



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

November 29, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today your child received their first report card for this school year. This report should be a reflection of the work that they have been completing this first trimester. Parents are able to review all of their child's grades and progress through the parent portal on PowerSchool. These grades should never be a surprise. Please take some time to talk with your child; praise their achievements and make a plan to work on areas where they may be struggling. I also encourage you to keep open communication with your child's teachers, they are here to work together with you. Please sign and return the report card envelope as soon as possible as they will be used throughout the school year.

You are well aware that we have adopted a new math program this year. This program is more rigorous than the accelerated math program that we had been using for the past few years. If you notice a change in your child's math grade please know that this is a learning period for your children, as well as the teachers. The benefits that your child will receive through this new program will benefit them for years to come. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please read the letter in the white envelope that was sent to you last week. This letter pertains to our Annual Christmas Fund for the teachers. I appreciate your help in showing our deepest gratitude for their dedication to our children.

Christmas is a very special time of year for many reasons. Each year on Christmas Eve we ask our children to participate in a Christmas pageant at the 5:00 mass. This pageant is a very special St. Hilary tradition that would not be possible without our children participating. I ask that you please consider attending this mass and allowing your child to be an important part of the telling of the story of Jesus' birth. Enclosed in today's envelope is a flyer for you to complete and return to school so that we can prepare the costumes, assign parts, and take some time to practice with the children.

The next session of our Mandarin Chinese classes will begin today. Registration is simple, go to www.totuslingua.com. Classes will be offered for students 2nd grade to 8th grade: 2-3pm (5th-8th grade) and 3-4pm (2nd-4th grade). This is an amazing opportunity for your child and we hope that you are able to take advantage of it.

Invest in Kids Act

I highly encourage you to take a few minutes to read about this tax credit. I do believe that a number of families would benefit from this opportunity; however, there are specific steps you need to follow. Please spread the news about this new scholarship to friends, family, and neighbors who may benefit and be able to attend St. Hilary. Check out this link: [Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools' Tax Credit Scholarships information page for parents](#)

Holiday Family Service Project

Each year around the holidays we participate in a community service project. This year we are going to offer a family service opportunity to you. We will be partnering with Feed My Starving Child, a non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope that you are able to join us. There are only ~~432~~ **80 63** spots left. Ms. Montemurro and I have already signed up and we hope that many of our families will be there as well. This unique experience will be a special time for you and your child. Please see the flyers in today's envelope for more details.

Thank you:

Thank you to our 4th graders and their kindergarten faith partners for hosting our Thanksgiving Prayer Service today. It is important for us to gather together and show our gratitude for how blessed we are.

Thank you, again, to our kindergarten and 4th grade faith partners for hosting our family mass on November 19th. Gathering together to celebrate our faith is an important part of our mission as a Catholic school.

Thank you to all the athletes, parents, and coaches who attended our first mandatory meeting. I am encouraged by your attendance and look forward to a wonderful season working together as a St. Hilary team. Go Cardinals!!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported the FSA Christmas Wreath Sale. The items will be delivered the week of Dec. 4th. You will be notified when they arrive. Congratulations to the 1st grade class for winning an out of uniform day for the room with the highest sales!!!!

Mrs. Donovan Needs Help:

Are you or someone you know looking for a few hours of time to spend with amazing children? I am in need of a part-time extended care supervisor. The schedule would include every Wednesday from 2:00 – 6:00 pm, any 11:30 dismissal days and

occasional emergency sub days. The extended care program is only in session when school is in session. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact me ASAP. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Showing support:

News from Women's Club: We thank you for supporting our Oberweis day. Now we ask you again to support our bake sale and raffle this weekend, December 2 - 3. We would love to accept your baked donations too. This year we have a special raffle. We have 4 BULLS tix, really good seats, and free parking to raffle off. The game is on December 29. The value is approximately 500.00!!!! The tickets are 5.00 each. A really great Christmas present for someone!!! The drawing will take place after the 12:00 Mass.

Are you a sports fan? Clark Street Sports is having a special friends and family sale at their warehouse on Lawrence Avenue. This is a one day only event – Saturday, December 2nd!!! See the flyer in today's envelope. Clark Street Sports is owned and operated by two of our very own St. Hilary families. Your support is appreciated and you can buy some awesome Christmas gifts.

Reminders:

Don't forget to let someone else do the cooking tonight. Our Family & School Association will be hosting a St. Hilary Night at Lou Malnati's tonight at both Lincoln Ave. locations. Remember that you must mention St. Hilary and we ask that you check your receipt to make sure that we will be credited with your purchase.

Mark your Calendars:

All are invited to the Simbang Gabi Filipino traditional mass on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m. This year the mass will be officiated by Cardinal Blasé Cupich. There will be a reception in the gym immediately following the mass.

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us as we welcome in the holidays.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Feed My Starving Children flyer
- FSA flyers
- Advent service project
- Men's Club flyer
- Women's Club flyers
- Christmas fund letter
- Christmas Eve Pageant flyer
- Cub Scouts flyer

- December lunch menu

Mark your calendars:

- Fri. Dec. 1 – All School Spirit Rally 1:00 pm
- Sat. Dec. 2 – 8th grade Catholic High School Placement Test – please keep our 8th graders in your prayers
- Sun. Dec. 3 – 10:00 family mass hosted by Preschool and 5th grade
- Sun. Dec. 3 – Confirmandi Rite of Presentation at 10:00 am mass and Parent meeting immediately following mass in the cafeteria
- Tues. Dec. 5 – School Advisory Board meeting 7:00 pm in rectory
- Thurs. Dec. 7 – 1st Reconciliation 7:00 pm in church
- Fri. Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception all school mass at 8:30 am
- Sun. Dec. 10 – Holiday Family Service Day – Feed My Starving Children at Schaumburg Convention Center 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Sun. Dec. 10 – Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast

Emergency Closing/Cold Weather

Cold weather: Students will be kept in for indoor recess when the temperature is below 25 degrees (actually or with wind chill) or in wet rainy/snowy conditions. Please make sure your child comes prepared to go outdoors – gloves, scarf, hat or hood. This is especially true of those who are on patrol.

Emergency Closing Information

Our School Messenger system will notify you either by phone or email in the event of our school closing due to weather. In addition, emergency closing information will be announced on WBBM Radio Newsradio 780 and WGN Radio 720. The television stations to watch are CBS Channel 2 Chicago, Channel 5, ABC Channel 7 Chicago, WGN Morning News, Fox 32 and CLTV News. On-line you may access information at www.EmergencyClosings.com. Our website www.sthilarychicago.org will also have closing information. We will close if the Archdiocese is closed as a system, an extremely rare event. **You should choose, based on your own judgment and situation, whether or not to keep your child(ren) home.**

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

Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF December 4 - 8

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

MONDAY: December 4th Altar Servers: Ariam, Lina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious education classes ✓ Yoga class ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109
TUESDAY: December 5th Altar Servers: Haley, Gia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers and representatives ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books 3rd – 5th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm ✓ School Advisory Board meeting 7:00 pm in rectory
WEDNESDAY: December 6th Altar Servers: Aelaika, Toni <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
THURSDAY: December 7th Altar Servers: Crystal, Sidonie <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 ✓ First Reconciliation 7:00 pm in church
FRIDAY: December 8th *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* Altar Servers: Sophie F., Thao, Christine L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ Art Studio 3:00 – 4:00 pm ✓ Battle of the Books 6th – 8th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm
SATURDAY: December 9th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Isabella A., Gail C. 5:00 p.m. Isabella M., Marc, Nathan
SUNDAY: December 10th *Holiday Family Service Day* Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony O., Anthony G., Alessandra P. 10 am Nora, Nicholas, Madison 12 pm Camille, Sara M., Claire M.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





Fundraising Giveback Event

Date

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Lou Malnati's Lincolnwood
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
6649 North Lincoln Avenue
(847) 673 - 0800

Lou Malnati's Lincoln Square
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
4340 North Lincoln Avenue
(773) 654 - 4000

Dine-in, Carryout, & Delivery (within zone)

Excludes Online Ordering

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).

FUNDRAISER/FLYER MUST BE MENTIONED AT TIME OF ORDER.

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati Mail welcome coupon.



For Questions Please Contact
Maria Hench
(773) 620 - 0642
mariahench@gmail.com

STOP & READ! STEPS TO FOLLOW:

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser.
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager.
- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com

Order 132	
Server:	
Guest:	
Medium Cheese	\$14.55
Medium Thin Cheese	\$10.45
FUNDRAISER	\$0.00
Sub Total	\$25.00
Tax	\$1.94
Total	\$26.94

ATTENTION CASHIERS: please be aware of daily fundraisers and key in fundraising item on orders, found in miscellaneous tab for each order.



Save the Date

Family Christmas Party

6 pm, Friday, December 15
St. Hilary School Cafeteria

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Can you or your company donate to our raffle?

Previous prizes have included gift cards/
certificates/vouchers, goody bags, toys, tickets, etc.

Contact Kristen Allen at
kristenileene24@yahoo.com.

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Service hour opportunities available.

Check our SignUp page at
<http://signup.com/go/hMADKRK>
or contact Maria Hench at mariahench@gmail.com



St. Hilary School and Parish We need your help!

The 9th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

November 27th-December 13th, 2017

“Since 2009, classrooms nationwide have collected and donated over 600,000 pajamas to children in need through Pajama Program, and Scholastic Book Clubs has matched that number by donating nearly one million books.

This year, we are starting early! Our goal is to donate an additional 100,000 pajamas and match them with 100,000 brand-new books!”

Donate one new pair of children's' pajamas and Scholastic Books will donate one new book to go with each pair of pajamas.

These pajamas and books will benefit children living in shelters. Let's help some children stay warm and enjoy a book this holiday season. Pajamas are needed in infant, toddler, and youth sizes.

Every child that donates pajamas for this cause will be able to come dressed down in pajama bottoms on Tuesday, December 19th.

One small gesture can go far this holiday season. Visit scholastic.com/pajamadrive for more information.

Helpful Shopping Hints

- ★ Purchase pajamas from the clearance rack- they do not have to be expensive
- ★ Kohl's, Carter's, and JC Penney's often have huge coupons and savings in store and online



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)

Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands

VOLUNTEER | DONATE | LEARN MORE | FMSC.ORG/MOBILEPACK

GOODIES GALORE !

The St. Hilary Women's Club
will hold its annual Fall Bake Sale
the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd
in the California vestibule of the church after all the Masses.

Bakers are asked to prepare their fabulous goodies
and bring them to the California vestibule after 4 p.m. on
Saturday the 2nd, before masses on Sunday the 3rd,
or they can be dropped off at school on Friday the 1st.

Donations to help fill the "Spirits" baskets
would be appreciated and may be dropped off
at the Rectory before Friday the 1st.

****This year we have a special raffle.****

We have 4 BULLS fix, really good seats, and free parking to raffle off.
The game is on December 29. The value is approximately 500.00!!!!
The tickets are 5.00 each. A really great Christmas present for
someone!!! The drawing will take place after the 12:00 Mass.

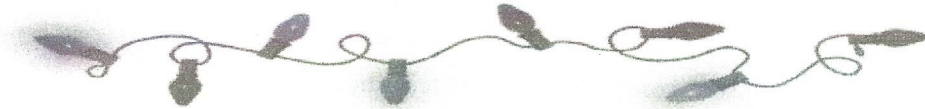


Service hours are available for baked items

CHICAGO BULLS



Christmas package



4 Tickets December 29th game

Tickets \$95.00 each

1 Parking pass value- \$40.00

Miscellaneous Bulls items

Total Value - \$500.00

Ticket price -\$ 5.00

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Pantomime

This Christmas Eve we will do a pantomime of the Christmas Story at the **5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**. We invite all the children of the parish and their guests (i.e. cousins or grandchildren who are visiting) to join in this festive celebration.

If your child wants to be part of the pantomime we ask you to sign the slip below and indicate whether they will be a *shepherd, angel, or lamb*. ***If your child wants to “dress for the part” costumes need not be elaborate*** – a white dress, sweater, or shirt and a halo made of gold or silver garland will do fine for an angel (wings are optional). Shepherds need only come in a bathrobe – a towel fixed on their head with string or a sports band does great for the headgear and staffs or shepherds crooks are allowed but not required. Lambs can dress in white or black. A couple of ears made out of construction paper and cotton balls will be plenty. We do have a few costumes available.



Dressing up is half the fun yet even if your child decides at the last minute to be part of the pantomime or unexpected guests arrive just bring them along.

We will cast the roles of Mary and Joseph and provide those costumes. If your child would like to be Mary or Joseph please indicate below. Once we have all the names of those children we will draw names from a hat to cast the leading roles. If your child's name is not chosen for these roles we hope they will join us in one of the other roles.

We will need a few adults that evening to help us direct the children where to go. If you can help out please indicate that on the sign-up slip.

We hope this will restore some of the festivity to the celebration, make it memorable for our youngest parishioners (pre-school on up) and not add to the stress of an already hectic season.

Christmas Eve Play sign-up (Due back by Wednesday, DECEMBER 6)

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

My child/ren would like to be a ☐ shepherd ☐ angel ☐ lamb ☐ Mary ☐ Joseph

☐ I can help direct the children during the Pantomime Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____



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APPETIZERS, DRINKS, GAMES AND MORE...

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2017 | 9AM TO 8PM

4506 W. LAWRENCE AVE. CHICAGO, IL

St. Hilary Men's Club Christmas Party



Friday, December 8th - 7:00 pm

School Cafeteria

Dinner, Drinks, Raffles

Not a member? Not a problem.

Come, bring a friend

and enjoy some seasonal merriment.



**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ST. HILARY CUB/BOY
SCOUT PACK 3827**

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
9 AM-2 PM**

\$8.00-ADULTS

\$5.00-KIDS 3-12

KIDS 2 & UNDER FREE

**SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND DECORATIONS HANDMADE BY
ST. HILARY GIRL SCOUTS**



St. Hilary K-8 LunchSmart Menu December 2017



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears					December 1 Handcrafted Mac & Cheese* and a Dinner Roll* Green Peas Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Grapes	December 4 Greek-Style Chicken Brown Rice* Green Beans Snickerdoodle Cookie* Peaches	December 5 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Bun* [^] Corn Mixed Fruit	December 6 Grilled Chicken Sandwich* with Lettuce & Tomato Marinated Three-Bean Salad Pineapple	December 7 Spaghetti* with Turkey Meatballs and Marinara Broccoli Applesauce	December 8 French Toast Sticks* with Syrup and Turkey Sausage Baby Carrots Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Bananas	December 11 Chicken Tenders* with BBQ Dipping Sauce and a Breadstick* Broccoli Florets Peaches	December 12 Beef Fajitas with Tortillas*, Flame-Roasted Pepper & Onion & Salsa Marinated Black Bean Salad Mixed Fruit	December 13 Turkey Ham & Cheese Panini* Baby Carrots Pineapple 	December 14 Chicken with Cranberry Orange Sauce & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Roasted Sweet Potatoes Green Peas Snickerdoodle Cookie* Applesauce	December 15 Lasagna Roll-Up* and Garlic Bread* Capri Blend Veggies Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	December 18 Oven-"Fried" Chicken Drumstick* and a Breadstick* Kettle-Baked Beans Corn Peaches	December 19 Meatball Sub* with Marinara & Mozzarella California Blend Veggies Mixed Fruit	December 20 Bosco Stick* with Marinara Dipping Sauce Green Beans Pineapple	December 21 Cheesy Beefy Macaroni* & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Sweet Potato Puffs Applesauce	December 22 Half Day

You Snooze, You Win

Studies have shown that American kids and teens don't get enough sleep. Depending on a young person's age, between 8 and 12 hours of sleep are generally recommended each night. Catch your zzzs by avoiding big meals before bedtime, going to sleep at the same time every night, and not playing video games or watching TV right before you go to bed.

Available Each Day: Salad and Fresh Fruit / Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich* with a Yogurt Cup / Skim and 1% White Milk Plus Fat-Free Chocolate Milk

Freshly Prepared Additional Entrées

- ▶ **Monday** – All-American Cheeseburger on a Bun*
- ▶ **Tuesday** – Chicken Nuggets* with Twisted Breadstick* & BBQ Dipping Sauce
- ▶ **Wednesday** – Super Nachos* & Salsa
- ▶ **Thursday** – Breaded Chicken Sandwich*
- ▶ **Friday** – Pizza* (pepperoni French bread, cheese personal pan, and Big Daddy's extra cheesy pizza rotate each week)

*=Item contains whole grains / [^]=Item contains pork / L=Locally sourced / S=Sustainable source

Milk served with lunch contains no artificial growth hormones or antibiotics

Menu is subject to change based on availability and quality of food items / This institution is an equal opportunity employer

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY DANCE PROGRAM

Ages 3 to adult

Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Jazz Dance, Musical Theater, and Yoga
New sessions begin January, June and September of 2018. For additional information,
contact Rachel Burton at R-Burton@neiu.edu. For class schedule visit: neiu.edu/cdp

COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM

Ages 8 to adult (piano lessons can start at age 5)

Private lessons for all instruments and voice

New sessions begin January, June, and September of 2018. For additional information,
contact cape@neiu.edu. New Student Info Form at: neiu.edu/cmp

ART CLASSES

Check our schedule for art classes! | Search classes at neiu.edu/cape



*Please let us know
what else you'd
like to see offered
in the community.*

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