

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

November 4, 2015

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team! They won the Championship game at Queen of Angels against St. Benedict on Monday. We are very proud of you – great teamwork. Thank you to Coach Ehrenberg for all of his time and expertise!

Congratulations to our Respect Life poster and essay contest winners, they are: Melody, Ethan, Zheous, Kelsoe, Deni, Anastasia, Andrew, Caitlin, and Sally. Each child received a monetary prize for the Respect Life Committee. The theme this year was "Every life is worth living". The posters and essays are on display in the vestibule of church, take a look the next time you are at mass.

Our Student Council will begin our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 9<sup>th</sup>. During this season we are asked to stop and thank God for all that we have, much we of which we take for granted. Please consider donating food items to allow those less fortunate than us to enjoy a warm meal not only on Thanksgiving but throughout the year. This year we will be donating to the St. Hilary Food Pantry and Vital Bridges, a local community organization that fights hunger and poverty.

Deacon Juan Ramirez will hold a VIRTUS class on Thurs. December 3 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to volunteer for any school or parish events must complete this training. Please sign up for this session at <a href="https://www.virtus.org">www.virtus.org</a>.

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. Fr. Aloy and Fr. Tom are inviting families to take part in the lighting of the Advent wreath for all of the Masses each Sunday in Advent. Please see the flyer in today's envelope if you are interested.

In today's envelope you will find the St. Hilary Spirit wear order form. All orders must be placed on or before November 18th. No orders will be accepted after that date. Please note that the ½" zippered sweatshirts will be allowed as part of the school uniform and the black sweatpants can be worn for gym. The hooded sweatshirt will only be allowed on out of uniform days. These items will not be available again until next year so do not wait to order them.

#### Thank you:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Trunk or Treat by decorating your vehicles and passing out treats. It was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to keep our campus safe on Halloween.

Thank you to our amazing 8<sup>th</sup> graders who hosted our annual Halloween Fun Fair. All the children and adults had a great time and appreciate all the time you put into the day. Thank you to Mrs. Hopkins and Ms. Rath for their guidance.

Thank you to Mrs. Ewen and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for helping us remember those who have gone before us. They dressed as saints for our All Saints Day liturgy today and shared information about their saint. Great job! As Pope Francis reminds us, "We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world without being callous or mundane. We need saints".

Thank you to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th graders who enjoyed a field trip yesterday and represented St. Hilary with respect and kindness to each other. I received wonderful reports from their teachers, thank you for making us so proud of you.

Thank you for all of your efforts as we continue to compete in the PepsiCo Recycling Challenge. Last year we finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the country and this year our goal is to be #1. So far this year, we have recycled approximately 19,504 containers (or 1,021 pounds), which is 20% of our school goal for this year. Through our recycling efforts this year, we have conserved 241 gallons of gas. We have also averted Greenhouse Gasses resulting in saving 39 trees. Please continue to let your family and friends know to save all #1 plastic bottles/containers and non-alcoholic aluminum cans.

#### **Help Wanted:**

I am looking for a cafeteria supervisor from Nov. 9 – mid February. The hours are 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. A modest salary accompanies this position. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Donovan immediately. This person must be Virtus trained and have all volunteer paperwork submitted. Thank you for considering this position.

The end of the first academic trimester is November 20th. Please make sure your financial obligations to Saint Hilary are taken care of in a timely manner in the next two weeks. If you have experienced a change in circumstances please contact Mrs. Donovan to make adjustments to your bill and arrange a payment plan. Per board policy, students whose tuition and fees have not been kept up to date will be subject to exclusion on Tuesday, November 24th. If your account is current, I thank you!

Congratulations to a Diana Wolf, Class of 2015 for earning honor roll status at De La Salle Institute for the first quarter! We are so proud of you, keep up the great work!

#### **Coaches and Volunteers:**

Volunteers/Coaches are required by Archdiocesan policy to complete a file, which includes: Form 7703 Archdiocesan Application for Employment or Volunteer Service

- Criminal Background Check -eAppsDB online application
- CANTS 689 form (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System)
- Code of Conduct: read signed and dated
- Safe Environment Training: Virtus/Protection God's Children and Youth

I am extremely grateful for the gifts of time and talent that our volunteers offer our children. *If you have completed this process in previous years you need only to renew the CANTS form and Code of Conduct.* 

#### Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner flyer
- Student Council Food Drive flyer
- Spiritwear Order Form
- FSA Craft Fair and Meeting flyers

#### Mark your calendars:

- Fri. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> No School, teacher in-service day
- Sat. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation 11:00 a.m. in church all are welcome. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.
- Wed. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Family School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Fri. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> No School, teachers at Catechetical Conference
- Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner

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

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school 773-561-5885 or by email <a href="mailto:donovan@sthilarychicago.org">donovan@sthilarychicago.org</a>.

Gratefully,

*Mrs. Kathie Donovan*Mrs. Kathie Donovan
Principal

#### A Peek at the Week

#### WEEK OF: NOVEMBER 9 - 13

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

#### MONDAY: November 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Servers: Gabby, Isabella A., Johnny

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- $\checkmark$  Cadet Band 7 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Concert Band 3 4 p.m.
- ✓ Running club
- ✓ Yoga class 3:00 3:45 in the gym

#### **TUESDAY**: November 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Servers: Truc, Gail, Tam

- ✓ Student Council meeting for officers 3:00 3:45
- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 in Room 108

#### **WEDNESDAY**: November 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Servers: Brandon, Chris K., Christine N.

- ✓ 8:30 all school mass
- ✓ Cadet Band 7 7:45 a.m
- ✓ Family School Association meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

#### **THURSDAY:** November 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Servers: Ruel, Toni, Sabrina

- ✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 4:00 p.m. in Room 109
- ✓ Concert Band 7 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 in Room 108

#### FRIDAY: November 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Servers: Zheous, Sidonie, Zachary

✓ No School – teacher in-service day

Please support the Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>!

Come join us as we celebrate and thank Mary Lou Miller at the spaghetti dinner!





#### Thanksgiving Food Drive



During the season of Thanksgiving, our school and parish support the people that are less fortunate in our community. Student Council is asking St. Hilary students to collect food items to give to those in need through the food pantries at **St. Hilary Parish and Vital Bridges**. Vital Bridges is a local community organization that fights hunger and poverty.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will run from **Monday, November 9**<sup>th</sup> **until Friday November 20**<sup>th</sup>. Please bring the items to your homeroom teacher. Students can bring in soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats, or boxed foods. (cereal,pasta, Mac and Cheese, etc.)

#### PLEASE NO PERISHABLE ITEMS!!

Please bring in your donations to help make this season brighter for the many less fortunate families in Chicago.

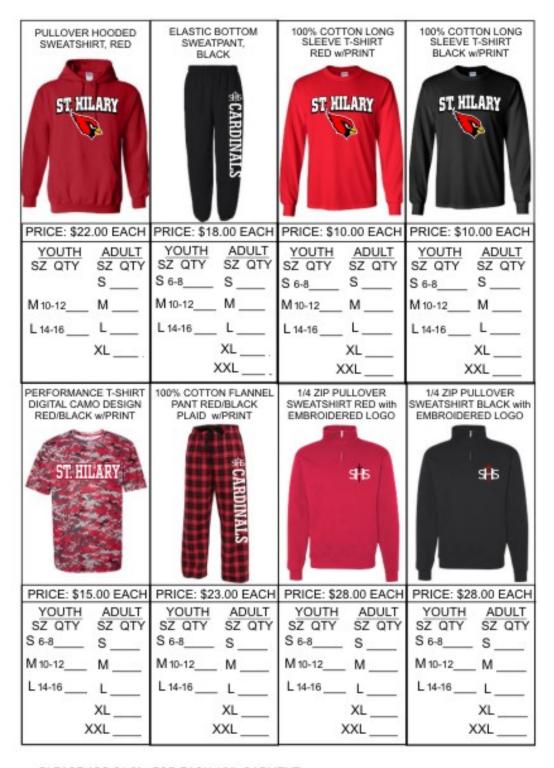
Students can earn money at home to buy these items. Some examples are:

- 1. Saving change
- 2. Raking leaves
- 3. Using their allowance

This year we are connecting our food drive to a Star Wars theme. Each room will have a character from the movie and will keep track of their donations on their own light saber!



#### ST. HILARY SPIRITWEAR ORDER - FALL 2015



PLEASE ADD \$1.50 FOR EACH XXL GARMENT

STUDENT'S NAME	TEACHER/GRADE	TOTAL ITEMS	St. Hilary School
			ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 20th!!
PHONE NUMBER		TOTAL \$ AMOUNT	SORRY! THERE ARE NO RETURNS/EXCHANGES

MAKE CHECKS DAVABLE TO:

The St. Hilary Men's Club cordially invites you to its Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00 pm

School Cafeteria



Dinner Complementary
For all St. Hilary Parishioners and School Families

Cash Bar

**Donations Appreciated** 



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Purchase SCP for that special confirmation gift!

Bonus Rebate Offers in November: Payless ShoeSource (9%) Oct 24<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Lands' End (8%) Oct 31<sup>st</sup> thru Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Lettuce Entertain You (9%) Oct 31<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. Note: Subway Golden Gift card Giveaway Oct 31<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, and Bath and Body Works Giveaway Oct 31<sup>st</sup> thru Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### \*ORDER EARLY TO ASSURE CERTIFICATE AVAILABILITY\*

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

You can now use your rebate towards reducing your tuition, your book fee, purchase gym uniforms, after school care, or add to your lunch card and as always you can buy more certificates, or donate your rebate to the school which would be used towards the school technology program

- USE THEM TO SHOP INSTEAD OF CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT.
- ST. HILARY RECEIVES A COMMISSION ON EACH CERTIFICATE SOLD.
- ❖ WE WILL SPLIT THAT COMMISSION "50-50" ON YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE FOR EACH QUARTER. IT CAN BE USED TOWARDS TUITION, BUY MORE CERTIFICATES OR DONATE IT TO THE SCHOOL.
- \* "FACTS" PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE SCP PROGRAM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCP\* Email KATHY ERNST @ ernst@sthilarychicago.org

#### CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:

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

RESTAURANTS:		RETAIL:	
		Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10
Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10	Best Buy (1.5% rebate)	\$25
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25	Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10	Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10	Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25
I Hop (4%rebate)	\$25	Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25
Kentucky Fried Chicken (4.5% rebate)	\$5	Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate)	\$25	Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25
Lou Malnatis (3.5% rebate)	\$25	Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25
Olive Garden/Red Lobster (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	Marshall's/T J Maxx(3.5% rebate)	\$25
Pizza Hut (4% rebate)	\$10	Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20
Starbucks Coffee (3.5% rebate)	\$10	Old Navy,Gap,Banana Republic (2% rebate)	\$25
Subway (1.5% rebate)	\$10	Ross (5% rebate)	\$25
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10	Toy-R-Us (1.5% rebate)	\$20
		Walgreens (3% rebate)	\$25
SPECIALTY:		Wal-mart (1.25% rebate)	\$25
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25		
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4.5% rebate)	\$9		
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20		
Tunes (1.5% rebate)	\$25		
Mobil/Exxon (0.50% rebate)	\$50		
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$25		
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$100	ST. HILARY GIFT CERTIFICATE	
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CERTIFICATE ORDERS (FROM BOTTOM SECTION)	RECEIVED BY FRIDAY W	ILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK:	
RESTAURANTS:	\$10	RETAIL:	
Destroy Market (CFO( selects)	\$10	Dead Book C. Bernard (200 enhance)	625
Boston Market (6.5% rebate)	\$10	Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings (3.5% rebate)	\$25	Build A Bear (4% rebate)	\$25
Eduardo's Pizza (4% rebate)	\$10	Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25
Houlihan's (4% rebate)	\$25	CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25
Mrs. Fields Cookies (9% rebate)	\$10	Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25	Express (5.0% rebate)	\$25
Red Robin (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Foot Locker (4% rebate)	\$25
		Hair Cuttery (4% rebate)	\$10
SPECIALTY:		J C Penneys (2% rebate)	\$25
		Land's End (7% rebate)	\$25
Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10	Lane Bryant (4% rebate)	\$25
B P Gas (.50% rebate)	\$50	Mario Tricoci (4% rebate)	\$25
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20	Menard's (1.5% rebate)	\$25
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25	Office Max (2.5% rebate)	\$25
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10	Payless Shoes (6.5% rebate)	\$10
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Pier 1 Imports (4.5% rebate)	\$20
	,	Pottery Barn/Wm. Sonoma (4% rebate)	\$25
		Shutterfly (4.5% rebate)	\$25
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Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.			

#### **Advent Wreath Lighting**

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. Each of the four candles on the wreath represents an aspect of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Third Sunday of Advent, often called Gaudete Sunday, is represented by a rose colored candle. "Gaudete" is a Latin term for "rejoice" and, in this case, it is a reminder to rejoice that the time of Jesus' birth is near. During the season of Advent, candles are lit successively for each of the four Sundays of this penitential season.

Fr. Aloy and Fr. Tom are inviting families to take part in the lighting of the Advent wreath for all of the Masses each Sunday in Advent. Each family is asked to arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass. Choose your seat in the congregation. Leave your coats in the pew. Then return to the back of church to be part of the entrance procession. As you come to the sanctuary, bow and then walk up and stand near the Advent wreath. The wreath will be lit during the Kyrie. The candles are numbered. When the Cantor begins to sing, take the flame from one of the candles on the Altar and light candle #1 for the First Sunday of Advent, candles #1 and #2, for the Second Sunday, and so on. When the priest moves to the presider's chair you will return to your pew.

Please complete this form and return it to the school office or rectory. You will be notified of your assigned date. Thank you for your participation during this special time of the Church Year.

Fr. Aloy Fr. Tom Mrs. Donovan Deacon Ramirez

Family Name		Phone	E-mail
Please choose you	ır Mass dates & times:	:	
Sat. Nov. 28 Sun. Nov. 29	5:00 p.m 8:00 a.m 10:00 a.m 12:00 noon		
Sat. Dec. 5 Sun. Dec. 6	5:00 p.m 8:00 a.m 10:00 a.m 12:00 noon		
Sat. Dec. 12 Sun. Dec. 13	5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon		
Sat. Dec. 19 Sun. Dec. 20	5:00 p.m 8:00 a.m 10:00 a.m 12:00 noon		



The Family & School Association is presenting a

# Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sun., Nov. 22 • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. St. Hilary School Gym

More than 25 crafters and vendors will be here to help you with your Christmas list!

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find:

\*Wood ornaments \* Handmade gift items and creations \*

\* Pampered Chef \* Tastefully Simple \* Sentsy \*

\* Orbonne \* Tupperware \* Premiere Jewelers \*



## Family & School Association

### \*\* MONTHLY MEETING\*\*

Wednesday, Nov. 11
7 - 8 p.m.
School cafeteria

(enter through gym doors on California Avenue)

Come to the November meeting of the St. Hilary Family & School Association! Mix and mingle with other St. Hilary parents while getting updates and helping plan the FSA's winter events and activities. We welcome your questions, ideas, energy and expertise.

This meeting is open to all parents and guardians.