



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 7, 2015

Happy 2015! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. I am looking forward to a wonderful new year for St. Hilary School.

I am incredibly thankful to Mr. Carl Chadek and Ms. Kelly Lamorena for organizing our 2nd Annual St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert. The concert was a huge success and we received numerous compliments on the warm holiday spirit that was felt by everyone who attended. Thank you to all of our amazing children, talented musicians and singers who made this event so memorable.

Thank you also to the Advent Committee for preparing the Advent/Christmas Prayer Service on Dec. 19th. Also, thank you for all their time and efforts in organizing all the events and projects throughout Advent.

Thank you to Dr. Peg Hanrahan and all the children who participated in 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.

Congratulations to Ms. Montemurro, one of our 1st grade teachers, who has been nominated for the Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award. Her dedication to our children and her passion for teaching certainly warrants this nomination.

Friday, January 16th marks the half way point of the 2nd trimester. Please be vigilant with your financial obligations. Parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled for Friday, January 23rd. 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 Wednesday, January 14th. You will receive notification if a teacher has requested to see you regarding your child's progress on Friday, January 9th. 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. Confirmation of schedule times will be sent home on Tuesday, January 20th. If you have any questions on this process please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

On Saturday, January 10th 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.

As winter is now upon us please remember to dress your child appropriately. As stated in our handbook we will have indoor recess if the temperature is 25 degrees or below real or with wind chill. Snow boots have certainly been a necessity these past couple of days; please remember to send a pair of shoes with your child so that they can change out of their boots. Wearing these boots all day is not healthy or comfortable, also they track snow and salt throughout the school and classrooms where children often sit on the floor for activities. There will be boot trays outside of each class so that the boots can dry out until the end of the day. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

I would like to call your attention to a few things in this week's envelope.

1. A letter regarding free and reduced lunches. If your child/ren does not already receive free/reduced lunch and you have not previously applied I encourage you to complete this form so that an application can be sent home with your child. Providing your child with a hot meal at a reduced cost is a benefit that we can share with you to help reduce any financial difficulties one may have.
2. I am looking for parents to help me with a new program, St. Hilary Parent Ambassadors. We all know what an incredible place St. Hilary's is, I need you to help me spread the message and let others know all about us. Please read the flyer enclosed and contact me if you are interested. I thank you in advance for your time and continued dedication to St. Hilary.
3. The National Catholic Educational Association is working towards improved federal policies which will impact Catholic schools. They are encouraging everyone involved in Catholic education to subscribe to NCEA. This subscription is free and will keep you updated on important information.
4. Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the Recycling Contest. The amount of plastic and aluminum that we have saved is overwhelming but we have a long way to go. The St. Hilary classroom contest ends on Friday; however the Pepsico Challenge will continue until April. This is our chance to win up to \$50,000.00 to help cover the cost of providing a quality Catholic education to each of our children. Keep recycling, it is certainly appreciated!

Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, January 7 - 1:45 dismissal
- Sunday, January 11 Family Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 13 – the Feast of St. Hilary, all school mass 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 15, 2014 – 1st Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Friday, January 16 – 8th grade Graduation pictures taken

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 780 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 12 - 16

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MONDAY: January 12th Altar Servers: L. Sirgiovanni, Z. Abalos <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Religious Education classes✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:50 a.m. in Room 109✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109
TUESDAY: January 13th Altar Servers: W. Lopez, L. Nguyen, D. Dinh <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Student Council meeting for officers✓ Feast of St. Hilary - 8:30 all school liturgy✓ Board of Specified Jurisdiction Meeting 7:00 p.m. in rectory
WEDNESDAY: January 14th Altar Servers: G. Carreon, C. Portokalis <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria✓ Cadet band 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109
THURSDAY: January 15th Altar Servers: M. Cabrera, M. Crowe <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:50 a.m. in Room 109✓ Choir 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109✓ First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
FRIDAY: January 16th Altar Servers: T. Dang, J. Grahf <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 8th Grade Graduation pictures taken
SATURDAY: January 17th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. I. Aco, S. Yunez-Torres 5:00 p.m. L. Sirgiovanni, J. Sirgiovanni, S. Habert SUNDAY: January 18th Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. G. Carreon, B. Ho, L. Nguyen 10:00 a.m. M. Oquendo, S. Oquendo, B. Ancelet 12:00 Noon C. & K. Buenaventura, D. Flatsoussis

No School on Monday, January 19th – Martin Luther King Day



Saint Hilary School

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January 7, 2015

Dear School Families,

This year St. Hilary will be scheduling our parent teacher student conferences which will be held on Friday, January 23rd 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 January 14th. 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 Wednesday, January 14th, in order to honor the time you requested.** Confirmation of your parent conference will be sent home on Tuesday, January 20th.

A reminder school is dismissed on Friday, January 23rd, at 11:30am for parent conferences. There is extended care for students registered in the extended day program.

Thank you,
Mrs. Donovan

Name of Family_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time 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.

ANNOUNCING!!!

NEW

The St. HILARY Parent Ambassador Program

2014 - 2015

THIS PROGRAM IS:

- a new way to communicate with St. Hilary families
- a recruitment opportunity to share St. Hilary with others
- encourages involvement in St. Hilary activities
- offers assistance for St. Hilary parents navigating challenges that may arise each year

PARENT AMBASSADORS ARE:

- a resource for prospective, new, and current St. Hilary families in need of information
- a way to create unity within the St. Hilary family by making sure everyone is up-to-date on school-wide events with personal contact ahead of time

PARENT AMBASSADORS WILL:

- make periodic phone calls and e-mails to prospective and new families to see how students and families are adjusting to St. Hilary
- guide new families through the transition to St. Hilary
- attend school-wide events to meet new families and introduce them to current families
- assist current families with any new questions that arise throughout the year
- visit parishes without schools or with closing schools
- provide tours to prospective families
- work in conjunction with our Family & School Association

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

If you are interested in serving as a Parent Ambassador please RSVP to Mrs. Donovan at or email Donovan@sthilarychicago.org

Catholic Schools Week begins Jan. 25th – I need you to help us grow our school and the time is now!

Top 5 Reasons To Become A Parent Ambassador

- 5 . You will meet a lot of great new friends.
4. It is a great way to earn participation hours.
3. You will learn things about the school that you never knew.
2. You will be playing an active role in the growth of the school.
1. You will get a cool St. Hilary shirt.

Recycling Competition Is Still On!



There are still 2 more days left to help Santa recycle old year's plastic and aluminum cans. The final amount will be tallied this Friday, January 9.

Recycle Winners: The classroom that brings in the most items will be given an "out of uniform" day

A specific date for "out of uniform" will be determined by Mrs. Donovan in the near future.

*If any family needs service hours the next few days, contact Maestra Busscher via email to help out with sorting and delivery.

busscher@sthilarychicago.org

Santa will only accept #1 plastic items and aluminum soda cans

No milk jugs/cartons

No paper

No cardboard

No aluminum baking cans

No tin foil

No trash

No plastic bags

No glass





MAKE YOUR 2015 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*

KATHY ERNST @ email_ernst@sthilarychicago.org

CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:

CERTIFICATE ORDERS RECEIVED BY FRIDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK:

RESTAURANTS:

Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10 ____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
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 ____
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 (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10 ____

SPECIALTY:

AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4.5% rebate)	\$9 ____
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20 ____
I Tunes (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Mobil/Exxon (0.50% rebate)	\$50 ____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$25 ____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$100 ____
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .49¢ (0% rebate)	8.8 ____

RETAIL:

Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Best Buy (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100 ____
Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marshall's/T J Maxx(3.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20 ____
Old Navy,Gap,Banana Republic (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Ross (5% 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 \$_____

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

RESTAURANTS:

	\$10 ____
	\$10 ____
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)	\$10 ____
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Red Robin (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

SPECIALTY:

Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
B P Gas (.50% rebate)	\$50 ____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20 ____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

RETAIL:

Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Build A Bear (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Express (5.0% rebate)	\$25 ____
Foot Locker (4% 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 (1.00% rebate)	\$25 ____
Target (1.00% rebate)	\$100 ____

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

NAME _____

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____

SEND WITH STUDENT * _____

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary 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.

ROOM # _____

Volunteers needed

The FSA is looking for helping hands at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 25, in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to set up, greet, cook, serve and tidy up. This is a fantastic way to get to know others in the St. Hilary community, welcome prospective families, and earn service hours.

Available times and opportunities

Set up	7 – 9 a.m.
Greeters	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cooks	8 a.m. – 10 a.m. 10 a.m. – noon
Servers	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Clean up	Noon – 2 p.m.

How to volunteer

Return the form below by Friday, Jan. 23,
contact Maria Hench (773-620-0642 at mariahench@gmail.com),
or signup online via SignUp Genius at <http://goo.gl/TEvrjY>

*** Please bring your service hour cards so you receive credit for volunteering.*

I'd like to volunteer for the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

I can help ___ set up ___ greet ___ cook ___ serve ___ clean up

If you checked "greet," "cook," and/or "serve," what time(s) can you volunteer?

Please return this form by Friday, Jan. 23. Thank you for your volunteer service!

Market Day Time!

Start FRESH with the New Year by making a purchase that contains the perfect blend of delicious and easy. Market Day will allow you to maintain that New Year's resolution by preparing meals that are easy to make and easy to store!! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR??

Pick-up: School Parking Lot

Entrance Door #6

When: Saturday, January 31

Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Order Deadline: School by Friday 01/23

Internet orders by 11 p.m, Tuesday 01/27





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Announcement

January 5, 2015

Dear Friend of Catholic Education,

The start of the 114th Congress in January offers a new and promising opportunity to get ESEA (No Child Left Behind) improved and reauthorized. The House and Senate are both expected to reintroduce bills to reauthorize ESEA as early as late January and early February. We will be working closely with USCCB and our other partners to ensure that the proposed bills include provisions which improve equitable participation, including technical fixes for the issue of “set asides” being taken off the top prior to calculation of our equitable participation.

USCCB, with the support of NCEA, is organizing advocacy efforts and will be leading Congressional visits on January 29, 2015 and February 12, 2015. These visits will include some superintendents, Catholic Conference directors, diocesan public policy directors as well as members of USCCB, NCEA, and CAPE.

In order to maximize the impact of these Congressional visits and to ensure that the Catholic school community across the country has a voice in these important discussions, we are asking that you encourage your teachers, parents, and the entire educational community to join the [subscription list](http://cqrcengage.com/catholicbishops/catholic-education) at <http://cqrcengage.com/catholicbishops/catholic-education> so that we can build a robust and coordinated grassroots response to federal policies which impact Catholic schools.

The Secretariat of Catholic Education will use the CQ Engage System to notify people about the virtual and social media advocacy efforts at the appropriate time and provide an opportunity for advocacy through electronic letters, e-mail, phone calls, and social media.

NCEA is happy to partner with the Secretariat of Catholic Education to ensure our parents', teachers' and students' voices are heard on Capitol Hill! Thank you for what you can do to foster this important initiative.

Sincerely,
Robert R. Bimonte, FSC
NCEA President



Men's Club Candlelight Bowling



Saturday, January 24th

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lincoln Square Lanes

\$50.00 / couple

Includes bowling and dinner

(Dinner only: \$10.00)

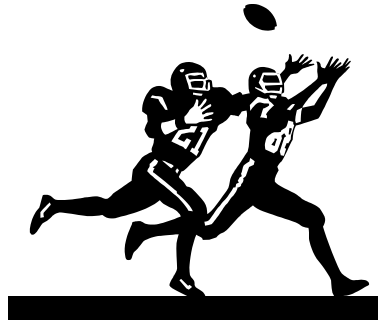
Cash bar and shoes extra

RSVP/Contact Miles Conway

773-552-8420

conwaymiles@yahoo.com





St. Hilary Men's Club
"The Big Game" Gathering
Sunday Feb. 1, 2015
School cafeteria

Ladies welcome

\$40/person \$60/couple

2:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm

Family & Friends welcome
Games of chance
Snacks and dinner served
Game on large screen
and HD television

