



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

December 9, 2015

Congratulations to Mrs. Castle and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Salem. She was born on Mon. Dec. 7th at 8:09 a.m. We are so happy to welcome Salem to our St. Hilary family!

How many of you find yourselves struggling with the perfect present to buy for someone and then decide on a gift card? I know I certainly do. This year please consider purchasing your gift cards through St. Hilary School. Enclosed in today's envelope is an order form. If you are looking for a store that is not on the list, please do not hesitate to call the school office and ask if they are available. There are more stores than we could possibly fit on the flyer. You earn rebates and the school receives a profit at no additional cost to you! All orders must be placed by Monday, Dec. 14th at noon. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Tomorrow, December 10th our 2nd graders will be making their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this important sacrament.

Thank you:

We all enjoyed the Resurrection/Notre Dame Holiday Concert last Friday. The children were wonderful and are always a pleasure to take places as they are fine representatives of our school. They make us very proud and hope that they enjoyed this special holiday treat.

Thank you to the Family School Association for the festive Family Christmas Party last Friday evening. The evening included crafts, pizza, hot chocolate, bingo, raffles and a special visit from Santa. This evening would not have been possible without the FSA Committee; Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Hench. Thank you to Mrs. Czuba for the bingo prize donations. Thank you to all our parent volunteers for helping make this evening possible.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Annual Teachers' Christmas Fund. Monday, December 14th is the last day to turn in your donations. Please know that your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Reminder:

Last week you received a flyer in your Wednesday envelope regarding children's participation in the Christmas pageant at the 5:00 mass on Christmas Eve. This pageant is a very special St. Hilary tradition that will not be possible without our children participating. I ask that you please consider attending this mass and allowing your child to be an important part of the telling of the story of Jesus' birth.

Deacon Ramirez will be training any student in 5th – 8th grade who would like to join the lector club. The training will be after school on Wed. Dec. 9 and 16 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Students should let their teacher know if they are interested.

Just a reminder, once you have completed the Virtus training, required for all employees, volunteers, and coaches it is imperative that you complete the monthly bulletins that are sent to you via email. Failure to complete these bulletins will lead to an inactive or suspended status. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- Christmas Fund reminder
- Christmas Pageant flyer
- FSP flyer
- Job opportunities

Mark your calendars:

- December 10th – First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders 7:00 p.m. in the church, please keep them in your prayers!
- December 14th – Christmas Fund contributions are due!
- December 15th – Wear your ugly Christmas sweater day!
- December 17th – St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- December 18th – 11:30 dismissal Christmas vacation begins. School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2016.

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.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school 773-561-5885 or by email donovan@sthilarychicago.org.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

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Principal

A Peek at the Week

Week of **DECEMBER 14 - 18**

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



Third Week of Advent - Joy



MONDAY: December 14th

Altar Servers: Maggie, Gail, Thao

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Concert Band 3 – 4 p.m.
- ✓ Yoga class 3:00 – 3:45 in the gym

TUESDAY: December 15th

Altar Servers: Roswell, Toni, Liam

- ✓ No Student Council meeting
- ✓ Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater to school today!

WEDNESDAY: December 16th

Altar Servers: Daniel, Joey, volunteer

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy – Simbang Gabi celebration
- ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Lector Club 3:00 – 4:00 in church

THURSDAY: December 17th

Altar Servers: Willy, Sidonie, Christine L.

- ✓ School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in church
- ✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109
- ✓ Concert Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ All school rehearsal in church immediately following morning mass

FRIDAY: December 18th

Altar Servers: Isabella, Nathan, Nora

- ✓ 11:30 dismissal
- ✓ Advent Prayer Service 10:45 in church – All are welcome!



**Wishing you and your family
a very Blessed Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year!**

All are welcome to celebrate Jesus' birth at
the 5:00 children's mass on December 24th!

School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2016

UGLY SWEATER DAY!!



It's Christmas time! What's one of the best things about Christmas besides the birth of Jesus and time with family? The ugly Christmas sweaters of course! We will be having an ugly sweater day next Tuesday, December 15!! This is your chance to shine! Wear the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find! If you choose to participate you may wear jeans or uniform pants with your sweater. If not, you will need to come in uniform! So...keep your eyes open for the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find!



"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud
for all to hear!"- Buddy the Elf.

Bring Us Light St. Hilary Christmas Concert

When: Thursday, December 17th 7:00pm
6:30pm call time for students

Where: St. Hilary Church

Who: ALL St. Hilary students are performing! Parents, friends, relatives, prospective families, and everyone are invited!

Dress: Nice, Semi-Formal clothes. Dresses, dress shirts, slacks, ties, blouses, skirts, suits, etc. Dress shoes and Christmas colors are encouraged. All school dress code rules apply. NO JEANS!

This is a MANDATORY event. If your child cannot attend please send a note or an email to Ms. Lamorena at lamorena@sthilarychicago.org by Monday, Dec. 14.

Your child will complete an alternate assignment

Make sure you check out our Facebook event! Spread the word and use our hashtag to spread the excitement!

#SHBringUSLight



Now Hiring!

**FSP is looking for dependable, friendly, hard-working individuals to work in the Food Service Department at
*Asian Human Services Passages Charter School***

1643 W. Bryn Mawr

Or

Northtown Academy

3900 W. Peterson Avenue

**Part Time 4 to 5 hours per day Monday through Friday
when school is in session**

**Please contact Ms. Donovan at 773 561 5885 or Yari Gallegos 773 517 7636
to apply.**

CERES/FSP is an equal opportunity employer.



CHRISTMAS FUND REMINDER

Dear St. Hilary Parent and Guardian,

If you have already made your donation to the Teachers Christmas Fund, THANK YOU! If not, please consider making a donation. Again, there is no limit as to the amount you can give. Any donation would be appreciated. We also encourage you to have your child(ren) write notes to his/her teachers, telling them that you donated to the Christmas Fund. It's a terrific way to show your support to our wonderful faculty and staff here at St. Hilary School.

Again, the very warmest Christmas wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donovan and the St. Hilary Christmas Fund Committee

ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FUND

Enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ for the faculty and staff of St. Hilary School.

You may enclose cash, money order, or a personal check payable to St. Hilary School. Please return to the School Office, no later than Monday, December 11th.





Family & School Association Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 9
7 to 8 p.m.
School Cafeteria**

**Help enrich our school community!
Mix and mingle with other St. Hilary
parents while getting updates on the
FSA's winter events and activities. We
welcome your questions, ideas, energy
and expertise.**

**This meeting is open to all parents and
guardians, so we hope to see you there!**





Help with the Student Lock-In

Friday, Dec. 11 – Saturday Dec. 12

We are looking for volunteers to help check-in students, serve food, and to clean up after the event. We also need male and female chaperones to accompany the students overnight. ***Volunteers must be VIRTUS-trained to work at this event.*** Sign up for a shift or for the whole evening.

Available opportunities

Set-up, check-in, serve dinner	8:00 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.
Overnight chaperone (men & women needed)	7 p.m. — 7:30 a.m.
Serve breakfast, check-out, clean-up	6:30 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.

For more information or to volunteer

Volunteer Spot

<http://vols.pt/4VQhng>

Or contact:

Kathy Ernst
ernst@sthilarychicago.org

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Pantomime

This Christmas Eve we will do a pantomime of the Christmas Story at the **5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**. We invite all the children of the parish and their guests (i.e. cousins or grandchildren who are visiting) to join in this festive celebration.

If your child wants to be part of the pantomime we ask you to sign the slip below and indicate whether they will be a *shepherd, angel, or lamb*. ***If your child wants to “dress for the part” costumes need not be elaborate*** – a white dress, sweater, or shirt and a halo made of gold or silver garland will do fine for an angel (wings are optional). Shepherds need only come in a bathrobe – a towel fixed on their head with string or a sports band does great for the headgear and staffs or shepherds crooks are allowed but not required. Lambs can dress in white or black. A couple of ears made out of construction paper and cotton balls will be plenty. We do have a few costumes available.



Dressing up is half the fun yet even if your child decides at the last minute to be part of the pantomime or unexpected guests arrive just bring them along.

We will cast the roles of Mary and Joseph and provide those costumes. If your child would like to be Mary or Joseph please indicate below. Once we have all the names of those children we will draw names from a hat to cast the leading roles. If your child's name is not chosen for these roles we hope they will join us in one of the other roles.

We will need a few adults that evening to help us direct the children where to go. If you can help out please indicate that on the sign-up slip.

We hope this will restore some of the festivity to the celebration, make it memorable for our youngest parishioners (pre-school on up) and not add to the stress of an already hectic season.

Christmas Eve Play sign-up (Due back by Monday, DECEMBER 7)

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

My child/ren would like to be a ☐ shepherd ☐ angel ☐ lamb ☐ Mary ☐ Joseph

☐ I can help direct the children during the Pantomime Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

HONOR ROLL 1ST TRIMESTER 2015 - 2016

Honor Roll is considered a recognition of academic excellence. Students must earn A's or B's in all subject areas, which designates that they have mastered or exceeded curriculum standards. This distinction honors students for going above and beyond the minimum standards. In order to achieve Honor Roll status, students must consistently turn in work on time, and have only 3's or 4's in the behavior/social growth section of the report card.

FOURTH GRADE

Nicholas Czuba
Joshua Harris
Marina Martinez

Don Pham
Ryan Ramos

Adam Realeza
Jack Stevenson

FIFTH GRADE

Katrina Battung
Hannah Byrne
Thao Dang

Natalia Elumba
Claire Larson
Christine Lichauco

Nora McNabb
Matthew Mercado
Phuc Tran

SIXTH GRADE

Isabella Aco
Alexanddra Davalos
Toni Gallegos
Jon-Andre Gurbal
Sidonie Habert
Nathan Kefle

Maritza Machuca
Elmer Murphy
Brian Ngo
Camille-Joyce Nono
Emilio Palomares

Lina Pham
Aidan Pitchan
Mykola Sison
John (Jack) Swanson
Janine Villamayor

SEVENTH GRADE

Zheous Abalos
Kevin Cordero
Caitlin Larson
Tam Le
Kelsoe Matsunaga

Annabelle Nguyen
Christine Nguyen
Diogen Paskali
Anastasia Pasynkov
Sally Phan

Ivan Ramos
Andrew Tran
Raymond Truong
Ivar Wolf
Jaden Wood

EIGHTH GRADE

Gabriel Atto
Joseph Benz
Daniel Bui
Anthony Christianson
Daniel Dinh

James Flaherty
Ethan Frank
William Lopez
Margaret McNabb
Alexandria Mercado

Kristen O'Connor
Elisabeth Paskali
Michelle Torralba
Rowen Vargas



Starting Dec. 8th, FSP will be selling Whole Grain Bosco Stick & Whole Grain Cheddar Pretzel in the Cafeteria. Students are not allowed to replace their lunch with these snack items. Student can purchase these snacks with cash or with their lunch card.

New Ala Carte Items

Whole Grain Bosco Sticks \$1.25



Whole Grain Cheddar Pretzel \$1.00





CHRISTMAS SCP ORDERS

All SCP orders must be placed no later than noon on Monday Dec 14th and the 15th will be the final day for any orders to be filled.

Bonus Rebate Offers in December: Lettuce Entertain You (9%) Oct 31st - Dec 25th, Lane Bryant (4.5%) Nov 28th - Dec 11th, Red Robin (6%) Nov 28th - Dec 11th, Mario Tricoci (4.5%) Nov 28th - Dec 11th, Hyatt Hotels (5.5%) Nov 28th - Dec 11th and CVS (2.5%) Nov 28th - Dec 11th and Carson's (5.5%) Dec 5th - Dec 18th. Note: Subway Golden Gift card Giveaway Oct 31st thru Dec 13th.

ORDER EARLY TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY

Remember, no order 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:

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 * _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL _____

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.

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Enroll online at <http://www.bricks4kidz.com/chicagonorth>

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Info for St. Hilary:

Class on Tuesdays, 3:05 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.

Winter 2015 dates: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2,
2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8

Minimum enrollment 6, maximum 16

Cost for 10 classes: \$125, or discounted to
\$106 if registered by 12/18

For ages 5-11 (K-5th grade)

For questions or more information, contact:

Michael Hench

(773) 383-5211

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www.bricks4kidz.com/chicagonorth

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Bricks 4 Kidz Registration

Student Name: _____ Boy / Girl Birthdate: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Dismissal (i.e. parent pickup, walk home, extended care, etc.): _____

Allergies or Medical awareness: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Relationship: _____

Tuition: **\$125 for 10 classes** Payment Method (circle): **Cash** **Check** **Credit Card**

Make checks payable to "**Bricks 4 Kidz**"; contact us or register online for credit card payment

Send form and payment to school addressed to "**Bricks 4 Kidz**"

**40th Ward Children's
Holiday Celebration**
sponsored by
Alderman/Committeeman
Patrick J. O'Connor



Saturday, December 12, 2015

Doors open 12:00 p.m.

Festivities begin at 1:00 p.m.

All participants must be seated by 1:30 p.m.

Northside College Prep High School
5501 N. Kedzie

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