

Dear Parent/Guardian,

April 12, 2017

As we prepare for Holy Week think about what Jesus said as he hung on the cross. "It makes sense that the first word of Jesus from the cross is a word of forgiveness. That's the point of the cross, after all. Jesus is dying so that we might be forgiven for our sins, so that we might be reconciled to God for eternity. But the forgiveness of God through Christ doesn't come only to those who don't know what they are doing when they sin. In the mercy of God, we receive his forgiveness even when we do what we know to be wrong. God chooses to wipe away our sins, not because we have some convenient excuse, and not because we have tried hard to make up for them, but because he is a God of amazing grace, with mercies that are new every morning."

We enjoyed our Fun Run today, what a party!!! I hope that the children enjoyed the past week with Dougie Fresh from Boosterthon. He spent time each day in the classrooms spreading the message of following your dreams, making a difference, and never giving up. He shared stories of 5 amazing kids who followed their dreams and made them come true while helping others. I will share final numbers with you once the results are in. We will be leaving the pledging website up and running through next week so that you can continue to get pledges to help St. Hilary School. Remember our code is 972952 at funrun.com.

Thank you to those who have signed up to assist with our playground build. We are still looking for volunteers! Remember that this is a community build for a community space. I am confident that you and your children will be enjoying this space for years to come and your help is necessary to make it happen. Thank you also to those who are able to lend us tools for the day, this helps cut down on expenses for buying or renting these necessary items. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer or you have tools to share the forms are in today's envelope.

Congratulations:

Each year the 7th and 8th grade students write essays that are submitted to the National Campaign against violence. This campaign is entitled, "Do the Write Thing". This year 4 of our students were selected amongst the 100 finalists in the Chicago land area. These students are: Lina Pham, Annabelle Nguyen, Raymond Truong, and Jaden Wood. They will be honored at a recognition awards dinner on May 9th. The two first place winners will be announced at the dinner and will receive an expense paid trip to

Washington, D.C. in June. Congratulations on this incredible honor, we are very proud of you! Thank you to Ms. Weber for her work with these students.

Thank you:

Thank you to Ms. Weber and the 7th graders for their beautiful reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. The entire school enjoyed their presentation yesterday. They were incredibly reverent and were wonderful role models of how we respectfully show our love for Jesus. They helped us remember the finals days of Jesus here on Earth. A special thank you to Mr. Joe Schmidt who shared his experience and time with the students for this special event. We are blessed to have him remain an important member of our St. Hilary family. We will have a Lenten prayer service on Thursday, April 13th at 10:45 a.m. in church – everyone is welcome to celebrate with us.

Thank you to the FSA and the book fair committee; Mrs. Maria Hench, Mrs. Margaret Frank, and all parent volunteers for another successful book fair. Each of the teachers was able to receive all the books on their wish lists thanks to your donations. Thank you, your generosity is very much appreciated and allows us to provide a variety of book selections for our children.

Thank you for all your donations this past couple of weeks, the recycling has been fantastic! This contest is still ongoing so don't slow down – keep recycling. The number of items that we were able to donate to St. Vincent DePaul Society was very overwhelming. I am confident that you were able to help many people in need. Thank you to Mrs. Frank for organizing this Lenten project.

Parents, please read:

The teachers and I are trying every possible way to communicate with you. Communicating and working as a team is extremely important to us. Each week you receive a Wednesday envelope either hard copy or electronic and it is archived on our school website. The teachers send notes, remind texts, and we utilize School Reach. All of these ways are so that we can better communicate with you. I ask that you please take a few moments to pay attention to our communications even though I know the Wednesday envelope is often very full, that is because there are many wonderful things going on and we want to keep you informed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in working with us as a team for your child.

Reminder:

There are only a handful of families who have not registered their child for next year. I ask your cooperation in completing this process or contacting me as soon as possible. Classroom assignments cannot be finalized and teacher contracts cannot be offered without these numbers. We do not want to lose any of our fine teachers so don't delay return your registration forms and fee today.

This year, once again, St. Hilary will be utilizing the FACTS management program for our financial aid process. There is a link on our school's website for the FACTS program. This is the same organization that serves as our tuition management program. It is more efficient for everyone to incorporate both of these services in one program. The application is now available for you. <u>All families must completed a financial aid application in order to qualify for any scholarships or financial aid.</u>

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!

Summer Camps:

North Park University is offering the following summer camps. For more information, click on the link.

Basketball Camp, June 26-29 (girls; grades 1-8)

http://athletics.northpark.edu/news/2017/3/10/womens-basketball-north-park-basketballcamp.aspx?path=wbball

Volleyball Camp, July 31-Aug 3 (girls; grades 3-8)

http://www.northparkvolleyballcamps.com/all-skills-camp.cfm

Soccer camp, August 7-11 (coed; 5-12 years)

http://athletics.northpark.edu/sports/2017/3/31/2017-north-park-soccer-camps.aspx?path=wsoc

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- FSA flyers
- Kaboom Playground flyer

Mark your calendars:

- Wed. April 12th St. Hilary Fun Run
- Thurs. April 13th Holy Thursday 11:30 dismissal
- Fri. April 14th Good Friday, no school
- Sun. April 16th Happy Easter
- Mon. April 17th no school, Easter Monday
- Wed. April 19th Mr. Tom Reedy will be joining us at our weekly mass

- Thurs. April 20th the 1st and 3rd graders will enjoy a special lunch at Olive Garden as a reward for their LLS donations
- Fri. April 21st halfway point of the 3rd trimester all financial obligations must be up to date
- Fri. April 21st Jr. High Dance hosted by the 6th graders
- Sat. April 22nd First Communion retreat
- Sun. April 23rd 10 am Family Mass hosted by the 3rd & 6th graders
 Tues. April 25th Fri. April 28th ACT Aspire testing for 3rd through 8th grades

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 April 17 - 21

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

MONDAY: April 17 th		
Altar Servers: Gail, Marc		
✓ No School – Easter Monday		
TUESDAY: April 18 th		
Altar Servers: Rianne, Sidonie		
✓ No Student Council meeting		
✓ Codas 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109		
✓ Battle of the Books		
WEDNESDAY: April 19 th		
Altar Servers: Don, Adhrian		
✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am		
✓ 8:30 all school liturgy		
\checkmark Battle of the Books		
✓ Mr. Tom Reedy will be joining us at mass		
THURSDAY: April 20 th		
Altar Servers: Camille, Zheous		
✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am		
✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm		
✓ Super Soccer classes 3:10-3:50 in the gym		
\checkmark 1 st & 3 rd graders will enjoy a trip to Olive Garden		
FRIDAY: April 21 st		
Altar Servers: Gia, Isabella M.		
✓ Half way point for the 3 rd trimester- <i>financial obligations must be up to date</i>		
\checkmark Jr. High Dance hosted by the 6 th graders		
SATURDAY: April 22 nd <u>Retreat for First Communicants</u>		
Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers		
5:00 p.m. Sophia C., Luke S., Sarah O.		
SUNDAY: April 23 rd * <u>Family Mass hosted by 3rd & 6th graders at 10 am</u> *		
Altar Servers: 8 am Thao, Christine & Sabrina N. lector - Annabelle		
10 am Nora, Katrina, Betsy lector – Kathryn I.		
12 pm Nicholas, Madison, volunteer		

ACT Aspire Testing for $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ graders April $25^{th} - 28^{th}$



St. Hilary School is building a playground!

We need you to bring play to kids at St. Hilary School

We need more than 100 volunteers from the St. Hilary School and Chicago community to help us give more than 550 area kids the childhood they deserve by building a new playground.

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Prep Day: Thursday, May 11, 2017 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Build Day: Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm





St. Hilary School 5614 N. Fairfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60659

- Volunteers should be age 18+ and will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, etc.
- Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.
- Youth activities provided.
- Sloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Together, we can ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive! Please join us and show that play matters to you.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINK: https://www.tfaforms.com/4609214



We are in need of the following tools for Prep Day 1,

May 11th through Build Day, May 13th.

If you have any of these items and are willing to let us borrow them,

I would greatly appreciate it.

Qty	Item
15	Spade Shovels
19	Rock / Metal Rakes
1	6' Step Ladder
2	8' Step Ladder
4	Wheel Barrows
4	Manual Post Hole Digger
8	Corded Drills
8	Powerful Cordless Drills with Batteries
3	2-6 lb. Sledge Hammers
7	100' Extension Cord
3	Digging Bars
5	Cement (or Garden) Hoes
4	Push Brooms
2	Mitre Saw (Prep Day Only)
6	Claw Hammers (Side Projects)
1	Post Driver (if available)

Please return to school by Monday, April 10th. Thank you for your help. Mrs. Donovan

Name	Phone #				
I have the following tools and am willing to borrow them to the school:					
1	Qty:				
2					
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4	Qty:				
5	Qty:				

Family & School Association Meeting

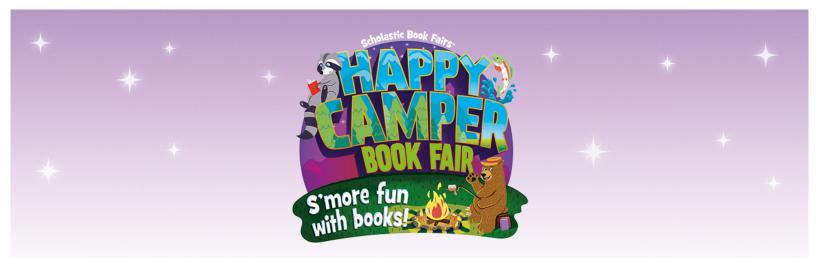
TONIGHT Wednesday, April 12 7 – 8 p.m. | St. Hilary Cafeteria

On the agenda:

- Get updates on our events and activities
- Find out about volunteer opportunities
- Looking for a way to meet other parents and enrich our
 St. Hilary School community? Learn more about how you
 can join the FSA Executive Committee

** All parents and guardians welcome! *** Refreshments will be served *

Please mark your calendars for the Family & School Association executive committee elections and our next meeting: May 10.



A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who shopped at our Happy Camper Book Fair. We hope everyone is enjoying all your new books! Thank you also to all the families who donated books to the teachers and libraries. Your generosity is much appreciated. Proceeds from the book fairs go toward funding purchases for the classroom and school libraries. With your support, we were able to fulfill every teacher's wish list!

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped students make wish lists, fill orders, sell books, and set up and pack up fair. Thanks so much to Clifford and the student volunteers who greeted the shoppers on Sunday, collected spare change for the All For Books program, and sorted book donations. We wouldn't have had a successful fair without our volunteers' help!

Our in-school Book Fair has ended, but you are still able to shop the **Online Book Fair, now through Saturday, April 22**. This extended shopping will give you a chance to shop an expanded selection of titles in case you missed the fair or couldn't find what you were looking for. Every purchase still benefits our school libraries. All online orders ship for FREE to the school and will be sent home with your child after the Online Fair has ended. So check out the Online Book Fair at http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/default.aspx?f=3647817 and thanks for supporting St. Hilary!

The Fall Book Fair will be visiting in September. See you then!

Sincerely, The Book Fair Committee





Happy Easter from your friends at SCP!

Bonus Rebate Offers in April: Honey Baked (6%) April 1st – April 14th, Build-A-Bear (5%) April 1st – April 14th, Fannie Mae (14.5%) April 1st – April 14th and Chili's (5.5%) April 8th – April 14th.

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.

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 I		Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25			
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate) \$25 J		Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25			
Lou Malnatis (3.5% 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			
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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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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Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.		······································				



We See You Summer!



Sale begins April 13, 2017 and runs through April 22, 2017

Stock up now on warm weather essentials



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www.schoolbelles.com 24/7

Customer Service 1-888-637-3037

One of our 11 Retail Locations www.schoolbelles.com/storelocations

40% off ~ Uniform Shorts

Does not include school customized items

30% off ~ Modesty Shorts

20% off ~ Belts Ties & Hair Accessories

Extended through the end of April 40% off Shoes 50% off Backpacks & Lunch Bags

