



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

April 19, 2017

Happy Easter! In the words of Pope Francis, "Let us go, then. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart." I hope that you had a wonderful Easter and spent time with family and friends.

Thank you to the Lent Committee for organizing all of the activities for us. During this Lenten season we spent time reflecting on how we live according to the greatest commandment. Each afternoon, as a school community, we spent a few minutes in silent reflection to spend some quiet time with Jesus and to remember the sacrifice that he made for us. We participated in two Lenten service projects, thank you for your generosity and for helping your child service others as Jesus taught us. The faculty on this committee were; Ms. Montemurro, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Frank.

The ACT Aspire testing will take place next week for 3rd – 8th graders. It is extremely important that your child is on time for school on these days; once the test has begun students will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will need to make up the test on a different day. These tests are only a portion of our day and academic instruction will continue. There will be light homework and no official tests given. Students who reach their math goals or complete a novel will continue to take the Accelerated Math and Reading tests/quizzes. Please see the enclosed letter for additional information regarding these tests.

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.

Reminder:

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!

Remember to continue to collect your #1 plastic and non-alcoholic aluminum cans as we continue with our PepsiCo Recycling Challenge. This contest is completed at the end of April.

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-basketball-camp.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
- ACT Aspire parent letter
- Kaboom Playground flyer

Mark your calendars:

- 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
- Fri. April 28th – Pee Wee Pep Rally hosted by Student Council
- Sun. April 30th – Basketball Banquet

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 24 - 28

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MONDAY: April 24th Altar Servers: Zachary, Marina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious Education classes ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 in Room 109 ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am
TUESDAY: April 25th *Aspire testing begins for 3rd-8th graders* Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers only ✓ Codas 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books
WEDNESDAY: April 26th Altar Servers: Kartina, Jeryl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ Battle of the Books
THURSDAY: April 27th Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm ✓ Super Soccer classes 3:10-3:50 in the gym
FRIDAY: April 28th Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pee Wee Pep Rally hosted by Student Council ✓ Progress reports go home
SATURDAY: April 29th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers 5:00 p.m. Gail, Christopher, Isabella M. lector - Andrew
SUNDAY: April 30th <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Altar Servers: 8 am Thao, Phuc, Lina 10 am Zheous, Isabella A., Angel 12 pm Nathan, Giovanni & Kristoff G. </div> <div> lector - Annabelle lector – Kevin </div> </div>

Sunday April 30th – Basketball Banquet



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.



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.
- ❖ Gloves, 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>



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April 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the week of April 25, your child will be taking the ACT Aspire standardized tests. Historically Archdiocesan elementary students have taken the TerraNova test to measure student performance each year. The Archdiocese of Chicago has recently updated its curriculum standards to ensure alignment with national and college readiness standards and has realized that the TerraNova is not aligned to the new standards. As a result, starting last year, students in grades three through eight will take the Aspire test, a standardized assessment that is aligned to the new curriculum standards. The Aspire test is a product produced by ACT. The ACT is the most widely administered college entrance exam in Illinois and is required for admissions to state universities.. All students in grades three through eighth will be taking these tests.

Students will complete tests in 5 key areas: English, math, reading, science and writing. The TerraNova test did not require students to produce an extended written response to a grade-level appropriate prompt and Archdiocesan educators are enthusiastic about having this important skill assessed. This test will measure how well your child has been learning during his/her entire school life, so it is not a test that can be studied for on the night or weekend before it is given. Please note that the Aspire test is aligned to more rigorous curriculum standards that require students to respond to more complex questions. Thus, some students' scores on the Aspire may not be consistent with their previous performance on the TerraNova. This is to be expected and not a cause for concern. Last year, students across the Archdiocese adjusted to the Aspire test with a high degree of success.

There are, however, some things that you as a parent/guardian can do to ensure that your child does his/her very best on this test next week.

1. Make sure that your child gets sufficient sleep. Being well-rested gives the mind its best chance to think clearly when answering questions on the test.
2. Make sure that your child eats a good breakfast on each of the test days. Without proper nourishment the mind has more difficulty performing well.
3. Express your confidence in your child's ability to do well on the test. Assure your child that you expect him/her to do his/her best. It is best not to make promises of rewards for high scores or punishments for a low score. This only puts undue pressure on your child. He/she may be nervous enough anyway.
4. When you receive a report of the results, go over the report with your child. Please be sure to praise him/her for areas of the test on which he/she has done well. Suggest that there may be ways to improve next year's scores by more diligent studying, more reading, trips to museums, etc. Since many of your child's life experiences, study habits and natural abilities are reflected in this test, good year-long habits of learning are extremely important.

Remember, this test is only one measure of your child's educational performance. His/her daily work and teacher-made tests show what has been specifically learned by your child in class this year. Aspire results will be used to provide insights into the effectiveness of instruction and student achievement.

For more information on the Aspire test, please access the following link: <http://www.discoveractaspire.org/>
Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Mrs. Kathie Donovan,
Principal



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. _____ Qty: _____
3. _____ Qty: _____
4. _____ Qty: _____
5. _____ Qty: _____

Happy Earth Day!

Care for the Earth and Buy SCPs for all your supplies!



Bonus Rebate offers in April is: Old Navy/Gap (9.5%) April 18th - 19th only, AMC Theatres Movie Bundle Green Ticket Giveaway (7%) April 16th - 26th and Bath & Body Works (9%) and Gift Basket Giveaway April 23rd - May 6th.

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.

- ❖ SCP* AT ST.HILARY IS A SHOPPING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. YOU ORDER \$10 WORTH OF SHOPPING CERTIFICATES AND YOU GET \$10 WORTH OF SHOPPING CERTIFICATES.
- ❖ 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:

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 * _____

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.

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

ROOM # _____