



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

December 20, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Christmas is a time for cherishing those who bring so many blessings to our lives. May you always believe that Jesus is with you at all times. May you find time to reflect upon the blessings of God. St. Hilary is truly blessed with amazing children and families; know that you are thought of throughout this season of joy.

Safety on social media is a reality that all parents must face and be aware of. Many of our children are very active on social media including instagram and snapchat. There have been more than a few instances where inappropriate words and comments have been posted by our students. The faculty, staff, and I work very hard to embrace a family and community atmosphere at St. Hilary. We need your vigilance to help our students continue this while they are at home. Please take some time over the Christmas break to review your child's social media activity, have a conversation with them about the dangers in what they post, and set some boundaries for these activities. Help us keep our children safe in every sense of the word. Thank you.

Invest in Kids Act Update:

This is such an important opportunity for many of our families. The two SGOs will now be open for applications on Jan. 24, 2018. Please have your 2016 tax return, proof of residence, and your child's birth certificate ready to be uploaded to the application. Keep an eye on the following websites for current up-to-date information.

The Illinois Invest in Kids Act: <http://tax.illinois.gov/InvestInKids/>

The Archdiocese preferred SGO <https://empowerillinois.org/>

Big Shoulders Fund SGO <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/>

Thank you:

The Family School Association did it again. The Family Christmas Party was a success and fun was had by all who attended. A special thank you to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Kilroy, Mrs. Scarpelli, and Mrs. Hench for all of their hard work and many hours of preparation to host this event. We hope that we see all of you at next year's party.

Thank you to Ms. Lamorena and our fabulous CODAs for spreading Christmas joy once again. They performed last week at Millennium Station and at the Bean. On Monday they also performed at the St. Hilary Women's Club Christmas Party.

Thank you to Mrs. Czuba, Cyan, Cristian, Sebastian and Jeremy for serving us wonderful traditional Pilipino foods as we celebrated Simbang Gabi today.

After School:

Super Soccer Stars has a special offer just for you. You can save \$30.00 when you enroll in the winter and spring sessions. Enrollment for the winter session is now open. See the flyer in today's envelope. The username is HLR and the password is sthsoccer.

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.

Reminders:

Each family received a pre-registration Intent to Return Form in their Wednesday envelope (another is in today's envelope). Please read the letter attached and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Mark your Calendars:

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us as we welcome in the holidays. This is not your typical school Christmas concert, you don't want to miss it. Tell your family and friends and help them to feel Christmas.

The Family & School Association will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28th. This is an excellent opportunity to earn your family service hours and enjoy a delicious breakfast. More details to follow.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Christmas Concert flyer
- Pre-registration form
- January lunch menu

Mark your calendars:

- Thurs. Dec. 21st – St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- Fri. Dec. 22nd – 11:30 dismissal Christmas vacation begins.
- Sun. Dec. 24th – 5:00 Christmas Eve family mass
- Mon. Dec. 25th – Merry Christmas & Happy Birthday Jesus!
- Mon. Jan. 1, 2018 – Happy New Year!
- Mon. Jan. 8, 2018 – Classes resume

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




Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF January 8 - 12

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

MONDAY: January 8th Altar Servers: Lina, Ariam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Classes Resume – Happy 2018! ✓ Yoga class ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109 	
TUESDAY: January 9th Altar Servers: Nathan, Sara M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers and representatives ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ School Advisory Board meeting 7:00 pm in rectory 	
WEDNESDAY: January 10th Altar Servers: Thao, Joy Marie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ 2:00 dismissal ✓ Super soccer 3rd – 4th grade ✓ Conference request forms go home 	
THURSDAY: January 11th Altar Servers: Nora, Haley <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: January 12th Altar Servers: Jeryl, Billy T. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art Studio 3:00 – 4:00 pm 	
SATURDAY: January 13th **Feast of St. Hilary** Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	
SUNDAY: January 14th Altar Servers: 8 am 10 am 12 pm	**Weekend schedule will be available shortly**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR



Bring Us Light St. Hilary Christmas Concert

When: Thursday, December 21st 7:00pm

Students must arrive at 6:30pm

Where: St. Hilary Church

Who: ALL St. Hilary students are performing! Friends, relatives, prospective families, and all are invited!

Dress: Nice, Semi-Formal clothes. Dresses, dress shirts, slacks, ties, blouses, skirts, suits, etc.

Dress shoes and Christmas colors are encouraged. All school dress code rules apply. Please no jeans, holiday hats, or ugly sweaters!

THIS EVENT IS MANDATORY.

If your child cannot attend send a note or an email to Ms. Lamorena at lamorena@sthilarychicago.org by Friday 12/15/17.

Your child will complete an alternate assignment.

Make sure you RSVP to our Facebook event! Spread the word and use our hashtag to spread the excitement!

#SHBringUsLight



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL BROADCAST

Dear Catholic School Families,

As a recipient of a Phoenix or Caritas scholarship this year, we are reaching out to share a few updates about the new tax credit scholarship program that could cover **up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for next school year**. As a reminder, our process has changed this year for scholarship applications: you should apply for a new tax credit scholarship *if you meet the income requirements shown below*. If you do not qualify for a tax credit scholarship based on your household income, we will be reaching out to you in February with information about other scholarship opportunities.

The chart below shows an example of how much a family of four (based on household income) could receive from the state through the tax credit scholarship program to cover tuition. For more information about eligibility based on household size and income limits, please see the end of this letter or visit www.archchicago.org/tcs.

Annual Household Income*	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 apply for a tax credit scholarship, you will need to apply to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), a separate organization that is responsible for receiving and processing scholarship applications, and distributing the scholarships to eligible students. There will likely be several SGOs in Illinois. The Archdiocese of Chicago has chosen Empower Illinois as its preferred SGO. Empower Illinois is a trusted partner with experienced employees who have managed a similar scholarship process in Florida. You are of course free to apply to any SGO or multiple SGOs, and we encourage you do so.

Below for your reference please find the information we know so far about Empower Illinois. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available regarding Empower Illinois, Big Shoulders Fund and other Illinois SGOs.

Empower Illinois

Website: empowerillinois.org

Expected Website Launch Date: Week of December 11 (*applications will NOT be available at the time of the website launch*)

Expected Date to Access and Submit Scholarship Applications: The TENTATIVE date is January 2, 2018

Scholarships will be awarded on a *first come, first serve basis*, so it is very important to apply early. As soon as we confirm the application deadlines, we will update you, and hope to provide assistance to you to ensure that you don't miss out on this opportunity.

We will secure from the SGOs a list of all of the necessary documents you will need to apply for a tax credit scholarship as soon as it is available. In the meantime, based on what we know today, we believe you will need the following documents in order to apply for a tax credit scholarship:

- 2016 tax return
- Proof of residency (i.e. driver's license or state ID)
- Birth certificate or passport for each student

The Archdiocese is organizing a number of events where families can receive in-person help applying for tax credit scholarships. If English is not your first language, there will be people available to help you apply in Spanish and Polish. We will share more information about these events with you and through our website, www.archchicago.org/tcs, as we finalize details. Your school principal will also share information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please visit our website for more information, and feel free to contact us at InvestInKids@archchicago.org or 312.534.5321. We look forward to sharing more about the new tax credit scholarship program in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Rigg, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Chicago

Eligibility Information

See the charts below that show how much your family could receive to cover tuition based on your household income and family size.

Chart 1: You could receive 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees if you fit the following:

Number of People Living in your Household	Total Household Income per Year
2	\$16,240 - \$30,044
3	\$20,420 - \$37,777
4	\$24,600 - \$45,510
5	\$28,780 - \$53,243
6	\$32,960 - \$60,976
7	\$37,140 - \$68,709
8	\$41,320 - \$76,442

Chart 2: You could receive 75 percent of tuition and eligible fees if you fit the following:

Number of People Living in your Household	Total Household Income per Year
2	\$30,206 - \$40,600
3	\$37,981 - \$51,050
4	\$45,756 - \$61,500
5	\$53,531 - \$71,950
6	\$61,309 - \$82,400
7	\$69,080 - \$92,850
8	\$76,855 - \$103,300

Chart 3: You could receive 50 percent of tuition and eligible fees if you fit the following:

Number of People Living in your Household	Total Household Income per Year
2	\$40,762 - \$48,720
3	\$51,254 - \$61,260
4	\$61,746 - \$73,800
5	\$72,238 - \$86,340
6	\$82,730 - \$98,880
7	\$93,221 - \$111,420
8	\$103,713 - \$123,960

Note: If more than eight people live in your home, add \$4,160 to the total household income per year for each additional person.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As principal, it has been an enormous blessing to serve your family this year and I would like to invite you to return for the 2018-19 school year. I hope that our academic and extracurricular programs are more than meeting your expectations and that you share our vision of a school where faith, family and academics thrive.

As usual, re-registration for next school year will begin during Catholic Schools Week starting on January 28th, 2018. However, because of Illinois' new Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) program, we are doing something new this year. As we currently understand the situation, families who wish to apply for TCS tax credit scholarships will need to indicate their choice of a school when submitting a tax credit scholarship application. For that reason, we are asking you to complete this **Intent to Return Form**, which we will use to confirm your choice in school to the Scholarship Granting Organizations that will administer the tax credit scholarships.

If you plan on applying for a Tax Credit Scholarship, we need you to complete this form by December 20th and return it to the school. If you do not plan on applying for a TCS, this form will save a seat for your child for the next school year. I am hopeful that 100% of our families will complete this form and return it to school by December 20th.

Remember that we will conduct the formal re-registration process during Catholic Schools Week. At that time, you will be asked to complete the official Registration form and other required paperwork, and submit your registration fee for the 2018-2019 school year.

I look forward to serving your family in the coming school year. Please complete your Intent to Return Form by **Wednesday, December 20th**. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan
Principal



Intent to Return Form

_____ Yes, my child/children will be returning next year.

_____ No, my child/children will not be returning next year.

Name(s) of student(s):

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Are you interested in learning more about the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship? ___ Yes ___ No

Younger siblings who may enroll next year:

Name: _____ Current Grade/Age: _____

Name: _____ Current Grade/Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Email: _____

Please return this form by December 20, 2017

St. Hilary School K-8 LunchSmart Menu

January 2018



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Bananas	January 1 	January 2 	January 3	January 4	January 5
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	January 8 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich on a Bun* Broccoli Florets Peaches	January 9 Beef Sloppy Joe on a Bun* Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	January 10 Beef Burrito Bowl* with Black Beans, Corn & Salsa Pineapple	January 11 Boneless Chicken Wings with BBQ Dipping Sauce & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Scalloped Potatoes Applesauce	January 12 Toasted Mozzarella Cheese Sandwich Italiano* with Beef Vegetable Soup* Baby Carrots Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Grapes	January 15 	January 16 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Bun*^ Corn Mixed Fruit	January 17 Grilled Chicken Sandwich* with Lettuce & Tomato Marinated Three-Bean Salad Pineapple	January 18 Spaghetti* with Turkey Meatballs & Marinara Broccoli Applesauce	January 19 French Toast Sticks* with Syrup & Turkey Sausage Baby Carrots Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Bananas	January 22 Chicken Tenders* with BBQ Dipping Sauce & Breadstick* Broccoli Florets Animal Crackers* Peaches	January 23 Beef Fajitas with Tortillas*, Flame-Roasted Pepper & Onion & Salsa Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	January 24 Chicken Corn Dog* Kettle-Baked Beans Corn Pineapple	January 25 Turkey Ham & Cheese Panini* Oven-Baked Spiral-Cut French Fries Applesauce	January 26 Half Day
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	January 29 Oven-"Fried" Chicken Drumstick* & Breadstick* Kettle-Baked Beans Peaches	January 30 Huli Huli Chicken with Polynesian Rice* Mini Kuumala (Sweet Potatoes) Strawberry Mango Slushie Tropical Fruit Salad 	January 31 Bosco Stick* with Marinara Dipping Sauce Green Beans Pineapple 		

What's Up, Doc? Regular checkups are part of your prescription for good health. Even if you are scared to go to the doctor or believe it's a hassle, don't put periodic medical exams on hold. You can find and treat health problems early, save money on medical bills down the road, and develop a relationship with your doctor. Make this a New Year's resolution.

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

Celebrate Polynesia with FSP on January 30!