



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

March 21, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sunday, March 25th is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the greatest week in the Church calendar. On Palm Sunday, we gather to herald, with the whole Church, the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, journeying with him into Jerusalem, sitting with him at the Last Supper, standing at the foot of the Cross and keeping vigil at his tomb, awaiting the spectacle of his Resurrection. The Passion will be read with the assistance of two of our students at the 10:00 am mass. All are welcome to worship with us.

Today we continued our traditional Lenten Silent Lunch. Thank you to the Student Council officers for hosting this special time. In the spirit of giving alms, praying, and fasting we shared a very simple meal, prayed together, and welcomed Mr. Duffy from Feed My Starving Children. We are honored to partner with FMSC once again. Our children generously donated \$247.34 today, this will fund 1,000 meals for children around the world. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you to Ms. Weber, Ms. Montemurro, and Mrs. Castle for preparing the officers for this event.

Empower Illinois has started to email families who completed the first registration step for the Tax Credit Scholarship. When you receive the link for the second step, you will need an acknowledgement of enrollment letter from me. Please send me an email and I will get the letter right back to you. Remember to keep an eye out for your spam mail. You have 7 days from the date of the email to upload your documents and complete the second step. Good luck to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Holy Thursday is March 29th and we will dismiss at 11:30. The Lent Committee will be hosting a Lenten Prayer Service at 10:45; you are welcome to join us. Classes resume on Monday, April 9th.

If you plan on utilizing the extended care program on Thursday, March 29th could you please let one of the extended care supervisors know. I am working on scheduling

personnel given the fact that Ms. Hisaw will be on medical leave. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Congratulations:

Way to go, Kevin O'Connor!!! Kevin was WGN's Kids Sport reporter with Dean Richards on WGN radio Sunday morning. Kevin was fantastic and we are very proud of him. If you would like to listen to his broadcast click on this link.

<http://wgnradio.com/2018/03/18/kids-sports-3-18-18-kevin-oconnor/>

Congratulations to Shawn Arreguin, class of 2014! Shawn is a senior at St. Patrick High School and he received a full scholarship (including room & board, as well as studying abroad) to Southern Illinois University. We are very proud of you, Shawn!!

Thank you:

Thank you to our Student Council officers who hosted the basketball Pep Rally on Friday. It was so much fun to recognize our basketball athletes after a great season. Thank you to Ms. Weber, Mrs. Castle, and Ms. Montemurro, our student council moderators, for their assistance in organizing this event.

Thank you to our 3rd and 6th grade faith partners for hosting our Family Mass on Sunday. It is always a blessing to have our students involved in a parish mass. Thank you to Mrs. Donnelly and Ms. Martin for their preparation and organization of the mass.

Thank you to our amazing musicians and singers. The winter concert last night was a wonderful evening where we had the opportunity to enjoy the amazing talents of our children. A very special thank you to Ms. Lamorena for her passion and vision for music and our students!

Special Recognition:

Friday is the last day to nominate one of our fantastic teachers!!!!

We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated staff who goes above and beyond for our children and St. Hilary every day. I ask that you consider nominating one of our own for the Heart of the School Award.

Our teachers, administrators and staff members are the Heart of our Schools. Our educational mission is lived out by the thousands of dedicated school employees who support our students every day. While our administrators, teachers and staff members do not seek out recognition, it is important that we celebrate their tremendous work. For many years, the Archdiocese of Chicago has honored outstanding Catholic school employees through the Heart of the School Awards.

Who Can Be Nominated: Any current teacher, administrator or staff member who works in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Chicago can be nominated for a Heart of the School Award. Employees can be full or part-time employees, and must work

directly for the Catholic school (not a third-party organization). To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Who Can Nominate: Nominations can be submitted by any stakeholder at the school (e.g. teacher, staff member, administrator, parent, volunteer, student, etc.). **Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 23, 2018.**

Help Wanted:

This position is available starting NOW: recess supervisor - hours 11:00 – 12:45 Monday – Friday – minimum wage. All compliance paperwork must be in place or started before that day. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who may be please email or call me as soon as possible. This may be a great opportunity for someone retired or a stay at home mom/dad.

Reminder:

Over the past few weeks I have communicated a request from Fr. Aloy and sadly have had a very poor response. Fr. Aloy is inviting children and a parent to participate in the very special and symbolic Holy Thursday mass. Once again, there is a flyer in today's envelope and I sincerely hope that we are able to have 12 children and one of their parents volunteer to participate. This is a very special tradition that could be a once in a lifetime experience.

The registration fee has increased to \$200.00. Thank you to the many families who have already completed their registration, we look forward to another wonderful year with your child.

This year, once again, St. Hilary will be utilizing the FACTS management program for our financial aid process. There is a link on our school's website for the FACTS program. This is the same organization that serves as our tuition management program. It is more efficient for everyone to incorporate both of these services in one program.

The application will be available for you on April 19th.

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!

****Families whose financial obligation is not paid in full by the end of the year will have their 2018-2019 registration put on hold until payment is made. ****

Please note 8th graders must be paid in full by May. Failure to complete payment will result in loss of participation in 8th grade events/activities and possibly graduation. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If your account is current, I thank you!

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Holy Thursday flyer
- Empower Illinois Update flyer
- FSA flyer
- St. Hilary Literary Magazine flyer
- Heart of the School flyer
- Women's Club flyer
- Mandarin Chinese enrichment classes
- Soccer classes flyer
- Volleyball flyer

Mark your calendars:

- Wed. March 21- Sun. March 25 – FSA Book Fair
- Sun. March 25 – Palm Sunday
- Tues. March 27 – Living Stations 2:00 pm in church – All are Welcome!!!
- Thurs. March 29 – Holy Thursday 11:30 dismissal
- Fri. March 30 – Good Friday – Easter break begins
- Sun. April 1 – Happy Easter!
- Mon. April 9 – 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



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF March 26 - 30

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

MONDAY: March 26th Altar Servers: Joy Marie, Toni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious education classes ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109
TUESDAY: March 27th Altar Servers: Nathan, Sophie F. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Living Stations 2:00 pm in church ✓ Battle of the Books - mock battles 3:00 – 3:45 pm
WEDNESDAY: March 28th Altar Servers: Billy, Adhrian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ 2:00 dismissal
THURSDAY: March 29th Holy Thursday Altar Servers: no mass 7:00 pm mass Sophia C., Christine L., Aelaida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Holy Thursday – 11:30 dismissal ✓ Easter vacation begins ✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109
FRIDAY: March 30th Good Friday Altar Servers: no mass 7:00 pm service Phuc, Thao, Benjamin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No School – Good Friday
SATURDAY: March 31st Holy Saturday Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. no mass 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Marina, Zachar, Adhrian
SUNDAY: April 1st Happy Easter! Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony O., Rianne, Jeryl 10 am Don, Marc, Gia 12 pm Isabella M., Sara, Claire



Easter Egg Hunt for children 3 – 5 yrs. old after 10:00 am mass
 School resumes on Monday, April 9th.





HEART OF THE SCHOOL AWARD



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HEART OF THE SCHOOL AWARDS:

Heart of Excellence: This award is given to teachers who foster the highest quality of teaching and learning in their classrooms. Through rigorous, 21st century instruction, awardees demonstrate an ability to motivate each student to reach his or her greatest academic potential. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Inclusion: Christ calls us to welcome all who come to us. This award is given to teachers, staff members and administrators who foster inclusion in education by welcoming and serving all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background or the presence of defined learning needs. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Enrichment: Catholic schools seek to teach the “whole child,” providing each child with enrichment opportunities beyond the core subjects. This award recognizes school employees who excel at providing instruction and activities in one or more

enrichment area (e.g. art, music, foreign language, physical education, etc.). To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Service: This Award recognizes individuals who provide excellent support to the school community. Often not people who are “front and center,” awardees work behind the scenes to assure that the school successfully meets the mission of service to God’s children. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Christ: Christ is the true center of any Catholic school. Recipients of this award are outstanding examples of Christian service, love and compassion. Through both work and witness, they live out our Catholic mission every day. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Innovation: Excellent educators are willing to innovate, infusing their work with the latest teaching practices and instructional technology. Recipients of this award reflect the ability to successfully serve students through adaptation and innovation. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Leadership: Recipients of this award demonstrate leadership in their school through mentoring, inspiring others and setting a clear vision. Awardees are not necessarily school administrators, but rather leaders who constantly motivate the school towards excellence, faith and service. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of Connection: Recipients of this award recognize that the school is part of a greater community, and actively seek to build connections with the community and the school. Through successful outreach to parishes, universities and/or other organizations, awardees consistently leverage outside resources to support the school, while enabling the school to benefit the surrounding community. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

Heart of the Future: This award recognizes employees who have worked in education for three years or less, and demonstrate outstanding excellence, leadership and service. Awardees are people who inspire those around them with their enthusiasm and support of our educational mission. To nominate someone for this award, [click here](#).

I hope that you will take a few minutes to nominate one of our amazing, dedicated, and passionate teachers. Last year, our very own Ms. Kelly Lamorena was the recipient of the Heart of Enrichment Award. In her own words, “this was a BIG deal”!



Calling all Cardinals



Do you love to write? Is art one of your favorite things?

The St. Hilary Literary Magazine Committee (Mr. Andre, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Frank, and Ms. Weber) is looking for student work submissions to publish in our first magazine!

Students may submit original fiction/short stories, poems, or non-fiction pieces; artwork may include original student produced drawings, sketches, or photos of 3-D creations.

There will also be a cover-art competition to determine what image will be placed on the front of the school's magazine!

Don't delay! All submissions to be considered for publication must be turned in by March 23, 2018.

Contact one of the Literary Magazine Committee members if you have any questions. More details will be available soon!

Fr. Aloy is looking for families and their children to assist with the Holy Thursday liturgy on March 29th



HOLY THURSDAY is the most complex and profound of all religious observances, saving only the Easter Vigil. It celebrates both the institution by Christ himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the sacerdotal priesthood (as distinct from the 'priesthood of all believers') for in this, His last supper with the disciples, a celebration of Passover, He is the self-offered Passover Victim, and every ordained priest to this day presents this same sacrifice, by Christ's authority and command, in exactly the same way. The Last Supper was also Christ's farewell to His assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny Him before the sun rose again.

The Holy Thursday liturgy, celebrated in the evening because Passover began at sundown, also shows both the worth God ascribes to the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water (a symbol of baptism) in the Mandatum, or washing in Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples, and in the priest's stripping and washing of the altar. Cleansing, in fact, gave this day of Holy Week the name Maundy Thursday.

The washing of the feet represents the service and charity of Christ, who came "not to be served, but to serve."

Fr. Aloy would like one parent to represent a disciple and their child will assist Fr. Aloy in the drying of the parent's feet. **Each family will need a parent and a child.**

If you are interested please complete the form below or email Mrs. Donovan at Donovan@sthilarychicago.org. The first 12 will be chosen so don't delay. I know it seems like this is really far away, but will be here before we know it.

I would like to be a disciple during the Holy Thursday liturgy on Thurs. March 29th at the 7:00 pm mass.

Parent name

Child name



EMPOWER ILLINOI TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

- Encourage families to continue to check their email for the link to the Empower Illinois application in TADS. The email will come from empowerillinois@TADS.com. However, please also note that emails will be sent out over few weeks throughout most or all of March, so if families haven't received an email yet, it probably hasn't been sent yet. As of March 12, emails have only been sent to about 25 - 30 percent of families who completed a reservation beginning February 27. Remind families to be patient; all families who made a reservation will receive an email inviting them to complete an application.
- When families are completing the School Commitment form, the tuition they should enter for a student should reflect any parishioner and multi-sibling discounts for the particular student. If the family was previously offered additional "unfunded" discounts, or a student previously received Caritas/Phoenix/BSF, they should NOT include this. The benefit of tax credit scholarships is that hopefully families won't need additional discounts, and other scholarships can be directed to another student who doesn't receive a tax credit scholarship.
- Ask families to sign into their TADS account and review their uploads to see if any documents are missing. If it appears there are missing documents and families have questions about what is needed or how to upload, have them call the Empower Illinois Hotline - English: [855.318.1222](tel:855.318.1222) or Spanish: [612.548.3337](tel:612.548.3337).
- All documents MUST BE SUBMITTED within the seven day time frame of when a family receives the application link via email.
- Inform families that Empower Illinois/TADS may call or email them with questions about their application, so check frequently and respond timely.
- If a family needs to change the name of the school selected on their application, they may do so by calling the Empower Illinois/TADS Hotline. (This is important if a family chose "Undecided.")
- The Empower Illinois/TADS Hotline is available at [855.318.1222](tel:855.318.1222) (English) or [612.548.3337](tel:612.548.3337) (Spanish) and its hours are as follows:
 - Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 - Saturday: 8 a.m. - Noon
 - Sunday: Noon - 3 p.m.
 - Note: No helpline assistance will be available Easter weekend - March 30, 31, or April 1



Mandarin Chinese Enrichment Classes

This year we have been very fortunate to have partnered with Totus Lingua for our Spanish instruction. This partnership has also allowed us to offer Mandarin Chinese classes after school on Wednesdays. The future of the continuation of these classes depends on the interest of our families. In order for a new instructor to be assigned to us we need to have, at least, 2 new students enroll in the class.

If you are wondering if the investment is worth it, here are two parent testimonials about our Chinese enrichment class.

"The after-school Chinese classes have been a great educational experience for my two children. In the past, we have paid a significant amount of money for lessons in a language school and a personal tutor with much less success. In the past five months, my children have moved beyond singing songs and giving basic greetings to full communication with family members in Mandarin. In addition to academic growth, my children are also extremely enthusiastic about the class --they do not view it as work but as a great pleasure, a treat in the middle of the week." - parent

"My son, a second grader, has been taking Mandarin Chinese class thru Totus Lingua for several months at St. Hilary's School. The opportunity is wonderful-and the convenience is amazing because he is able to attend after school gets out in the same building. Having such a fantastic learning experience has shown to be extremely beneficial for him, at a young age having this chance to broaden his knowledge thru other cultures, histories and language such as this- he even wants to learn more at home now and asks about cooking Chinese cuisine, watching documentaries, and reading more books. He states that the class makes learning fun! My son loves learning Mandarin and hopes to continue the classes each week." -parent

Reasons why you would want your child to learn Chinese:

1. China is the most widely spoken language in the world - Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world with approximately 1,197,000,000 people speaking Chinese, of which 873,000 million speak Mandarin, according to infoplease.com therefore 14% of the global population speaking Chinese.
2. It is good for business - many top CEO's speak Chinese as a second language.



3. Learning Mandarin is easier than you think - You do not have to worry about verbs! There are no verbs, no plurals, no tenses, no subject-verb agreement, and no conjugations. In fact, it could be regarded as a more logical language.
4. Improve your artistic skills - Chinese symbols and characters require a steady hand. The written words are actually iconographic characters rather than letters. These symbols and characters are created using 'strokes' rather like painting.
5. Improve your brain power - We know we need to keep our brains well oiled and studies have shown that Mandarin speakers use both sides of their brains!

The classes take place on Wednesdays after school. If you are interested please either email me at donovan@sthilarychicago.org or Maestra Hubbard at hubard@sthilarychicago.org

Hope you are willing to give your child a chance at this amazing opportunity.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan





The Book Fair is here!

Our gym has been transformed into our very own bookstore! We have books for all ages, including adults! We think you'll be happily surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices. Books make great birthday and Easter gifts. Everyone is invited to stop by to browse and shop for yourself, your child, and other young relatives and friends.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR

March 20 and 21

Students will visit the fair with their classes to preview the books and make their wish lists.

Thurs., Mar. 22, and Fri., Mar. 23

Students can shop the fair during school hours. If you are sending a check with your child, please make it out to St. Hilary School.

Sun., March 25

The fair will be open to the parish and community. And Clifford the Big Red Dog will be here!

Donate to our libraries

A goal of our Book Fair is to add to our classroom and school libraries. There are two ways you can help fulfill our teachers' wishes.

- **Classroom Wish List:** Donate books to your child's classroom in your family's name. Be sure to look for the Classroom Wish List display at the fair to see what books the teachers would love to add to their class libraries.
- **All For Books:** This program benefits St. Hilary as well as children in need. We are collecting spare change and dollar bills that will be used to buy more books for the libraries. Furthermore, Scholastic will match the monetary donations with a donation to two organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need: Kids in Distressed Situations and Kids in Need Foundation. Look for the collection containers when you stop by the cashier station.

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS? HELP AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A great Book Fair can never have too many volunteers! Helping at the fair is a fun way to earn service hours. We have a few shifts available on Thursday and Friday. If you have some time to help us, visit our SignUp page at <http://signup.com/go/TrgbwMD> or contact Maria at mariahench@gmail.com or 773-620-0642.

Thursday, March 22

Friday, March 23

Selling day

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8 – 11 a.m.; 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*On Thursday and Friday, volunteers must sign in at the office before proceeding to the gym.
Volunteers who work during the school day must have completed VIRTUS training.



Attention: 4th - 8th Grade Basketball & Volleyball Players

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Picture and Uniform Return Schedule
(Make sure to bring a change of clothes)

10:15 - 5 Girls Volleyball
10:30 - 4 Girls Basketball
10:45 - 6 Girls Basketball
11:00 - 6 Boys Basketball

11:15 - 8 Girls Volleyball
11:30 - 8 Boys Basketball
11:45 -
Noon - 8 Girls Basketball



Athletic Banquet and Awards
Sunday, May 6, 2018
2pm



Spring Soccer

at St Hilary

Tuesdays

Apr 12 - May 31

5 - 7 yr olds

3:10 - 4:00

PM \$150

Wednesdays

Apr 11 - May 30



7-10 yr olds

2:10 - 3:00 PM

\$150



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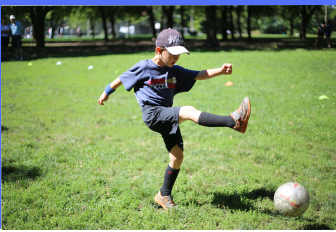
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Time to Shake off the winter blues and indulge in the sunshine yellow of fun and fine dining.

St. Hilary's Women's Club is preparing to
COLOR IT SPRING

for our annual fundraiser on April 17th,
at LaVilla Banquets, 3638 North Pulaski



Enjoy cocktails at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00.
You will be tickled pink to know that tickets are still only \$50 each.

- ✓ Our Auctions are in the mix again with a whole spectrum of valuable prizes.
- ✓ The Basket Raffle will be on the scene with a rainbow of treasures.
- ✓ Grand Raffle will include three prizes:

1st Prize - \$500 Cash;

2nd Prize - Overnight for 2 at Hilton Northbrook + Brunch & \$100 Cash;

3rd Prize - \$200 in Dining Out Certificates.

Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 12 for \$10. Tickets are available by calling either Arlene Bracken or Shirley Ricks.

Now is the time to ask your family and friends to save the date.

Make your reservations now by calling either Arlene Bracken (773-769-2666) or Shirley Ricks (773-561-4786).

Donations of Gift certificates and prize donations to enhance our prize offerings are most gratefully accepted.

Orange you glad you know about it?



The Virginia Frank Child Development Center

Girls Expressive Art Therapy Group

Age Range: 6-9 years old

The expressive arts provide opportunities for alternative avenues of self-expression and social connection. This group will be offered for 8 weeks on Wednesdays and will provide 1st grade through 3rd grade girls the opportunity to participate in a group experience with emphasis on developing skills for emotional regulation, communication, and deepening social relationships. Girls are encouraged to use drama, art, and play to express themselves and connect with one another in a small group setting.

Date and Time*: Wednesdays 4:30-6pm (4/18/18- 6/6/18)

Place: Jewish Child and Family Services
Abe and Ida Cooper Center
6639 N. Kedzie
Chicago, IL 60645

Contact: **Daniel Lanctot, MAAT**
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Dena Bermann, MSMFT
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