



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

January 31, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our kick-off to Catholic Schools Week began with a very well attended Family Mass. Thank you to all of our students who participated in the liturgy. Thank you to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Giannoni, Mrs. Hench, Mrs. Scarpelli, and Mrs. Kilroy for organizing the pancake breakfast hosted by the FSA. Thank you to Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Isaacson and Mrs. McNabb for their assistance as we began registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for coming out and saving a seat for your child early! Congratulations to the Czuba and Nelson families on winning the registration raffle. We are so blessed to be a part of the amazing St. Hilary family and I am more appreciative than you will ever know.

Catholic Schools Week:

On Monday we celebrated our dedicated and caring faculty and staff. Our teachers go above and beyond what is expected of them because they know and live out the mission of Catholic education each and every day. It means so much when you take a moment to thank them and show your appreciation throughout the year. Thank you to the Student Council for providing a special breakfast for our teachers. Thank you to all the families who provided various dishes, desserts, and beverages for the teacher lunch. Everything was so delicious and the abundance was incredible. They have been able to enjoy the food for a couple of days. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Yesterday representatives from Catholic Charities, Heartland Soup Kitchen, and the Honeycomb Project came to speak to the students about the importance of giving to others and they explained ways that all of us can volunteer. There is information on all three of these organizations in today's envelope and we will see how we as a school can partner with them as well.

Today, we welcomed some members of our St. Hilary Women's Club. They were guest readers in the preschool – 4th grade classrooms. These ladies are amazing and truly support St. Hilary School and Parish in many ways. We are blessed to have them in our family. Please support their efforts and keep them in your prayers.

We will continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout this week.

On Thursday, we will celebrate nations. The children will be creating thank you scrolls to be presented to some of our elected officials thanking them for their work to help Catholic Schools. In particular we will thank them for the new Invest in Kids Act which will benefit many families in providing a quality Catholic education for their children.

On Friday we will also celebrate our wonderful children with a number of activities. This will be a relaxed dress down day; the theme is be comfy. We will enjoy a movie and treats provided by our fantastic Family & School Association. We will enjoy some time with our faith partners in a scavenger hunt and also playing bingo. Students are asked to bring a snack or beverage to share with their faith partners (see flyer in today's envelope for more details). We are incredibly fortunate to have your amazing children in our school and in our lives.

Much to be thankful for:

Thank you to our Parent Ambassadors who provided tours for perspective families during our Open House. New families enjoy hearing about St. Hilary from fellow parents and their opinions do matter.

Thank you to alum, Maggie McNabb, who joined the choir during our family mass on Sunday. She was also able to use her knowledge of the Spanish language as she assisted in a tour as well. It is so heartwarming when our alum comes back to us.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to 7th grade, Katrina Battung! Katrina is a very talented equestrian rider and on Sunday she won 1st place in walk/trot, and 2nd place in cantering. This took place at the Glen Grove Equestrian Center. Way to go, Katrina 😊

****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.

The FSA Daddy/daughter dance will take place as scheduled on Fri. Feb. 9th. See the flyer in today's envelope. You don't want to miss this special time!!!

Invest in Kids Act Update:

***I am aware that the application process through Empower Illinois experienced a crash due to the volume of visitors to their site. Below are the messages that Empower Illinois shared on their website. I will continue to update you when I receive updated information. I apologize for this delay but keep the faith that the application will be open

and available very soon. This is an important reminder that you need to be ready to apply as soon as the site reopens. Scholarships are awarded on a first come-first serve basis.

What happened today is extremely disappointing. We recognize the significant issues this is posing for families and students and are continuing to work to resolve this as quickly as possible.

While we don't have a solution at this moment, we have officially suspended the application. Please note that this issue affected everybody and no applications have been processed. Please exit the application site until further notice.

We will share an update about when the application will be available at 4:00 p.m. today on our website, Facebook page and through an email blast to those who have subscribed on our website.

We appreciate your patience and we sincerely apologize for the delay.

4:00 pm update from Empower Illinois:

Unfortunately, we do not yet have an update on when the student application will relaunch. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused students and families. We knew the demand for quality educational options was strong, but no one estimated the overwhelming statewide demand we saw today. Parents get one chance at a quality education and thousands took every opportunity to make sure their kids were first in line. More than 24,000 families visited the application site within the first few minutes of its availability causing a technology failure. We will continue to do our best to ensure fairness while maintaining compliance with the regulations imposed by the state.

4:36 pm update from the Office of Catholic Schools:

Empower Illinois' tax credit scholarship application has been suspended for today, Wednesday, January 31. The application site will re-open tomorrow. More details to come

Please continue to visit the Empower Illinois SGO site at www.empowerillinois.org for updated information.

Reminders:

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. Last week you received a packet of registration forms. Please complete both sides of the re-registration form and return

to school with the \$100.00 registration fee. The registration fee will increase to \$200.00 for any registration after March 10, 2018. Remember to assure a seat for your child next year and register early. It is important that we are proactive in our enrollment so that teacher contracts can be offered and plans for the new year can move forward. If you have been watching the news, the Archdiocese is watching enrollment for all Catholic schools, early registration is the key to moving forward. Thank you to the many families who have already completed their registration, we look forward to another wonderful year with your child.

Don't forget to tell a friend about St. Hilary and as a thank you, you will receive a \$100.00 tuition credit on your December tuition statement pending enrollment of the referred family. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Position available:

If you or someone you know would be interested in a part-time office position, please contact Mrs. Donovan for more information. This position is available immediately.

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, February 10th test your trivia skills when the Alumni Association hosts our Annual Quiz Night. This is a fun "adults-only" event where you can test your wits with other families, friends, and even the teachers. Gather 10 people and sign up today – see the flyer in today's envelope. It would be so much fun if you gathered 10 parents from your child's class to see how well you can match up with the teacher's table. This is a wonderful event for you to socialize with the other parents in your child's class.

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:

- Men's Club flyers
- Box Tops flyer
- Battle of the Books

- Kids Day – CSW flyer
- Family & School Association flyers
- Alumni Quiz Night flyer
- Super Soccer flyer – classes start tomorrow – get a discount

Mark your calendars:

- Thurs. Feb. 1 – Celebrating Nations
- Fri. Feb. 2 – Celebrating our students
- Sat. Feb. 3 – 8th graders Confirmation retreat
- Tues. Feb. 6 – 8th grade graduation picture retakes
- Wed. Feb. 7 – LLS Kick-off
- Fri. Feb. 9 – No School – Teacher Professional Development Day
- Fri. Feb. 9 – FSA Daddy Daughter Dance
- Sat. Feb. 10 – Alumni Quiz Night
- Sun. Feb. 11 – 8th grade Rose Ceremony games

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



**Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week 2018**
January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

Kid's Day

Friday, February 2

- ★ **Wear comfy clothes (no pajamas, please).**
- ★ **Activities include a movie, a scavenger hunt, and bingo!**
- ★ **Bring a snack for you and your faith partner(s). Grades prek-3 should bring drinks (no pop please) and grades 4-8 should bring the snacks.**





Winter soccer classes start tomorrow at **St. Hilary!**

Save \$30 when you enroll for both winter and spring seasons at the same time!

offer ends 1/31

[Click here to enroll](#)

Username: **HLR**

Password: **sthsoccer**

or call **[312-477-5877](tel:312-477-5877)**



Questions? Call: [312. 477. 5877](tel:312.477.5877)
Follow us on Twitter @ILSuperSoccer



BUZZZ 11



THE LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION FROM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | JANUARY 2018

YOUR 2018 BOX TOPS RESOLUTION

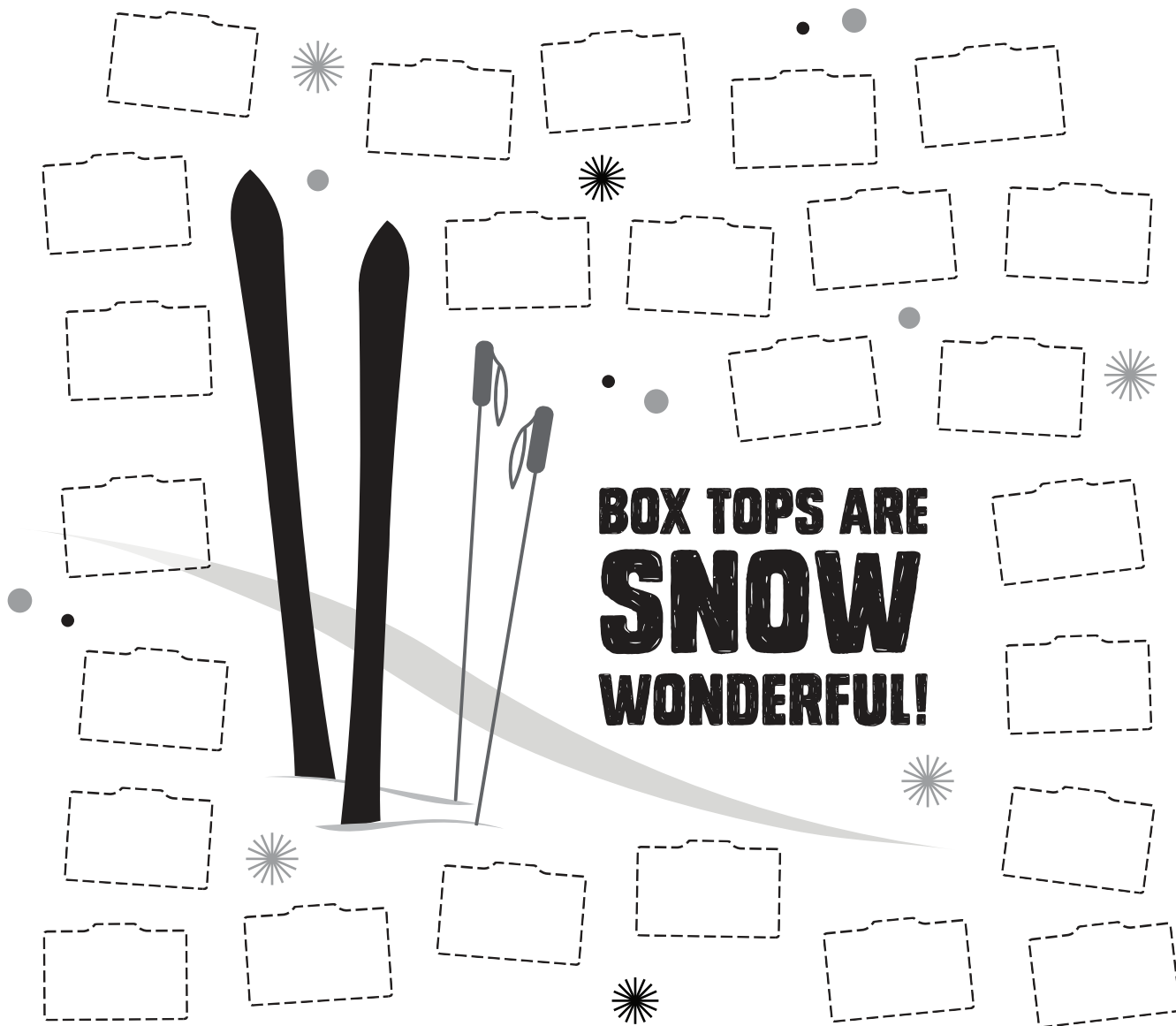
Turn in your Box Tops to school by

February 16, 2018

in order for them to count toward
your school's spring check.

HELPFUL CLIPPING TIPS EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL'S COORDINATOR

1. Check the expiration date on your Box Tops! Expired Box Tops cannot be accepted.
2. You don't have to trim your Box Tops perfectly, but you'll save your school money on postage fees and make your coordinator happy if you do!
3. Send your Box Tops to school on a collection sheet (like the one attached here) or in a baggie. If you really want to make your coordinator's day label the baggie with the number of Box Tops you have.



BOX TOPS ARE SNOW WONDERFUL!

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.



RESOLUCIÓN DE BOX TOPS

PARA 2018

Entregue sus Box Tops a la escuela antes del

16 de febrero 2018

para que cuenten en el cheque de primavera de su escuela.

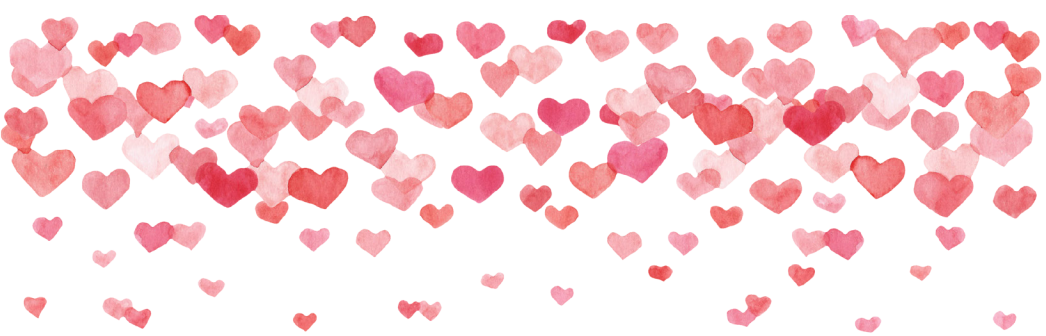
CONSEJOS ÚTILES PARA RECORTAR

FORMAS FÁCILES DE AYUDAR AL COORDINADOR DE SU ESCUELA

1. ¡Revise la fecha de vencimiento de sus Box Tops! No se pueden aceptar Box Tops vencidos.
2. No es necesario que corte sus Box Tops de forma perfecta, pero si lo hace le permitirá ahorrar dinero a su escuela en gastos postales ¡y pondrá feliz a su coordinador!
3. Envíe sus Box Tops a la escuela en una hoja de recolección (como la que se encuentra aquí adjunta) o en una bolsa. Si realmente desea alegrarle la vida a su coordinador, marque la bolsa con la cantidad de Box Tops que tiene.



¡Muchas gracias por ayudar! Los Box Tops recortados valen 10¢ cada uno para la escuela de sus hijos. No deben adjuntarse certificados de bonos en esta hoja - por favor, preséntelos por separado. Para observar otras formas de ganar dinero para la escuela de su hijo/a, diríjase a BTFE.com.



Daddy - Daughter Dance

FRIDAY, FEB. 9
6 - 9 P.M. | SCHOOL GYM

\$20 PER COUPLE; \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL GIRL

INCLUDES:
PIZZA, WINGS, DESSERTS & BEVERAGES
CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES
GREAT MUSIC & DANCING
PHOTOBOOTH/SELFIE STATION

FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, GODFATHERS
AND UNCLES ARE WELCOME

RSVP by February 7 to help us plan



DANCE RSVP/VOLUNTEER FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

We are attending the Daddy-Daughter Dance on Feb. 9

Family name: _____

Names of guests: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

(\$20/couple; \$5/additional girl. Make checks payable to ST. HILARY FSA)

I can volunteer for the Daddy-Daughter Dance

Reserve your spot online at <http://signup.com/go/TxeuBxQ>
or let us know your availability

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

I can (please check all that apply)

_____ set up (3-5:30 p.m.)

_____ help during the party (6-9 p.m.)

_____ clean up (9-10 p.m.)

If you are fulfilling volunteer hours, please bring your service hours card to get credit

 Follow us on Facebook: @StHilaryFSA



Battle of the Books, 2017-18. *Let's get reading.*

Reading Calendar

Tuesday	Friday
Jan 30 Battle Mtg, Grades 3-5 <i>Chasing Secrets</i> <i>Circus Mirandus</i>	Feb 2 Battle Mtg, Grades 6-8 (Science Club) <i>All Four Stars</i> <i>Hatchet</i>
Feb 6 Battle Mtg, Grades 3-5 <i>Three Bird Summer</i> <i>Some Writer!</i>	Feb 9 No Battle Meeting. No school, Teacher Inservice
Feb 13 Battle Mtg, Grades 3-5 <i>The Sergeant Comes</i> <i>Marching Home</i> <i>Detective's Assistant</i>	Feb 16 Battle Mtg, Grades 6-8 <i>Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> movie day
Feb 20 Battle Mtg <i>Mock battles to determine teams</i>	Feb 23 Battle Mtg, Grades 6-8 (Science Club) <i>Short</i> <i>All Rise for the Honorable</i> <i>Perry T Cook</i>
Feb 27 Battle Mtg <i>Mock battles to determine teams</i>	March 2 Battle Mtg, Grades 6-8 <i>Wolf Hollow</i> <i>Some Writer!</i>

Beginning the week of March 5, Battle of the Books participants will meet on Tuesdays and/or Fridays with their teams to prepare for the in-house battle.

Stay tuned for info on your team assignment, and which days your team will meet.

We will have Battle t-shirts. Submit your design idea on a white, 8.5x11 sheet to Mrs. Donnelly by March 16.

Important dates:

There will NOT be Battle meetings during Holy Week (March 27 and 30) or Easter Break (April 3 and 6).

The in-house battle will take place on or around Thursday, April 12.

The inter-school competition will be held at St Hilary this year during the first week of May. *Each student will be asked to contribute \$5 to help pay for the reception (instead of bus fare).*



Saturday, February 10, 2018

**St. Hilary School Vacala Auditorium
5615 North California Avenue
Chicago, Illinois**

WIN MONEYTEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**HAVE FUN**

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Trivia questions begin promptly at 7:00 PM

\$20 PER PERSON or \$200 PER TABLE (Tables of 10)

Register with a table or join a team that night

Bring in your own food and drink

Alcohol permitted

21 + age event

All money raised goes to St. Hilary School!

10 Categories

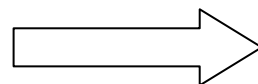
Winning Table \$500

10 Questions per Category

Best Theme Table \$100

A Community Event Hosted by St. Hilary Alumni Association

Registration form on the back of this flyer



CONTACT PERSON FOR TEAM:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

TEAM MEMBERS IF KNOWN:

NAMES _____

I AM COMING AS A SINGLE PERSON, PLEASE ADD ME TO A TEAM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK/S PAYABLE TO ST. HILARY SCHOOL

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

St. Hilary School February 2018

K-8 LunchSmart Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	February is Black History Month. This event started as Negro History Week, a movement founded by scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson and colleagues at the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, in 1926. The purpose is to highlight the accomplishments of people of African descent. This month, we have included the favorite dishes of some notable people from cities our company serves including rock and roll pioneer Chuck Berry (St. Louis), entertainer and French Resistance agent Josephine Baker (St. Louis), former US President Barack Obama (Chicago), publisher John H. Johnson (Chicago), and poet and memoirist Maya Angelou (St. Louis).			February 1 Cheesy Beefy Macaroni* & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Green Peas Applesauce	February 2 BBQ Chicken Brown Rice* Chuck Berry's Roasted Sweet Potatoes Pears 
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Grapes	February 5 Popcorn Chicken Bowl with Mashed Potatoes & Corn* & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Peaches	February 6 All-Beef Hot Dog on a Bun* Oven-Baked Spiral-Cut French Fries Mixed Fruit	February 7 Chicken Tenders* with Breadstick* Sliced Carrots Pineapple	February 8 Josephine Baker's Rotini* with Homemade Bolognese Sauce Broccoli Florets Applesauce 	February 9 No School
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Bananas	February 12 Chipotle Chicken Wrap* Corn Peaches	February 13 Chicken & Pasta* with Homemade Alfredo Sauce and Garlic Bread* Capri Blend Veggies Mixed Fruit	February 14 Fish Fillet Sandwich* with Cheese and Tartar Sauce Refried Beans Pineapple	February 15 Cantonese-Style Chicken with Chinese Vegetables & Asian Rice* Mandarin Oranges Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year)	February 16 Toasted Cheese Sandwich* with Tomato Soup & Cheddar Goldfish Crackers* Baby Carrots Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	February 19 No School 	February 20 President Barack Obama's Turkey Chili with Honey Corn Biscuit* Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit 	February 21 Grilled Chicken Sandwich* with Lettuce and Tomato California Blend Veggies Pineapple	February 22 Boneless Chicken Wings with BBQ Dipping Sauce John H. Johnson's Black-Eyed Peas Applesauce 	February 23 Handcrafted Mac & Cheese* & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Green Peas Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Grapes	February 26 Maya Angelou's Oven-Roasted Chicken Drumstick with Handmade Spanish Rice* Green Beans Peaches 	February 27 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Bun* [^] Corn Mixed Fruit	February 28 Chicken Corn Dog* Kettle-Baked Beans Pineapple		

Let's Give Everyone a (Clean) Hand

Did you know that hands are the single most important way all types of infections are transmitted? Hand washing with warm water and soap is one of the best ways to combat the problem. Lather up for about as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Rinse well and dry with a clean or disposable towel or air dryer. Help to prevent the spread of germs that make you sick.

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 (Meatless Nachos* on February 14) / **Thursday** – Breaded Chicken Sandwich* / **Friday** – Pizza* (pepperoni French bread on February 9, cheese personal pan and Big Daddy's extra cheesy pizza rotate during Lent)

*=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 China with FSP on February 15!