

Dear Parent/Guardian,

February 3, 2016

Our kick-off to Catholic Schools Week began with a very well attended Family Mass. Thank you to all of our students who participated in the liturgy. Thank you to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Giannoni, Mrs. Hench, Mrs. Scarpelli, and Mrs. McNutt for organizing the pancake breakfast hosted by the FSA. Thank you to Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Wolf for their assistance as we began registration for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you for coming out and saving a seat for your child early! Congratulations to the Nelson and O'Connor families on winning the registration raffle. I am always grateful for the generosity of our children and families. The Nelson and O'Connor families have asked me to pay it forward and award their winnings to a current and a new family. We are so blessed to be a part of the amazing St. Hilary family and I am more appreciative than you will ever know.

On Monday, we welcomed Andi from the Leukemia Lymphoma Society to come and kick-off the first Lenten service project for us. This will be our third year collaborating with the LLS to help children and families who are battling cancer. Your generosity the past two years has been extremely overwhelming. We will begin our three week fund-raising effort for LLS on Monday, February 8th – more details to follow.

We also welcomed some members of our St. Hilary Women's Club. They were guest readers in the preschool -4^{th} grade classrooms. These ladies are amazing and truly support St. Hilary School and Parish in many ways. We are blessed to have them in our family. Please support their efforts and keep them in your prayers.

On Tuesday, we celebrated you, our incredible parents. Parents, guardians, and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence for their children at home. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's educational journey and for entrusting your precious children to us every day.

We will continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout this week. Today we celebrated our dedicated and caring faculty and staff. Our teachers go above and beyond what is expected of them because they know and live out the mission of Catholic education each and every day. Please take a moment to thank them and show your appreciation. Thank you to Mrs. Jovanovic, our School Board President for providing a special lunch for our teachers.

Tomorrow we will celebrate our community. A special thank you basket of cards and treats will be delivered to our local police and fire department, the Friedman Place, and Alderman Pat O'Connor. We will also welcome back Det. Charles Hollendoner from the Chicago Police Department Special Investigations Unit who will speak to the children during the day about internet safety. In the evening he will host a special presentation for our parents, I highly encourage you to attend. The internet can be extremely helpful for us; however, it can also be very dangerous for our children. We, as parents, need to stay on top of the internet world to keep our children safe. I hope you will be able to join us tomorrow evening.

On Friday we will celebrate our wonderful children with a number of activities. This will be a relaxed dress down day; the theme is lazy day (see flyer in today's envelope for more details). We will enjoy a movie together and play Bingo with our faith partners. We are incredibly fortunate to have your amazing children in our school and in our lives.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year has begun. Last week you received a copy of your child's registration form generated from PowerSchool. This form is more user friendly for you and helps you save time in reregistering your child. Please review the form, make any necessary corrections, complete the tuition payment form, and return these forms to school with the \$100.00 registration fee. The registration fee will increase to \$200.00 for any registration after March 11, 2016. It is important that we are proactive in our enrollment so that teacher contracts can be offered and plans for the new year can move forward. If you have been watching the news, the Archdiocese is watching enrollment for all Catholic schools, early registration is the key to moving forward. Thank you to the many families who have already completed their registration, we look forward to another wonderful year with your child.

I am pleased to announce that we are now supported by the Big Shoulders Fund. The Big Shoulders Fund is committed to supporting Catholic education in Chicago. The fund provides scholarships, special education and academic programs, instructional equipment, much-needed school facility improvements, faculty support, operating grants and much, much more. We are blessed to be included in the Big Shoulders family and are able to offer more families the possibility of financial assistance in addition to other resources. These scholarships are awarded based on information that parents supply through an application process. The first step in the process is completing the financial aid application through FACTS. The link to this application can be found on our website <u>www.sthilarychicago.org</u>, click on the FACTS logo on the right side to be directed to the application. More information will follow with details and steps on how to proceed with these scholarships.

Don't forget to tell a friend about St. Hilary and as a thank you, you will receive a \$100.00 tuition credit on your December tuition statement pending enrollment of the referred family. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Our parking lot is a hub of activity at arrival and dismissal, I have asked Mr. Donnelly to patrol the lot during both of these times to continue to insure the safety of our children and our families. I appreciate your cooperation.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- FSA flyers
- Internet Safety Presentation flyer
- Alumni Quiz Night flyer
- Men's Club flyers

Mark your calendars:

 Thurs. Feb. 4th – Internet Safety Presentation 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for parents only

Progress reports sent home

- Fri. Feb. 5th Kids Day 11:30 dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Sat. Feb. 6th Alumni hosts Quiz Night, see enclosed flyer
- Thurs. Feb. 11th Relaxed dress down day for LLS wear Valentine colors for a \$1.00 minimum donation
- Fri. Feb. 12th No School Teacher In-service Day
- Mon. Feb. 15th No School Presidents' Day

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

<u>www.EmergencyClosings.com</u>. Our website <u>www.sthilarychicago.org</u> 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 <u>donovan@sthilarychicago.org</u>.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal

A Peek at the Week

Week of February 8 - 12

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

MONDAY: February 8 th		
Altar Servers: Daniel, Katrina		
✓ Religious Education classes		
✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.		
✓ Concert Band $3 - 4$ p.m.		
✓ Parent Ambassador Meeting 6:00 in the cafeteria		
TUESDAY: February 9 th		
Altar Servers: Willy, volunteer		
✓ No Student Council meeting		
✓ Battle of the Books $3:00 - 3:45$ p.m. in Room 204		
✓ 8 th grade Graduation picture retakes		
WEDNESDAY: February 10 th *Ash Wednesday*		
Altar Servers: Maggie, Luke		
✓ 8:30 all school liturgy		
✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.		
✓ Battle of the Books $3:00 - 3:45$ p.m. in Room 204		
THURSDAY: February 11 th		
Altar Servers: Roswell, Liam		
✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109		
✓ Concert Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.		
✓ Relaxed Dress Down in Valentine Colors for LLS \$1.00 minimum donation		
FRIDAY: February 12 th		
Altar Servers: Gail, Christine L.		
✓ No School – Teacher In-Service Day		
✓ Men's Club Fish Fry $6:00 - 9:00$ p.m. in the cafeteria		
SATURDAY: February 13 th		
Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteer		
5:00 p.m. Gabby A., Zheous A., Nicholas C.		
SUNDAY: February 14 th *Happy Valentine's Day*		
Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. Truc D., Christine & Sabrina N.		
10:00 a.m. Miles & Sarah O., Camille N.		
12:00 Noon Giovanni & Kristoff G., Sophia J.		
Monday, February 15 th No School – President's Day		
Don't forget to register your child for the 2016-2017 school year!!		
(° °) "Refer a Friend" and receive \$100 credit		
on your December tuition!		



Friday, February 19, 2016 | School Gym

Details to come next week

This is a family event—no drop-offs



TONIGHT!

Wed., Feb. 3

7 to 8 p.m.

School Cafeteria

See you at the monthly meeting of the St. Hilary Family & School Association. All school parents and guardians are members of the FSA. Please join us and bring a friend!

On the agenda

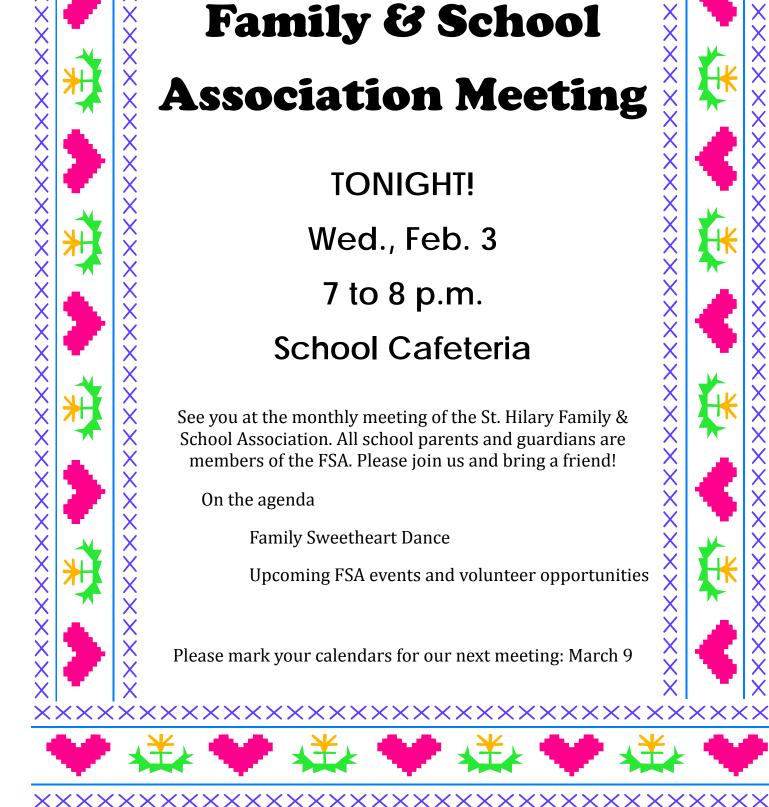
Family Sweetheart Dance

Upcoming FSA events and volunteer opportunities

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting: March 9



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The Family & School Association extends our sincere thanks to all the diners and volunteers who made our annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday a huge success. We are grateful for your enthusiastic support and hope to see you at our spring events! **"Our children are our nation's most valuable asset.** They represent the bright future of our country and hold our hopes for a better nation. Our children are also the most vulnerable members of society. Protecting our children against the fear of crime and from becoming victims of crime must be a national priority.

Unfortunately the same advances in computer and telecommunication technology that allow our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge and cultural experiences are also leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and harm..."

-U. S. Department of Justice, FBI

St. Hilary is proud to welcome back Det. Charles Hollendoner

Internet Safety for Parents

Presented by Det. Charles Hollendoner from the Chicago Police Department Special Investigations Unit

> Thursday, February 4, 2016 6:30—8:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria

<u>**Please consider attending this presentation</u> for the safety of your child. - We encourage you to tell your friends. All are welcome!**



Due to the nature of the presentation children are not allowed at this event. If you are in need of childcare please contact Mrs. Donovan .





DO YOU HAVE CABIN FEVER? THEN WHY NOT PURCHASE SCP AND GO SHOPPING?

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 it 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 at: 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				
l 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:			
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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		
Please note: When one or more companies are listed together, the certificates a	re good at either store.	Sports Authority (4% rebate)	\$25		
		Target (1.00% rebate)	\$25		
NAME		Target (1.00% rebate)	\$100		
ORDER TOTAL \$					
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WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL		Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary School			
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Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.		······································			



<u>Saturday, February 6, 2016</u>

St. Hilary School Vacala Auditorium 5615 North California Avenue Chicago, Illinois

WIN MONEY**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**HAVE FUN

Doors open at 6:30 PM Trivia questions begin promptly at 7:00 PM

\$20 PER PERSON or \$200 PER TABLE (Tables of 10) Register with a table or join a team that night Bring in your own food and drink Alcohol permitted 21 + age event

All money raised goes to St. Hilary School!

10 Categories 10 Questions per Category Winning Table \$500 Best Theme Table \$100

A Community Event Hosted by St. Hilary Alumni Association Registration form on the back of this flyer

Quiz Night Registration

CONTACT PERSON FOR TEAM:

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIF	>
PHONE	

TEAM MEMBERS IF KNOWN:

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2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

I AM COMING AS A SINGLE PERSON, PLEASE ADD ME TO A TEAM:

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZI	Ρ
PHONE	

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____

Please return to the School or Rectory office Attention: Alumni Association Quiz Night

MAKE CHECK/S PAYABLE TO ST. HILARY SCHOOL

St. Hilary Men's Club

Lenten Fish Fry



Friday, February 12th

St. Hilary School Cafeteria

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Fried fish, mac and cheese, French fries, cole slaw and dessert Cash Bar

Adults: \$10

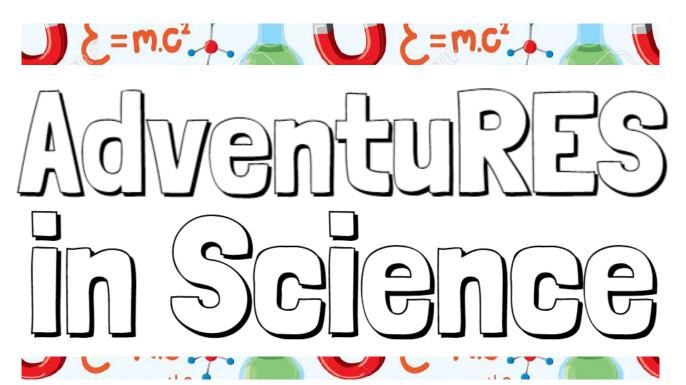
Children ages 4-12: \$7

Under 4: Free



ST. HILARY ATHLETICS & ST. HILARY MEN'S CLUB ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER SILENT AUCTION & SPORTS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER. SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2016 ST. HILARY CAFETERIA & GYM, DOORS OPEN 5:00 P.M. IRISH MUSIC & DANCE, CASH BAR. Raffles pull tabs. **Auction Items:** Sports Tickets, Apparel & Memorabilia, Projects Created by each Classroom and much more.

TICKETS \$ 30.00. RESERVATIONS TABLES OF 8 OR MORE. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE, CHURCH RECTORY, ALSO THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT. Daryl McNabb 773.633.0980, damcnabb@sbcglobal.net All are Welcome !!!



Sponsored by Resurrection College Prep's Science National Honor Society

1st - 4th grade boys and girls

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February 19, 2016 at 6-8 pm

Resurrection College Prep 7500 W Talcott Chicago, IL 60631

Fun science experiments, scavenger hunt, and goodie bags! For only \$10 per child, register online at reshs.org. There will be full adult supervision at all times, but parents are welcome to stay!



KIDS DAY



February 5th

Out of Uniform Day

~Lazy Day~

Come dressed in your favorite sweatpants, T-shirt, hoodie, sweater, etc. Slippers are acceptable, but they MUST have a back to them.

!NO PAJAMAS or LEGGINGS!





On Kids' Day we'll be enjoying a movie & then we'll be playing bingo! Kids may bring pillows and blankets for the movie!!!