



April 18, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The ACT Aspire testing is under way for 3rd – 8th graders. It is extremely important that your child is on time for school this week; 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. Results will be shared with you once they are sent back to us.

Our partnership with Big Shoulders has provided scholarships for our families, professional development for our teachers, service projects completed around our campus and now **FREE** vision and hearing screenings. On Monday April 30th and Tuesday May 1st the following grades will receive free screenings: preschool, kindergarten and 2nd grade both vision and hearing – 1st thru 3rd grade hearing – 5th thru 8th vision. Students in 1st and 3rd can also receive the vision screening if requested. Parents will receive a report and vouchers for VisionWorks are available. If you do not want your child to participate please indicate that in writing and send the note to school with your child. I am very grateful for all that Big Shoulders provides for St. Hilary.

Tax Credit Scholarship update:

Big Shoulders:

On Friday April 13, Big Shoulders sent award emails to over 1,100 students. At this point, they have awarded close to \$6.8 million to families. The first step for a family is to bring their School Commitment Form to the school they selected in the application. This form is how they will know that a) the family is choosing to accept the scholarship and b) that St. Hilary is accepting the student.

I will upload these forms to Big Shoulders for you.

Empower Illinois:

Empower Illinois began communicating award status to TCS applicants, on Monday, April 2. Award letters will continue to be mailed out weekly on Mondays.

Families can expect to see one of the following types of letters:

- **Award Confirmation Letter** – Scholarship confirmed; (school enrollment letter previously provided)
- **Conditional Award Confirmation Letter** – Scholarship confirmed; need to supply acceptance/enrollment letter from school
- **Provisional Award Confirmation Letter**- Eligibility confirmed; pending acceptance/enrollment letter form from **recognized** school
- **Scholarship Denied Letter** – Applicant deemed ineligible
- **Application Incomplete Letter** – Eligibility could not be determined; reapply (lost original first come-first served date/time stamp)
- **Non-Priority Letter** – Applicant received non-priority status; review will be deferred until review of priority applicants complete
- **Waitlist Letter** – Application received but unprocessed; will not be reviewed for eligibility unless additional funds become available.

Congratulations:

Each year the 7th and 8th grade students write essays that are submitted to the National Campaign against violence. This campaign is entitled, “Do the Write Thing”. This year 7 of our students were selected amongst the 100 finalists in the Chicago land area. These students are: Gail Carreon, Thao Dang, Alexandra Davalos, Sidonie Habert, Adhrian Rodriquez, Phuc Tran, and Janine Villamayor. They will be honored at a recognition awards dinner on May 8th. The two first place winners will be announced at the dinner and will receive an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Congratulations on this incredible honor, we are very proud of you! Thank you to Ms. Weber for her work with these students.

Athletics:

Please mark your calendars for Sunday May 6th at 2:00pm for the St. Hilary Sports Banquet. Congratulations to Zachary Martinez, who placed 3rd in the All-Star three-point shooting contest.

News from Women's Club:

A very big thank you to all the school parents for supporting us during the year. Whether you baked or bought the baked goods, purchased Carsons books, indulged in Oberweis or celebrated with us last night at our annual dinner, we thank you! Please join us next Monday, April 23 when the fruits of our labor will be distributed. Fr. Aloy and Mrs. Donovan will be there to accept. Wine and cheese begins at 6:30 and our meeting at 7:00. We plan on having a Tai Chi class and because we believe in rewards we will end with a fab ice cream bar!!! All are welcome, please come!

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!

****Friday April 20th is the halfway point of the 3rd trimester. Progress reports will be held if there are any delinquent balances on tuition. 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:

- SHS Showcase
- Big Shoulders Photo Contest
- Important dates 2018-2019
- St. Hilary Literary Magazine "The Call" flyer

Mark your calendars:

- 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
- Thurs. April 19 – mandatory Confirmation practice 6:00 – 8:00 pm in church
- 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

- Fri. April 27 – LLS Hero relaxed dress down day for those who earned a special LLS Hero t-shirt
- Fri. April 27 – St. Hilary Showcase auditions after school
- Mon. April 30 – Free hearing and vision screening

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



St. Ignatius Summer Basketball Camps

Camps will be lead by Saint Ignatius College Prep Head Boys' Basketball Coach Matt Monroe and the rest of the boys' basketball coaching staff. Campers will be taught fundamental basketball skills through dynamic drill work, fun contests, and meaningful game competition.

CAMP INFORMATION

Location:

Saint Ignatius Gentile Gymnasium

[1076 W. Roosevelt Rd.](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

Times/Dates (Grade level is for the 2018-19 School Year):

June 11-14: Grades 3-6 9a-1030a, Grades 7-8 1030a-1230p

June 18-21: Grades 3-6 9a-1030a, Grades 7-8 1030a-1230p, Grade 9 1230p-230p

June 25-28: Grades 7-9 1230p-230p

Cost:

\$135 - One Week

\$240 - Two Weeks

\$345 - Three Weeks (only available for grades 7 and 8)

[Click here to register](#)

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF April 23 - 27

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

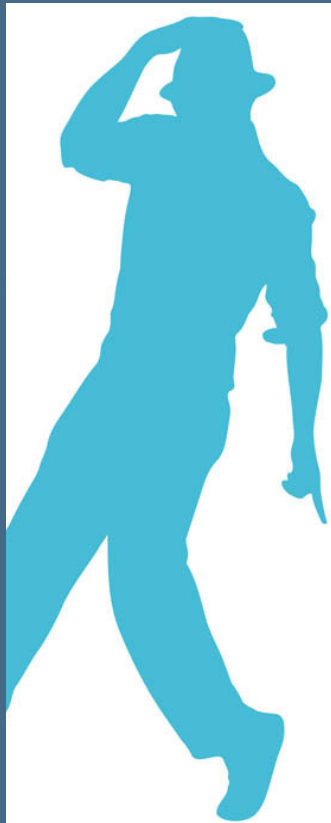
MONDAY: April 23rd *Aspire testing make-ups* Altar Servers: Sara M., Lina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Religious education classes ✓ Yoga classes resume ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109
TUESDAY: April 24th Altar Servers: Abigail, Zachary M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Council meeting – officers & reps ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109
WEDNESDAY: April 25th Altar Servers: Gail, Sophie F. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109 ✓ 2:00 dismissal ✓ Administrative Professionals Day
THURSDAY: April 26th Altar Servers: Isabella A., Claire <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
FRIDAY: April 27th Altar Servers: Anthony C., Phuc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Progress reports go home ✓ LLS Hero relaxed dress down day with your LLS Hero t-shirt ✓ St. Hilary Showcase auditions after school
SATURDAY: April 28th Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. adult altar servers 5:00 p.m. Sophia C., Christine L., Aelaika A.
SUNDAY: April 29th Altar Servers: 8 am Anthony O., Thao, Haley 10 am Ariam, Tyler, Isabella 12 pm Nicholas, Madison, Rianne

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2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





ST. HILARY SHOW CASE



**MAY
18
6:30PM**

Email or send the following information to Ms. L:

Student Name(s)

Description of Act

Preferred Audition Time (after school)

Equipment requested

Acts should be prepared and practiced

**AUDITIONS
APR 27
AFTER
SCHOOL**

QUESTIONS? LAMORENA@STHILARYCHICAGO.ORG

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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.



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

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)**