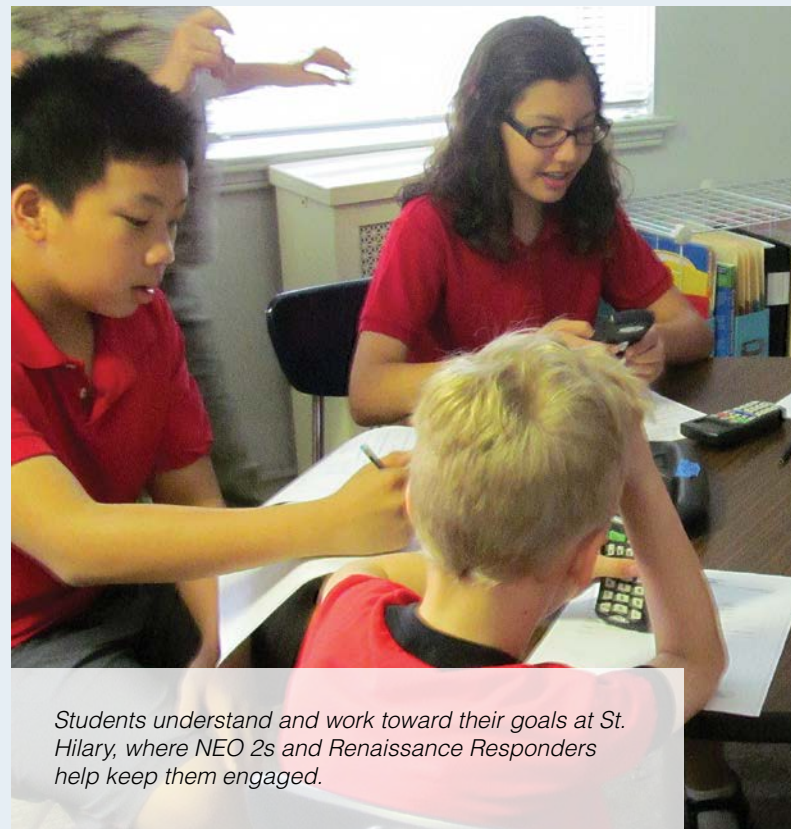
Like most teachers at St. Hilary, Donnelly uses Accelerated Math to support curriculum based on Common Core Standards and uses Accelerated Reader to enhance

reading practice. Donnelly appreciates how the differentiation capabilities through both programs let everyone contribute to the team and certification process.

"With kids working on goals at their own level and not being compared to anyone else, they're more confident about contributing and being accountable to the overall group," Donnelly said. "When goals are manageable, even the most reluctant students are willing to try."

St. Hilary classrooms have Accelerated Reader boards that show students when they reach 25, 50, 75, and 100 percent of their goals. Halfway through the quarter, they know to be at 50 percent of their individual point goal, which is adjusted each quarter. They understand their goals, reading logs, and TOPS reports so well that they can explain it all to visitors.

"These kids are crystal clear on their objectives, and the



*Students understand and work toward their goals at St. Hilary, where NEO 2s and Renaissance Responders help keep them engaged.*

goal-setting, cooperative learning, self-motivation, and rewards of hard work that they learn through AR and AM are valuable lifelong skills,” Donnelly said. “Parents tell me they can’t believe how well their children explain their goals and stay on top of them.”

### **Catching students before they fall**

Being able to catch and correct trouble spots is critical for Donnelly and other teachers. Donnelly said feedback makes her job easier by pinpointing what she needs to re-teach. For example, Accelerated Math feedback once showed her that a majority of students lacked understanding of symmetry. Donnelly represented the lesson and added hands-on activities to support it, then printed additional Accelerated Math exercises for that topic until they “got it.” When only a few students lack understanding of a topic, she works with them in small groups or one-on-one.



## **What is certification?**

Certification is a pathway to measureable progress that empowers educators to use data to identify, monitor, and accelerate students’ achievement. Educators who take this pathway each school year share an exciting journey with students, one that leads to significantly improved outcomes at all grade levels. For information, visit [www.renlearn.com/training/certification](http://www.renlearn.com/training/certification).

“Any objectives they don’t master keep coming up on practices and tests until they do,” Donnelly said. “There’s really no gap in learning because my students and I always know exactly where they need help.”

Accelerated Reader also provides feedback on reading comprehension. Donnelly starts with a required quiz average of 85 percent and raises it to 90 percent part way into the year, showing students that it’s not just about points and words read, but also understanding what they’re reading.

“They know they have to take their marker off the AR board if they don’t meet their percentage correct goal,” said Donnelly. “If they start falling behind, we re-evaluate the book level and the topic to make sure they’re reading what fits their needs.”

### **Professional development key to success**

The right level of understanding is critical for teachers when it comes to using the programs with fidelity. They received professional development upon implementing AR and AM, and training continues via a refresher workshop each year. St. Hilary’s teachers also help each other. For example, Donnelly and other teachers count on seventh-grade math teacher Kristen Hopkins as the “go to AM anchor.” ■



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Mary Kay Donnelly  
Fourth-grade teacher



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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GISC Laternenfest & St. Martin's Parade



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**Tickets \$5 Each for Adults & Kids Ages 2+**

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