



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

October 4, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yesterday at mass Fr. Tom challenged all of us to take some time this week to tell someone about God. During the Renew My Church Summit we were all reminded that renewing the church starts with discussions about God, welcoming everyone to be an active part of the church. Renewing the church really means renewing ourselves, our faith and sharing that with others. I hope that you will join in the challenge and see how you can make a difference in someone's life while moving forward with helping to renew our church.

Yesterday our fire alarm went off unexpectedly. Everyone exited the building quickly and the Chicago Fire Department came. We discovered that we have a problem with one of the smoke detectors on the 2nd floor of the convent building. Maintenance and I are working on fixing this problem. I wanted you to be aware of this incident and to be assured that everyone followed the emergency protocol keeping all of us safe.

Next week, October 11th & 12th we will hold our first trimester progress report conferences. We will dismiss at 11:30 am on Thursday and Friday. These conferences are mandatory and your child is expected to attend. We are a team and will work together better when everyone is present. Thank you to all the families for returning your conference request forms. You will receive your confirmation letter with your child's conference time on Friday, October 5th. If you would like to meet with teachers that you have not scheduled a time with please refer to each teacher's schedule which will be posted outside of their class. It is important for us to be respectful of the families whose conferences were scheduled originally.

Friday, October 6th marked the halfway point of our first trimester. Your financial obligations to Saint Hilary must be taken care of in a timely manner. Per board policy, students whose tuition and fees have not been kept up to date by the end of the trimester will be subject to exclusion on Wednesday November 29th.

Today your child will be bringing home their first trimester progress report. Please take some time to review this with your child. We are excited to meet with you next week at our conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and ways that we can continue to help them improve. Your child's education and success are possible because of the teamwork between all of us.

Congratulations:

Seven St. Hilary School students were nominated and accepted to participate at the VanderCook College of Music Middle Level HonorFest. Students were nominated based on their musical skill, hard work, character, and leadership qualities.

HonorFest Band: Josey Tames

HonorFest Choir: Rianne Julio, Gia Scarpelli, Thao Dang, Christine Ho, Nora McNabb, and Lynn Hoang

HonorFest is a one-day event where advanced band/choir junior high students work with a clinician in a large ensemble setting. After learning 3-4 pieces of music during morning and early afternoon rehearsals, there is a concert to conclude the day. This event took place on Saturday, September 29th. We are incredibly proud of these students and their willingness to share their talents with others. Thank you to Mr. Clark for all his efforts, dedication, and passion towards music and our children!!

Thank you:

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success, thank you to all who participated. This event would not have been possible without the guidance of Mrs. Maria Hench and our Family & School Association – thank you for your time and energy. Thanks also to the numerous parents who volunteered. A special thank you to all the parents who were incredibly generous in fulfilling the teachers' wish lists. These donations help us to keep a variety of book choices in each classroom so that our children are never without a book that they enjoy. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

"Whoever first coined the phrase 'you're the wind beneath my wings' most assuredly was reflecting on the sublime influence of a very special teacher."

--Frank Trujillo

St. Hilary is blessed with dedicated passionate teachers who chose to be with us because they know their role is a mission not a job. They will not be monetarily rich or worldly famous, their rewards are much more than that. There are two opportunities to help recognize a St. Hilary teacher. They are; The Sanford Teaching Award [click here](#) to be directed to their website and WGNs Teacher of the Month [click here](#) for their website. It would be wonderful to be able to share our amazing teachers publicly. Thank you for considering a nomination.

Due to the predicted forecast of inclement weather for Saturday the Family & School Association has postponed the car wash. Please stay tuned for the rescheduled date. God will wash your car for you this weekend, for FREE!!

Medical forms:

All children new to St. Hilary need medical, dental, and vision forms. Preschoolers need medical and vision forms. Kindergarteners need medical and dental forms. 2nd graders need dental forms and 6th graders need medical and dental forms. According to the Illinois State Board of Education students are to be excluded from school by October 15 if these health and immunization requirements have not been met.


Coaches and Volunteers:

ALL Volunteers/Coaches/Scout leaders are required by Archdiocesan policy to complete a file, which includes:


- Form 7703 Archdiocesan Application for Employment Volunteer Service
- Criminal Background Check –**VIRTUS** – online application
- CANTS 689 form (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System)
- Code of Conduct: read signed and dated
- Safe Environment Training: Virtus/Protecting God's Children and Youth
- Sexual Harassment Training Program – found on your Virtus dashboard
- Coaches/Scout leaders are also required to complete the Mandated Reporter Training

We appreciate the gifts of time and talent our volunteers offer to the students of Saint Hilary School. You may notice that there have been an addition to the volunteer requirements; the sexual harassment training program. This program is completed on-line and you will receive a certificate which you need to submit to school and it will be kept on file. Scout leaders and coaches are also required to complete the Mandated Reporter Training. Again, this is an on-line program and your certificate also needs to be submitted to school.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- FSA flyers
- Halloween Dance flyer
- Queen of  Raffle flyer

Mark your calendars:

- Fri. Oct. 5th – progress reports go home
- Sat. Oct. 6th - Queen of **Hearts**  drawing
- Mon. Oct. 8th – NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- Tues. Oct. 7th – School Advisory Board
- Thurs. Oct. 11th & Fri. Oct. 12th – Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
11:30 dismissal
- Thurs. Oct. 11th – FSA hosts St. Hilary night at Potbelly's **Canceled – will be rescheduled**

- Mon. Oct. 15 – 2nd & 8th grade faith partner field trip to the pumpkin patch
- Wed. Oct. 17 – Preschool field trip to the farm
- Fri. Oct. 19 – In house high school fair 10:00-11:00 am

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
Principal



There is only
ONE in a deck... 
Will YOU be the one to find her?
St. Hilary School
Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle
You're quest, if you choose to accept it, begins August 11th at
THE CLADDAGH RING PUB

NEXT DRAWING SAT. OCT. 6th
ESTIMATED POT APPROX.
\$8,500.00

FOLLOW US ON:



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 - 12



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MONDAY: October 8th Altar Servers: Aelaika, Sophia ✓ NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
TUESDAY: October 9th Altar Servers: Madison, Thao ✓ CODAS 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ Student Council meeting – council
WEDNESDAY: October 10th Altar Servers: Melody, Nicholas ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy ✓ 2:00 dismissal ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am ✓ Family & School Association meeting 7:00 pm
THURSDAY: October 11th Altar Servers: Tyler, Josephine ✓ 11:30 dismissal ✓ Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 1:00 – 3:00 and 4:00 – 7:00
FRIDAY: October 12th Altar Servers: Crystal, Ariam ✓ 11:30 dismissal ✓ Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 1:00 – 3:00 and 3:30 – 5:00
SATURDAY: October 13th ✓ Queen of Hearts drawing at The Claddagh Ring Pub 9:00 pm
SUNDAY: October 14th

Sun. October 14th – 10:00 2nd grader special mass
Rite of Presentation of Reconciliation/Communion candidates
2nd grade Parent Sacrament Meeting immediately following mass in
cafeteria



St. Hilary School

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

Tickets ONLY available at
THE CLADDAGH RING PUB
2306 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL

Sales begin 1 hour after pub opens.
Drawings will be held each Saturday at 9:00pm starting August 25th.
Prize amount rolls over each week until the Queen of Hearts is revealed.

Tickets are 6/\$5.00 **CASH ONLY**

No single tickets will be sold



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Hello Cardinal Parents!

This is Mr. Jennings just sending out a notice of how things are going in your child's Physical Education class! Grades 3-8 have done such a wonderful job learning the skills and gameplay of Football and we have had so much fun being able to play both in the gym and on the blacktop. Grades 1 and 2 have been working so hard on learning how to throw different objects and how to aim while throwing. The energy they bring to class always provides such a fun atmosphere to be around. My Pre-K and Kindergarten friends are still working on how to move around in their own personal space and have come a long way in such a short time!

I am writing this because along with teaching Physical Education, I also want to add in Health Education units for all the students. Health is an important aspect of growing up, and I want to be able to provide class time for all students to not only learn about aspects of health, but to feel free to ask any questions they have about health. With these units, there will be some written classwork and maybe some homework that relates to the material being taught. Rest assured, these are going to be broken up throughout the year so that the students will be able to get back outside and back to running around in no time. The overall units for the year are as follows:


Pre-K-3rd Grade: Healthy Eating

4th-6th Grade: Exercising/Healthy Habits

7th-8th Grade: Components of Fitness

Thank you all so much for already being so warm and accepting of me this year. I am very happy with how everything has gone so far and am so excited to continue! If you have any questions, my email is jennings@sthilarychicago.org.

--Mr. Jennings



The monthly meeting of
the St. Hilary FSA is
next week! We welcome
your ideas, energy and
expertise. This meeting
is open to all parents
and guardians, so we
hope to see you there!

Family & School Association Meeting

Wed., October 12
7 - 8 P.M.
School Cafeteria

(enter through gym doors
on California Ave.)

St Hilary FSA



HALLOWEEN

Party



Friday, October 26th

6:00pm-9:00pm

\$7.00 per person in advance

\$8.00 per person at the door

DANCING FAMILY COSTUMES

PIZZA FUN

GUESS THE #

DESSERT...AND MORE!

APPLES

NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Please return form and fee by October 25th . **Checks payable to St. Hilary FSA**

Name _____

(# of kids _____ + # of adults _____) X \$7.00 = \$ _____ enclosed

*Children 2 years old and under are free. ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK # _____

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE SIGN UP AT <http://signup.com/go/qiaftOc>

Contact Florita Barros-Kilroy: fbkilroyfsa@gmail.com or 773-682-8167



HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

10/20/16

Homecoming Parade: 7:30 AM

Meet at the Activity Center to have cars decorated and we will parade over to Rogers Park

JV GAME: **BIG RED** vs. Wilmette Catholic: 9:00am

Rogers Park Field

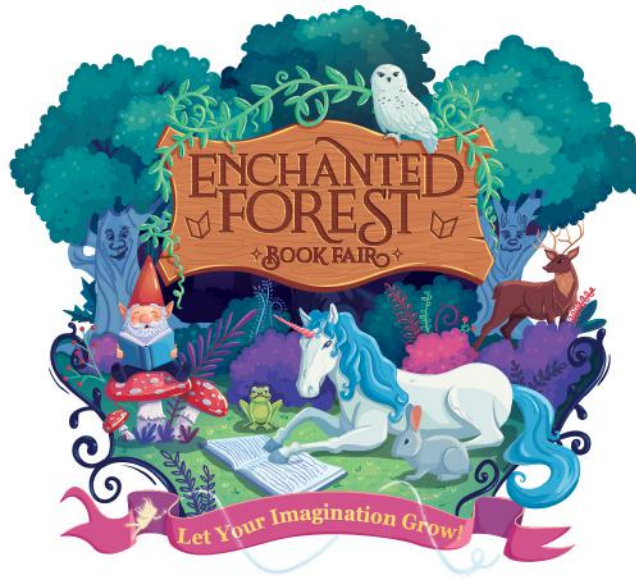
VARSITY GAME: **BIG RED** vs. Wilmette Catholic: 10:30

Rogers Park Field

Join us for lunch post game!

Homecoming Dance: 6:30-9:30 at SMM Activity Center

Includes grades 6-8 grade from all our BIG RED schools.



A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who shopped at our Enchanted Forest Book Fair. We hope everyone is enjoying all your new books! Thank you also to all the families who donated books to the teachers and libraries. Your generosity is much appreciated. Proceeds from the book fairs go toward funding purchases for the classroom and school libraries. **With your support, we were able to fulfill every teacher's wish list!**

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped students make wish lists, fill orders, sell books, and set up and pack up fair. Thanks so much to Clifford and the student volunteers who greeted the shoppers on Sunday, collected spare change for the All For Books program, and sorted book donations. We wouldn't have had a successful fair without our volunteers' help!

Our in-school Book Fair has ended, but you are still able **to shop the Online Book Fair, now through Saturday, October 13**. This extended shopping will give you a chance to shop an expanded selection of titles in case you missed the fair or couldn't find what you were looking for. All online orders ship for FREE to the school and will be sent home with your child after the Online Fair has ended. Find the Online Book Fair at <http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/entrance.aspx?FID=3846631&direct=Y>, and thanks for supporting St. Hilary!

The Spring Book Fair will be visiting in April. See you then!

Sincerely,
The Book Fair Committee

