



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 8, 2014

Happy 2014! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. I am looking forward to a wonder new year for St. Hilary School.

I apologize for any inconveniences this week's school closing may have caused you. The safety of our children, families, and staff are always our first priority. Hopefully, we have seen the worst that this winter will bring and we will have no future closings. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and continued support.

Thank you to Mr. Jacobs and our maintenance staff for their long hours battling the snow and ensuring that the buildings are warm for the children's return.

We began our holiday break with a few special events. I am incredibly thankful to Mr. Carl Chadek and Mr. Sean Rhol for organizing the first St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert. The concert was a true testament to how incredible it is when the parish and school comes together to celebrate our faith. The warm atmosphere in the church that evening was felt by all and it is my hope that we will continue to make this event an annual tradition.

Thank you also to the Advent Committee for preparing the Advent/Christmas Prayer Service on Dec. 20th. The prayer service was very meaningful. A representative from Notre Dame presented Orest Sison, an 8th grader with a special award for his 1st place finish in their Science League Challenge.

Thank you to Dr. Peg Hanrahan who worked with me to reinstate the children's pantomime at the Family Christmas Eve mass. This representation of children during the liturgy exemplified the importance of including and celebrating children at mass. The attendance at mass was overwhelming and the number of children who participated was inspiring.

Thank you to the Family School Association for their fund-raising efforts to purchase new safety mats on the stage in the Vacala Auditorium. I am very grateful to Mr. Joe Kummerer for spending his time this last weekend installing these mats.

Enclosed in this week's envelope is a very important letter explaining an accreditation process which the Archdiocese is currently in the process of obtaining. This accreditation is part of our ongoing continuous improvement process. The process

involves all stakeholders completing an online survey. The staff and children will be taking the survey during school hours. The parents also have a survey that I would appreciate you taking.

Also included in this week's envelope is a Home Language Survey. Please complete this survey for each child in your family. The results could enable St. Hilary to receive funding to help our ESL students. If you need additional copies they can be printed up from the Wednesday Envelope on our website or you can pick some up in the office.

This Friday, January 10th marks the end of the 2nd quarter; we are half way through this school year. All financial obligations must be current. What does this mean? It is very simple we are 50% through the school year therefore 50% of your tuition according to your financial obligation must be paid. As I was reviewing our tuition status I noticed that a number of families are not current in their financial obligations. The Board of Specified Jurisdiction has established a clear policy for exclusion of students whose accounts are not current (pg. 49 & 50 in the Parent/Student Handbook). Wednesday, January 15 will be an exclusion day for all students whose tuition is not current. I do not ever want to hinder a child's education, nor do I want to "punish" them for something beyond their control. That is where your responsibility comes in. Please see that your tuition is current. St. Hilary must be vigilant in paying their bills, i.e. heat, electricity, and mortgage just as you do. You receive your salary for the services that you provide your employer; our teachers must also receive their salaries. Your tuition allows these debts to be paid. I understand that you make many sacrifices to send your child to St. Hilary School. I appreciate your dedication and the priority that you have placed in allowing your child to receive a quality Catholic education. My husband and I have made those sacrifices for our own children. Our teachers are underpaid especially in comparison to CPS teachers. They make sacrifices because they too are dedicated and now that teaching at St. Hilary is a calling and service to others.

On Saturday, January 11, 2014 our 8th graders will be taking their high school placement tests. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the process of continuing this new journey in their education.

On December 21 Cardinal Francis George celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The children sent him cards. Enclosed please find the thank you letter that I received from the Cardinal.

Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2014 is an 1:45 dismissal
- Saturday, January 11 The Men's Club is hosting a Candlelight Bowl at Lincoln Square Lanes. Join this fun evening and help support the St. Hilary athletes.
- Sunday, January 12 Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.

- Tuesday, January 14 8th graders graduation picture day
- Wednesday, January 15, 2014 exclusion day.
- Wednesday, January 15 report cards go home

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 January 13 - 17

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MONDAY: January 13th

Altar Servers: Brandon Rafol, Meghan Cabrera

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Feast of St. Hilary

TUESDAY: January 14th

Altar Servers: Brandon Rafol, Meghan Cabrera

- ✓ Student Council meeting for officers
- ✓ 8th Grade Graduation pictures taken
- ✓ Board of Specified Jurisdiction Meeting 7:00 p.m. in rectory
- ✓ Beginning band brass and percussion 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: January 15th

Altar Servers: Kurtis Dinh, Roswell Omandam

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
- ✓ Report cards go home
- ✓ Schola – 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Chorus 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Men's Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- ✓ Beginning band woodwinds 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY: January 16th

Altar Servers: Kurtis Dinh, Roswell Omandam

- ✓ Handbell Choir 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Beginning band 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ National Geographic Geo Bee meeting 3:00

FRIDAY: January 17th

Altar Servers: Cyan Andalis, Daniel Dinh

SATURDAY: January 18th

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

5:00 p.m. Daniel Echeverria, Angela Lynch, Katherine Lynch

SUNDAY: January 19th

Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. Sarah Martin, Jessica Trieu, Melina Yousif

10:00 a.m. K. & C. Buenaventura, Destne Bailey

12:00 Noon Sofia Yunez-Torres, Maggie & Jack McNabb

The 1st Saturday Market Day pick-up
in the cafeteria 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

No School on Monday, January 20th – Martin Luther King Day



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

January, 2014

The Archdiocese of Chicago and all of its schools are engaged in an ongoing continuous improvement process, of which all stakeholders are an integral part. All stakeholders at St. Hilary School: parents, students and instructional staff will be asked to participate in a survey as a part of our accreditation process.

St. Hilary is using *the AdvancED Parent Survey* as a means to elicit your opinions to help target areas for the school system to improve and areas to continue to be effective. The five sections on the survey represent the five *AdvancED Standards for Quality School Systems* and provide a means for learning about parent expectations of a high-quality school system.

The survey will provide you with a series of statements related to the five sections of the survey as well as allow you to provide written responses if you chose to do so. More information about the *AdvancED* accreditation process that is occurring throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years can be found on the Office of Catholic Schools website at www.ocs.archchicago.org.

The link for this survey is <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/9040328>. You will be asked to select a school from the drop-down list. This link will open on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The school computer lab (Room 107) will be open after the 10 o'clock Family Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2014 for any parent who wishes to take the survey at that time. There will be faculty to assist you through this process. Your opinions matters and it is extremely important that you complete this survey so that we may continue to provide the quality education that your child deserves.

Your cooperation and support in completing the parent survey will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan
Principal

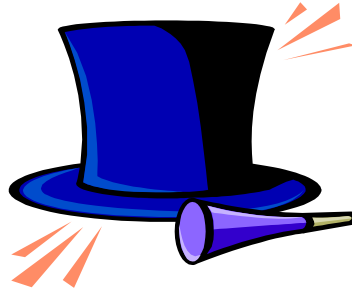
St. Hilary Family & School Association

Jan. 8 meeting cancelled

Please mark your calendars for our **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 26**. Bring your family and friends to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us. Helping hands will be needed—more information on how to volunteer (and earn service hours) will follow.

The next FSA general meeting is 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12., in the school cafeteria. See you then!





MAKE YOUR 2014 NEW YEARS RESOLUTION TO START USING SCP!

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.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ USE THEM TO SHOP INSTEAD OF CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCP* CALL

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

Men's Club

Candlelight Bowling

Sat. Jan. 11, 6 – 8 p.m.

Lincoln Square Lanes

\$45.00/couple includes
bowling & buffet dinner.

Dinner only \$10.00

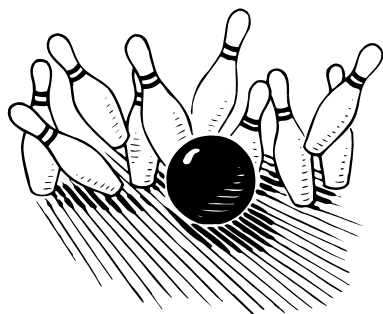
Cash bar & shoes extra.

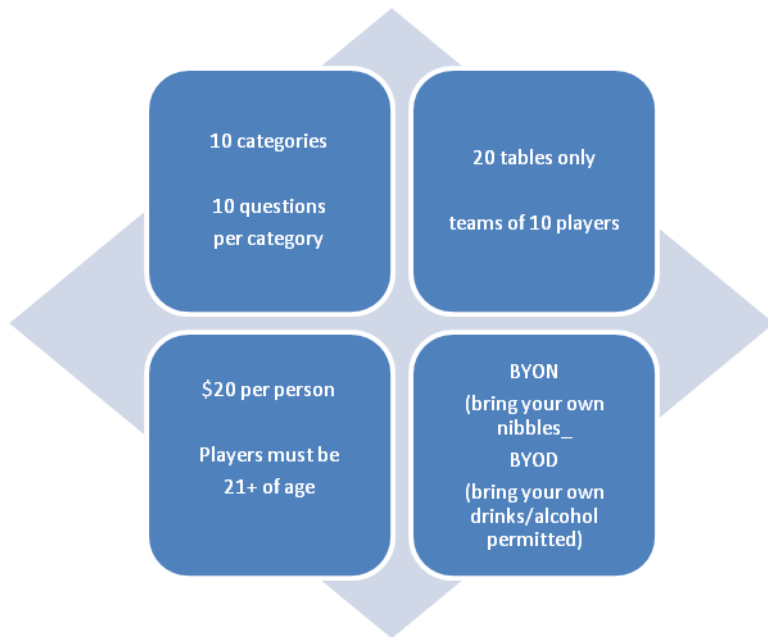
Contact Miles Conway

773-552-8420

R.S.V.P.

conwaymiles@yahoo.com





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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 30, 2013

Mrs. Kathleen Donovan
Principal
St. Hilary School
5614 North Fairfield Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60659

Dear Mrs. Donovan,

I was very pleased and grateful to receive the handmade greeting cards that the students and teachers of St. Hilary School sent me on the occasion of my 50th anniversary of ordination as a priest. I looked through them all and was deeply touched by the good wishes they expressed.

Thank you also for the prayers that you and the students offer for me, not just on the occasion of my anniversary, but all throughout the year. I promise my prayers for each of the students, teachers and members of the staff of St. Hilary School. May you and your families have a blessed Christmas season and New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago