



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

February 5, 2014

A very special thank you to our Catholic Schools Week Committee: Ms. Sexton, Mrs. DeVito, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Flaherty, and Ms. Roegge. They planned a fun-filled week of activities and projects that showed our commitment to faith, family, and academics within St. Hilary walls and beyond. Unfortunately, due to the weather last week we were not able to enjoy a visit from members of the Women's Club. We are looking forward to rescheduling their visit when the weather permits.

Thank you to our visitors who spoke to the children about vocations in the Catholic Church and the importance of giving service to God and to others. Our visitors were: Fr. Eddy, Fr. Olsen, Deacon Don, Deacon Dan, Fr. Ramos, and Sr. Belinda.

Mrs. Whitlock, one of our Kindergarten teachers has begun her maternity leave, we wish her the best of luck. We are very happy to welcome Ms. Cindy McDill to our staff, she will be the Kindergarten teacher in Room 105 during Mrs. Whitlock's leave. Mrs. Yari Gallegos, our cafeteria supervisor has been promoted to manager and has moved on, we thank her for her years of service to St. Hilary and wish her well. Mrs. Lucia Najjar will be our new cafeteria supervisor. We are very fortunate to have her with us.

Don't forget to reserve your table for Family Game Night. Family Game Night will be held on Monday, February 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Vacala Auditorium. This night will be filled with fun games to help your child academically while connecting with other families. There is no charge for this event – come and have fun playing games with us!

Parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 13th. A conference request form is included in today's envelope. These conferences are not mandatory for every child. They are based on teacher and/or parent requests. Please return the conference form to school by Friday, February 7th. You will receive notification if a teacher has requested to see you regarding your child's progress on Tuesday, February 11th. If you do not receive notification of a requested conference and you do not wish to schedule a conference no further letter will be sent home to you. If you have any questions on this process please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

Progress reports for the 3rd quarter will come home on Wednesday, February 12th. Please take some time to sit and discuss this report with your child to celebrate their strengths and work with them to make any necessary improvements before the end of the quarter. There will be an 11:30 dismissal on Thursday, February 13th in lieu of conferences and Friday, February 14th there is no school, teachers will be at an in-service all day.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year has begun. Last week you received a copy of your child's registration form generated from PowerSchool. I hope that this form is more user friendly for you and helps you save time in reregistering your child. Please review the form, make any necessary corrections, complete the tuition payment form, and return these forms to school with the \$100.00 registration fee. The registration fee will increase to \$200.00 for any registration after March 21, 2014. It is important that we are proactive in our enrollment so that teacher contracts can be offered and plans for the new year can move forward. Thank you to the many families who have already completed their registration, we look forward to another wonderful year with your child.

Dates to Remember:

- Mon. Feb. 10th – Family Game Night (see flyer for details)
- Tues. Feb. 11th – 8th grade Graduation retakes
- Tues. Feb. 11th - Fr. Tom Dore will present a night of reflection entitled, "Stewardship: It's not the money" from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Wed. Feb. 12th – progress reports go home
- Thurs. Feb. 13th – Parent/teacher/student conferences
- Fri. Feb. 14th – No school, teacher in-service
- Mon. Feb. 17th – No school, Presidents' Day

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 February 10 – 14

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

MONDAY: February 10th

Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Cyan Andalis

- ✓ Terra Nova Prep Class (7th grade) 3:00 – 3:45 in Room 206
- ✓ Family Game Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Vacala Auditorium (gym)

TUESDAY: February 11th

Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Cyan Andalis

- ✓ Student Council meeting- Officers
- ✓ Battle of the Books Room 204 3:30 – 4:30
- ✓ 8th grade Graduation picture retakes
- ✓ Fr. Tom Dore Night of Reflection “Stewardship: It’s not the money” 7:00 p.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY: February 12th

Altar Servers: Diala Michael-Emmanuel, Dillon Grant

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
- ✓ Progress report sent home today
- ✓ Schola and Handbell Choir 3:15 – 4:00
- ✓ Terra Nova Prep Class (7th grade) 3:00 – 3:45 in Room 207

THURSDAY: February 13th

Altar Servers: Diala Michael-Emmanuel, Dillon Grant

- ✓ 11:30 dismissal
- ✓ Parent/Teacher/Student conferences 1:00 – 3:00 and 4:00 – 6:30

FRIDAY: February 14th *Happy Valentine’s Day*

Altar Servers: Katherine Lynch, Jack McNabb

- ✓ No School -Teacher In-service

SATURDAY: February 15th

Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Katherine Lynch, Jack McNabb

3:00- wedding: Brianna Ho, Katie Close, Matthew Crowe

5:00 p.m. Kurtis Dinh, Dillon Grant, Chris Portokalis

SUNDAY: February 16th –

Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. Melina Yousif, Destne Bailey, Dan Echeverria

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

12:00 Noon Rayven Wehling, Cyan Andalis, volunteer

Monday, February 17th No School – President’s Day



Saint Hilary School

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

February 5, 2014

Dear School Families,

This year St. Hilary will be scheduling our parent teacher student conferences which will be held on Thursday, February 13th from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Parents are asked to fill in the information below in order to help schedule your family. Teachers will schedule conferences based on the family information received no later than February 7th. Families who have more than one child in the family are the first to be scheduled. **It is very important that this form is returned to the school no later than Friday, February 7th, in order to honor the time you requested.** Confirmation of your parent conference will be sent home on Tuesday, February 11th.

A reminder school is dismissed on Thursday, February 13th, at 11:30am for parent conferences. There is extended care for students registered in the extended day program. There will be no school on Friday, February 14th for a teacher in-service day.

Thank you,
Mrs. Donovan

Name of Family_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____

Time & Date preference_____

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Time & Date preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____

Time & Date preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____

Time & Date preference_____

Indicate your preferred date and time for your conference - times should be indicated in 30 minute increments (i.e. 2:00 - 2:30 pm). The conference time per child is 10 minutes unless requested and scheduled otherwise.

Teachers will be on a dinner break from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. There should not be a conference filled in between the time period of 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

SHARP AS A TACK'S

Family Game Night

At St. Hilary School

PLAY WITH PURPOSE

DISCOVER FUN WAYS TO CONNECT AS A FAMILY

FREE night out!

- Discover new ways to connect as a family
- Discover games for strengthening academic weaknesses
- Discover games to keep your brain fit
- Get the kids away from the TV and video games for a night

Monday, February 10th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in
The Vacala Auditorium

**Reserve your seat by completing the bottom of this form or
calling the school office at 773-561-5885 by February 7th.**

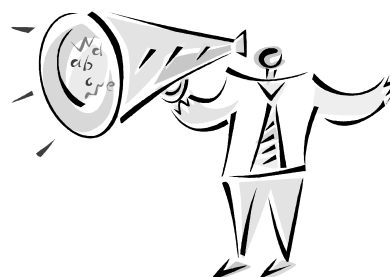
Family Game Night Reservations

Family Name _____

No# of people participating _____

Contact number _____

Attention, Attention, Attention Sports Parents



**St. Hilary Men's Club & St. Hilary Athletics
is looking for donations.**

**Annual Corned Beef Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday March 15, 6 p.m.**

We are looking for anything you wish to donate:

Sports Tickets, Gift Cards

Bottles of Liquor, Restaurant Certificates.

Fundraising ideas ???

Your support is critical to the success of this event!

Miles Conway 773.552.8420

conwaymiles@yahoo.com

Daryl McNabb

damcnabb@sbcglobal.net

**\$ raised from this event will go toward gym bathroom
improvements.**

St. Hilary Men's Club Monthly Meeting

Wednesday Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

"Bring a Bottle Meeting."

Liquor donations for St. Pat's Dinner Sat. March 16, 5 p.m.

Agenda:

Basketball Programs.

Make a Wish Foundation / Party

Cardinal Liquors March 1.

Fish Fry # One March 7.

St. Pat's / Corned Beef Dinner

Sat. March 15.

Dinner:

Pork Roast & "Tommy's Potatoes,"

Green beans, Salad, & Rolls.

St. Hilary Men's Club Supporting St. Hilary Athletics.





Need a Valentine's Day gift idea for the one you LOVE? Make it easy and buy a gift card from 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 is 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* 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 \$ _____

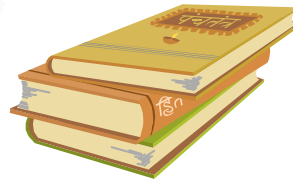
Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary School

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.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

FEBRUARY MEETINGS (3:00-4:00)

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – **THEODORE BOONE** and **IS IT NIGHT OR DAY?** (repeat for junior high)
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – **OUTSIDE OF A HORSE** and **TRUE, SORT OF**
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – **LOVE, AMALIA** and **CRUNCH**
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – **AS SIMPLE AS IT SEEMS** and **WONDERSTRUCK**

YOU MUST COME TO ONE BOOK CLUB MEETING A MONTH

HOW CAN OUR SCHOOL EARN 20% ON A GROCERY PURCHASE

...

MARKET DAY OF COURSE!

Make it easy...



Order by: Fri, 02/07 via the School, Rectory or call!

Online Order deadline: Wed, 02/12 by 11pm

Pick-Up Date/Time: Saturday, February 15th from, 9:30a.m to 10:30a.m

Pick-Up Location: St. Hilary Cafeteria

For Additional Information, Please contact:

Sally Scarpelli (773) 769-1563

Colleen Coleman (773) 784-7152



~ Kindergarten and 1st Grade Girls ~



We are starting a Daisy Girl Scout troop at St. Hilary. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 4 to answer questions.

There is still time this year to participate in the annual cookie sale, camping, holiday celebrations, many girl programs, to earn badges AND to join a program that has been available to girls for over 100 years.

There are many opportunities in girl scouting that encompasses and promotes STEAM, nature, financial understanding, leadership development, service to others and much more. Our Girl Scout Council supports programs in robotics, engineering (NIU engineering program), theatre (behind the scenes at the Lyric Opera House, latest shows), sports (like playing with SKY Chicago, Northwestern female sports team), discovering Chicago (overnighters at Willis Sky deck, Field Museum, Planetarium, and Brookfield Zoo or lunch at American Girl), explore other cultures (learn to dance Bollywood or tea in England), about any interest a girl could have or would want to explore – she can accomplish through scouting.

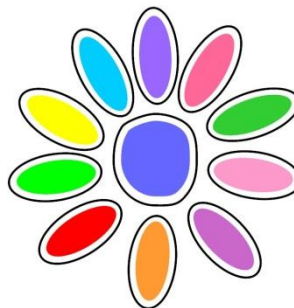
Question: What can a girl do?

Answer: Let us show her H-O-W (Her Own Way)!

Meetings will be held about twice a month, on Tuesdays, from 6:00p-7:00p (time can be negotiated) in the school cafeteria by experience Troop leaders. Also, looking for parents/adult interested in volunteering to co-lead or lead the troop. There is an annual registration fee (\$15.00) and dues (\$12.00), uniform and guidebook, optional and activities.

If you have questions please call Rosa Garcia (773) 719-3408.

~ Brownie (Grade 2-3), Junior (Grade 4-5) and Cadette (Grade 6-8) are also accepting new registrations.~



LAST CALL

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)



If you have children five years of age or older who have not been baptized we invite you to consider taking this important first step in their spiritual journey. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to the practice of the Catholic faith, or have delayed your child's sacramental preparation, **all are welcome.**

Older children who are baptized, but have not yet received First Communion or Reconciliation are also invited to continue their sacramental journey.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Children or RCIC* is a process *parents and children participate in together*. These sessions are designed to form families in the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith and prepare children to receive the sacraments.

We will meet on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 am in the school followed by attendance at the 10:00 Mass from February 23 to April 6. Parents will decide whether their children will be baptized at the Easter Vigil or on a Sunday during the Easter season.

Children who have been baptized and are in first grade or older will also attend religion class at St. Hilary School during the school day *or* Religious Education classes on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 as well. This allows them to complete the required two year preparation process prior to receiving a sacrament.

The fee is \$25.00 per family. If they have already been baptized, parents are asked to provide a copy of their child's baptismal certificate. To register detach and fill out the form below and have your child turn it in to the school office no later than Monday, Feb. 10th

There will be a parent's only meeting for the RCIC on *Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Rectory Dining Room*. If you have any questions contact Dr. Peg Hanrahan at 847-370-0340 or peghanrahan@yahoo.com.

2014 Registration for RCIC

(please print)

Family Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Child's or children's names and age: 1 _____ (____)

2 _____ (____) 3 _____ (____)

Email Address _____

New York Marriage

Take the Eat, Talk Play Challenge Go Ahead. We dare you. Click on the link below and discover 3 simple things you can do immediately to energize your relationship.

<http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/eattalkpray>

6 Benefits of Marriage

1. Married couples are healthier and live longer
2. Married couples are happier, more secure, suffer less from depression and anxiety
3. Married couples are financially more stable
4. Marriage is good for children
5. Marriage is a "seedbed" of pro-social behavior.
6. Marriage generates social capital. The social bonds created through marriage yield benefits not only for the family but for others as well, including the larger society.

Remember

In relationships

- ⇒ 30% of problems are resolvable,
- ⇒ 50-60% are modifiable,
- ⇒ 10-20% need to be accepted and coped with



Take the Five Love Language Quiz!

Take this free, simple quiz, based upon the New York Bestselling book, The 5 Love Languages® by Gary Chapman, with more than five million copies sold. The 5 Love Languages® has helped countless couples identify practical and powerful ways to express love, simply by using the appropriate love language. Many husbands and wives who had spent years struggling through marriages they thought were loveless discovered one or both spouses had long been showing love through messages that weren't getting through. By recognizing their different love languages, they witnessed the rebirth of the love they thought had been gone for good. **Take this quiz and share it with your spouse to identify your primary love language. [Click here.](#)**

John Gottman's Magic 5 to 1 Ratio

Couples should have 5 positive interactions for every negative interaction. In an argument make a point to initiate some positive social interactions to keep the balance. You need the *positive* in order to have *something good to work on*. This is insight useful for all of your interpersonal relationships.

Jenna McCarthy: What you don't know about marriage

In this funny, casual talk from TEDx, writer Jenna McCarthy shares surprising research on how **marriages** (especially happy marriages) really work. One tip: Do not try to win an Oscar for best actress. (Filmed at TEDxAmericanRiviera.)

http://www.ted.com/talks/jenna_mccarthy_what_you_don_t_know_about_marriage.html