



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

January 10, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy 2018! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. This new year is the perfect opportunity to celebrate love, friendships and all the good things in your life. May you take the time to appreciate all that 2017 has given you and be open to what the new year is about to bring. God Bless you through this new year.

This weekend we lost a pillar of our St. Hilary Family. Mr. Pete Salmon has been a parishioner for more years than we can count, his children graduated from St. Hilary, he was a basketball coach and our Athletic Director for many year. Mr. Salmon has left a profound mark on the hearts of all who knew him. We all have amazing memories of times spent in the gym and throughout St. Hilary with him. Mr. Salmon's funeral will be held at 11:00 on Thursday, January 11th at St. Hilary Church. Visitation will take place from 10:00 – 11:00 prior to the funeral. Please keep his wife Mary Beth and his children Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Anna Marie in your prayers.

Friday, January 19th marks the half way point of the 2nd trimester. Please be vigilant with your financial obligations. Parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled for Friday, January 26th. A conference request form is included in today's envelope. These conferences are **not** mandatory for every child. They are based on teacher and/or parent requests. Please return the conference form to school by Wednesday, January 17th. You will receive notification if a teacher has requested to see you regarding your child's progress on Wednesday, January 10th. If you do not receive notification of a requested conference and you do not wish to schedule a conference no further letter will be sent home to you. Confirmation of schedule times will be sent home on Friday, January 19th. If you have any questions on this process please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

****IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE****

School will be in session on Friday February 2nd and there will be NO school on Friday, February 9th. The faculty and I have been given an opportunity for a wonderful professional development day through Catapult Learning Services that we cannot pass up. I apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Invest in Kids Act Update:

This is such an important opportunity for many of our families. Please have your 2016 tax return, proof of residence, and your child's birth certificate ready to be uploaded to the application. DePaul Prep is hosting an information session for parents and families on how to apply for an **Invest in Kids Scholarship** for the 2018-2019 school year. They also wanted to extend an invitation to our grade school families to join them at this session on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00pm** in the DePaul Prep Library. A representative from the Archdiocese will be leading the information session. The link below provides more information: <http://bit.ly/2CR9mpS>

Keep an eye on the following websites for current up-to-date information:

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

Empower Illinois SGO- application opens Jan. 24th <https://empowerillinois.org/>

Big Shoulders Fund SGO – application opens Jan. 22nd
<https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/>

Thank you:

I am incredibly thankful to Mr. Carl Chadek and Ms. Kelly Lamorena for organizing our 5th Annual St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert. The concert was a huge success and we received numerous compliments on the warm holiday spirit that was felt by everyone who attended. Thank you to all of our amazing children, talented musicians and singers who made this event so memorable.

Thank you for the extremely generous donations that were given at the concert for our music program. These donations will allow us to continue to grow our amazing music program.

Thank you also to the Advent Committee; Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Flaherty, and Mrs. Barr for preparing the Advent/Christmas Prayer Service on Dec. 22nd. Also, thank you for all their time and efforts in organizing all the events and projects throughout Advent.

Thank you to Mr. Carl Chadek and all the children who participated in the children's pantomime at the Family Christmas Eve mass. This representation of children during the liturgy exemplified the importance of including and celebrating children at mass.

Thank you to all the families and parish/school organizations who contributed to the Teachers' Christmas Fund. Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. It is so important that we are able to show our appreciation to all the faculty and staff for their never-ending dedication and passion for all they do.

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:

As winter is now upon us please remember to dress your child appropriately. As stated in our handbook we will have indoor recess if the temperature is 25 degrees or below real or with wind chill. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves so that they are safe in these temperatures. If your child wears boots to school, please make sure to send a pair of shoes for them to change into when they arrive. This is especially true of those who are on patrol. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

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 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.

Sunday, January 28th is our Kick-off for Catholic Schools Week. Keep an eye open for more information regarding this day and the week that follows as we celebrate all that is good and right with Catholic schools

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.**

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Calendar Change
- Men's Club flyers
- Family & School Association flyers
- Parent Teacher Student Conference request form
- Yoga forms
- Christmas Fund Thank You

Mark your calendars:

- Sat. Jan. 13 – Feast of St. Hilary
- Mon. Jan. 15 – No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Thurs. Jan. 18 – Yearbook pictures
- Fri. Jan. 19 – 8th grade Graduation pictures
- Fri. Jan. 19 – halfway point of 2nd trimester
- Wed. Jan. 24 – exclusion day for any past due financial obligations
- Thurs. Jan. 25 – FSA hosts St. Hilary Night at Panera
- Thurs. Jan. 25 – progress reports go home
- Fri. Jan. 26 – 11:30 dismissal
- Fri. Jan. 26 – Requested Parent Teacher Student Conferences

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 January 15 - 19

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

MONDAY: January 15th Altar Servers: Abigail, Lina ✓ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School	
TUESDAY: January 16th Altar Servers: Crystal, Isabella A. ✓ Student Council meeting – officers ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books 3 rd – 5 th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm	
WEDNESDAY: January 17th Altar Servers: Anthony C., Madison ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ 2:00 dismissal ✓ Super soccer 3 rd – 4 th grade	
THURSDAY: January 18th Altar Servers: Marc, Nicholas ✓ Super soccer K – 2 nd grade ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm in church ✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Yearbook pictures	
FRIDAY: January 19th Altar Servers: Sophie, Toni ✓ Art Studio 3:00 – 4:00 pm ✓ 8 th grade Graduation pictures ✓ Battle of the Books 6 th – 8 th grade 3:00 – 3:45 pm ✓ Half-way point for 2 nd trimester – All Financial Obligations must be up to date!!!!	
SATURDAY: January 20th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. Sidonie S., Chris K. 5:00 p.m. Billy T., Marc R., Aelaika A.	
SUNDAY: January 21st Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony O., Thao, Ariam 10 am Jeryl, Gia, Don 12 pm Isabella M., Sara M., Claire M.	

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2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





Thank You!

Thank you so much
for your extremely generous donation
to the Teachers' Christmas Fund!
We are very grateful and proud
to work with such incredible families.
Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The St. Hilary Faculty and Staff

Kathy Ernst
Wendy Brown
Margaret Frank
Mrs. Kathie Senova
Theresa Flores
Yolanda
Heather E.
Pat Martin
Kelly Lane
Carol Webb
Joe Flaherty
Sally Whitlock
Jackie Collier
Adelle Weber
Mary Kay Donnelly
Robin Andrie
Ma Montemurro
Whitney Castle
Karma Rhodes



ATTENTION: CALENDAR CHANGE

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on Friday, February 2nd**

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Thank you for understanding.**

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

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Dear School Families,

St. Hilary will be holding our parent teacher student conferences on Friday, January 26th from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. These conferences are not mandatory. A teacher or parent may request a conference as needed. If you would like to conference with your child's teacher(s), please fill in the information below in order to help schedule your conference. Teachers will schedule conferences based on the family information received no later than January 17th. Families who have more than one child in the family are the first to be scheduled. **It is very important that this form is returned to the school no later than January 17th, in order to honor the time you requested.** Confirmation of your parent conference will be sent home on Friday, January 20th.

A reminder school is dismissed on Friday, January 26th, at 11:30am for parent conferences. There is extended care for students registered in the extended day program.

Thank you,
Mrs. Donovan

Name of Family_____

Child's Name_____ Grade_____ Room #_____
Time & Date preference_____

Child's Name_____ Grade_____ Room #_____
Time & Date preference_____

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Time & Date preference_____

Parents of Title 1 Students: _____ Please check here if you would like to schedule a conference with the Title 1 teacher, Ms. Flores.

Indicate your preferred date and time for your conference - times should be indicated in 30 minute increments (i.e. 2:00 - 2:30 pm). The conference time per child is 10 minutes unless requested and scheduled otherwise.

Teachers will be on a dinner break from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. There should not be a conference filled in between the time period of 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

YOGA CLASS

The art of practicing yoga helps in controlling an individual mind, body and soul. It brings together physical and mental disciplines to achieve a peaceful body and mind, it helps to manage stress and anxiety and keep you relaxing. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improved respiration, energy and vitality. Practicing yoga might seem like just stretching, but it can do much more for your body from the way you feel, look and move.

Benefits of yoga for kids

- ☐ Yoga helps improve strength and flexibility
- ☐ Yoga increases concentration, focus, and attention
- ☐ Kid's yoga increases self-esteem
- ☐ Yoga decreases anxiety and helps you to relax
- ☐ Yoga increases trust, compassion, teamwork and leadership skills of your children
- ☐ Yoga improves digestion and eases gas pains for children
- ☐ Yoga helps to release stress and breathe well
- ☐ Yoga strengthens the immune system

Yoga classes will be offered under the direction of Ms. Laura Penna. Laura is a certified yoga instructor, counselor, and nutritionist. She is dedicated to teaching yoga awareness believing that a healthy body and mind are key to a happy life.

Yoga class sessions will be held on Monday afternoons
from January 8 – March 19, 2018
classes will not meet on Jan. 15 or Feb. 19.

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. for children in grades Preschool – 4th

The cost of the classes are \$10.00 per class for preschool – 4th

If you are in 5th grade or higher please let Mrs. Donovan know so that a class can be formed if there are enough interested children.

Classes will be held in the gym (the Vacala Auditorium). Children are asked to wear comfortable clothing such as sweatpants, shorts, yoga pants/leggings to be able to stretch comfortably. Yoga mats are encouraged but not necessary, a towel will also work.

Please complete the back of this flyer and return if you are interested.



MONDAY YOGA PERMISSION SLIP (January 8 – March 19, 2018)

_____ has
permission to attend the Yoga class Monday afternoons.

Grade _____

Homeroom _____

I, as parent and/or guardian of the minor child identified above hereby acknowledge the following notices and grant to St. Hilary School the following release from liability:

I acknowledge and fully understand that my child will be engaging in physical activities that may involve some risk of injury. I acknowledge and have been advised that it is my responsibility to consult with my or my child's physician with respect to any past or present injury, illness, health problem or any other condition or medication that may affect my or my child's participation. I assume the foregoing risks and accept full personal responsibility for any personal injuries sustained by my child which might incur as a result of participating in this program and discharge and hold harmless St. Hilary School and Laura Pena from any claim, cause of action or liability for damages arising from any personal injury to my child or other persons or property caused by my child's participation in the yoga program.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Emergency Contact number _____





FAMILY & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

**TODAY, JAN. 10
7 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Your voice is important! Please join us for the monthly meeting of the St. Hilary FSA. This meeting is open to all parents and guardians of students at St. Hilary School.

Get info on our upcoming events and how you can help!
Refreshments will be served, and there will be time to mingle
with other St. Hilary parents and caregivers.

See you there!

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week and support our fantastic school!

Pancake Breakfast

8 am to noon, Sunday, January 28
St. Hilary School Cafeteria

All-you-can-eat hot breakfast

\$8 for adults

\$5 for children 3-13

Free for children under 2

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

Volunteer online at our SignUp page

<http://signup.com/go/vckaRtV>

or contact Maria Hench at

mariahench@gmail.com or 773-620-0642





HELP SUPPORT

ST. HILARY SCHOOL

WHERE 6059 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659

WHEN Thu, Jan, 25th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

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Enter **"FUND"** as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

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*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.
Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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SAVE THE DATE

Daddy Daughter Dance

6 to 9 pm

Friday, February 9 * St. Hilary Gym

All girls and their favorite guy are invited!

Service hours/volunteer info at <http://signup.com/go/TxeuBxQ>



Men's Club Candlelight Bowling



Saturday, January 27th
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
7211 W. Talcott - Chicago

\$50.00 / couple (21 and over)
Includes bowling, dinner and drinks

Limited shoes available;
bring your own soft-soled shoes if possible

RSVP/Contact Daryl McNabb
773-633-0980
damcnabb@sbcglobal.net



St. Hilary Men's Club

Lenten Fish Fry



Friday, February 16thth

St. Hilary School Cafeteria

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Fried fish, mac and cheese, French fries, cole slaw and dessert
Cash Bar

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$7

Under 4: Free



LEARN,
CONTRIBUTE,
GET INVOLVED

NATURE PLAY AREA MEETING

Saturday morning

January 13, 2018

10:30 – 12:30

Green Briar Park Field House

2650 W Peterson Ave

child care provided

SEE OUR PROPOSED PLAY AREA DESIGN & DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF NATURE PLAY

Special Speakers:

Sarah Unz, Outdoor and Environmental Education Manager, Chicago Park District, will talk about the nature play space certification program and provide a brief overview of her department.

Teresa Weed, founder, lead teacher and administrator of the Forest School at North Park Village Nature Center, will talk about how nature play fosters children's intellectual creative, social, and emotional growth.

For more information: www.westridgenaturepreserve.org