

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

December 14, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During this third week of Advent, we light a pink candle to represent joy and we also rejoice that the Lord does not fail to show his power and might. We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives, deepening in us His gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness and the spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. During this season, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. Can you list some songs with joy in the title or lyrics? I will start you off with two: Joy to the World and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. Thank you to Mrs. Whitney Castle for preparing the children to understand and receive the sacrament. I ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers.

Student Council will be holding a Santa's Snack Shop bake sale on Dec. 14 – Dec. 16. Please see the flyer in today's envelope. Thank you for your support of our Student Council.

On December 5th Fr. Aloy and I met with a number of families in order to look to the future to help St. Hilary move forward to a bright future. During that meeting we asked that families share their talents and gifts with our community in a variety of ways. In today's envelope you will see a request for these talents. We hope that you will take some time to think about what you have to offer and will sign up to serve on one of the three committees. We look forward to hearing your ideas and working with you. Please return the bottom of the form to school to my attention.

This year we have been focusing on decreasing the number of tardies and have implemented the Academic Recovery Program. I wanted to update you on the numbers for the first trimester. Although we have seen some improvement in reducing tardies we had 24 ARPs issued, that translates into 72 days tardy. We appreciate that you are helping your child to learn the importance of being prompt.

If you enjoy sending lovely flowers to family and friends I ask that you consider ordering them from Hankel's Florist. One of our school families is the proud owner of this florist and has offered to help support St. Hilary with a cash bonus based on your purchase.

Please see the flyer in the electronic version of today's envelope which is also archived on the school website.

<u>Last Call!!!</u> Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Annual Teachers' Christmas Fund. Friday, December 16th is the last day to turn in your donations. Please know that your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Social Media:

Did you know that we have a Facebook page and we are on Twitter? Like us on our St. Hilary School facebook page, the St. Hilary Music Department facebook page, the St. Hilary Baby Redbird page. Follow us on Twitter at @StHiilaryChicago. Coming in 2017 will be our very own blog created and managed by 4 of our 6th & 7th grade students! More information coming.

Athletics:

Basketball season is also in full stride. We encourage participation at our games to show our school spirit. The basketball schedule is available on the school website. Also located on the website are the Archdiocesan and St. Hilary Athletic Handbooks. Both handbooks clearly state that students must meet eligibility requirements to play an extracurricular sport. The following two quotes can be found in these handbooks:

"The student must perform satisfactorily in the areas of academic effort, behavior, and attitude."

"The athlete must exhibit academic progress as determined by the classroom teacher(s)."

Teachers have been asked to notify me if there are athletes who are in danger of losing their eligibility due to academic performance. Upon this notification, I will contact the parent and the child will receive a one week warning. At the conclusion of that week I will review the current status of eligibility and determine if the athlete is able to continue playing and practicing or if they need to be suspended until progress in their studies improves. As a parent you make great sacrifices to send your child to St. Hilary. Academics is a high priority for all of us. We look forward to working with you and your child so that they are able to enjoy the many activities that we offer.

Healthy:

The flu season is once again upon us. Please be aware that the virus that is protected by the flu shot is a different strain than the one that has been infecting many of us. It is important that you are vigilant in washing hands and getting good rest. It is our policy,

as supported by many physicians that children stay home for up to 24 hours after their fever and flu symptoms have departed. We appreciate your cooperation in following this policy as the health and safety of everyone is our highest priority.

Don't forget:

The St. Hilary Christmas Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm. You will want to extend an invitation to your family and friends for this special evening where parish and school come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children have spent a lot of time practicing and are excited to share their talents with you. All children are expected to attend and to dress nicely in holiday attire. All are welcome!!!

Last week our St. Hilary spiritwear was delivered, make sure to wear this proudly over the holidays and let everyone know that you are a St. Hilary Cardinal!

Have your nominated a teacher yet? The time is drawing near – don't delay! 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.

Mark your calendars:

The Family & School Association will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29th. This is an excellent opportunity to earn your family service hours and enjoy a delicious breakfast. More details to follow.

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 School Messenger 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 is closed as a system, an extremely rare event. You should choose, based on your own judgment and situation, whether or not to keep your child(ren) home.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Stewardship Committee sign-up sheet
- Honor Roll 1st trimester
- Simbang Gabi invitation
- Christmas Fund reminder
- Student Council Bake Sale flyer
- Ugly Sweater Day flyer
- Men's Club flyer
- Amahl and the Night Visitors flyer
- Yoga and Soccer Class flyers
- January menu

Mark your calendars:

- Wed. Dec. 14th the Family & School Association meeting has been cancelled for tonight due to the extreme cold forecast.
- Fri. Dec. 16th Christmas Fund contributions are due!
- Sun. Dec. 18^{th} 10:00 Family Mass hosted by 2^{nd} & 8^{th} graders
- Mon. Dec. 19th Wear your ugly Christmas sweater day!
- Tues. Dec. 20th St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- Wed. Dec. 21st 11:30 dismissal Christmas vacation begins. School resumes on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.
- Fri. Dec. 23rd St. Hilary Simbang Gabi celebration 7 pm mass all are welcome
- Sat. Dec. 24th 5:00 Christmas Eve family mass
- Sun. Dec. 25th Merry Christmas Happy Birthday, Jesus!

- Sun. Jan. 1st Happy 2017!
- Wed. Jan. 4th School Resumes

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, Principal



A Peek at the Week



WEEK OF December 19 - 23

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

MONDAY: December 19th

Altar Servers: Sidonie, Zheous

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Concert band 3:00 4:00 in Room 109
- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 4:00 pm
- ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 7:45 am
- ✓ Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater to school today!

TUESDAY: December 20th

Altar Servers: Zachary, Marina

- ✓ Student Council officers only
- ✓ Codas 7:10 7:45 am in Room 109
- ✓ School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in church
- ✓ All school rehearsal in church 1:00 3:00 pm (minus preschoolers)

WEDNESDAY: December 21st

Altar Servers: Rianne, Nora

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

THURSDAY: December 22nd

FRIDAY: December 23rd

SATURDAY: December 24th

Please join us for our 5:00 pm Family Christmas Mass as we celebrate Jesus's birth together

SUNDAY: December 25th



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



Invite your family and friends to our Parish/School Christmas Concert On Tues. December 20th at 7:00 pm in church



School resumes on Wednesday, January 4, 2017



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 Friday, December 16th.



"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: Tuesday, December 20th 7:00pm Students must arrive at 6:30pm

Where: St. Hilary Church

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

Oress: Nice, Semi-Formal clothes. Oresses, dress shirts, slacks, ties, blouses, skirts, suits, etc. Oress shoes and Christmas colors are encouraged. All school dress code rules apply. Please no jeans, holiday hats, or ugly sweaters!

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 Friday 12/16/16.

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

I. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Rectory office 773 561 3474 x 8 - Iam Calsita

Mission: To create a community of disciples that will share time and talents to the Parish for programs that will help the Parish and the St Hilary community in social, cultural, physical, financial and spiritual endeavors.

Planned Programs:

- 1. Physical and Social Blood drives, Flu shots for the elderly, etc
- 2. Financial Mortgage Refinance seminars, Writing wills and trusts, etc
- 3. Cultural and Social—Getting "social" with other ethnic groups, bus tours to nearby place of worships and devotions (i.e. Pilgrims Cross in Indiana, Holy Hill, etc)
- 4. Others creating master mailing lists for mailings for community fest, events, grant proposals and solicitations, engaging Alumni to sponsor Scholarship funding
- 5. Spiritual growing the ethnic community participation in church events
- 6. Coordinate activities with Finance Council; Fund Raising Committee; and Facility Repair and Maintenance Committee.

II. FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Contact: Rectory Office 773 561 3474 x 4 - Deacon Juan Ramirez

Mission: To create and successfully manage at least three big fund raising events a year to help fund the needs of the Church major repairs, upgrades in the audio/video systems in church, School major repairs and other financial needs.

Planned Events:

- 1. International Fest June 2017
- 2. Raffle June 2017
- 3. Dinner Dance To Be Determined (TBD) later

III. FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Contact: Finance Council - Rico Tallud 773 802 2251

Mission: To plan for short term and long term repairs, upgrades and new constructions in Church, Rectory ,School and grounds.

Planned Projects:

- 1. Audio and video system set up in Church for interactive mass
- 2. LED sign
- 3. Parking lighting
- 4. Others

To sign up, please circle the committee yo	ou want to join and provide your contact information
Name:	Tel:
Address	Signature and appropriate from the construction of the constructio
	Email:

Santa's Snack Shop



Student Council will be hosting a **BAKE SALE** after school in the **ST. HILARY PARKING LOT** from **DECEMBER 14-16!**

Student Council will be selling numerous

CHRISTMAS THEMED TREATS including sugar cookies, brownies, cupcakes, plus much more! We will also have a HOT CHOCOLATE BAR! (Prices range from \$0.25-\$1.00)

HONOR ROLL 1ST TRIMESTER 2016 - 2017

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

FOURTH GRADE

Maivy Bui Madison Czuba Matthew De Leon Nicolas De Leon Sophia Duong Adan German Tyler Isaacson Andy Kieu Kaulie Ly Claire Murphy Alessandra Palos Scott Phan
Jeryl Tabernero
Benjamin Truong
Raquel Velasquez
Maliah Wood

FIFTH GRADE

Sophia Cipres Nicholas Czuba Joshua Harris Rianne Julio Marina Martinez Don Pham Adam Realeza

SIXTH GRADE

Hannah Byrne Natalia Elumba Claire Larson Christine Lichauco Phuc Tran Kevin Trinh

SEVENTH GRADE

Isabella Aco Alexandra Davalos Toni Gallegos Jon-Andre Gurbal Sidonie Habert Nathan Kefle Maritza Machuca Elmer Murphy Brian Ngo Kaela Nicholson Camille-Joyce Nono Lina Pham Mykola Sison John (Jack) Swanson Janine Villamayor

EIGHTH GRADE

Zheous Abalos Kevin Cordero Caitlin Larson Tam Le Kelsoe Matsunaga Annabelle Nguyen Christine Nguyen Sabrina Nguyen Diogen Paskali Sally Phan Ivan Ramos Andrew Tran Raymond Truong Jaden Wood

UGLY SWEATER DAY!!



Its Christmas time! What's one of the best things about Christmas besides the birth of Jesus and time with family? The ugly Christmas

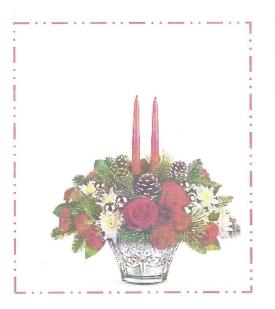
sweaters of course! We will be having an ugly sweater day next Monday, December 19!! This is your chance to shine! Wear the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find! If you choose to participate you may wear jeans or uniform pants with your sweater. If not, you will need to come in uniform! So...keep your eyes open for the ugliest

Christmas sweater you can find!













Cash bonus for St. Hilary School

- For \$24.99 is 3% - For \$49.99 is 5% - For \$99.99 is 8%

There is NO maximum Fundraising Amount. Every Participating School that raises

WWW.LAKEVIEWFLORIST.COM School code: SH5614

Men's Club December Meeting and Christmas Party

Friday, December 16th 7:30 pm

In the Cafeteria

Please come and bring a friend!



Coming in 2017:

January 28th - Candlelight Bowling at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

February 5th – Super Bowl Party – Ladies Welcome!

March 11th - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Silent Auction

April 7th – Lenten Fish Fry

Saint Hilary School

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St. Hilary School Invites parents or caregivers and their children Age 6 months to 3 years to join us for Baby Redbirds

Baby Redbirds is an opportunity for you and your child to enjoy social interaction. This playgroup gathers in a child-friendly space where children can enjoy gross motor play, music, movements and an introduction to group activities.

Child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

WHEN: Wednesdays 8:30—10:00 am on regularly scheduled school days

WHERE: St. Hilary School, Room 106

COST: \$25.00 per child for the winter session. Drop ins \$5.00 per visit

Winter Session will meet on the following dates:

1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

Please complete the registration form and return to the school office at: 5614 N. Fairfield Ave.—Chicago, IL 60659
Checks should be made payable to St. Hilary School

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kathie Donovan at Donovan@sthilarychicago.org or call the school office at 773-561-5885

	PLEASE PRINT	
Parent Name:		
Adult Attending with Child:		
Email (for program communication):		
Phone number:		
Child's name		Age:
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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 from January 9th - March 13th classes will not meet on Jan. 16th or Feb. 20th. 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. for children in grades Preschool – 4th The cost of the classes are \$10.00 per class If you are in 5th grade or higher please let Mrs. Donovan know so that a class can be formed if there are enough interested children. 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.

Classes will be held in the gym (the Vacala Auditorium). Children are asked to wear comfortable

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



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permission to at	ttend the Yoga class Monday afternoons.
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WINTER SOCCER CLASSES at St. Hilary School!

Thursday:

1/5 - 3/30

3:10 - 3:50 PM

K- Grade 2

We're excited to announce that Chicago's fastest growing soccer development program is returning this winter! At Super Soccer Stars, dynamic coaches work with every student to develop skills, self-esteem, and teamwork in a fun, non-competitive environment. Positive reinforcement and low child-to-coach ratios ensure that each child will improve his or her skills through engaging warm-ups, activities, and games—all while having endless fun! Each child receives a t-shirt with registration. Come get the ball rolling today!



Enroll online! chi.supersoccerstars.com/sthilary (Username: HLR Password: sthsoccer)

Questions? Contact: 312.477.5877 or chicago@supersoccerstars.com



Amahl and the Night Visitors

Saturday, December 17, 7:30PM St. Hilary Church

Amahl and the Night Visitors is a Christmas miracle opera which follows the story of a goodhearted, poor disabled shepherd boy named Amahl and his mother, whose lives are changed forever when the three Magi stop by their house for a rest on their way to Bethlehem. This one act opera was commissioned and first performed by the NBC Opera Theatre on December 24, 1951 and was the first opera specifically composed for television in America. The show lasts approximately 45 minutes and features a heartwarming story told through beautiful music. This touring production is fully costumed and staged and highlights the fine performances of local young artists.

SIMBANG GABI 2016 St. Hilary Church

5601 N. California, Chicago, 60659



December 23, 2016 (Friday) 7:00 PM

Celebrant:
Bishop Francis J. Kane
Archdiocese of Chicago
&

Father Aloy Funtila Pastor





Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!

To join our Simbang Gabi Choir contact Carl Chadek 773.561.3474

For dessert, monetary or any kind of donation or to volunteer

contact Maryrose Ople 773.266.0453





St. Hilary January 2017 K-8 LunchSmart Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 2 Wint	January 3 ter Break	January 4 BBQ Shredded Chicken Hoagie* with Melted Cheese Kettle-Baked Beans Pineapple	January 5 Build-Your-Own Crunchy Beef Tacos* with Garnish Cup & Salsa Baby Carrots Applesauce	January 6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich* with Tomato Soup California Blend Veggies Pears Cheddar Goldfish Crackers*
We	eekly Salad Special: Chef Salad with Br	eadstick/ Spotlight Fruit of the Week: E	Bananas + Other Fruits as Shown on N	1 ели
January 9 Chicken Parmigiana Hoagie* California Blend Veggies Peaches	January 10 Beef Sloppy Joe on a Bun* Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	January 11 Beef Burrito Bowl* with Black Beans, Corn, Garnish Cup & Salsa Pineapple	January 12 BBQ Turkey Burger on a Bun* Scalloped Potatoes Applesauce	January 13 Handcrafted Mac & Cheese* Green Peas Pears Honey Wheat Dinner Roll*
Weekly Salad Sp	pecial: Chicken Caesar Salad with Crout	tons & Breadstick* / Spotlight Fruit of t	he Week: Fresh Pears + Other Fruits o	us Shown on Menu
January 16 MARAN WHER WING	January 17 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Bun*^ Corn Mixed Fruit	January 18 Jamaican Jerk Chicken Rice & Peas (a.k.a. Rice & Beans) Roasted Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens / Pineapple Cookie*	January 19 Spaghetti* with Meatballs & Marinara Broccoli Applesauce	January 20 French Toast Sticks* with Syrup & Turkey Sausage Baby Carrots Pears
Weekly Salad Special: Crispy Chic	cken Salad with Breadstick* (Chef Sala	d served 1/18) / Spotlight Fruit of the) + Other Fruits as Shown on Menu
January 23 Chicken Tenders* with BBQ Dipping Sauce Kettle-Baked Beans Peaches Honey Wheat Dinner Roll*	January 24 Chicken Fajita with Tortilla*, Flame-Roasted Pepper & Onion & Salsa Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	January 25 Greek-Style Chicken Brown Rice* Green Beans Pineapple Snickerdoodle Cookie*	January 26 Turkey Ham & Cheese Melt* Oven-Baked Spiral-Cut French Fries Applesauce	January 27 Half Day
Weekly Salad Special: Chef So	alad with Breadstick* (Crispy Chicken S	Salad 1/25) / Spotlight Fruit of the Wee	ek: Bananas (Grapes served 1/25) +	Other Fruits as Shown on Menu
January 30 Bosco Stick* with Marinara Dipping Sauce Green Beggs	January 31 Beef & Cheese Nachos* with Garnish Cup Refried Beans	Color My Plate: Blue/I This month, we focus on the b	Purple Slue/purple produce group. Purp	ole and blue produce provide

Green Beans Peaches

Refried Beans

California Blend Veggies Mixed Fruit

health-enhancing antioxidants, phytochemicals, and flavonoids to your diet. Most people get very little of their fruit and veggie intake from this group. Eat blueberries, plums, and purple cabbage to boost consumption. Expand your horizons by trying fruits and vegetables such as purple asparagus, purple potatoes, and elderberries.

Weekly Salad Special: Apple-Cranberry Chicken Salad with Pretzels* / Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears + Other Fruits as Shown on Menu

Salad and Fresh Fruit Available Each Day

Additional Entrées Offered Daily

- Monday All-American Cheeseburger on a Bun*
- Tuesday Chicken Nuggets* with Twisted Breadstick* & BBQ Dipping Sauce
- Wednesday Mini Corn Dogs*
- Thursday Breaded Chicken Sandwich*
- Friday Pizza* (pepperoni French bread, cheese personal pan, and Big Daddy's extra cheesy pizza rotate each week)

Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich* with a Yogurt Cup available every day

> *=Item contains whole grains / ^=Item contains pork L=Locally sourced / H= Antibiotic and hormone-free S=Sustainable source

Milk served with lunch contains no artificial growth hormones or antibiotics Menu is subject to change based on availability and quality of food items

Around the World in a Lunch Period - Jamaica

Brrr! It's cold outside. Join the Culinary Explorations team as we head for the sun — in Jamaica! Jamaica is located approximately 90 miles south of Cuba. Once a Spanish possession called Santiago, Jamaica came under the rule of England in the 17th century. It achieved full independence on August 6, 1962, becoming a Commonwealth realm with Elizabeth II serving as the Queen and head of state. Jamaica is a parliamentary democracy and its form of government is known as a constitutional monarchy. On January 18, you will sample the flavor of this Caribbean island. Jerk chicken and collard greens are on the menu. Did you know . . .

- Jamaica is known as an Anglophone country because English is the official language?
- The cuisine is described as "fusion food" because it includes African, Indian, Spanish, Chinese, and British influences?
- "Jerk" refers to a style of cooking?
- Collard greens resemble the leafy vegetables commonly used in the popular dish callaloo, an island staple?

Here's to good eating! Enjoy!