

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF November 27 – December 1

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

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| MONDAY: November 27th **Comfy Cozy Day** Altar Servers: Nora, Claire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious education classes ✓ Yoga class ✓ Kids Craft Club 3:00 – 3:45 ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109 |
| TUESDAY: November 28th **Decade Day** Altar Servers: Camille, Sara M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books 3rd – 5th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm ✓ FSA hosts St. Hilary night at Lou Malnati's ✓ Mandatory Athletic meeting for all athletes, parents, and coaches 6:30 – 7:15 pm |
| WEDNESDAY: November 29th **Fancy Dress Up Day** Altar Servers: Adhrian, Chris, Joy Marie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ 2:00 dismissal ✓ Super soccer 3rd – 4th grade ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Report cards go home – Exclusion Day |
| THURSDAY: November 30th **Color Day** Altar Servers: Marina, Nicholas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Super soccer K – 2nd grade ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm in church ✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 |
| FRIDAY: December 1st **Sports Day** Altar Servers: Madison, Marc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art Studio 3:00 – 4:00 pm ✓ Battle of the Books 6th – 8th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm |
| SATURDAY: December 2nd Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Phuc, Thao 5:00 p.m. Sophia C., Christine L., Aelaika A. |
| SUNDAY: December 3rd Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony, Benjamin, Anthony 10 am Marc, Gia, Sophie F. 12 pm Toni, Abigail M., Rianne |

****SPIRIT WEEK****

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





November 2017

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to take this moment to thank you for the sacrifices you make in providing your family with a Catholic school education. My thanks also go to the administrators, teachers and staff of our schools and our Archdiocesan school office. Each and every day, an entire army of dedicated and talented people take up the task of partnering with you as the first educators of your children.

This holiday also provides me with the opportunity to thank our elected officials who worked on a bipartisan basis to pass a bill that offers school choice for the first time in our state. I am grateful to the leaders in both chambers who collaborated to make this historic development possible: House Speaker Michael Madigan, House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, Senate President John Cullerton and Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, as well as Governor Bruce Rauner who signed the legislation. Those who voted in favor of this bill may be found at the website of the Catholic Conference of Illinois at www.ilcatholic.org. Please take a moment to let your legislators and these leaders know of your gratitude.

The school choice measure provides for \$100 million in tax credit scholarships, by which donors are given an added incentive to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice. More information may be found at www.archchicago.org/tcs, which provides a Frequently Asked Questions section.

One of the most important decisions parents make is where their children will go to school. Now the playing field has been leveled for low-income families, giving them greater freedom to make that most important decision in a way that best suits their children.

There, indeed, is much to be grateful for in this season, but I wanted to make sure we did not lose sight of everything that is being done each day to educate our children in the Catholic tradition. You, as parents, are at the top of my list as I thank God for many blessings.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your families,

Card. Blase J. Cupich

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



What You Need to Know About the “Invest in Kids” Tax Credit Scholarships

Through the “Invest in Kids Act,” Illinois children from low-income households who want to attend private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered* through this program could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for next school year. Below is more information about how to apply and details on eligibility requirements.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from low-income households in grades K-12 have the opportunity to receive tax credit scholarships for the 2018/19 school year. These scholarships are funded by donors who receive a credit on their Illinois state income tax as a result of their donation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Since this is a new program, application details are being finalized, and the Archdiocese will share them as soon as they are available. When the time comes, the Archdiocese will provide assistance by answering your questions and helping families complete the application.

HELP APPLYING

You will be able to get help applying for the scholarship in-person at a variety of events in your community in the coming months. The Archdiocese will share the dates and locations of these events as these details are finalized. For families whose first language is not English, we will have in-person resources available to help you through the application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

You will need to apply for tax credit scholarships through a scholarship granting organization (SGO), which will manage this process, instead of the Archdiocese or your school directly. It is still being determined when the SGO may begin accepting applications and the deadline for submitting applications. The Archdiocese will provide more information as soon as it is available. Scholarships

will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, so it is very important that when the application process begins, you apply early.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Eligibility to receive a scholarship is based on your family's household income. For example, a student could receive a scholarship if his/her family income is less than \$73,800 a year for a family of four. See chart below for more information on eligibility for tax credit scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Your family could receive a scholarship that covers up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for next school year.

See the chart below that shows how much you could receive to cover tuition based on your income for a family of four.

| Household Income Per Year* | Eligible Scholarship Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Less than \$45,510 | 100 percent of tuition |
| \$45,510–\$61,500 | 75 percent of tuition |
| \$61,500–\$73,800 | 50 percent of tuition |

*Family of Four

To learn more, please visit archchicago.org/tcs or contact the Archdiocese at investinkids@archchicago.org or 312.534.5321.

HOW TO DONATE

Tax credit scholarships provide an Illinois state income tax credit to individuals and corporations that contribute money to an SGO. The SGO awards scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Individuals and corporations that donate to SGOs may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donations to an SGO.

Example: A taxpayer donates \$10,000 to an SGO. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit when he or she files their 2018 state taxes.

Beginning January 2, 2018, donors can indicate the amount they want to donate and reserve the corresponding tax credits through the Illinois Department of Revenue's website. The Department of Revenue will grant tax credits on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals and corporations then have 60 days to donate that indicated amount to an SGO. Individuals may direct donations to a particular school or subset of schools; corporate donors cannot restrict their donations.

For more information about how to donate and claim your tax credit, contact the Archdiocese at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

*Scholarships may NOT exceed \$12,973, the 2018/19 statewide average public school cost for K-12 students.

ST. HILARY'S FIRST
SPiRiT WeeK
NOVEMBER 27 - DEC 1, 2017

Monday:
Comfy Cozy Day

Wear Sweatpants,
sweatshirts, slippers, etc.
but no pajamas

Tuesday:
Decade Day

Dress in the clothing style
from any decade

Wednesday:
**Fancy Dress up
day**

Wear fancy clothing:
Dresses, Suits, Skirts

Thursday:
Color day

Pre-k: **blue** 4th- **Orange**
K- **red** 5th- **gray**
1st- **green** 6th- **purple**
2nd- **pink** 7th- **white**
3rd- **yellow** 8th- **black**

Friday:
Sports day

Wear team jerseys or
team colors - any team
you choose

Basketball season is here!



Thank you for allowing your child to participate in basketball this year. Participating in youth basketball is a fun way to build friendships, learn teamwork skills and much more.

Mandatory meeting for coaches, parents, and athletes

When: Tuesday, November 28th

Time: 6:30—7:15 p.m.

Where: school cafeteria

Why: to clearly communicate expectations and procedures for a positive season.

Who: all coaches, parents and athletes

There will be a sign-in sheet to track attendance.

I look forward to meeting with all of you. I am excited about our new basketball season! Thank you for taking this time to come together and start the season off on the right foot together. - Mrs. Donovan



Thank you

- Coaches
- Parents
- Athletes
- Family & Friends

Looking forward to a wonderful season.

Go Cardinals!!!



WARMEST HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

Dear St. Hilary Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

As we begin another holiday season, we realize as families and as a school community, that we have many things to be thankful for here at St. Hilary.

Every day, our faculty and staff guide and teach our children, and emphasize the importance of our Catholic faith. Many of our children receive instruction from four to eight teachers per week: including their homeroom teacher, the safety provided by our crossing guards, as well as receiving the support of our office staff, and the staff in our cafeteria.

With this in mind, we are inviting you to participate in the 16th Annual St. Hilary Christmas Fund to benefit our teachers and staff. In lieu of purchasing individual holiday gifts for each teacher, we are hoping you will consider making a donation to the Christmas Fund. This is a donation to a fund from which we disburse cash gifts to the teachers, staff and support personnel at their Christmas Luncheon with Fr. Aloy.

We encourage you to donate to this fund. There is no limit to the amount you can give, from \$1—\$500; any donation is greatly appreciated! The amount you give is kept completely confidential and is entirely at your discretion. We also encourage you to have your child(ren) write notes to his/her teachers telling them that they donated to the Christmas Fund. It is a wonderful way to show your support of our exceptional faculty and staff at St. Hilary.

In closing, we would like to say that we do acknowledge the fact that we all have our financial struggles at some point. We would still like to give something to the teachers to show our appreciation for all their hard work. Again, any donation you give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donovan and the Christmas Fund Committee



ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FUND 2017

Enclosed is our donation of \$_____ for the teachers and staff of St. Hilary.

You may enclose, cash, money order, or a personal check (payable to St. Hilary School). Please return to school no later than Monday, Dec. 11th in an envelope marked "Christmas Fund". Thank you very much!!





Teaming up for “HOPE FILLED HOLIDAYS”!

St. Hilary School and Feed My Starving Children are inviting you to a **FAMILY HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT EVENT!**

On **Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 9:00am-11:00am, join teachers, staff, and other volunteers from the community in packing meals for starving children. In an effort to teach our children the importance of lending a hand and helping others this holiday season, we hope that you will consider joining us.**

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Together with your child you will prepare the packages of food that will be sent to children in need.

If you are interested in joining us, please register for this event **ASAP! There are only 132 spots left!!
They will fill quickly!**

You can register at volunteer.fmssc.org - click on the **View Permanent Site link and Join a Group. Then enter our group code, **1278505**, and register. Both you and your child need to register separately! This is a school sponsored event, but parents must attend and help. We will receive an email notification when you are registered.**

**THANK YOU in advance for your consideration!
Any family that attends will receive **SPECIAL RECOGNITION!****

Food-Packing Session for



Every day,
6,200
children die
from starvation...

...but **YOU** can
make a difference by
volunteering at Feed My
Starving Children.



In 2013, nearly **800,000**
volunteers joined us to package
more than **191,600,000 meals** for
malnourished children in nearly
70 countries around the world.

LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

GROUP NAME: _____

JOIN CODE: _____ (Register at volunteer.fmssc.org)

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