

Dear Parent/Guardian,

May 4, 2016

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." – Pope Francis.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are incredibly blessed with dedicated and caring teachers who do not come to school for fortune or fame they come every day to make a difference in the lives of our children. Take time this week to thank them!

The children in 3rd – 8th grade completed the ACT Aspire test the week of April 11th. Please see an important letter in today's envelope regarding the results of this test.

Thank you to Student Council and the 8th graders for organizing the Pee Wee Pep Rally last week. It was so much fun to see our youngest Cardinals show off their athletic ability and sportsmanship. Thanks to Ms. Rath and Mrs. Hopkins for supervising and preparing all the activities.

Last week 11 of our students represented St. Hilary at the Annual Battle of the Books. This year 42 students from 3rd – 8th grade spent a few months reading numerous books, taking quizzes, and participating in book discussions. The following students represented St. Hilary Elisabeth, Zheous, Deni, Kevin, Jannine, Toni, Christine, Joshua, Nico, Claire, and Adam. we came in 2nd place tied with two other schools. What an amazing battle, we are so proud of all of you. A special thank you to Mrs. Donnelly, who has been our coordinator for a number of years; and to Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Grey, who were instrumental in assisting Mrs. Donnelly. Thank you also to Mrs. Scarpelli, Mrs. Abalos, and Mr. Harris for chaperoning.

Yesterday the 5th & 6th graders helped the staff at Green Briar Park spread mulch around the trees and clean up the park. They worked extremely hard and we received many wonderful compliments on how awesome our children are. Thank you to Ms. Salmon, Ms. Lamorena, Mr. Flaherty, Ms. Snediker and Mrs. Donnelly who definitely pitched in and lent a helping hand.

This Saturday, the 2nd graders of St. Hilary School and our Religious Education program will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us and celebrate this special day with our children. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

On Monday, May 9th St. Hilary will begin to celebrate our 90th Anniversary. Bishop Kane will celebrate with us at a special 7:00 p.m. mass. Everyone is welcome and our First Communicants are encouraged to participate in the procession and gift presentation. There will be a reception following the mass in the Vacala Auditorium. This is the beginning of 9 months of celebrations as we look at how St. Hilary began and look to the future as we continue to grow as a faith community.

It is that time of the year again – your red service hour cards are due. Please make sure that you have completed your 15 hours and return the card to Mrs. Wolf. If you are still in need of hours please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us to provide the many activities and events for our children.

As the year is wrapping up quite quickly I am looking forward to next year. There are many things that need to be addressed, such as, classroom assignments and teacher contracts. Your child's re-registration is critical to this process. There are only a few families who have not yet registered their children for next year, if you have not yet registered your child for next year please do so immediately. The paperwork and fee must be in place in order to hold a seat for your child. If you have misplaced your registration forms please let me know and I will provide a new set for you. If you have any reservations about your child returning next year I ask that you contact me so that we can have a productive conversation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 testament to St. Hilary School is priceless and we truly appreciate your continued support and dedication! Help us spread the Good News about all that we have to offer our children.

Please note 8th graders must be paid in full by May. Failure to complete payment will result in loss of participation in 8th grade events/activities and possibly graduation. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If your account is current, I thank you!

Mark your calendars:

This Friday is the last chance to support the Alumni Association by enjoying a meal at The Local Pizzeria at 3352 W. Foster Ave. on May 6. Just mention St. Hilary when you place your order and St. Hilary will receive 10% of all purchases on those days. Tell your friends, there is nothing like a Friday Night Pizza Night and you don't have to cook!! Last Friday my family and I enjoyed some of their pasta dishes and they were delicious! The Alumni is excited to be building relationships with local businesses in our community.

June 11th will be the St. Hilary Annual Community Fest. This year we will have our Grand Raffle at the Community Fest! More information will be coming. If you are

interested in purchasing an additional raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000 come to the school office or the parish office in the rectory. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors – everyone is welcome to participate. Someone will win, why not you?

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Local Pizzeria flyer
- FSA flyers
- Aspire letter

Mark your calendars:

- Fri. May $6^{th} 6^{th}$ grade field trip and 7^{th} grade field trip
- Fri. May 6th 3rd trimester progress reports go home
- Sat. May 7th First Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. in church all are welcome
- Mon. May 9th No School Teacher In-service Day
- Mon. May 9th St. Hilary 90th Anniversary Mass 7:00 p.m. in church

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

To All our Wonderful Moms, A Very Happy Mother's Day!

Here's wishing you a Mother's Day That's filled with every pleasure, And a future that's as happy As the memories you treasure!



A Peek at the Week

Week of May 9 - 13

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

MONDAY: May 9 th		
Altar Servers: Willy, Rianne		
✓ No School – Teacher in-service day		
✓ St. Hilary 90 th Anniversary Mass 7:00 p.m., reception to follow in the Vacala		
Auditorium – All are Welcome!!		
TUESDAY: May 10 th		
Altar Servers: Maggie, Marina		
✓ Student Council meeting – officers and representatives		
✓ CODA practice $7:10 - 7:45$ a.m.		
✓ Super Soccer class for preschool -1^{st} graders 3:10 -3:50 in the gym		
WEDNESDAY: May 11 th		
Altar Servers: Chris K., Isabella M.		
✓ 8:30 all school liturgy		
✓ Cadet Band $7 - 7:45$ a.m		
✓ Family School Association Meeting 7:30 in the cafeteria		
THURSDAY: May 12 th		
Altar Servers: Roswell, Don		
✓ Concert Band $7 - 7:45$ a.m.		
✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109		
FRIDAY: May 13 th		
Altar Servers: Toni, Gia		
✓ Kids Choir 3:00 p.m. in Room 109		
SATURDAY: May 14 th		
Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers		
5:00 p.m. Gabby, Zheous, Nicholas		
SUNDAY: May 15 th		
Altar Servers: 8:00 a.m. Thao, Lina, Phuc		
10:00 a.m. Maggie, Nora, Liam		
12:00 Noon Brandon, Willy, Toni		
Don't forget to purchase your Grand Raffle Tickets for a		
Chance at \$10,000!		



Dear School Families,

As you know, our $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ grade students recently completed the ACT Aspire test. I am writing today with an update regarding the return of the test results. The Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) recently informed me, as well as all Archdiocesan school principals, that there will be a delay in the return of the test results this year.

OCS has been working diligently with ACT Aspire since learning of this reporting delay in early April to try and speed up the process. However, despite the team's efforts the results are unable to be returned within the current school year. According to ACT Aspire this delay is due to the process of creating scaled scores for each grade-level content test and the significant amount of human scoring that needs to be completed for each written response on the test.

As 8th grade students are most in need of timely results, St. Hilary will mail test results to the parents of 8th grade students by the end of July. Students in 3rd through 7th grades will receive their results in August or September during our Back to School meetings. OCS will be assisting schools in creating presentations for school parents to assist with understanding the data generated by the new Aspire test.

I realize this is not an ideal situation, and on behalf of the OCS I apologize for the delay. Like you, I am very eager to receive the test results. I know our teachers have been preparing students for months and I am looking forward to reviewing and analyzing the test results and sharing that data with you, as well as with our faculty and staff. I am confident that the information we receive from the Aspire results will guide our efforts to improve student achievement in the school year ahead.

Thank you for understanding this disappointing news, and again we apologize. ACT Aspire has promised that the use of pre-equated student answer forms in the future will eliminate a significant scoring delay in results reporting in 2017 and 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan Principal St. Hilary School

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Happy Mother's Day to all our hard-working moms! How about dinner or just a special gift for her? You can buy all of these things with SCPs!!

Bonus Rebate offers in May is: Bath & Body Works (9%) and Gift Basket Giveaway April 23rd - May 6th, Mario Tricoci (4.5%) April 25th - May 6th, Express (6%) April 30th - May 13th, Carson (5.5%) April 30th - May 13th, Kohl's (3.5%) May 2nd & 3rd only, ShutterFly (7%) May 7th - May 20th and Lettuce Entertain you & Featured Restaurant: Summer House Santa Monica Giveaway (6.5%) May 1st - May 31st.

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.

- 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.

Reminder: SCP's will be sold at the rectory during the summer months!

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			
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	
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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 I transit.	uss that may occur in	ROOM #		
Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.		······································		

st. Hilary family & school association May meeting & election



7 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 St. Hilary Cafeteria

It's our last meeting of the year! On the agenda:

- Elections for the 2016-17 Executive Committee
- Mother/Daughter Tea
- End-of-the-year celebrations and picnic
- Bring your ideas for what you would like to see or do next year

All parents and guardians of St. Hilary students are members of the FSA and are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings. We hope to see you next week!



The St. Hilary Family & School Association cordially invites you to



Sunday, May 15 11 a.m.-1 p.m. * St. Hílary Cafetería

\$5 per person Includes tea, refreshments, souvenír tea cup



RSVP by Wed., May 11

Yes, we will attend Mother—Daughter Tea
Famíly name:
Total number attending:
Guests attending:
Amount enclosed.

Get involved in your FSA

Nominations are open for the Family & School Association Executive Committee for the 2016-17 school year. We're looking for more parents to join the FSA Executive Committee. Want to be more involved or know someone who would be a great candidate?

THE ST. HILARY FAMILY NEEDS YOU

Don't wait to get involved "someday"! Please consider sharing your time, talents, ideas and expertise to help enrich the St. Hilary School community. Seven (7) positions are available

Co-chairs (2)

- Oversee all activities and meetings
- Serve as primary liaisons with school and parish staff
- Coordinate room parent volunteers

Event coordinator; (2)

- Create/maintain event/activity calendar
- Organize and assist event/activity/ program chairs

Treasurer

- Keep track of finances
- Request disbursements for programs as directed by the executive committee



Communication Coordinator

- Keep records of all meetings
- Work with other coordinators to promote events, activities and programs

Fundraising coordinator

- Manage and help plan fundraising activities
- Organize and assist fundraising event chairs

Nomination forms are due to the school office on May 6, 2016.

Elections will take place on May 11.

Serving on the FSA Executive Committee will fulfill your family service hour requirement.

St. Hilary Family & School Association

Executive Committee Nomination Form

The St. Hilary Family School Association (FSA) is seeking nominations for its upcoming term of office, which covers the 2016-2017 academic year. Please complete this form if you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone you know, for any of the positions listed below.

All nomination forms should be completed and returned to the St. Hilary School office no later than **5 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2016**. Nominations should be placed in a sealed envelope, labeled "FSA Board Nomination."

Full name of nominee (please print):

Nominee's affiliation with St. Hilary School (Check all that apply):

- Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the school
- Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the Religious Education program
- o Parent/Guardian of alumnus/alumna
- o Parish/School staff member
- o Alumnus/alumna
- o Parishioner

Position of Interest (check all that apply):

- Co-chairperson (2)
- o Treasurer
- Communication Coordinator
- Event Coordinator (2)
- Fundraising Coordinator

Telephone: Daytime: Evening: Mobile:

Email:

Please complete this section ONLY if you are nominating someone other than yourself

Nominated by (please print):

I hereby agree to my nomination for the position noted on this form, and, if elected, I agree to serve on the executive committee of the St. Hilary Family & School Association. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have a viable interest in furthering and promoting the growth and development of St. Hilary School by serving on the FSA executive committee:

Nominee's signature:2016



SAVE THE DATE!

The first Mass at St. Hilary Church was celebrated on May 9, 1926.

We will celebrate our 90 years over a 9 month period starting with a Mass on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 we will host a special 90th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn Skokie!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

The 90th Anniversary Planning Committee

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