

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

May 3, 2017

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child." Carl Jung

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are incredibly blessed with dedicated and caring teachers who do not come to school for fortune or fame they come every day to make a difference in the lives of our children. Take time this week to thank them! National Teacher Appreciation Day is officially on Tues. May 9th.

This Saturday, the 2nd graders of St. Hilary School and our Religious Education program will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us and celebrate this special day with our children. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations:

Ms. Mia Montemurro, our 1st grade teacher, was recognized in the Volunteer Spotlight of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's April newsletter during Volunteer Appreciation Month.

"Mia became involved with LLS first through the Light the Night Walk. Her family walked in honor of her sister, Lisa, who lost her battle with leukemia when she was 22 months old. Mia continued her involvement through coordinating the Student Series Program with St. Hilary School.

Mia wants to honor her sister, Lisa, and her cousin, Maria who struggled with many forms of cancer, the first being Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Maria sadly passed away when she was 36. 'Both struggled and yet fought so hard. I want to fight hard for this cause so that my efforts can help bring about a cure,' remarked Mia.

Mia feels that volunteering with LLS has been a rewarding experience because, 'LLS does so much for others and has the best people working for them. You are joining a family of caring, gifted people who sincerely want to help others."

Thank you to Mia for teaching your students about making a difference!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Asp on the birth of their second child. Oden was born on April 12th. Mom and baby are doing well! Mrs. Asp is our Academic Coach.

Last week the students in 3rd – 8th grade took the ACT Aspire tests. We expect the results sometime in June/July. A parent report will be sent home to each family. The faculty and I will be taking a deep dive into the data that we receive from this test in order to better serve each individual student. Our analysis will be focused on individual objectives within each subject area rather than looking at each subject as a whole

We are in the home stretch! 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 please see the form in today's envelope.

"I am not able to help on build day but I would like to contribute, what can I do?" There are two ways that you can still help: 1. Donations of food to serve approximately 250 volunteers or 2. A monetary donation to help cover either food or to help us maintain the playground. There are two flyers in today's envelope for more information.

Thank you:

Thank you to Student Council and the 8th graders for organizing the Pee Wee Pep Rally last week. It was so much fun to see our youngest Cardinals show off their athletic ability and sportsmanship. Thanks to Ms. Montemurro, Ms. Weber and Mrs. Castle for supervising and preparing all the activities.

Thank you to our Athletic Director, Mr. Joe Kummerer for a wonderful year of sports. We honored many of our athletes on Sunday at the volleyball/basketball banquet. Many thanks to our coaches who volunteer all of their time, the parents who make great sacrifices when their children are involved in sports, and the athletes who showed great sportsmanship and continued to bring pride to St. Hilary throughout the season.

Reminder:

It is that time of the year again – your red service hour cards are due. Please make sure that you have completed your 15 hours and return the card to Mrs. Wolf. If you are still in need of hours please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us to provide the many activities and events for our children.

As the year is wrapping up quite quickly I am looking forward to next year. There are many things that need to be addressed, such as, classroom assignments and teacher contracts. Your child's re-registration is critical to this process. There are only a few families who have not yet registered their children for next year, if you have not yet registered your child for next year please do so immediately. The paperwork and fee must be in place in order to hold a seat for your child. If you have misplaced your registration forms please let me know and I will provide a new set for you. If you have any reservations about your child returning next year I ask that you contact me so that we can have a productive conversation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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!

June 10th will be the St. Hilary Annual Community Fest. This year we will have our Grand Raffle at the Community Fest! More information will be coming. If you are interested in purchasing an additional raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000 come to the school office or the parish office in the rectory. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors – everyone is welcome to participate. Someone will win, why not you?

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Playground flyer
- FSA flyers
- Community Fest flyers

Mark your calendars:

- Tues. May 2 In house Battle of the Books at 1:30 pm in the gym
- Fri. May 5th 5th & 6th grade service day at Green Brier Park –rescheduled to 5.17.2017 due to the weather conditions
- Sat. May 6th 1st Communion at 11:00 am All are welcome!
- Mon. May 8th No School Teacher In-service day

- Wed. May 10th Battle of the Books at SMOW
- Thurs. May 11th 1st Prep Day for the playground
- Sat. May 13th Playground Build Day
- Sun. May 14th Mother's Day!!!
- Thurs. May 18th Spring Concert
 May 18th & 19th Student Council bake sale after school
- Thurs. May 25th Candle Ribbon Ceremony 7:00 pm in church mandatory for all 2nd, 7th, & 8th grade students

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



We would love if you could take a few moments to write a review on either facebook or yelp to share your thoughts about St. Hilary School. Word of mouth is our best marketing tool! Thank you







A Peek at the Week



WEEK OF May 8 - 12

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

MONDAY: May 8th

Altar Servers: Zachary M., Jeryl

✓ No-school – Teacher in-service

TUESDAY: May 9th

Altar Servers: Gail, Camille

✓ Student Council meeting – officers

✓ Codas 7:10 - 7:45 am in Room 109

WEDNESDAY: May 10th

Altar Servers: Christopher, Marc

✓ Cadet Band 7:00 - 7:45 am

✓ 8:30 all school liturgy

✓ Battle of the Books Championship at SMOW 10:30 am

✓ Family & School Association Meeting 7:00 pm in the cafeteria

THURSDAY: May 11th

Altar Servers: Christine L., Isabella M.

✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am

✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm

✓ Super Soccer classes 3:10-3:50 in the gym

✓ Prep Day 1 for the playground

FRIDAY: May 12th

Altar Servers: Nathan, Phuc

✓ Prep Day 2 for the playground

✓ Relaxed dress down day for all the winners of the recycling contest – Everyone!!!

SATURDAY: May 13th

Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers

5:00 p.m. Giovanni, Kristoff, Zheous

Altar Servers: 8 am Christine & Sabrina N., Don

10 am Nora, Rianne, Gia.

12 pm Nicholas & Madison, Sidonie

*Playground Build Day on Saturday, May 13th

*Opening Ceremony for the Playground on Tuesday, May 16th 9:00 am

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Moms!

Cardinal Choir will perform on May 14th at the 10:00 a.m. May Crowning mass – please arrive by 9:30 a.m.



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Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention that many of our children are watching a Netflix series entitled, "13 Reasons Why". I wanted to share some information with you about this series because I feel that our children do not have the capacity to fully understand the mature content of the series. The following information comes from Common Sense Media a leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology.

"Parents need to know that 13 Reasons Why is an intense, dark Netflix drama based on the popular young adult novel <u>Thirteen Reasons Why</u> by <u>Jay Asher</u> and is definitely not a light watch or for younger kids. The disturbing story explores a troubled teen's motivations for committing suicide, opening after the fatal event, with all appearances by deceased Hannah in the reflections of a boy who harbored a secret crush on her. Messages about treating people with respect and not taking others for granted are prominent, but the fact that Hannah blames others for her suicide is problematic and may send the wrong messages to some sensitive teens. The series doesn't shy away from mature issues, as Hannah's suicide is shown in great detail, as is more than one graphic rape scene involving a teenager. There's teen drinking, voyeurism (a boy circulates a picture of a girl in a compromising position after a sexual encounter), and lots of swearing ("f--k," "s--t," and "a--holes"). While this challenging story could help parents start conversations with teens about issues like bullying, isolation, and depression, the way the series addresses these issues is complex and may be confusing for impressionable viewers.

This series isn't a pleasant watch by any means, but it does raise vital issues that can inspire valuable discussions between parents and teens. There are two disturbing forces at play throughout the story, the first being Hannah's downward spiral and the circumstances that instigated it. Serious matters like cyberbullying, body image, sexual assault, and sexting are addressed unflinchingly; these scenes can be difficult to watch and are too mature for much of the targeted teen audience.

Hannah's choices are also complicated; it's clear that she blames others for her suicide. One wonders what, if anything, she hoped to gain by inflicting posthumous guilt on parties either actively engaged in tormenting her or innocently involved. As 13 Reasons Why is told from Clay's point of view, there's sympathy for him and others left behind, giving viewers a thought-provoking glimpse of what it's like to pick up the pieces after a suicide. Even so, the story's dark tone of blame and revenge sends some concerning messages parents may need to temper -- this is not a "fun" show and could be interpreted poorly by teens who aren't ready for the nuanced portrait of a young girl's life and death."

-Common Sense Media

It is critically important that we are aware of what our children are watching and that we are open to having conversations with them regarding these very serious and complex issues. This series romanticizes suicide and also does not address mental health issues responsibly but focuses on blame and revenge. My recommendation is that our children do not watch this series. If your child has already seen/heard of it, this is the time to have open and honest conversations with your child. Our first priority is always the safety of our children and this is just another way that we, as adults, need to be aware and proactive to their health and well being.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kathie Donovan



Playground Build, May 13, 2017

The new playground is for everyone! Please help us complete this project.

We need 100% participation.

Family Name
Yes, I will volunteer on Build Day! (5/13/2017, 8am-3pm). We need 150 volunteers!
I will help to construct playground equipment, paint, build benches, serve food, play games with the kids on site, and/or set-up and clean-up.
I have signed up online for Build Day at https://www.tfaforms.com/4609214
Please send me the Build Day link electronically, my email is:
Loon't voluntoon on 5/10, but I will.
I can't volunteer on 5/13, but I will:
sponsor a breakfast or lunch for a volunteer. Please include \$5/meal with your form and return to the office.

donate paper plates, napkins, or utensils. Please bring paper goods to the office by

ask my employer or a local business to donate to this community project. We need

May 1st.

food, water, and games/prizes for build day.

I want to do more! Please contact me at ____



We are very blessed to be partnering with Kaboom and Reedy Industries to create a playground.

Reedy Industries is our financial partner and will also be providing approximately 100 volunteers, as well as, t-shirts for all the volunteers.

Our financial responsibility is to raise \$8500.00.

We are extremely fortunate to have an anonymous donor who will match all the funds that are raised in order to meet this goal. In addition, I was given a very generous donation Monday evening from our amazing St. Hilary Women's Club.

If you are able to make a donation towards the playground, please send it to school in an envelope marked "playground".

It is our vision that this playground and surrounding playspace be a place where children and families can play, gather, and come together as a community for many years to come!

Thank you for your consideration!

See you on May 13th.

The Grand Opening and Celebration for the playground will be on Tuesday, May 16th at 9:00 am we hope that you are able to join us!

THE ST. HILARY SCHOOL VARIETY SHOW IS COMING!

WE NEED YOU to showcase your talent!

We're looking for:
Singers
Dancers
Musicians
Comedians
Gymnasts
Jugglers
Magicians
And more!

If interested, fill out the form below and turn in by Wednesday, May 10th.

All acts must be cleared with Ms. Lamorena and Mrs. Donovan

during the week of 5/15/17.

The Variety Show will be on Friday, May 26th at 1:45pm.

Student(s)_______

Description of Act (What will you be doing? Be specific. List any song that you would be singing, playing, dancing to etc.)



Saint Hilary School Recycling Contest



The PepsiCo recycling contest has officially ended. Thank you so much for all of the plastic and cans you brought in this year! Our top THREE classrooms (by weight) are earning special parties. Each party will take place during afternoon school hours on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 10</u>.



Congratulations!



1St Place – Gold: 5th Grade (Pizza Party)

2nd Place – Silver: 4th Grade (Ice Cream Party)

3rd Place – Bronze: 3rd Grade (Ice Cream Party)



Everyone won the April recycling contest! The whole school dress down day is on **Friday**, **May 12**.

St. Hilary family & School association

may meeting & election

NEXT WEEK: Wednesday, May 10 7—8 p.m. St. Hilary Cafeteria

It's our last meeting of the year! On the agenda:

- Elections for the 2016-17 Executive Committee
- End-of-the-year celebrations and picnic
- Bring your ideas for what you would like to see or do next year

All parents and guardians of St. Hilary students are members of the FSA and are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

We hope to see you TONIGHT!!



Get involved in your FSA

Nominations are open for the Family & School Association Executive Committee for the 2017-18 school year. We're looking for parents to join the FSA Executive Committee. Want to be more involved or know someone who would be a great candidate?

THE ST. HILARY FAMILY NEEDS YOU

Don't wait to get involved "someday"! Please consider sharing your time, talents, ideas and expertise to help enrich the St. Hilary School community. Seven (7) positions are available

Co-chairs (2)

- Oversee all activities and meetings
- Serve as primary liaisons with school and parish staff
- Coordinate room parent volunteers

Event coordinators (2)

- Create/maintain event/activity calendar
- Organize and assist event/activity/ program chairs

Treasurer

- Keep track of finances
- Request disbursements for programs as directed by the executive committee



Communication Coordinator

- Keep records of all meetings
- Work with other coordinators to promote events, activities and programs

Fundraising coordinator

- Manage and help plan fundraising activities
- Organize and assist fundraising event chairs

Nomination forms are due to the school office on May 5, 2017.

Elections will take place at the Wednesday, May 10 FSA monthly meeting.

Serving on the FSA Executive Committee will fulfill your family service hour requirement.

St. Hilary Family & School Association

Executive Committee Nomination Form

The St. Hilary Family School Association (FSA) is seeking nominations for its upcoming term of office, which covers the 2017-2018 academic year. Please complete this form if you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone you know, for any of the positions listed below.

All nomination forms should be completed and returned to the St. Hilary School office no later than **5 p.m.**, **Friday**, **May 5**, **2017**. Nominations should be placed in a sealed envelope, labeled "FSA Board Nomination."

Full name of nominee (please print):				
Nominee's affiliation with St. Hilary School (Check all that apply):				
 Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the school Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the Religious Education program Parent/Guardian of alumnus/alumna Parish/School staff member Alumnus/alumna Parishioner Position of Interest (check all that apply):				
 Co-chairperson (2) Treasurer Communication Coordinator Event Coordinator (2) Fundraising Coordinator 				
Telephone: Daytime: Evening: Mobile:				
Email:				
Please complete this section ONLY if you are nominating someone other than yourself				
Nominated by (please print):				
Nominator's signature:				
I hereby agree to my nomination for the position noted on this form, and, if elected, I agree to serve on the executive committee of the St. Hilary Family & School Association. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have a viable interest in furthering and promoting the growth and development of St. Hilary School by serving on the FSA executive committee:				
Nominee's signature:				

St. Hilary Community Fest Food

Donations

April 27, 2017

Parents and Friends of St. Hilary School,

Greetings with the Blessings of the Lord!

In the spirit of inclusiveness and diversity, the 2017 Community Fest Food Committee will once again be serving an array of food items that will not only showcase the parish's rich culture, but its commitment to maintaining a vibrant school and parish community.

The Food sub-committee members have set the lineup of quality and tasty food items that will be sold at a reasonable price between 4:00 – 8:00pm. With this as a goal and for the convenience of parents and friends, you are now able to access "Sign-Up Genius" for donations. Refer to this link:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ba4a622a0fe3-sthilary

The food donation/volunteer link can also be accessed on the St. Hilary Parish website. For consistency & alignment of service hours and donations, please take note of the specific container sizes to use for the food items you choose to donate.

Thank you from the mothers of alumni & student, parishioner,

Beth Cadiz Fely Cabrera Mary Choy Norma Librodo Nancy Nguyen

Note: You may contact me (Beth Cadiz) @ shiudin1@yahoo.com or send me a text message @ (773) 600-2591 and rest assured for my response.



Congratulations to Our New First Communicants!

Purchase SCP

For That Special Communion Gift!



Bonus Rebate offers in May is: Jiffy Lube (7%) \$25 April 14th - May 5th, I Tunes (4%) \$10 April 14th - May 5th, Hyatt Hotels (6.5%) \$25, \$500 only April 14th - May 5th, Dick's Sporting Goods (5.5%) \$50 only April 14th - May 5th, Red Robin (7%) (\$10 only) April 14th - May 5th, Payless Shoe Source (9%) (\$10, \$25) April 14th - May 5th, Outback (6.5%) (\$100 only) April 14th - May 5th, Lou Malnati's (6%) (\$25) April 14th - May 5th.

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	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)	\$25
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25		
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4.5% rebate)	\$9		
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20		
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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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	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
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Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.			