

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

October 5, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This summer we applied for a grant to build a playground in our parking lot. I am thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the grant. We will be partnering with Kaboom and Reedy Industries to build our very own playground in May 2017. The children's input on what they would like in the playground will be gathered during a kick-off day in late March – early April. We are so excited to be able to provide a safe fun place for all children and families to gather and play on our St. Hilary campus. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition of support for this project. The playground will be built by us in one day. Look for more details and information to come in the near future.

I wanted to update you on our lockdown drill in conjunction with the Chicago Police Department that took place last Thursday. The children did extremely well and we were congratulated by Sgt. Barker on their excellent cooperation and behavior. We will continue to practice these drills periodically as we do our fire drills with the Chicago Fire Department.

Next week, October 13th & 14th we will hold our first trimester progress report conferences. We will dismiss at 11:30 am on those days. These conferences are mandatory and your child is expected to attend. We are a team and will work together better when everyone is present. Thank you to all the families for returning your conference request forms. The faculty is meeting today to schedule your times and you will receive your confirmation letter with your child's conference time on Friday, October 7th. If you would like to meet with teachers that you have not scheduled a time with please refer to each teacher's schedule which will be posted outside of their class. It is important for us to be respectful of the families whose conferences were scheduled originally.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools is examining our current high school recruiting and admissions policies. There has been a Task Force Committee created to address these policies. We are interested in meeting and talking with the parents of 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Catholic school and Religious Education students to seek input on how we might amend and/or improve our policies to meet the needs of today's families. St. Hilary will be hosting a focus group meeting on Thursday, October 20th in the cafeteria from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Your comments will remain anonymous and

the session will NOT be recorded or taped. Topics for discussion will include: *Admissions Testing, Acceptance Letters, Financial Aid, Recruiting and High School Open Houses.* If you are interested in participating please let me know and I will send you the link for registering, it is extremely important that we hear your voices.

The Family School Association will be hosting a St. Hilary Potbelly's Night on Thursday, October 13th. We will receive a portion of all profits between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. so stop by before or after your conference and enjoy a dinner that you did not have to prepare while supporting St. Hilary.

Friday, October 7th marks the halfway point of our first trimester. Please make sure your financial obligations to Saint Hilary are taken care of in a timely manner. Per board policy, students whose tuition and fees have not been kept up to date by the end of the trimester will be subject to exclusion.

Reminders:

This is a reminder to families who have not yet returned or paid for the Kidstuff Coupon Book, these are due on Tues. Oct. 11th. This is a fund-raiser hosted by the Family & School Association to help replace funds previously obtained through Market Day which was dissolved two years ago. There are many amazing deals in this book and you will quickly recoup your \$25.00 purchase price, remember 50% comes back to St. Hilary. There are additional books in the school office for purchase. Thank you for your consideration in supporting these efforts.

All new students to St. Hilary, our preschoolers, kindergartners, and 6th graders need to have medical forms completed and these are due by October 15th. <u>This is a requirement by the State of Illinois Board of Education</u>. Please get these forms into the office as soon as possible.

St. Hilary is proud to be celebrating 90 years as a faith filled community. You are invited to share in this celebration on October 22nd at a special reception to be held at the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore. Please contact the rectory office for ticket information.

We are blessed with amazing and dedicated teachers who know that they are here because they have been called to the mission of Catholic education. The Golden Apple Foundation is accepting nominations for full-time $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade classroom teachers. The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented to 10 outstanding teachers each year. If you would like to nominate one of our $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade teachers please complete the application at www.goldenapple.org. These nominations must be received no later than December 31, 2016.

Believe it or not I am still missing forms that you received within the first week of school and we are half way through the first trimester. It is imperative that these forms are returned asap. Many thanks to all of you who have returned all the forms, I appreciate your attention to this.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Men's Club Harvest Fest
- Crazy Sock Day
- Cubs Day
- Student Council bake sale
- Archdiocese Parent Focus Group
- FSA Potbellys and Halloween party
- Christmas Wreath fundraiser brochure

Mark your calendars:

- Fri. Oct. 7 Half way point of 1st trimester, all financial obligations should be up to date
- Fri. Oct. 7 Cubs Day!!! See flyer for more information
- Fri. Oct. 7 Jr. High Dance 6:30 9:00 pm 7th grade hosts
- Mon. Oct. 10 No School Columbus Day
- Wed. Oct. 12 Crazy Sock Day wear your craziest socks and bring a new pair of socks to donate – see flyer for more information
- Wed. Oct 12 1st trimester progress reports go home
- Thurs. Oct. 13 FSA hosts St. Hilary night at Potbelly's let someone else cook dinner tonight!!!
- Thurs. Oct. 13 and Fri. Oct. 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 dismissal
- Mon. Oct. 17 2nd & 8th grade field trip to the Pumpkin Patch

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

Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF October 10 - 14

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

MONDAY: October 10th

Altar Servers: Nathan, Isabella M.

✓ No School – Columbus Day

TUESDAY: October 11th

Altar Servers: Katrina, Don

- ✓ Student Council officers and representatives
- ✓ Codas 7:10 7:45 am in Room 109

WEDNESDAY: October 12th

Altar Servers: Luke, Chris K.

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
- ✓ Progress Reports go home
- ✓ Crazy sock day wear your craziest socks and bring a new pair to donate
- ✓ Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria
- ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 7:45 am

THURSDAY: October 13th

Altar Servers: Nora, Rianne

- ✓ 11:30 dismissal
- ✓ Concert Band 7:00 7:45 am
- ✓ Parent Teacher Student conferences (see your scheduled time)

FRIDAY: October 14th

Altar Servers: Christine, Isabella

- ✓ 11:30 dismissal
- ✓ Parent Teacher Student conferences (see your scheduled time)

SATURDAY: October 15th

Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers

5:00 p.m. Marina, Zachary, Gail – lector Annabelle Nguyen

SUNDAY: October 16th

Altar Servers: 8 am Tam, Christine, Sabrina

10 am Sidonie, Isabella A., Noah lector - Molly

12 pm Zheous, Nicholas C., volunteer lector - Caitlin

Men's Club Harvest Fest Sat. Oct. 15th and Sun. 16th. Please support them!



DELIGHTS WITH NO FRIGHTS

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE HOSTING A SPOOK-TACULAR BAKE SALE OCT. 5-7 AFTER SCHOOL!



BUY A VARIETY OF TREATS, INCLUDING PUMPKIN PIE, CAKE POPS, MUFFINS, AND MUCH MORE! (Prices Range from \$0.25-\$1.00)

COME ON DOWN TO THE ST. HILARY PARKING LOT BECAUSE DELIGHTS WITH NO FRIGHTS ARE QUITE A SIGHT (AND TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENT COUNCIL)



ARE YOU READY TO CHEER THE CUBS ON TO VICTORY?

Of course you are, so let's show your team spirit by donating a \$1 or more to STUDENT COUNCIL and come dressed down this Friday in your favorite Chicago Cubs jersey, t-shirt, or Cubs colors (blue, red or white).

Friday is the first day of their playoff season. We hope to have more of these days.

GO CUBS!





Crazy Sock Day Wednesday, October 12th

You can wear your fun and craziest pair of socks to school with the donation of a pair of brand new socks.

Help the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana collect 10,000 + pairs of socks for the homeless.

Each morning we put on a clean dry pair of socks with hardly a thought, but for homeless men, women and children these are luxury items.

New socks can reduce the risk of skin infections, prevent frostbite, and foster good hy-giene. They are a powerful way to show kindness to someone going through a difficult time in their life.

Join us in collecting socks for men, women and children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Did you know?

There are over 3,000 reported cases of homelessness in all of suburban Cook County. In the northwest suburbs alone, there are 1200 homeless people accessing shelters with approximately 400 additional homeless people residing on the streets, in cars, and throughout the forest preserves.

-Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness

Every Year, 600,000 families with 1.35 million children experience homelessness in the United States, making up about 50% of the homelessness population over the course of a year.

-National Alliance to End Homelessness

On any given night approximately 750,000 men, women, and children are homeless in the United States. -National Alliance to End Homelessness

People who are homeless in Illinois have a variety of characteristics. Of the total persons who are homeless at any given point in time; sheltered or unsheltered, in Illinois: 15% are veterans 32% are severally mentally ill 48% have chronic substance abuse issues 4% are living with HIV/AIDS 25% are victims of domestic violence -National Alliance to End Homelessness

Please help us make this sock drive a great success!

Contact Elizabeth Allen-Room 202 with any questions.



Help put clean and warm socks on individuals in need.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Jr. High Parent Focus Groups Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm Multiple Sites

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If you are interested in participating in a focus group, you may attend any of the following sites throughout the Chicagoland area:

Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic School

191 Linden St. Winnetka, IL 60093

St. Hilary Catholic School

5600 N Fairfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60659

St. Jane de Chantal Catholic School

5201 Mc Vicker Ave. Chicago, IL 60638

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School

247 W 23rd St. Chicago, IL 60616

St. Michael Catholic School

14355 Highland Ave. Orland Park, IL 60462

Please register by clicking on this link <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> by **Friday**, **October 14**, **2016**. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Maria Hawk, Regional Director Secondary Schools at <u>Maria.Hawk@archchicago.org</u>

North Park Village Nature Center

Harvest Fest

October 15th and 16th 5801 N. Pulaski Road



The St. Hilary Men's Club operates a food booth at this festival as a fundraiser. The event runs from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday and Sunday, but volunteers are needed Friday evening and before and after these hours on Saturday and Sunday. Even an hour or two is greatly appreciated. Contact Daryl McNabb at 773-633-0980 or damcnabb@sbcglobal.net for more information. Service hours are available for students in 7th grade and up, as well as adults.



If you can't help out as a volunteer, help out by coming for lunch!

FSA HALLOWEEN PARTY

DANCING

KARAOKE

Friday, October 2.8th



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6:00pm-9:00pm

\$20.00 per family in advance \$25.00 at the door

\$INCLUDES PIZZA, SALAD, SWEETS AND BEVERAGES

\$GUESS THE # RAFFLE \$TAFFY APPLE SALES \$ SELFIE STATION\$

NOT A DROP OFF EVENT CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Please return form and \$20.00 fee by October 25 th				
Checks payab	ole to St. Hilary FSA			
Family name_				
# of kids	# of adults			
SERVICE HOU	JRS AVAILABLE sign up at http://signup.com/go/9UU6y2			
Contact Florita Barros-Kilroy: fbkilroyfsa@gmail.com or 773-682-8167				





Please join us for some food, fun and goodwill.

Potbelly will donate 25% of sales to support

St Hilary School

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 2016 5-8 PM

Potbelly SANDWICH SHOPS

Potbelly Sandwich Works 5961 N Lincoln Ave 773-596-2000

St Hilary School 5614 N California Chicago, IL 60659



"FACTS" PARTICIPANTS ARE ELLIGIBLE 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)		
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AMC Cincolor Sony Louis 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		
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .49¢ (0% rebate)	8.8	CHOOSE THE AMOUNT \$		
CERTIFICATE ORDERS (FROM ROTTOM SECTION) REC	TEIVED BY FRIDAY W	ILL 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	
		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		\$25	
		Menard's (1.5% rebate)		
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25	
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25	Office Max (2.5% rebate)		
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10	Payless Shoes (6.5% rebate)		
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25	Pier 1 Imports (4.5% rebate)		
		Pottery Barn/Wm. Sonoma (4% rebate)		
		Shutterfly (4.5% rebate)	\$25	
Please note: When one or more companies are listed together, the certificates are g	good at either store.	Sports Authority (4% rebate)	\$25	
		Target (1.00% rebate)	\$25	
NAME		Target (1.00% rebate)	\$100	
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.				