



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

April 11, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy Easter! During Pope Francis's Easter homilies he called for peace and reminded us that, "Our God is a God of surprises". "The surprises of God get us moving, right away, without expecting it," Pope Francis said. "Do you have your hearts open to the surprises of God?" he asked. "Are you capable of moving with hurry, or do you say 'tomorrow, tomorrow'?" the pope asked. "Today, on this Easter Sunday 2018, what will I do?" the pope asked believers to ponder. "You, what will you do?" How will you answer Pope Francis' call to be a peacemaker and open your heart to God?

The ACT Aspire testing will take place next week for 3rd – 8th graders. It is extremely important that your child is on time for school on these days; once the test has begun students will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will need to make up the test on a different day. These tests are only a portion of our day and academic instruction will continue. There will be light homework and no official tests given. Please see the enclosed letter for additional information regarding these tests.

In today's envelope you will see a list of important dates for the 2018-2019 school year. A full calendar will be sent home in August. You will notice on our calendar that we have a Spring Break and an extended Easter weekend. This is due to two reasons: 1. Easter is very late in April next year. 2. Chicago is hosting the NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) National Conference next year on April 23 – 25. Dr. Rigg, our Superintendent has mandated that all principals and teachers in the Archdiocese attend the conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 & 24. It is an honor to host this conference and we are all proud and excited for us to show off Chicago and the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and I appreciate your understanding and support.

Thank you:

Thank you to the Lent Committee. Thank you to the Lent Committee for organizing all of the activities for us. During this Lenten season we spent time reflecting on how we live according to the greatest commandment. Each afternoon, as a school community, we

spent a few minutes in silent reflection to spend some quiet time with Jesus and to remember the sacrifice that he made for us. We participated in two Lenten service projects, thank you for your generosity and for helping your child service others as Jesus taught us. The faculty on this committee were; Ms. Montemurro, Mrs. Ewen, and Mrs. Frank.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Mr. Calvin Andre, Mr. Mike Isaacson and Tyler!!! You may have noticed that our planters which were located by the main entrance next to the benches have been moved. Mr. Andre brought it to my attention that plants will grow much better on grass than concrete! These three hard working men worked on moving these planters during our Easter break and I cannot be more appreciative. Mr. Andre will be working with the students to create beautiful gardens in front of the school, as well as, by the playground. This will be a wonderful experience for our children to get their hands dirty and get back to nature.

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:

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:

- St. Hilary Literary Magazine flyer
- Sibling Spring Picture Day flyer
- Women's Club flyer
- SHS Showcase
- Basketball banquet flyer
- Sky basketball game/field trip
- Big Shoulders Photo Contest
- Important Dates 2018-2019
- ACT Aspire parent letter

Mark your calendars:

- Thurs. April 12 – Spring pictures – dress up
- Sat. April 14 – 1st Communion retreat 8:30 am
- ACT Aspire testing begins on Tues. April 17 – Fri. April 20 for 3rd – 8th grade
- Thurs. April 19 – PreK and Kindergarten field trip
- Thurs. April 19 – In-house Battle of the Books at 1:00 pm in the gym
- Fri. April 20 – halfway point of the 3rd trimester
- Sun. April 22 – 8th grade Confirmation 3:00 pm in church
- Sun. April 22 – Earth Day
- Fri. April 27 – Progress reports go 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



We would love if you could take a few moments to write a review on either facebook or
yelp to share your thoughts about St. Hilary School.
Word of mouth is our best marketing tool!
Thank you



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF April 16 - 20

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MONDAY: April 16th Altar Servers: Camille, Claire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious education classes ✓ Yoga classes resume ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109
TUESDAY: April 17th *Aspire testing begins for 3rd-8th graders* Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Battle of the Books - mock battles 3:00 – 3:45 pm ✓ Women's Club Spring Fund-Raiser at LaVilla 7:00 pm.
WEDNESDAY: April 18th Altar Servers: Chris K., Anthony C. <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: April 19th Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm in church ✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ PreK – Kindergarten field trip ✓ Battle of the Books In-house battle 1:00 pm ✓ Confirmation rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 pm in church
FRIDAY: April 20th Altar Servers: no servers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Half way point for the 3rd trimester- <u><i>financial obligations must be up to date</i></u>
SATURDAY: April 21st Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. adult altar servers 5:00 p.m. Phuc, Thao Benjamin
SUNDAY: April 22nd **Earth Day** Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony O., Rianne, Jeryl 10 am Don, Marc, Gia 12 pm ** I need volunteers **

Confirmation Sun. April 22nd 3:00 pm in church –

All are welcome! Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.



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2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





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April 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the week of April 16, your child will be taking the ACT Aspire standardized tests. This will be the third year that the students in grades three through eight will take the Aspire test, a standardized assessment that is aligned to the new curriculum standards. The Aspire test is a product produced by ACT. The ACT is the most widely administered college entrance exam in Illinois and is required for admissions to state universities.. All students in grades three through eighth will be taking these tests.

Students will complete tests in 5 key areas: English, math, reading, science and writing. This test will measure how well your child has been learning during his/her entire school life, so it is not a test that can be studied for on the night or weekend before it is given. Please note that the Aspire test is aligned to more rigorous curriculum standards that require students to respond to more complex questions. Thus, some students' scores on the Aspire may not be consistent with their previous performance on the TerraNova, given previously by the Archdiocese. This is to be expected and not a cause for concern. Over the past two years, students across the Archdiocese and at St. Hilary adjusted to the Aspire test with a high degree of success.

There are, however, some things that you as a parent/guardian can do to ensure that your child does his/her very best on this test next week.

1. Make sure that your child gets sufficient sleep. Being well-rested gives the mind its best chance to think clearly when answering questions on the test.
2. Make sure that your child eats a good breakfast on each of the test days. Without proper nourishment the mind has more difficulty performing well.
3. Express your confidence in your child's ability to do well on the test. Assure your child that you expect him/her to do his/her best. It is best not to make promises of rewards for high scores or punishments for a low score. This only puts undue pressure on your child. He/she may be nervous enough anyway.
4. When you receive a report of the results, go over the report with your child. Please be sure to praise him/her for areas of the test on which he/she has done well. Suggest that there may be ways to improve next year's scores by more diligent studying, more reading, trips to museums, etc. Since many of your child's life experiences, study habits and natural abilities are reflected in this test, good year-long habits of learning are extremely important.
5. It is crucial that your child is on time for school each day. Any child who is tardy will not be allowed to enter the classroom and start the test late. Your child would not receive the full amount of time for the test which is unfair to them. In addition, tardiness causes additional stress which, again, is unfair for your child.

Remember, this test is only one measure of your child's educational performance. His/her daily work and teacher-made tests show what has been specifically learned by your child in class this year. Aspire results will be used to provide insights into the effectiveness of instruction and student achievement. Your child has taken 3 Interim/practice tests throughout the year in each subject (except writing). The teachers and I have analyzed the data from these tests and have shared the results with your child. These practice tests allow us to provide test taking strategies, adjust our instruction, and give us a direction for your child's progress on this summative test.

For more information on the Aspire test, please access the following link: <http://www.discoveractaspire.org/>
Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Mrs. Kathie Donovan,
Principal

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Important Dates for the 2018-2019 School Year

August 21 – First day of school – full day of school
September 3 – No School, Labor Day
September 21 – No School, Teacher In-service day
October 8 – No School, Columbus Day
October 11 & 12 – 11:30 dismissal, Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
November 21 - 23 No School, Thanksgiving Vacation
December 24 –Christmas Vacation begins
January 7 – School resumes
January 21 – No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25 - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, 11:30 dismissal
February 8 – No School Teacher in-service day
February 18 – No School, President's Day
March 18 Spring Break Begins
March 25 School resumes
April 1 – 5 ACT Aspire testing grades 3 - 8
April 19 & 22 – No School, Easter vacation
April 23 & 24 – No School, Professional Development
May 27 – No School, Memorial Day
May 31 – 8th grade Graduation
June 7 – Last day of school

***A complete yearly calendar will be sent home in August.
Dates are subject to change and will be communicated to you.***

Picture Day

Thursday April 12th is Spring Picture Day!

Each child will have a picture taken on Thursday.
You have the opportunity to have your child either take and individual picture or take a picture with their sibling(s).

If siblings have their picture taken together,
they will not be taken individually.

In order for the sibling pictures to be scheduled we do require that you complete the permission form below and return it to school by Tuesday, April 11th

I, _____ give permission for my children to have a sibling spring picture taken together.

Student's name:

Homerroom:

Parent/guardian signature: _____



You don't want to miss St. Hilary's 1st Literary Magazine "Call"

A one of a kind
collection of
Art pieces and
Original writings
by our very own
St. Hilary students

SUBSCRIBE TODAY:

Name _____

Homeroom _____

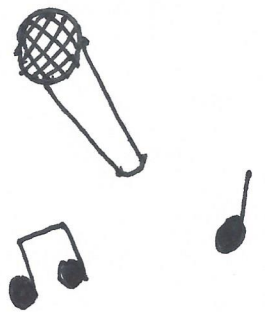
**Payment of \$5.00 included (checks can be made out to St.
Hilary School)**

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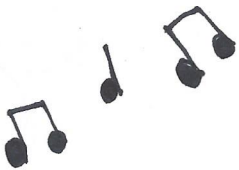
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Do you have
a special song,
dance, or act
you want to
perform?

Now is your
chance!



Auditions will be held:
Friday, April 27,
Afterschool



Sign up

See you for time slots outside
at auditions! of the music room!

Good
Luck!



Dear Parent,

Big Shoulders is hosting a student photo contest from across the city capturing and sharing the images that best represent the many vibrant neighborhoods that are home to Big Shoulders schools and scholars. As we launch the [My Neighborhood, My Chicago](#) project, we ask for your help in getting students to join and tell the story of their neighborhood through photos.

Big Shoulders will evaluate all submissions and select up to 25 finalists to then be reviewed by a panel of distinguished Chicagoans. **Contest winners will be featured at Big Shoulders Fund's JCB Humanitarian Award Dinner on May 24th!** The school with the most photo submissions will receive a school-wide pizza party!

Interested students should follow these directions for the photo contest:

1. **Capture:** Using a camera or a mobile device take photos around your neighborhood of the people, places and things that tell the story of your part of the city!
2. **Label:** Save your photo and label it with your **school, grade, and your name**.
Example: StTherese_3_KristinZiemke (Photos without clearly identifiable labels will not be considered.)
3. **Complete:** Fill out a the Google Form found here - [My Neighborhood, My Chicago Photo Submission Form](#) - and attach your photo. Or, click on the website and complete the form directly on the webpage - [My Neighborhood, My Chicago](#) *You can upload your photo via any mobile device or computer.*
4. **Submit:** Submit the form with your attached photo by **April 24, 2018**. (An individual student may not submit more than 3 separate photos.)

Please let me know if you submit your child's photo.

Good luck!!!

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

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?





ST. HILARY MUSIC AT CHICAGO SKY

IT'S GAME TIME



COME SUPPORT THE CODAS AND CARDINAL CHOIR AS
THEY SING AT THE CHICAGO SKY GAME 5/23/18
@11AM!

TICKETS ARE \$10

NAME _____

QTY OF TICKETS _____

TOTAL _____

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO ST. HILARY SCHOOL



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 April 16 – June 4
classes will not meet on May 28.

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 (April 16 – June 4, 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 _____

