



# Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

August 23, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

St. Hilary certainly knows how to start a new school year! The first day of school is always so special to have our children back with us. This year was extra special, as you know. We had a unique opportunity to share the solar eclipse together, we welcomed our superintendent, Dr. Rigg, and the media was here to celebrate with us. Many thanks to Mr. Andre for his foresight in purchasing the eclipse glasses for everyone!

**Thank you:**

Thank you to the Family & School Association who has been very busy starting the new year off with a number of events. You still have time to support FSA when you shop at Five Below. You will need a flyer, which are available in the school office. Thank you to Mrs. Scarpelli, Mrs. Medina, and Mrs. Kilroy for the delicious and well appreciated ice cream treats on our first day of school. Don't forget to come to the Movie Night and Food Truck Treats Night this Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot. We will have a small number of food trucks but we will have tons of fun watching "The Incredibles" together. Remember to dress in your favorite character from the movie. Parking will not be available in the parking lot for everyone's safety. Tell your neighbors, family, and friends, all are welcome.

**Gym uniforms:**

We have had many orders for gym uniforms. We have placed an order and expect them to arrive shortly; therefore your order may be on back order currently. Your child is welcome to wear shorts and a t-shirt for gym class until the uniforms arrive. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**Reminders:**

You received a few forms on the first day of school, these forms are important for us to have on record to ensure that our school year moves along smoothly. Please remember to complete and return the following:

- Free and Reduced Lunch form – The Archdiocese is requiring that every family either apply or complete the survey. The link for the survey was in the letter you received on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. There are also paper copies in the office.
- Wednesday envelope form – this year the Wednesday envelope will be distributed electronically only. Each week the information will be archived on the school website. If you have returned your form, thank you. If you did not you will be receiving one today. It is critical that you print very clearly so that there is no misunderstanding regarding your email address.
- Student Data Form – we are required to have all current information for every student.
- Mandarin Chinese classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons after school. Use this link [www.totuslingua.com](http://www.totuslingua.com) for more information and to register your child click on our St. Hilary logo.

### **Medical forms:**

All children new to St. Hilary need medical, dental, and vision forms. Preschoolers need medical and vision forms. Kindergarteners need medical and dental forms. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders need dental forms and 6<sup>th</sup> graders need medical and dental forms. According to the Illinois State Board of Education students are to be excluded from school by October 15 if these health and immunization requirements have not been met.

The safety of our children is our first priority; please review the parking lot procedures in today's envelope. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you need to leave immediately after picking up your child, please park on the street as we do take a few minutes to make sure our children are safely with their parents before we allow cars to exit the parking lot.

### **Coaches and Volunteers:**

**All** volunteers/coaches are required by Archdiocesan policy to complete a file, which includes: Form 7703 Archdiocesan Application for Employment or Volunteer Service

Criminal Background Check

CANTS 689 form (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System)

Code of Conduct: read signed and dated

Safe Environment Training: Virtus/Protecting God's Children and Youth

Job Description/Position Description

We appreciate the gifts of time and talent our volunteers offer to the students of Saint Hilary School. **If you have completed this process in previous years you need only**

**to renew the Code of Conduct, and CANTS form. These forms are available in the school office.**

**Contents of this Wednesday's envelope**

- Service hour letter and red card
- Music program information sheet
- FSA events
- Parking lot procedures

**Mark your calendars:**

- Sat. Aug. 26 – Movie Night and Food Truck Treats 5 pm – 10 pm
- Fri. Sept. 1 – School pictures
- Mon. Sept. 4 – No School – Labor Day
- Tues. Sept. 5 – School Advisory Board Meeting
- Sat. Sept. 9 – FSA Car Wash 9 am – 1 pm
- Thurs. Sept. 14 – High School Fair 6:30 in the cafeteria

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](mailto:donovan@sthilarychicago.org).

Gratefully,

***Mrs. Kathie Donovan***

Mrs. Kathie Donovan  
Principal



# A Peek at the Week

## WEEK OF Aug. 28 – September 1

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

<b>MONDAY: August 28<sup>th</sup></b> Altar Servers:
<b>TUESDAY: August 29<sup>th</sup></b> Altar Servers:
<b>WEDNESDAY: August 30<sup>th</sup></b> Altar Servers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 8:30 all school liturgy</li><li>✓ 2:00 dismissal</li></ul>
<b>THURSDAY: August 31<sup>st</sup></b> Altar Servers:
<b>FRIDAY: September 1<sup>st</sup></b> Altar Servers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Picture Day – out of uniform</li></ul>
<b>SATURDAY: September 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. volunteers 5:00 p.m. Zachary & Marina M, Phuc T.
<b>SUNDAY: September 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Altar Servers: 8 am Tam L., Thuc D., A. Okafor 10 am Gail, Isabella A., Toni 12 pm Gia, Isabella M., M. Mullen

No School Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day

Get ready the Scholastic Book Fair,  
begins September 12th!!



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# FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD/REN AND OTHERS



Opening the parking lot gates in the morning is to make morning drop off more convenient for our families during bad weather.

For safety, we ask that you abide by the following routine.



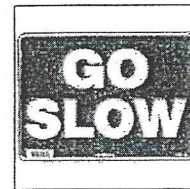
## PARKING LOT DROP OFF MORNING AND AFTERNOON

When dropping students off in the morning, please **ENTER** the **NORTH** gate (near the green & yellow recycling bins) and **EXIT** the south gate.

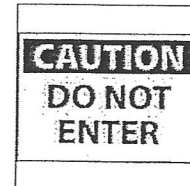
**RIGHT HAND TURNS ONLY** onto California Avenue. The City of Chicago Fire & Emergency Department has requested right hand turns only as California is a major ambulance route to Swedish Covenant Hospital. Left hand turns impede that process.



*Please maintain a safe speed within the confines of the parking lot.*



Please **DO NOT DRIVE** beyond the saw horses between the rows of parked cars. Families who walk to school use that area to walk to the school entrance.



*Thank you for your cooperation. The use of the parking lot is meant to be a convenience for our families.*

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August, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know, all families are asked on a yearly basis to give 15 hours of service for the St. Hilary Parish Community. There are many opportunities throughout the year to meet this requirement. The hours may be worked at a parish function or at one of the many school events, which take place during the year.

Hours must be worked by a family member 18 years or older. Grandparents are eligible to work the hours for a school family. At the time your service is completed for a specific activity, we ask that the card be signed by the person in charge of the activity or by the school secretary if it is a service to the school, ie. Wednesday envelopes, cafeteria, etc. It is then the parent/guardian's responsibility to return the completed card to the school office. ***Please note – signing the volunteer sheet in the school office is not a record of your service hours. Please be sure to record your hours on the card. Also, do not assume that event chairpersons, etc. are informing the school of your service. Be sure to receive documentation of your service. This card should be turned in to the School Office once your hours are completed to ensure that your service is properly recorded.***

Attached is the Service Hour Record Card needed to record your service hours. Each line represents one hour of service completed. **Please write your family name on the card.**

***We ask that all service hours for the 2017-18 school year be completed by May 1, 2018.*** Parents/guardians who are unable to work the service hours will be billed \$30.00 for each hour not served. Hours served after May 1 may be applied toward the following school year. Unserved/unpaid service hours can have an adverse effect on final report card release and grade promotion at the end of the school year.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Please contact Mrs. Donovan – 773-561-5885

If you...

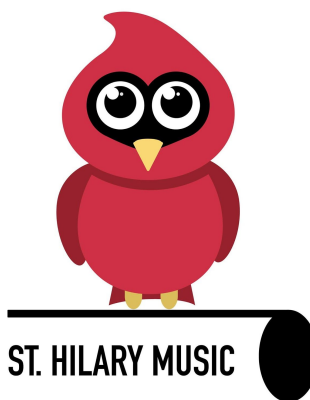
1. Serve on a school organization board (Men's Club, Family School Association, Board of Specified Jurisdiction, Scouting, etc.)
2. Serve as a coach for a St. Hilary team;
3. Serve the school in an on-going capacity;

Thank you for your service to our community. We cannot spell SUCCESS without U!

Sincerely,  
Kathie Donovan  
Principal

# Welcome!

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with the St. Hilary community for another school year! All students deserve the opportunity to learn through music. Students deserve a safe, encouraging, and positive learning environment in the classroom. Together, students and I will help each other grow as musicians and people, expanding their knowledge and skills.



## Goals

- To work together to help each student become the best learner he/she can be
- To build a positive, lifelong relationship with music
- To learn through engaging activities and a variety of methods (visual, aural, kinesthetic, projects, group work, etc.)
- To master the music standards as defined by the Archdiocese of Chicago and National Arts Association.

## Pedagogy and Techniques

St. Hilary students have many different learning opportunities and experiences whether they stem from the Kodaly, Orff, or ensemble based pedagogies. We focus on music literacy and learning through experience.

Additional activities include: BrainDance, improvisation, composition, games, projects, usage of iPads and computer lab, etc.

## Rules and Expectations

Classroom Rules:

**Make** choices that help you and your classmates learn

**Use** instruments and materials with care

**Speak**, sing, and play only when asked

**Involve** yourself in activities

**Choose** to be your best

Students are expected to follow classroom and school rules, at all times. Ms. Lamorena and each class will discuss expectations for each other at the beginning of the year. Mutual agreement on expectations, following procedures and rules, and accountability are essential for our success in Music Class.

## Materials Needed

PreK through 3rd grade are expected to bring materials when requested. Students' teachers will also be reminded. 4th through 8th graders are expected to bring folders and pencils to every class, unless otherwise noted. Instruments will be provided, but students may use their own buckets, guitars, etc.

## Grades

Students earn their grades! Grades are divided into the following categories:

Participation/Behavior = 40%

Projects/Assessments = 30%

Homework=15%

In Class =15%

Participation/Behavior is the most weighted grading category due to its impact on our class' success. Students' Participation/Behavior grades will be based off of the following criteria: Rules and Procedures, Required Materials, Attitude, and Participation.

Extra Credit Opportunities:

- Band and Choir members will receive credit for preparation and participation in each concert.
- Non-Band/Choir students can receive points for attending St. Hilary Concerts (not including the Christmas concert)
- Students who attend high school, collegiate, or professional concerts, musicals, or other music events can receive points or a Cardinal Card by bringing in a parent-signed program or ticket.

## How Can Parents Help?

The easiest yet most effective way for parents to help is to ask what their child is doing in music class. Ask your child what songs they are singing, what words they have learned, what notes they know how to read, etc. When a child teaches what they have learned, that is when they show their knowledge of material. Play them all types of music; classical, jazz, what you enjoy listening to, Beatles, anything!

We're always looking for materials for music class. Any and all donations are accepted. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, please contact Mrs. Donovan. Contact Ms. Lamorena or check our Class Wish to see what is on our wish list!

Have a video, recording, or pictures from a music event? Even if it is a past concert please share with Ms. Lamorena via email, Google Drive, flash drive, or YouTube link.

## Co-Curricular Music

### ***Band***

- Offered to 4th-8th graders
- Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion
- Two ensembles who meet twice a week
- Perform at concerts, pep rallies, field trips, etc.
- Partnered with Quinlan and Fabish Music Company

### ***Joyful Noise***

- Offered to 1st-3rd graders
- Rehearse 2-3 times a month
- Perform at concerts, events, etc.
- Preparatory program for Cardinal Choir

### ***Cardinal Choir***

- Offered to 4th-8th graders
- Sometimes split into two ensembles (4th-5th, 6th-8th)
- CODAs are a select vocal ensemble for 7th and 8th graders
- Rehearse once a week
- Perform at weekly Mass, concerts, events, field trips, etc.

### ***Ukulele Clubs***

- Ukulele club is open for 3rd-6th graders
- Meet once a week
- Focus on learning fundamentals, singing and playing, building a relationship with music
- Ukulele Jam Session is available for 7th and 8th graders and meets once a week

### ***Private Lessons***

- Individual learning to help students of all skill levels
- Great for students who need extra help or want to be challenged
- Limited time slots available in Ms. Lamorena's studio
- Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion, Beginning Piano, Guitar, Ukulele
- Ms. Lamorena would love to help find you a teacher/program

## More Information

[www.instagram.com/sthilarymusic/](http://www.instagram.com/sthilarymusic/)



Follow us on Instagram @sthilarymusic

<https://www.facebook.com/SHChicagoMusic>



Give our Facebook page a "Like"

Follow for updates on classes, pictures, samples of student work, videos, and more!

<http://lamorena184.wixsite.com/shchicagomusic>



Visit Ms. Lamorena's webpage for

announcements, documents, practice recordings, and more!

<http://classwish.org/teachers/22293-Kelly-Lamorena>



St. Hilary Music's Class Wish List!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zqkCq8ppVEocgycht3u4inLt5z3qzOORiHrOH9d\\_V20/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zqkCq8ppVEocgycht3u4inLt5z3qzOORiHrOH9d_V20/edit?usp=sharing)



A brief overview of the St. Hilary School Music Program and why it stands out from other schools.

**Success in Music Class isn't about being the best musician in the world. Students will find success when they put forth their best effort, with their best attitude. We are here to grow as people and musicians together. If there are any concerns or questions, parents and students should not hesitate to contact me.**

**I look forward to all of the amazing things we will accomplish and adventures we will encounter!**

**Ms. Lamorena**

[lamorena@sthilarychicago.org](mailto:lamorena@sthilarychicago.org)

**Join Ms. Lamorena's Remind Classrooms:**

**Text the appropriate class code to 81010**

**Cadet Band: @shcdtband**

**Concert Band: @shconband**

**Cardinal Choir: @shcrdchoir**

**CODAs: @shcodas**

**For information on participating in ensembles, keep an eye out for upcoming informational flyers and meetings!**

St. Hilary Family & School Association

# CAR WASH

## FUNDRAISER

DATE: **Saturday, Sept. 9**

TIME: **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

WHERE: **St. Hilary Parking Lot**

*(enter on California between Bryn Mawr & Lincoln)*

COST: **\$5 per car; \$8 for SUVs/trucks**

**All proceeds will benefit St. Hilary School and its fantastic students.**

**Thank you for your support and spreading the word!!**

### **Volunteers needed!**

We'll need volunteers to wash and dry cars between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This can go toward fulfilling your family service hours

**FUN service hour opportunity for Confirmation candidates!**

To volunteer, contact  
Maria (mariahench@gmail.com or 773-620-0642)  
Kristen (kristenileene24@yahoo.com or 773-909-9278)





Dear Parents and Families of St. Hilary:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

**Our Scholastic Book Fair is on the way!** This reading event brings the books kids want to read right into our school and turns the gym into our very own bookstore. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. And during the fair, you can donate books to your child's classroom and help fulfill their teachers' wish lists.

The Book Fair will be open on the following dates:

Sept. 13, during school hours  
Sept. 14 and 15, during school hours  
Sept. 17, after Sunday Masses

Preview for students and teachers  
Student shopping days  
Open to parish and community

If you are unable to attend the fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sthilaryschool>. Our Online Fair is available from Sept. 11 to Sept. 30.

Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,  
The Book Fair Committee

