



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 6, 2016

Happy 2016! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. I am looking forward to a wonderful new year for everyone.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Pope Francis explains this important day – “On the feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus’ manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side, as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze towards the star and to follow the great desires of our heart. They teach us not to be content with a life of mediocrity, of “playing it safe”, but to let ourselves be attracted always by what is good, true and beautiful... by God, who is all of this, and so much more!”

Thank you:

I am incredibly thankful to Mr. Carl Chadek and Ms. Kelly Lamorena for organizing our 3rd 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. 18th. Also, thank you for all their time and efforts in organizing all the events and projects throughout Advent.

Thank you to Dc. Ramirez and Carl Chadek 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.

Thank you to all the families and parish/school organizations who contributed to the Teachers’ Christmas Fund. Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. It is so important that we are able to show our appreciation to all the faculty and staff for their never-ending dedication and passion for all they do.

Reminders:

On Saturday, January 9th 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. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves so that they are safe in these temperatures. If your child wears boots to school, please make sure to send a pair of shoes for them to change into when they arrive. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Mark your calendars:

Join Mrs. Rhodes and Ms. Lamorena for a night of Painting and Singing on Sat. Jan. 16th from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. See the flyer in today's envelope for more information on this fun evening night for adults.

Sunday, January 31st is our Kick-off for Catholic Schools Week. Keep an eye open for more information regarding this day and the week that follows as we celebrate all that is good and right with Catholic schools.

Technology is growing each day and while it gives us many advantages in how we communicate and live our daily lives it is something that all of us need to be educated on. Det. Charles Hollendonner from the Chicago Police Department Special Investigations Unit has graciously offered to return to St. Hilary to present an internet safety presentation on February 4th for the children. There will be two separate presentations for the children so that he can vary the information according to the children's ages. He will also be here in the evening 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a special parents' presentation. It is extremely important that we, as parents, are well informed and knowledgeable about the internet to keep our children safe. Hope you are able to attend.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- FSA Pancake Breakfast flyer
- Yoga flyer
- Paint & Sing flyer
- Christmas Thank You

Mark your calendars:

- January 9th – Catholic High School placement exams – Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers.
- Wed. Jan. 13th- Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the café
- Thurs. Jan. 14th – 1st Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the church
- Fri. Jan. 15th – 8th grade Graduation pictures
Jr. High Dance 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 6th – 8th graders
- Sat. Jan. 16th – Paint and Sign Night 7:00 in the cafeteria
- Mon. Jan. 18th is No School in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.sthilaritychicago.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@sthilaritychicago.org.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

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Principal

A Peek at the Week

Week of January 11 - 15

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<p>MONDAY: January 11th Altar Servers: Daniel, Katrina ✓ Religious Education classes ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m. ✓ Concert Band 3 – 4 p.m.</p>
<p>TUESDAY: January 12th Altar Servers: Willy, a volunteer ✓ Student Council meeting for officers ✓ Battle of the Bools 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. in Room 204</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY: January 13th – Feast of St. Hilary Altar Servers: Maggie, Thao ✓ Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m. ✓ Battle of the Bools 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. in Room 204</p>
<p>THURSDAY: January 14th Altar Servers: Roswell, Liam ✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109 ✓ Concert Band 7 – 7:45 a.m. ✓ First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the church</p>
<p>FRIDAY: January 15th Altar Servers: Isabella A., Christine L. ✓ 8th Grade Graduation pictures taken ✓ Jr. High dance 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 7th grade hosts</p>
<p>SATURDAY: January 16th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers 5:00 p.m. Marina, Zachary, Gail</p> <p>SUNDAY: January 17th Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. Tam, Christine & Sabrina N. 10:00 a.m. Sidonie, Isabella A., Noah E. 12:00 Noon Gabby, Zheous, Nicholas</p>

Paint and Sing Night on Sat. January 16th – an adults-only event
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

No School on Monday, January 18th – Martin Luther King Day



Thank You!

Thank you so much
for your extremely generous donation
to the Teachers' Christmas Fund!
We are very grateful and proud
to work with such incredible families.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The St. Hilary Faculty and Staff

- Calvin Anelie*
- Maria Martin*
- Dea Messico*
- Mrs. Rhodes*
- Mrs. Wozniak*
- Vicki Brubaker*
- Seeta Gangadhar*
- Mrs. McParland*
- Dea Messico*
- Mrs. Ewen*
- Mrs. Guthrie*
- Mrs. Donora*
- Mrs. Donnelly*
- Mrs. Ross*
- Mrs. Lamorena*
- Mrs. Collins*
- Mrs. Frank*
- Mrs. Pat Martin*
- Ms. Mia Montemurro*
- Mrs. Rath*
- Mrs. Jacobs*
- Mrs. Salmon*
- Mrs. Whitlock*
- Mrs. Ernst*
- Mrs. Helen Barr*



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 2016

The power of prayer is amazing and can do wonders. I am asking for your prayers for one of our teachers. Mrs. Marcy Wiener has been our IDEA Inclusion Teacher for the past three years. In November her doctors found a brain tumor and she underwent surgery to have it removed successfully. At the same time she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Her prognosis is very good and the doctors expect her to recover fully. She will be taking a medical leave for a couple of months to undergo treatment. Mrs. Wiener has a very positive outlook and expects to be back with us as soon as she is able.

We are extremely fortunate to have been given a substitute to fill Mrs. Wiener's medical leave. I am happy to introduce Ms. Jimmie Girdner to you. She will be with us one day a week to continue to provide our children the same services so that their assistance is not interrupted any further. Below is an introduction from Ms. Girdner.

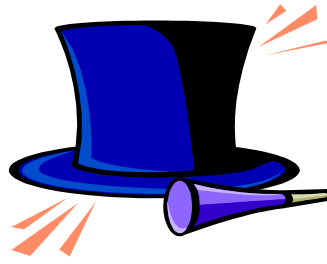
"I am Jimmie Girdner, a Special Education Teacher with a degree in Special Education. I have worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago for the past two years as an IDEA Inclusion Teacher. I taught Special Education at a Catholic school in Tulsa Oklahoma for three years prior to coming to Chicago. Before my five years working at Catholic schools I worked in public schools in Oklahoma. I have worked with a wide variety of students and believe that everyone has immense potential. I am grateful for the opportunity to fill in for Ms. Wiener while she is on leave, and look forward to her returning as soon as she is ready. In the mean time I am excited to be at St. Hilary and to work with the wonderful students here. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, I look forward to meeting everyone."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding and your prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan,
Principal



MAKE YOUR 2016 NEW YEARS RESOLUTION TO START USING SCP!

Bonus Rebate Offers in January: ShutterFly (7%) Jan 17th – Jan 30th.

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 at email: ernst@sthilarychicago.org

CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:

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

RESTAURANTS:		RETAIL:	
Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10 _____	Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10 _____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25 _____	Best Buy (1.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10 _____
I Hop (4%rebate)	\$25 _____	Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25 _____
Kentucky Fried Chicken (4.5% rebate)	\$5 _____	Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate)	\$25 _____	Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Lou Malnatis (3.5% rebate)	\$25 _____	Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100 _____
Olive Garden/Red Lobster (4.5% rebate)	\$25 _____	Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Pizza Hut (4% rebate)	\$10 _____	Marshall's/T J Maxx(3.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Starbucks Coffee (3.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20 _____
Subway (1.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Old Navy,Gap,Banana Republic (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10 _____	Ross (5% rebate)	\$25 _____
		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 _____		
I 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	
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .49¢ (0% rebate)	8.8 _____	CHOOSE THE AMOUNT	\$ _____

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

RESTAURANTS:	\$10 _____	RETAIL:	
	\$10 _____		
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 _____
Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10 _____	Land's End (7% rebate)	\$25 _____
B P Gas (.50% rebate)	\$50 _____	Lane Bryant (4% rebate)	\$25 _____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20 _____	Mario Tricoci (4% rebate)	\$25 _____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25 _____	Menard's (1.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25 _____	Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 _____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10 _____	Office Max (2.5% rebate)	\$25 _____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% 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.

ROOM # _____

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

HELP THE ARTS WITH ART!

PAINT & SING

GATHER. LEARN. PAINT. EAT. DRINK. AND BE MERRY!

St. Hilary is hosting its first ever paint party! Like to socialize? Like to relax? Always wanted to be artsy? Like to let loose? This is what the Paint & Sing is all about!

Mrs. Karma Rhodes will be teaching and demonstrating on how to paint your own masterpiece! And to make it even better, it's **BYOB!** Bring your own beverages and snacks to enjoy while you get down with artsy self! The cherry on top? There will be optional Karaoke available in between art instruction and letting the paint dry!

What: Paint & Sing – The first party at St. Hilary for 2016

Who: All 21yr. and older hip people looking to help the art program at St. Hilary School

When: Saturday, January 23rd 7pm - 10pm

Where: St. Hilary Cafeteria

Why:

- You want to support the art program!
- You have always wanted to go to a paint party place
- You need new decor in your home
- You want to bond with the St. Hilary Community
- You NEED to have a night away from the kiddos
- You are a karaoke star
- Other _____



Admission is \$30 for a single ticket and \$50 for two. The majority of the fee covers supplies (paint, brushes, canvas, etc) and the remaining proceeds will help the St. Hilary School art program.

Please return the bottom part of this form to St. Hilary School to reserve your spot. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT IN ORDER FOR US TO PURCHASE THE NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR YOU. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

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Name _____ Phone/Email _____

No. of Tickets _____ Total amount _____

Please make checks payable to St. Hilary School. Questions? rhodes@sthilarychicago.org

YOGA CLASS

The art of practicing yoga helps in controlling an individual mind, body and soul. It brings together physical and mental disciplines to achieve a peaceful body and mind, it helps to manage stress and anxiety and keep you relaxing. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improved respiration, energy and vitality. Practicing yoga might seem like just stretching, but it can do much more for your body from the way you feel, look and move.

Benefits of yoga for kids

- Yoga helps improve strength and flexibility
- Yoga increases concentration, focus, and attention
- Kid's yoga increases self-esteem
- Yoga decreases anxiety and helps you to relax
- Yoga increases trust, compassion, teamwork and leadership skills of your children
- Yoga improves digestion and eases gas pains for children
- Yoga helps to release stress and breathe well
- Yoga strengthens the immune system

Yoga classes will be offered under the direction of Ms. Laura Penna. Laura is a certified yoga instructor, counselor, and nutritionist. She is dedicated to teaching yoga awareness believing that a healthy body and mind are key to a happy life.

Yoga class sessions will be held on Monday afternoons
Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29, March 7, 14, and 21.

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

The cost of the classes are \$10.00 per class.

Classes will be held in the gym (the Vacala Auditorium). Children are asked to wear comfortable clothing such as sweatpants, shorts, yoga pants/leggings to be able to stretch comfortably. Yoga mats are encouraged but not necessary, a towel will also work.

Please complete the back of this flyer and return if you are interested.



Children do not need to attend every session in order to participate.

MONDAY YOGA PERMISSION SLIP (Jan. 25 – March 21, 2016)

_____ has
permission to attend the Yoga class Monday afternoons.

_____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

I, as parent and/or guardian of the minor child identified above hereby acknowledge the following notices and grant to St. Hilary School the following release from liability:

I acknowledge and fully understand that my child will be engaging in physical activities that may involve some risk of injury. I acknowledge and have been advised that it is my responsibility to consult with my or my child's physician with respect to any past or present injury, illness, health problem or any other condition or medication that may affect my or my child's participation. I assume the foregoing risks and accept full personal responsibility for any personal injuries sustained by my child which might incur as a result of participating in this program and discharge and hold harmless St. Hilary School and Laura Pena from any claim, cause of action or liability for damages arising from any personal injury to my child or other persons or property caused by my child's participation in the yoga program.

_____ Parent Name

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Emergency Contact number



SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Jan. 31 • 9a.m. – noon

St. Hilary School Cafeteria



**enjoy an all-you-can-eat BREAKFAST and
CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Please come and support this event
and our fantastic school!**

Sponsored by the St. Hilary Family & School Association