

Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

December 11, 2013

St. Hilary is very busy as we await the birth of Jesus. This Friday the entire school will be attending a performance of the Nutcracker. Saturday, the Family School Association will host the Family Christmas Party. This event will take place in the school cafeteria and the Vacala Auditorium from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be crafts, bingo, a photo booth, and Santa will make a special appearance. Come by to hear Santa read a story and take pictures with the children. Thank you to the families who preregistered, all are welcome, so if you did not preregister don't worry, we look forward to seeing you.

A long overdue thank you to Mrs. Ewen and the 3rd graders for beginning our Thanksgiving holiday with a wonderful prayer service. They did a great job reminding us to be thankful for all the gifts and people that God has given us.

Congratulations to Emilia Petrov, Katie Close, Gabriel Aco, and Elinor Frank on winning the St. Benedict's S.T.E.M. Mystery Academic Challenge. They competed against 27 teams of 7th & 8th graders from various schools and were victorious. We are very proud of them.

This year the 4th through 8th graders were encouraged to compete in the National Geographic Geography Bee. Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Donnelly will be the facilitators and work with interested students to prepare for the chance to reach the state and finally the national level of the competition which will take place in Washington D.C. Thank you to the Sison family for their generous donation of the entrance fee for this competition.

Thank you and congratulations to all of our teachers and young scientists on a wonderful Science Expo. Your hard work and scientific knowledge was evident. Thank you to Mr. Andre and Ms. Sexton for coordinating this busy evening.

The generosity of our students and families never ceases to amaze me. We collected change for the Wright Way Animal Rescue and presented the founder with a check for \$1250.00. Also, through a dress down day and spare change the students collected \$626.45 for the people in the Philippines. Thank you for these examples of service to those in need. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Reminders:

- ✓ With the snow and extreme cold coming a little quicker than I personally would have liked, please remember to send a pair of shoes with your child if they wear boots to school. It is not healthy or comfortable for them to wear snow boots all day. Also, the water that accumulates on the floors can be a safety hazard. We want everyone healthy and safe.
- ✓ Please schedule appointments with your child's teacher if necessary. Teachers are always willing to meet with you and work together to achieve the best for the children. Teachers are not available at 7:45 in the morning as the entrance bell rings. This time is for your child. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Dates to Remember:

- December 12th – 8:30 all school liturgy – Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration
- December 13th – All school field trip to the Nutcracker. Children should dress up in Christmas attire.
- December 14th – FSA Family Christmas Party in the cafeteria and the Vacala Auditorium 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Please see the flyer in today's envelope.
- December 18th – 8:30 all school liturgy – Simbang Gabi celebration. All are welcome to join us.
- December 19th – St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the church. Children should dress up in Christmas attire.
- December 20th – 10:30 Christmas Prayer Service, all are welcome!
11:30 dismissal Christmas vacation begins.

School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Emergency Closing/Cold Weather

Cold weather: Students will be kept in for indoor recess when the temperature is below 25 degrees (actually or with wind chill) or in wet rainy/snowy conditions. Please make sure your child comes prepared to go outdoors – gloves, scarf, hat or hood. This is especially true of those who are on patrol.

Emergency Closing Information

Our SchoolReach system will notify you either by phone or email in the event of our school closing due to weather. In addition, emergency closing information will be announced on WBBM Radio Newsradio 78 and WGN Radio 720. The television stations to watch are CBS Channel 2 Chicago, Channel 5, ABC Channel 7 Chicago, WGN Morning News, Fox 32 and CLTV News. On-line you may access information at www.EmergencyClosings.com. Our website www.sthilarychicago.org will also have closing information. We will close if the Archdiocese closes and if CPS Closes – extremely rare events. **You should choose, based on your own judgment and situation, whether or not to keep your child(ren) home.**

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

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal

A Peek at the Week

Week of **DECEMBER 16 - 20**

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

MONDAY: December 16th

Altar Servers: Meghan Cabrera, Zheous Abalos

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Women's Club meeting 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria - Chorus will perform
- ✓ Reconciliation: 3rd & 4th at 10:00, 5th & 6th at 1:30

TUESDAY: December 17th

Altar Servers: Meghan Cabrera, Zheous Abalos

- ✓ No Student Council meeting
- ✓ Battle of the Books (Junonia & What Happened on Fox Street)
- ✓ Beginning band brass and percussion 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.
- ✓ Reconciliation: 7th & 8th at 10:00

WEDNESDAY: December 18th

Altar Servers: Gianna Ehrenberg, Angela Lynch

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy – Simbang Gabi celebration
- ✓ Chorus 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. *Note the earlier time*
- ✓ Art Studio – 3rd – 5th graders 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. in Room 108
- ✓ Beginning band woodwinds 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY: December 19th

Altar Servers: Gianna Ehrenberg, Angela Lynch

- ✓ School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in church
- ✓ All school rehearsal in church – please be settled and ready to go at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Art Studio – 6th – 8th graders 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. in Room 108
- ✓ Advanced Band rehearsal 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.
- ✓ Beginning band 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ National Geographic Geo Bee meeting 3:00

FRIDAY: December 20th

Altar Servers: Chris Troyke, Brianna Ho

- ✓ 11:30 dismissal
- ✓ Christmas Prayer Service 10:30 in church – All are welcome!



**Wishing you and your family
a very Blessed Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year!**

Monday January 6, 2014 – classes resume

Holiday Altar Server schedule on the back

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Sat. December 21st: 8:30 a.m. Christopher Troyke, Brianna Ho
5:00 p.m. Jack McNabb, Kelly Dinh, Dan Echeverria

Sun. December 22nd: 8:00 a.m. Destne Bailey, Joe Sirgiovanni, Chris Troyke
10:00 a.m. Kara & Christian Buenaventura, Sarah Oquendo
12:00 noon Melina Yousif, Sarah Martin, Jessica Trieu

Mon. Dec. 23rd: Matthew Crowe, Roswell Omandam

Tues. Dec. 24th: 8:30 a.m. Matthew Crowe, Roswell Omandam
5:00 p.m. Camryn Serion, Destne Bailey, Sarah Martin
Midnight mass: Christian & Kara Buenaventura, Daniel Dinh

Wed. Dec. 25th: 9:00 a.m. Sofia Yunez-Torres, Melina Yousif, Christopher Troyke
11:00 a.m. Katherine Lynch, Zheous Abalos, Roswell Omandam

Thurs. Dec. 26th: Louis Sirgiovanni, Chris Portokalis

Fri. Dec. 27th: Louis Sirgiovanni, Chris Portokalis

Sat. December 28th: 8:30 a.m. Jack McNabb, Nuala Kalensky
5:00 p.m. Kelly & Daniel Dinh, Katie Close

Sun. December 29th: 8:00 a.m. Jessica Trieu, Sarah Martin, Maggie McNabb
10:00 a.m. Giovanni & Katrina Gianonni, Sarah Oquendo
12:00 noon Joe Sirgiovanni, Nuala Kalensky, Gabriel Aco

Mon. Dec. 30th: Kurtis Dinh, Cyan Andalis

Tues. Dec. 31st: 8:30 a.m. Kurtis Dinh, Cyan Andalis
5:00 p.m. Giovanni & Katrina Gianonni, Diana Flatsousis

Wed. Jan. 1st: 11:00 a.m. Roswell Omandam, Jack McNabb

Thurs. Jan. 2nd: Rayven Wehling, a volunteer

Fri. Jan. 3rd: 8:30 a.m. Rayven Wehling, a volunteer
7:00 p.m. Diala Michael-Emmanuel, Gabriel Aco, Meghan Cabrera

Sat. January 4th: 8:30 a.m. Sofia Yunez-Torres, Brandon Rafol, Katie Close
5:00 p.m. Dillon Grant, Cyan Andalis, Katherine Lynch

Sun. January 5th: 8:00 a.m. Ruel Yamat, Angela Lynch, Destne Bailey
10:00 a.m. Chris Portokalis, Angelo Obra, Melina Yousif
12:00 noon Sarah Oquendo, Kelly Dinh, Matthew Crowe



CHRISTMAS FUND REMINDER

Dear St. Hilary Parent and Guardian,

If you have already made your donation to the Teachers Christmas Fund, THANK YOU! If not, please consider making a donation. Again, there is no limit as to the amount you can give. Any donation would be appreciated. We also encourage you to have your child(ren) write notes to his/her teachers, telling them that you donated to the Christmas Fund. It's a terrific way to show your support to our wonderful faculty and staff here at St. Hilary School.

Again, the very warmest Christmas wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donovan and the St. Hilary Christmas Fund Committee

ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FUND

Enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ for the faculty and staff of St. Hilary School.

You may enclose cash, money order, or a personal check payable to St. Hilary School. Please return to the School Office, no later than Monday, December 16th.





Calling all volunteers!

The Annual Family Christmas Party will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the gym and cafeteria.

Do you want to contribute to this fun family event?

The Family & School Association is looking for volunteers to serve on the Christmas Party Planning Team. We'd love your ideas on how we can make this a special event for our families. If you would like to join the planning team, please contact FSA event coordinators Kathy Ernst (ernst@sthilarychicago.org) and Monica Giannoni (jghms.cww@sbcglobal.net).

Helping hands will be needed on the day of the Christmas Party. More information will be available at a later date.





All Special SCP orders must be placed no later than Monday December 16th.

Thursday December 19th will be the final day for any orders to be filled.

No orders will be accepted on December 20th.

Remember, no order too Big or too Small. It all goes to benefit our children.

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.

- ❖ 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* CALL

KATHY ERNST @ (773) 989-9249 or email 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.

St. Hilary Team Places First at St. Benedict Prep S.T.E.M. Academic Challenge



Teachers and Principals:

Congratulations to the team of Emilia Petrov, Katie Close, Elinor Frank and Gabriel Aco from St. Hilary for winning the St. Benedict Prep S.T.E.M. Mystery Academic Challenge this past Friday! We were pleased to see so much innovation, creativity and critical thinking from our student participants.

Twenty-seven teams of four (made up of 7th and 8th graders from area catholic schools) were on hand to compete. This S.T.E.M. Mystery Academic Challenge featured "The Marshmallow Challenge." Teams were provided 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, one meter of tape, one meter of string and a marshmallow. They were given 30 minutes to build a structure

supporting the marshmallow on top. The team building the highest structure won by topping out at 75 centimeters.

A team from St. Helen finished 2nd at 72 centimeters and a team from St. Benedict finished 3rd at 71 centimeters.

I will remain in touch with more activities like this to come. If you have any questions or to contact me please write to me at epetersen@stbenedict.com or call 773-509-3831.

Thank you!

Erik Petersen
Director of Admissions for the Secondary School
St. Benedict Preparatory School

Men's Club

December Meeting and Christmas Party

Friday, December 20th 7:30 pm

In the Cafeteria

Please come and bring a friend!



Coming in 2014:

January 11th – Candlelight Bowling at Lincoln Square Lanes

February 2nd – Super Bowl Party – Ladies Welcome!

March 7th and April 11th – Fish Fries

March 15th Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Silent Auction



St. Hilary Cardinal!

My name is Sally Scarpelli. I have 3 children at St. Hilary School and I am an alumni. During some of the time I went here we had a cardinal mascot. My parents recently passed away and I wanted to donate something in their honor. I have always wanted to get the cardinal back, so I decided that since my parents did so much for me to send me to such an awesome school , St Hilary is getting the Cardinal back! We are going to have a contest to name our Cardinal. My dad's name was Sam and my mom was Lina so I wanted to mix the two names together, so far its Salina. Should the Cardinal be a girl or boy? Return this flier with your suggestion and I will pick the name. If your name gets picked win a prize! Make sure your put you name on it.

From _____

Name Suggestion _____

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Pantomime

This Christmas Eve we will do a pantomime of the Christmas Story at the **5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**. We invite all the children of the parish and their guests (i.e. cousins or grandchildren who are visiting) to join in this festive celebration. Since we want to include as many children as possible there will be **no rehearsals**.

If your child wants to be part of the pantomime we ask you to sign the slip below and indicate whether they will be a *shepherd, angel, or lamb*. ***If your child wants to "dress for the part" costumes need not be elaborate*** – a



white dress, sweater, or shirt and a halo made of gold or silver garland will do fine for an angel (wings are optional). Shepherds need only come in a bathrobe – a towel fixed on their head with string or a sports band does great for the headgear and staffs or shepherds crooks are allowed but not required. Lambs can dress in white or black. A couple of ears made out of construction paper and cotton balls will be plenty.

Dressing up is half the fun yet even if your child decides at the last minute to be part of the pantomime or unexpected guests arrive just bring them along.

We will cast the roles of Mary and Joseph and provide those costumes. If your child would like to be Mary or Joseph please indicate below. Once we have all the names of those children we will draw names from a hat to cast the leading roles. If your child's name is not chosen for these roles we hope they will join us in one of the other roles.

We will need a few adults that evening to help us direct the children where to go. If you can help out please indicate that on the sign-up slip.

We hope this will restore some of the festivity to the celebration, make it memorable for our youngest parishioners (pre-school on up) and not add to the stress of an already hectic season.

Christmas Eve Pantomime sign-up (Due back by **Monday, DECEMBER 16**)

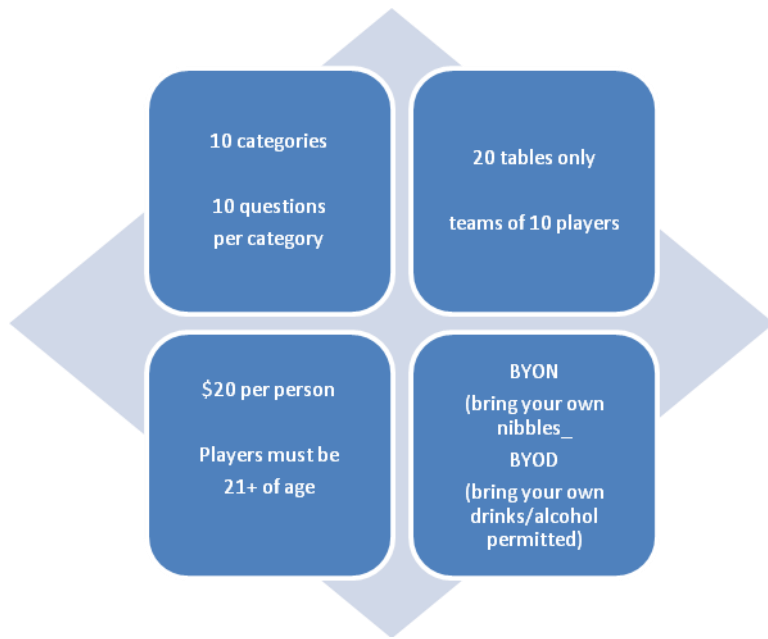
Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

My child/ren would like to be a ☐shepherd ☐angel ☐lamb ☐Mary ☐Joseph

☐I can help direct the children during the Pantomime Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____



QUIZ NIGHT 2013-2014



Please Join the St. Hilary Parish in an Alumni Hosted Event

January 25, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Registration Form on the back of this flier.....

CONTACT PERSON FOR TEAM: NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
 PHONE _____

TEAM MEMBERS IF KNOWN: NAMES _____

I AM COMING AS A SINGLE PERSON, PLEASE ADD ME TO A TEAM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK/S PAYABLE TO ST. HILARY SCHOOL

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BABYSITTING SERVICES ARE NEEDED

NAME/S OF CHILDREN	_____	AGE _____
	_____	AGE _____
	_____	AGE _____
	_____	AGE _____
	_____	AGE _____
	_____	AGE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR CHILDREN

NAME _____
PHONE _____

PLEASE NOTE: If more than one family on the same team is using these services, please submit a different sheet for EACH family. Thank you.

BABYSITTING SERVICE PRICE LIST: \$10.00 for the first child
 \$ 5.00 for each additional child

These prices are per family. Families may not combine children for pricing.