



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

September 24, 2014

This weekend Pope Francis appointed Bishop Blase Cupich as the new Archbishop of Chicago. We welcome him and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him as begins this new journey with us. This is also an important time to remember Cardinal Francis George and thank him for his 17 years of ministry to the Archdiocese and continue to pray as he continues his battle against cancer and begins his retirement years.

I am thrilled to introduce Ms. Kelly Lamorena as our new music teacher. It has been a long process in finding the right person to fill this position. I do not take the responsibility of hiring new teachers lightly. Beginning the school year with this position vacant was not an easy decision; however the children and our school are too important to just have the position filled – I needed to find the right person and I have faith that Ms. Lamorena is the right person.

As we began the process of selecting a new pastor last week it was apparent that St. Hilary is blessed with many wonderful people who help our school and parish. Within the past week I have had the pleasure to attend the first Men's Club and Women's Club meeting of the new school year. I would like to thank both of these incredible clubs for allowing me to speak at their meetings and help strengthen the community bond that exists between our parish and our school. I appreciate all their hard work and dedication to our school and parish. Please support the numerous events that they host throughout the year, they are always a lot of fun and there is delicious food!

The board members and family of the Julia Vacala Foundation presented four St. Hilary students with substantial tuition scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year on Tuesday, September 23rd. Julia was a member of St. Hilary Parish and a volunteer at the school. Her eleven children graduated from St. Hilary and became part of the elite alumni known as the Distinguished Graduates. Julia's children continue to honor their mother's volunteering spirit by being generous benefactors of a variety of organizations, one of which is the Vacala Scholarship for St. Hilary School and its students. In addition this year we proudly dedicated our parish auditorium to the memory of Julia Vacala. They have been incredibly generous to our school over the years and we are deeply grateful for their kindness.

Thursday, Sept. 25th is Illinois School Choice Rally Day. There is a large rally scheduled in front of the State of Illinois Building from 10:30 – 11:30. The goal of this rally is to call attention to state legislators for the need for Illinois School Choice and the opportunity to empower parents to select the best school for their own children by entitling them to tax-

credit scholarships, education savings accounts, opportunity scholarships, and tax credits. Each school in the Archdiocese and throughout Illinois has been asked to participate in some way. Our school will be outside the perimeter of the fence on California with signs and posters. If you work downtown and can take some time to attend the rally at the State of Illinois Building your presence is appreciated. See the flyer in today's envelope for more information on how to support parent choice.

School pictures were taken on Sept. 12th; you received an order form with two proofs of your child. These forms must be returned to school by Monday, Sept. 29th.

Our annual Walk-a-thon is on Friday, October 10th. This is a major fund-raiser for our school. Please see all the information in today's envelope for more details.

St. Hilary's Walkathon is a major fundraiser for our school annually raising over \$28,000! All the funds are used to benefit the school directly. Walkathon sponsors help to defray the minimal costs of the Walkathon so that more of the money raised can be used for the school. If you, your company or the company for which you work would like to become a Walkathon sponsor, please complete the Sponsor Agreement in today's envelope.

Dr. Peg Hanrahan will hold a VIRTUS class tonight, Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. It is not too late to sign up for this training. Please sign up for this session at www.virtus.org.

Mark your calendars:

- Thursday, Sept. 25th Illinois School Choice Rally Day – please see information in today's envelope.
- Friday, Sept. 26th – Teacher professional development day, no school for the children
- Tuesday, Sept. 30th – Last day for uniform/gym shorts unless warm weather returns and then an announcement will be made.
- Friday, Oct. 3rd – picture retake day
Football and Volleyball Pep Rally
- Sunday, Oct. 5th – 10:00 a.m. Family Mass

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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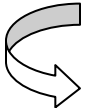
A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF SEPT. 29 – OCT. 3

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MONDAY: September 29th Altar Servers: Sidonie Habert, Daniel Echeverria <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Religious Education classes✓ Lector Club 3:15 – 4:15
TUESDAY: September 30th Altar Servers: Kelly Dinh, Adrian Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Student Council meeting for officers
WEDNESDAY: October 1st Altar Servers: Nuala Kalensky, Chris Keta, Sofia Yunez-Torres <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 1:45 dismissal✓ Faculty Meeting✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
THURSDAY: October 2nd Altar Servers: Ruel Yamat, Isabella Aco <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria
FRIDAY: October 3rd Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Diana Flatsoussis 1st Friday Mass: Jack McNabb, Daniel Dinh <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Picture retake day✓ Volleyball and Football Pep Rally✓ FSA lock-in for 5th – 7th graders 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m.
SATURDAY: October 4th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Lina Pham, Diana Flatsoussis 5:00 p.m. Britney Pham, Lina Pham, Gail Carreon
SUNDAY: October 5th Altar Servers: 8 am Curtis Dinh, Kelly Dinh, Daniel Dinh 10 am Zheous Abalos, Gabriel Atto, Isabella Aco 12 pm Camille Nono, Jack McNabb, Maggie McNabb

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals on Sat. Oct. 4th at 12:00 noon
between the school and the church by the tree.



Family Mass and Rite of Presentation for the children receiving
Reconciliation and Communion at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 5th



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\$1.1 Billion

The estimated amount the approximately 85,000 students in Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties save the state of Illinois on an annual basis. This is the cost it would take to absorb these students into the Illinois public school system.

September 25, 2014 School Choice Rally

10:30am– 11:30am

State of Illinois Building
118 N. Clark St.;
Chicago, IL

10:30am- 11:00am

Rally at local Catholic
school buildings

School Choice Rally
Facebook Page:

<http://bit.ly/SCHOOLCHOICE>

**Sign up to receive this
monthly newsletter at:**

<http://bit.ly/joinpie13>



School Choice

By Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, O.P., Superintendent of Catholic Schools

We are grateful every day that you and your children have found your way to a Catholic school! It speaks to your care. As you know, educating your children is a fundamental parental right and obligation. This right is defined not only by the Church, but by the broader society.

Finding ways for you to be supported in your right to choose a school - even a Catholic or a private school - is constitutional. The movement for school choice is finally getting traction in Illinois. For years we have spoken of this as a dream. As it gets closer to reality, we need your help.

Even before the Illinois legislation is finalized, we are collaborating with other school choice partners in the city and in other Illinois dioceses to flex our muscle and raise awareness with our families and the public. The "RALLY" is our chance to draw attention to this critical issue!

You are warmly invited to the Illinois School Choice Rally on September 25th at the State of Illinois Building (118N Clark St Chicago, Illinois 60601). There will also be mini-rallies throughout the Archdiocese at local schools. It would be wonderful if you could join us downtown on the 25th on your lunch break or join the students and teachers at your school.

If you know an Illinois legislator, by all means invite to either rally. Elbow grease and engagement are what makes our schools tick and we love to show them - and you - off! Please become familiar with some of the school choice options that are available, many of which target middle class families, on the reverse side of this newsletter.





5 Ways to Get Involved

1. Volunteer to be your school's Legislative Action Person. (LAP). The LAP receives announcements from the principal and the Office of Catholic Schools about upcoming legislation and events. The LAP's job is to organize a local response to the information (e.g., contacting legislators, etc.). This will be a crucial step when school choice legislation is developed.
2. Inform yourself about the issues and talk with your fellow parents, neighbors, family members to help educate them about the issue.
3. Help your school take pictures at the school choice rally. Work with the principal in identifying media outlets and local newspapers to get the message out about school choice. Build relationships with those outlets and keep them informed about other school events and school choice news.
4. Work with your principal to develop a presence on social media around the school choice issue.
5. Contact your state legislators and tell them to support school choice.

Possible Avenues for School Choice in Illinois

Tax-Credit Scholarships

Tax-credit scholarships allow taxpayers to receive full or partial tax credits when they donate to nonprofits that provide private school scholarships. Eligible taxpayers can include both individuals and businesses. In some states, scholarship-giving nonprofits also provide innovation grants to public schools and/or transportation assistance to students choosing alternative public schools.

Opportunity Scholarships

Opportunity Scholarships give parents the freedom to choose a private school for their children, using all or part of the public funding set aside for their children's education. Under such a program, funds typically expended by a school district would be allocated to a participating family in the form of a scholarship to pay partial or full tuition for their child's private school, including both religious and non-religious options.

Education Savings Accounts

Education savings accounts allow parents to withdraw their children from public district or charter schools and receive a deposit of public funds into government-authorized savings accounts with restricted, but multiple, uses. Those funds can cover private school tuition and fees, online learning programs, private tutoring, community college costs, and other higher education expenses.

Individual Tax Credits/Deductions

Through individual tax credits and deductions, parents can receive state income tax relief for approved educational expenses, which can include private school tuition, books, supplies, computers, tutors, and transportation.

Online Links

Catholic Conference of Illinois http://www.ilcatholic.org/	Wall Street Journal Article on School Choice http://bit.ly/wsj-sc
Illinois Coalition for Nonpublic Schools http://www.icns.net/	Find your state representative and senator http://bit.ly/Find-Rep
Ed Choice Illinois http://choice4kids.org/	Illinois Policy Institute Article on School Choice http://bit.ly/ipi-sc
School Choice Article by Trey Cobb from Ed Choice Illinois http://bit.ly/eci-sc	



Check out some of the new Gift Cards



SCP has added to our list

TARGET, SUBWAY, ROSS and a few others

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

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 _____

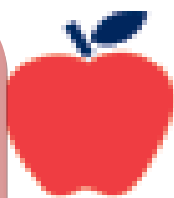
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Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.

**Don't
Miss Out
on Your
Chance to
SAVE!**

Save \$5 off
your \$50
purchase as a
New
Customer,
Promo Code:
FALL FIVE

Earn up to
20% profit
for the
school

**DRIVE
THRU
PICK-UP
THIS
YEAR!**



Market Day.

Make this year easy for breakfast, snack, lunch and dinner by purchasing foods that are as exciting as your kids amazing school year at St. Hilary's. Families now are on the go, CONSTANTLY, why not make it easy by combining frozen goods that will take half the time it normally would and still taste delicious. That way you can sleep more and rush less!

ORDER TODAY:

- School, Rectory or call by Tuesday, **09/23**
- Order online by 11pm, Wednesday, **09/24**



Pick-Up Information:

Saturday, September 27 from 9:30am to 10:30am

Find us on the South East Side of the parking lot or the Saint Hilary's Cafeteria

Questions or Concerns, please contact Sally Scarpelli at (773) 769-1563 or Colleen Coleman at (773) 784-7152



St. Hilary K-8 LunchSmart MenuTM

October 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Get in the Game with School Lunch National School Lunch Week takes place October 13-17. This year's theme is "Get in the Game with School Lunch." It emphasizes the importance of balancing healthy eating with physical activity. School lunches are more nutritious than ever. Menus are developed from science-based research with added culinary flair. We serve more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and limit sodium, fat, and calories. National School Lunch Week was created by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Why not participate by purchasing school lunch?		October 1 Whole-Grain French Bread Pepperoni Pizza California Blend Veggies Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple	October 2 BBQ Turkey Burger Sweet Potato Criss-Cut Fries Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Oat & Honey Goldfish Cracker	October 3 Chili Con Carne with Nacho Chips Refried Beans Corn Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit
October 6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich on Whole-Grain Bread Home-Style Beef Vegetable Soup Oven-Baked Crinkle-Cut Fries Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit	October 7 Turkey Tacos on Ultragrain Tortillas with Garnish Cup & Salsa Refried Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit	October 8 Whole-Grain Chicken Corndog Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple	October 9 Whole-Wheat Pasta with Homemade Meat Sauce Broccoli Florets Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Whole-Grain Breadstick	October 10 WALK A THON
October 13 Whole-Grain Chicken Tenders with BBQ Dipping Sauce Broccoli Florets Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Diced Peaches Whole-Grain Roll	October 14 Ham & Cheese on a Bavarian Pretzel Roll served with Spicy Brown Mustard Mini Potato Pancakes Freshly Made Pickles Rainbow Variety Bar Applesauce Fresh Apple or Orange	October 15 HALF DAY	October 16 HALF DAY	October 17 NO SCHOOL
October 20 Burrito Bowl (featuring ground beef, cilantro-lime brown rice, black beans, corn) with Garnish Cup, Sour Cream & Salsa Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peaches	October 21 Oven-"Fried" Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit Whole-Grain Cinnamon Bun Stix	October 22 Tex-Mex Chili Mac with Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Whole-Grain Garlic Toast California Blend Veggies Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple	October 23 BBQ Chicken Flatbread Baby Carrots Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Oat & Honey Goldfish Cracker	October 24 Mac 'n' Cheese Broccoli Florets Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit Whole-Grain Breadstick
October 27 Southwest Vegetable Quesadilla with Salsa & Sour Cream Marinated Black Bean Salad Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit	October 28 Whole-Wheat Pasta with Homemade Meat Sauce California Blend Veggies Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pears	October 29 Breaded Chicken Sandwich on Whole-Grain Bun Sweet Potato Criss-Cut Fries Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple	October 30 Home-Style Salisbury Steak with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Whole-Grain Roll Whole-Grain Cookie	October 31 NO SCHOOL

ADDITIONAL ENTRÉES OFFERED DAILY

Pizza / Hamburger / Entrée salad

WEEKLY SPECIALS

All-beef hot dog - Week of October 1
 Beefy cheesy nachos with salsa - Week of October 6
 Spicy chicken sandwich - Week of October 13
 Chicken tenders with breadstick - Week of October 20
 Philly cheesesteak sandwich - Week of October 27

Menu is subject to change based on availability and quality of food items

Around the World in a Lunch Period – Germany

The next stop on our Cultural Explorations itinerary is Germany. Reunited since 1990, its official name is the Federal Republic of Germany. Berlin is not only the capital of Germany; it is the largest city in the country. Did you know . . .

- Germany has the largest and most powerful national economy in Europe?
- There are Italian and French influences in German cooking methods because of Germany's geographic location?
- German food staples include pork, beef, poultry, vegetables, potatoes, noodles, and bread?
- The famous Oktoberfest celebration actually starts in late September?

Enjoy a taste of Germany with our special ham and cheese sandwich on a Bavarian pretzel roll, potato pancakes, and freshly made pickles. Guten Appetit!

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St. Hilary School
WALKATHON 2014
October 10th
Celebrating Communities
As We Come to the Table

REQUIRED READING FOR MOMS, DADS & GUARDIANS

This year St. Hilary Elementary School will hold its 16th Annual Walkathon.
The Walkathon is the school's major fundraiser.

<u>GRADE/S</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
PK & K	Destination: HUBS
1 & 2	Destination: Starbucks (Foster & Kedzie)
3 & 4	Destination: Potbelly's
5 & 6	Destination: Oberweis
7 & 8	Destination: Meatheads

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE WALKATHON

1. ***Each FAMILY, NOT STUDENT***, is responsible for a minimum of \$200 in pledges.
2. The student pledge sheet is part of this packet. Students should ask neighbors, relatives, and people they know, etc. to pledge money for the walk. St. Hilary has also included an explanation page students can use when they are seeking pledges.
3. ***Permission slips*** must be signed for each student allowing them to walk with their class. A permission slip is included in this packet and must be signed and returned to the school ***no later than Tuesday, October 7th***.
4. ***IMPORTANT:*** If you choose not to allow your child/ren to walk, you must keep them home the day of the walkathon. Every faculty and staff member will be out chaperoning the walk and there are no accommodations to keep students at school. The walkathon is not only our major fundraiser for the school; it is also an opportunity for all our students to give back to their community through walking for our school. ***In the event that a student is unable to participate in the Walk, alternate service hours will be fulfilled at a later date.***
PLEASE REMEMBER, whether or not your child/ren walk, your family is still responsible for \$200 in pledges.
5. The St. Hilary children are giving back to community businesses that have partnered with us in the past and hopefully again in the future. Walkathon groups will be chaperoned by the classroom teacher as well as 2 or more adults per class.
6. ***Chaperones walking must have completed the Volunteer Application Process for Archdiocesan Schools.***
Please contact the school to be assisted with this process if you have not already done so.
7. In the event of minor injury along the walk, each group will have a first aid kit. If the injury is more serious, each group will also have a cellular phone with which to call the school. A "Toe Truck" will be dispatched from school to go get the injured party and bring him/her back to school for further determination of the injury.
8. Students will be required to walk with a partner and stay on the designated route.
9. Upon completing their portion of the walk, students will return to school.

10. Lunch will be provided by the school. If students choose not to partake in the lunch provided, they must bring a lunch from home.
11. October 10 is a full day of school giving the students plenty of time to get to their destination and return to school. Chaperones are asked to leave the school upon the return of students as this is a full day of school for the students.
12. It is recommended that each student bring a water bottle along on the walk. It is not necessary for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners to bring water bottles.
13. **Walkathon rain date:** In the event of rain, I will make arrangements for representatives from each organization to come to St. Hilary at a later date to meet with the classrooms.

WALKATHON INCENTIVES

1. Every student that walks will receive a Walkathon T-shirt.
2. Every family that brings in \$300 or more – their name will be placed in a raffle to win 1 month's free tuition.
3. The 5 families that bring in the most money will receive a \$100 tuition discount to be given in December.
4. To qualify for any of the family incentives, pledge monies must be in no later than Monday, November 3.
5. All incentives will be awarded no later than Friday, November 14.

PLEDGE MONIES

1. ***Every FAMILY, NOT STUDENT, is responsible for a minimum of \$200 in pledges.***
2. Pledge monies will be tallied on collection days.
3. If the school reaches its collection goal by Monday, November 3rd, there will be no school Wednesday, November 26, giving St. Hilary a 5-day Thanksgiving weekend.

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR WALKATHON PLEDGE

If your minimum \$200 pledge was prepaid or added to your financial obligation (tuition), your family is not responsible for additional monies unless you wish to make a larger donation.

PERMISSION AND PLEDGE SHEETS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th.

"CELEBRATING COMMUNITIES AS WE COME TO THE TABLE"

This year we are not asking families to donate additional items to community agencies. The St. Hilary children are giving back to community businesses that have partnered with us in the past and hopefully again in the future. Each group of students has created a mural depicting the local business. These murals will be presented at each location and proudly displayed as a token of our appreciation. A very special thank you to Mrs. Rhodes who is working with the children to create these memorable murals. We hope you have an opportunity to view them at your convenience.

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

Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

September, 2014

WALKATHON 2014 PERMISSION SLIP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday, October 10, the students of St. Hilary School will be participating in St. Hilary School's 16th Annual Walkathon- ***Celebrating Communities as we come to the Table***. The Walkathon is the major fundraiser for the school, and an opportunity for all our students to give back to the community through walking for our school.

We will begin our day with prayer, receive a blessing from Fr. Dan and Fr. Tom and leave school at approximately 9:00 AM and will be returning to school at various times between 10:00 AM and Noon depending on grade level.

Students should wear comfortable clothing, especially shoes that are suitable for walking. Walkathon T-Shirts will be provided and every student will be required to wear that T-shirt.

Students will return to St. Hilary for lunch and will have a regular 3:00 PM dismissal

Raindate: In the event of rain, the murals will be delivered to the local businesses.

In the event that a student is unable to participate in the walk, alternate service hours will be fulfilled at a later day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE TEACHER NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.

I give my child/ren permission to participate in St. Hilary School's Walkathon on Friday, October 10. I understand that they will be walking to various public restaurants in the neighborhood. They will leave St. Hilary School at 9:00 AM and will return to school between 10:00 AM and 12 Noon depending on their grade level.

They will be served lunch at school and will be dismissed for home at 3:00 PM

CHILD'S NAME _____ RM. _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ RM. _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ RM. _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ DATE _____

Phone Number (in case of emergency) _____

____ YES, I am willing to volunteer that day as: walking chaperone "toe-truck driver" lunch preparation/serving

____ NO, I am unable to volunteer that day

ST. HILARY SCHOOL
WALKATHON 2014



**CELEBRATING COMMUNITIES
AS WE COME TO THE TABLE**

ST. HILARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WALK-A-THON PLEDGE SHEET 2014

STUDENT _____

GRADE _____ ROOM _____

AMOUNT COLLECTED \$ _____
(Extra pledge sheets available in the office)

**PLEDGE SHEETS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH .**

_____ CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A FAMILY PLEDGE AND FULFILLS YOUR FAMILY OBLIGATION OF \$200.00
AND PLEASE ATTACH THE PLEDGE SHEETS OF ALL YOUR CHILDREN

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WALKATHON 2014

October 10



**Celebrating Communities
As We Come to the Table**

SEEKING CLASSROOM SPONSORS

St. Hilary's Walkathon is a major fundraiser for our school annually raising over \$28,000! All the funds are used to benefit the school directly.

Walkathon sponsors help to defray the minimal costs of the Walkathon so that more of the money raised can be used for the school.

If you, your company or the company for which you work would like to become a Walkathon sponsor, please complete the Sponsor Agreement on the reverse side of this announcement and return it to the school as indicated.

***To ensure sponsorship and printing deadlines,
agreements must be received by Monday, September 29th
Deadline is absolute. No exceptions. See other side.***

Thank you for your consideration and your support of St. Hilary's effort!

2014 WALKATHON SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

To ensure sponsorship and meet printing deadlines, agreement must be received by Monday, September 29!

NAME OF COMPANY/ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

The above named company/organization will support the following sponsorship level:

_____ One classroom - \$75.00

_____ Two classrooms - \$150.00

Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary Elementary School

PLEASE NOTE: The sponsorship of a classroom DOES NOT REPLACE each family's obligation of a \$200.00 minimum pledge to the Walkathon.

Sponsorship will include recognition on the Walkathon T-shirts and in all event publicity.

ARTWORK/LOGOS

In order to be utilized, company/organization artwork/logo must be black on white.

If artwork/logo is not provided, St. Hilary School reserves the right to utilize Arial Typestyle to reproduce the name of company/organization as needed.

_____ Yes, artwork/logo is enclosed for reproduction.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Hilary School!

Please return this agreement, check and artwork to:

Kathleen Donovan

Principal

St. Hilary Elementary School

5614 North Fairfield

Chicago, Illinois 60659

Established in 1926, St. Hilary is a Catholic, non-profit elementary school that provides a Catholic Christian atmosphere in which all students are encouraged to strive for individual excellence intellectually and to develop the self-discipline needed in order to contribute positively to our world. St. Hilary provides a quality Catholic Christian education and enhances the educational opportunities for the hundreds of Chicago's children, regardless of race, creed, or sex, who come to be educated at St. Hilary School.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS THAT WORK WITH CHILDREN
AT AN ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH OR SCHOOL
MUST BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT**

Why we do this

1. To make a difference in the lives of children and society at large.
2. To fulfill the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People made by Bishops of the United States in 2002 and revised in 2011
 - a. To uphold the promise we as a Church have made to protect children and youth in our care
 - b. To promote the healing of victims-survivors of sexual abuse.
3. Through the **Office for the Protection of Children and Youth** to share the knowledge we have gained about child protection with educational institutions, other religious denominations, and agencies to make a difference in the lives of children and society at large.

The four steps involved in this process are

1. Complete an eApps online criminal background check application. Go to www.archchicago.org scroll down the left hand side of the page to Protecting Children. Click. Scroll down the left hand side of the page for Quick Links for compliance. Click on eApps. Follow the prompts. The password is **Protection**. You only need to do this once.
2. Read and sign the Signed Acknowledgement **Form** Download a copy off the Archdiocesan Website (see above). Once signed turn this into your School Principal, DRE or Pastor. This is kept on file at your parish/school. This step is completed *every year* you volunteer.
3. Complete the CANTS Form - This is the *Department of Children & Family Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System Form*. Download off the Archdiocesan website (see instructions under # 1). A Copy of the completed form is kept at your parish/school and the original is mailed to DCFS in Springfield by their Virtus Site Coordinator. This form is signed and submitted *every year* you volunteer. Give to your School Principal, DRE, or Pastor.
4. Attend the Virtus Training Session for **Adults** - you only need to do this once. **You need to sign-up on line** prior to attending the session. The next Virtus Training offered at St. Hilary will be on Wednesday, September 24, 7-10 pm in the Church.
 - a. Go to **VIRTUS® Online** (www.virtus.com) - you can click on this link and it should bring you to the webpage. Once at the webpage look at the left hand column (it will show up in Green) under login you will see the word Registration in Yellow. **Click on it.**
 - b. Next screen find two options - **click begin the registration process.**
 - c. Next screen see the command Please select your Archdiocese/Diocese/Religious Organization from the list below: In the box below that command see: **Select Your Organization. Click** on those words and a drop

down menu will appear listing all the Organizations that use *Virtus*. **Scroll down to *Chicago, IL (Archdiocese)* Click on it.**

- d. ***Chicago, IL (Archdiocese)*** will appear in the box. Look to the right and **click on the word Select**
- e. Next screen. **The command *Please create a user id and password that you will use to access your account* will appear.** Type some form of your name in the box. Remember to write it down in case you forget later. The **second box has you create a password**. It will be case sensitive and it is usually good to have a word and some letters - i.e. 123protect. Type your password in the box and write it down somewhere so you will remember it. **Click Continue**
- f. Next screen has you enter your demographic info - fill in all the boxes with the red asterisks. **Click Continue.**
- g. Next screen see the command - ***Please select the primary location where you work, volunteer, or worship.*** Ignore the line in red that follows. Go to the box after the words primary location. **Click on Please select.** Scroll down till you reach *St Hilary (Chicago)* - the list is alphabetical - **Click on *St. Hilary (Chicago)*** and then **click Continue.**
- h. Next screen asks you Do you work, volunteer or worship... **click appropriate answers. Click Continue**
- i. Next screen see the command ***Please select the roles that you play within your diocese*** - Click the appropriate box on the left hand side and type your answer into the box **(you must do both). Click Continue**
- j. Next screen **Click Continue**
- k. Next screen asks you three questions - **answer the questions by clicking on the Yes or No boxes.** The middle box will be Yes. **Click Continue**
- l. Next screen asks you if you have attended a session **click No**
- m. Next screen asks you to click on the session you want to attend. Scroll down to *St. Hilary (Chicago)*. Sessions are listed alphabetically by date and time. **Click the gray button in session you want to attend.** A box will open asking you if this is the session you want to attend. **Click YES.** This should be the end but you may have one more prompt to complete.

This looks complicated on paper, but the website is very intuitive. This takes about 5 minutes to do.

5. Follow-up consists of reading a monthly bulletin that come to you via email. These bulletins keep you informed of the ongoing research in this area and help you do what you can to protect the children in your care. You read the bulletins, answer a question at the end.