

Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

January 11, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday we will celebrate the feast day of St. Hilary. He was a wise man ahead of his time, he stood firm in his beliefs in studying and taking the opportunity to learn and share our faith. We should be proud to be a part of a community that bears his name.

Friday, January 20th marks the half way point of the 2nd trimester. Please be vigilant with your financial obligations. Parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled for Friday, January 27th. A conference request form is included in today's envelope. These conferences are **not** mandatory for every child. They are based on teacher and/or parent requests. Please return the conference form to school by Wednesday, January 18th. You will receive notification if a teacher has requested to see you regarding your child's progress in today's envelope. If you do not receive notification of a requested conference and you do not wish to schedule a conference no further letter will be sent home to you. Confirmation of schedule times will be sent home on Friday, January 20th. If you have any questions on this process please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

Thank you to those families who have really prioritized punctuality in their child's lives. Unfortunately we have had to issue 9 ARPs so far during this 2nd trimester. That is equivalent to 27 days tardy for our children. To put this in perspective we have been in school for 26 days this trimester. Please make sure that your child is on time for school each day, this will instill in them the importance of punctuality as they learn these life skills at a very early age. Each ARP that is issued requires the teachers to be here earlier than they are required and they do so because they know the importance of this life skill. Please be respectful of their time as well.



Catholic Schools Week:

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. This is an important week when we celebrate the unique opportunities of choosing Catholic education for your child. Sunday will be filled with ways to celebrate our faith, family, and academics.

- We will celebrate our families with a Pancake breakfast hosted by the Family & School Association.
- We will celebrate our faith with a 10:00 Family Mass.
- We will celebrate our academics with an Open House from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Activities will be held in each of our classrooms.
- Registration kicks off for the 2017-2018 school year. Two families will be chosen to receive free registration when you register on this day. A raffle will be held and the two winners will be chosen at the end of the day.
- All children who register on Sun. Jan. 29th will receive a present.

Remember to assure a seat for your child next year register early. Take advantage of the Registration Raffle on Jan. 29th for free registration fees. If you know any families who are looking for a quality, caring Catholic school for their child invite them to all of our activities on Sun. Jan. 29th and please share their contact information with me so that I am able to extend the invitation as well. Thank you for your assistance in growing St. Hilary School.

Wanted:

If you have a video from the Christmas Concert and are able to share it, please Ms. Lamorena so she can post it on her St. Hilary Music Department Facebook page. We would love to share this amazing evening with everyone.

Our 8th graders:

On Saturday, January 14th our 8th graders will have the opportunity to take the Catholic High School Placement Exam. Cardinal Cupich recently recorded a video about this exam. The video, entitled “Cardinal Cupich – High School Placement Test” can be found on YouTube or by using this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aj7c3OXjFvU&feature=youtu.be>

I highly encourage all 8th graders to consider taking the Catholic placement exam even if they are also applying to a public high school.

Attention all 7th grade parents:

I highly recommend the PEACE program if you are looking for any test prep program for your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*PEACE Educational Services will be conducting a **10 week Aspire Preparation Program for 7th graders here at Northside Catholic Academy** on Saturdays beginning January 14th from 12:30-3:00 at the Middle School Campus at 7318 N. Oakley. Students will prepare for **Reading Comprehension, Writing, Math Reasoning, and Math Constructed Response**. Why is this important? **The Aspire test is somewhat new and challenging exam. Many high schools use the 7th grade Aspire results as one important component of the application when considering admission and placement, and PEACE helps your child's full ability to be reflected in the test results.***

*PEACE will review content and give format-specific practice. Moreover, PEACE instills confidence and teaches test taking skills which will help on future tests. More detailed information is outlined in the attached brochure. **Register before January 10th at www.PeaceEdServices.com**, or call Patti Smith at [\(847\)567-7260](tel:(847)567-7260) for further information. Financial Aid is available.*

Reminders:

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.

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:

- SCP flyer
- FSA flyers
- Box Tops flyer
- Christmas Thank You

Mark your calendars:

- Wed. Jan. 11th- Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the café
- Fri. Jan. 13th – Feast of St. Hilary
- Sat. Jan. 14th – Catholic High School placement exams – Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers.
- Mon. Jan. 16th No School in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
- Fri. Jan. 20th – 8th grade Graduation pictures

Jr. High Dance 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 6th – 8th graders.

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 January 16 - 20

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

MONDAY: January 16th Altar Servers: Madison, Nicholas ✓ No School – Martin Luther King Day
TUESDAY: January 17th Altar Servers: Rianne, Christine N. ✓ Student Council – officers only ✓ Codas 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books
WEDNESDAY: January 18th Altar Servers: Luke, Jeryl ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
THURSDAY: January 19th Altar Servers: Nora, Katrina ✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm ✓ Super Soccer classes 3:10-3:50 in the gym ✓ Pictures for Yearbook – sport teams, clubs, activities
FRIDAY: January 20th Altar Servers: Phuc, Sidonie ✓ 8 th Grade Graduation pictures taken ✓ Jr. High dance 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 7 th grade hosts ✓ Conference forms go home ✓ Half-way point of 2 nd trimester – All Financial Obligations need to be up to date
SATURDAY: January 21st Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers 5:00 p.m. Adhrian, Camille, Abel
SUNDAY: January 22nd Altar Servers: 8 am Lina, Phuc, Tam 10 am Christine, Marc, volunteer 12 pm Christopher, Nathan, Luke

*Reminder: Parent-Teacher-Student Optional Conferences
will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th. 11:30 a.m. dismissal*



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

Sheryl Adams
Carol Chodich
Marcy Wiener
Enoch & Annaly
Ann Kulig
Jeanne McFarland
Mrs. Kathie Snow
Ar. Aloy E.
Ar. Paul
Vicki Burt
Kathy Ernst
Connie Donnelly
Joe Fehly
Sally Whitlock
Ida Messana
Aneresa Flores
Karma Rhodes
Lisa Medina
Mrs. Helen Bam
Mary Kay Donnelly
Margaret Frank
Adelle Weber
Whitney Castle
Jackie Collins
Heather Ewen
Mia Montemurro
Hope Snediker



SAVE THE DATE!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JAN 29

9 A.M. TO NOON

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THE FAMILY & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO HELP US KICK OFF ST. HILARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FESTIVITIES. COME ENJOY AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT HOT BREAKFAST AND CELEBRATE OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL! PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD SUPPORTING ST. HILARY SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS. ALL ARE WELCOME.

***PLEASE COME AND
SUPPORT THIS EVENT!***



Family & School Association MEETING TONIGHT

Welcome back! Join us and bring a friend to the monthly meeting of the St. Hilary FSA. All parents and guardians are members and are invited to attend. We will be discussing the Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast, Daddy-Daughter Dance, and other upcoming events and programs.

Where: **School cafeteria**
(enter on California)

When: **Wed., Jan. 11**

Time: **7—8 p.m.**



RETURN-TO-SCHOOL DRAWING

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

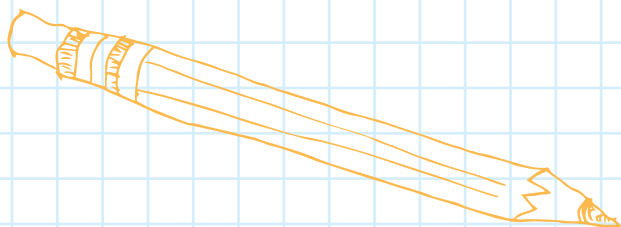
Return to School with Box Tops for Education! Box Tops for Education plays an important part in helping our students succeed. You can celebrate 20 years of Box Tops by helping us earn even more thanks to the Return-to-School Drawing.

★ **HELP ME EARN 50,000 BONUS
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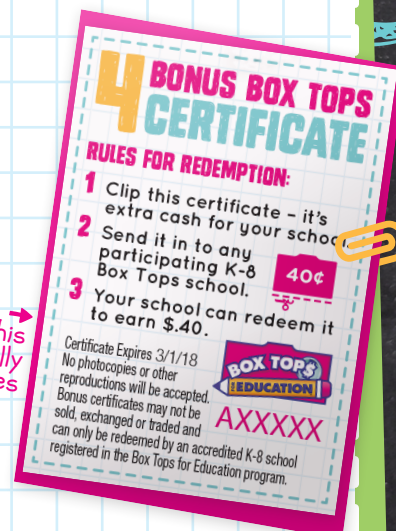
Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate that we clip and collect until 3/1/2017 earns our school a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops — **that's \$5,000 for our classrooms!**

With your help, we can make a difference for our school.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT!



Look for this
on specially
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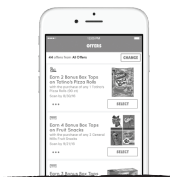


THE LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION FROM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | JANUARY 2017

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Send your Box Tops to school by: _____

EARN EVEN MORE WITH THE BOX TOPS BONUS APP



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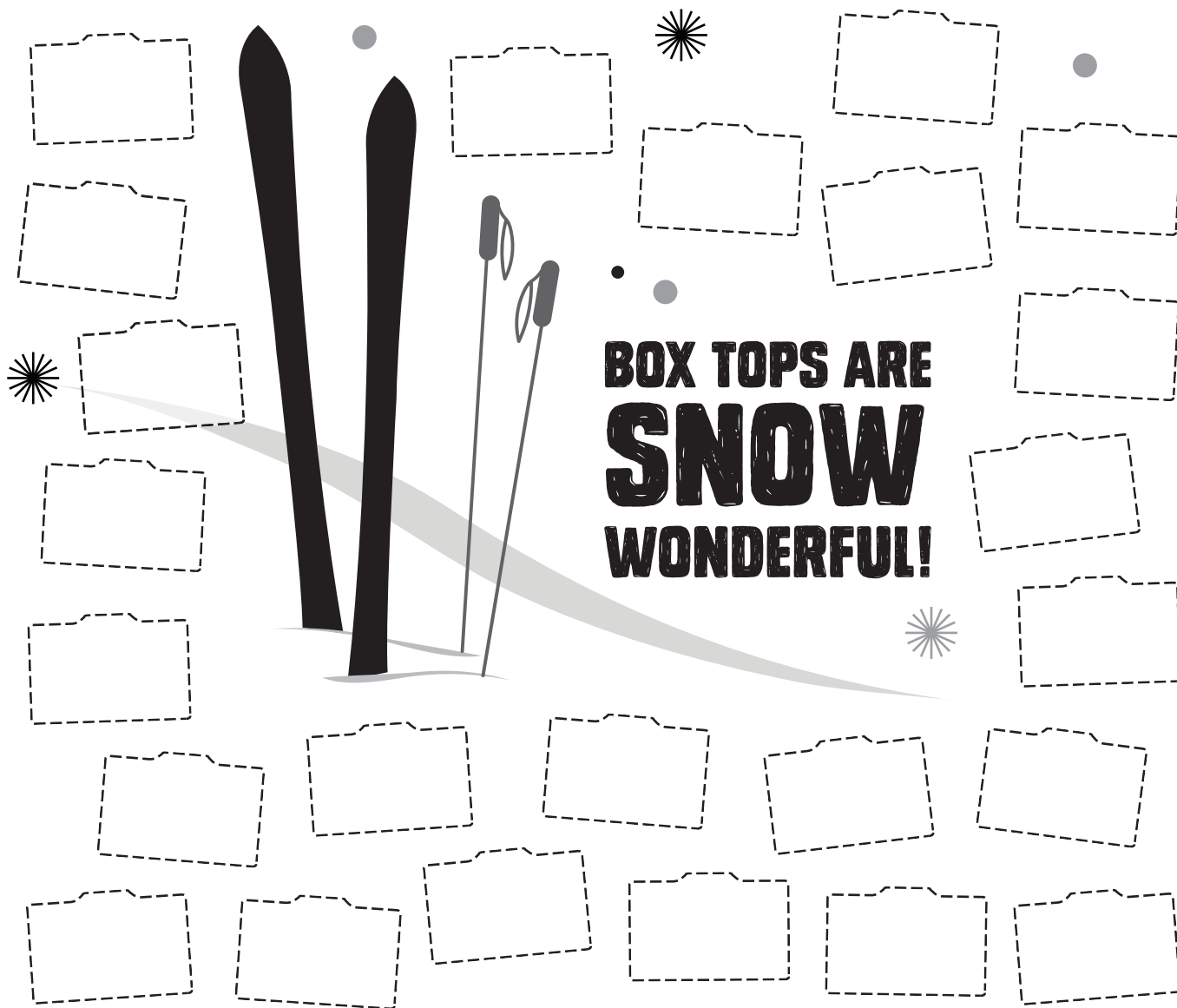
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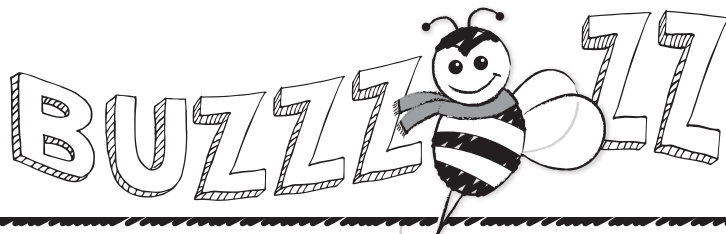
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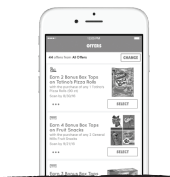


ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS E INFORMACIÓN SOBRE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | ENERO DE 2017

¡AYÚDENOS A TENER UNA VENTAJA INICIAL EN LAS ENTREGAS DE PRIMAVERA!

Envíe sus Box Tops a la escuela antes del: _____

GANE AÚN MÁS CON LA APLICACIÓN DE BONOS DE BOX TOPS



¡Descargue la aplicación Box Tops sin cargo y gane Box Tops de Bono mientras compra! Simplemente seleccione las ofertas, compre los productos y escanee su recibo – es así de fácil.

¡ADEMÁS!

PODRÁ GANAR \$50 Y 500 BOX TOPS DE BONO (PARA SU ESCUELA)

AL CANJEAR 3 OFERTAS ÚNICAS CON LA APLICACIÓN DE BONOS DE BOX TOPS

Obtenga más información y descargue la aplicación en **BTFE.com/fifty500**

*SIN OBLIGACIÓN DE COMPRA. Comienza: a las 12:00 a.m. hora estándar del centro el 2 de enero de 2017 y finaliza a las 11:59 p.m. hora estándar del centro el 3 de febrero de 2017. Abierto sólo para residentes legales de EE.UU., mayores de 18 años inclusive, que sean miembros de BoxTops4Education.com y que hayan designado una escuela para apoyar al momento de su ingreso. Ser miembro de BoxTops4Education.com es gratis y se encuentra disponible en www.boxtops4education.com. Nulo donde esté prohibido. Sujeto a las Reglas Oficiales del Concurso Promocional que se encuentran en <https://www.boxtops4education.com/fifty500>. Organizado por General Mills Sales, Inc.



¡Muchas gracias por ayudar! Los Box Tops recortados valen 10¢ cada uno para la escuela de sus hijos. No deben adjuntarse certificados de bonos en esta hoja – por favor, preséntelos por separado. Para observar otras formas de ganar dinero para la escuela de sus hijos, dirijase a BTFE.com.

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Dear School Families,

St. Hilary will be holding our parent teacher student conferences on Friday, January 27th from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. These conferences are not mandatory. A teacher or parent may request a conference as needed. If you would like to conference with your child's teacher(s), please fill in the information below in order to help schedule your conference. Teachers will schedule conferences based on the family information received no later than January 18th. Families who have more than one child in the family are the first to be scheduled. **It is very important that this form is returned to the school no later than January 18th, in order to honor the time you requested.** Confirmation of your parent conference will be sent home on Friday, January 20th.

A reminder school is dismissed on Friday, January 27th, at 11:30am for parent conferences. There is extended care for students registered in the extended day program.

Thank you,
Mrs. Donovan

Name of Family_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time & Date preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time & Date preference_____

Child's Name_____Grade_____Room #_____
Time & Date preference_____

Parents of Title 1 Students: _____ Please check here if you would like to schedule a conference with the Title 1 teacher, Ms. Flores.

Indicate your preferred date and time for your conference - times should be indicated in 30 minute increments (i.e. 2:00 - 2:30 pm). The conference time per child is 10 minutes unless requested and scheduled otherwise.

Teachers will be on a dinner break from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. There should not be a conference filled in between the time period of 3:00pm to 4:00pm.



**CHASE AWAY YOUR WINTER BLUES!
USE THE SCP PROGRAM 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 is 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 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:

Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10 ____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
I Hop (4%rebate)	\$25 ____
Kentucky Fried Chicken (4.5% rebate)	\$5 ____
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Lou Malnatis (3.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Olive Garden/Red Lobster (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Pizza Hut (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
Starbucks Coffee (3.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Subway (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10 ____

SPECIALTY:

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 ____
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .49¢ (0% rebate)	8.8 ____

RETAIL:

Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Best Buy (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100 ____
Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marshall's/T J Maxx(3.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20 ____
Old Navy,Gap,Banana Republic (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Ross (5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Toy-R-Us (1.5% rebate)	\$20 ____
Walgreens (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Wal-mart (1.25% rebate)	\$25 ____

ST. HILARY GIFT CERTIFICATE

CHOOSE THE AMOUNT \$_____

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

RESTAURANTS:

	\$10 ____
	\$10 ____
Boston Market (6.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Buffalo Wild Wings (3.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Eduardo's Pizza (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
Houlihan's (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Mrs. Fields Cookies (9% rebate)	\$10 ____
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Red Robin (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

SPECIALTY:

Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
B P Gas (.50% rebate)	\$50 ____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20 ____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

RETAIL:

Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Build A Bear (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Express (5.0% rebate)	\$25 ____
Foot Locker (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Hair Cuttery (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
J C Penneys (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Land's End (7% rebate)	\$25 ____
Lane Bryant (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Mario Tricoci (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Menard's (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Office Max (2.5% 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 * _____

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

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.

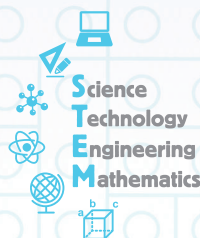
Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.

ROOM # _____



We Learn. We Build. We Play.

After School



St. Hilary School

COME BUILD WITH US.

Tuesdays 3:00-4:05pm

Session 3: January 17 - February 21

INTERESTING INVENTIONS

Most objects we use on a daily basis were invented by someone. Find out the origins of things like the hand mixer, windshield wipers and conveyor belts. During this unit, students will discuss the difference between an invention and a discovery, learn how inventions solve problems, and find out how inventors get their ideas patented. Each week, students are encouraged to think of what they could invent, or improvements they could make to an existing object to solve a problem. So many things we use each day are someone's invention. Introduce your student to the world of ideas, creativity, inventions and patents. We will construct different familiar objects each week such as a hand mixer, windshield wipers and a conveyor belt. Each model is motorized for maximum movement and fascination! Start creating!

Cost: \$77 for 6-week session

For a full description of each class and to register online, please visit our website at

bricks4kidz.com/chicagonorth

mhench@bricks4kidz.com

(773) 383-5211

www.brick4kidz.com/chicagonorth

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Bricks 4 Kidz Registration

Student Name: _____ Boy / Girl Birthdate: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Dismissal (i.e. parent pickup, walk home, extended care, etc.): _____

Allergies or Medical awareness: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Relationship: _____

Tuition: **\$77 for 6 classes** Payment Method (circle): **Cash** **Check** **Credit Card**

Make checks payable to **"Bricks 4 Kidz"**; contact us or register online for credit card payment

Send form and payment to school addressed to **"Bricks 4 Kidz"**
