



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

October 31, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding onto what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created.

Please keep in your prayers all those affected by violence and hatred in our world especially the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue tragedy.

All are invited to join the school children at the 8:30 a.m. mass for All Saints Day on Thursday, November 1st. Our third grade students have been studying the saints in class with Ms. Barzowski. They will provide a saintly honor guard dressed as a saint to welcome us into church.

Each year around the holidays we participate in a community service project. This year, once again, we are going to offer a family service opportunity to you. We are partnering with Feed My Starving Child, a non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope that you are able to join us. There are only 132 spots left. Ms. Montemurro and I have already signed up and we hope that many of our families will be there as well. This unique experience will be a special time for you and your child. Please see the flyer in today's envelope for more details. This year our choir has also been asked to sing Christmas carols after our shift to welcome the volunteers for the afternoon shift. More information to follow regarding this opportunity.

Thank you:

Thank you to the Family & School Association for hosting the Halloween Party last Friday. This year's event was extremely well attended and we hope that fun was had by all. A special thank you to Mrs. Kilroy for her imagination and hard work in organizing and setting up this fun evening.

Please support:

This weekend is a wonderful opportunity for you to support two important groups in our parish/school community. The Men's Club is hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday evening. All are welcome to attend and spend time socializing with other families. The Women's Club is hosting their annual Fall Bake Sale this weekend after all masses. You will have the opportunity to not only purchase delicious treats, enter raffles, you also are able to earn service hours if you would like to bake items and donate them to the sale. There are flyers for both of these events in this week's Wednesday envelope.

Reminders:

Are you feeling lucky? Now is your chance to purchase tickets for our St. Hilary Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle. This progressive jackpot has been rolling over for a few weeks and the pot is estimated to be \$13,500.00 for this Saturday's drawing. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who is interested in purchasing tickets, they are always welcome to do so. Tickets are available for purchase in the main school office, after all weekend masses and at The Claddagh Ring Pub at 2306 W. Foster. You are welcome to enjoy the fun of the drawing held at 9:00 pm each Saturday at the Pub.

LAST CHANCE!! If you have not yet ordered your Christmas wreath, centerpiece, or tree you are in luck. You have until Friday, Nov. 2nd to place your order, don't delay. This year the candle in the centerpiece is battery operated and is on a timer. The tree can be planted outside once the holidays are over so that you will have it for years to come.

As the weather turns the flu season will soon be here. Please keep in mind that neither children nor adults are able to focus and learn when they are not 100%. Please allow your child to regain their health and strength before returning to school; this will also help to reduce the spreading of germs to others. Children do need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to keep everyone's safety a top priority.

Medical forms:

All new students to St. Hilary, our preschoolers, kindergärtners, and 6th graders need to have medical forms completed and these were due by October 15th. This is a requirement by the State of Illinois Board of Education. Please get these forms into the office as soon as possible.

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 has 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. Please return all forms to Ms. Montemurro.

Friday, November 9th is the end of our first trimester. Please make certain that your financial obligations to Saint Hilary are 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 report cards will be held and they will be subject to exclusion on Wednesday November 14th.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Feed My Starving Children service day
- Women's Club flyer
- Concert opportunity
- Mens Club Spaghetti Dinner flyer
- FSA Wreath sale flyer
- FSA flyer

Mark your calendars:

- Thurs. Nov. 1 – All Saints Day 8:30 all school liturgy
- Sat. Nov. 3 – Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner
- **Sat. Nov. 3 - Queen of Hearts**  drawing
- Sat. Nov. 3 & Sun. Nov. 4 – Women's Club bake sale
- Sun. Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time – fall back one hour
- Tues. Nov. 6 – School Advisory Board meeting
- Fri. Nov. 9 – end of 1st trimester

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



Thank you FSA for a wonderful Halloween dance!!



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. NOV. 3rd
ESTIMATED POT APPROX. \$13,500.00



A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF NOV. 5 - 9



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

MONDAY: November 5th

Altar Servers: Marc, Gia

- ✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am
- ✓ Cadet Band 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- ✓ Art Studio – 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
- ✓ Battle of the Books (6th – 8th grades)

TUESDAY: November 6th

Altar Servers: Jeryl, Phuc

- ✓ CODAS 7:00 – 7:45 am
- ✓ Student Council meeting – council
- ✓ School Advisory Board meeting 7:00 pm in rectory

WEDNESDAY: November 7th

Altar Servers: Melody, Rachel

- ✓ 2:00 dismissal
- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
- ✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am
- ✓ Women's Club readers PK – 3rd grade

THURSDAY: November 8th

Altar Servers: Haley, Melody

- ✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am
- ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- ✓ Art Studio – 6th, 7th, & 8th graders

FRIDAY: November 9th

Altar Servers: Aelaika, Madison

- ✓ Battle of the Books (3rd – 5th grades)
- ✓ End of 1st trimester – all financial obligations must be up to date

SATURDAY: November 10th

- ✓ Queen of **Hearts** drawing at **The Claddagh Ring Pub** 9:00 pm

SUNDAY: November 11th

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

**The St. Hilary Women's Club
will hold its annual Fall Bake Sale
the weekend of November 3rd & 4th
in the California vestibule of the church
after all the Masses.**

Bakers are asked to prepare their fabulous goodies and bring them to the California vestibule after 4 p.m. on Saturday the 3rd, before masses on Sunday the 4th, or they can be dropped off at school on Friday the 2nd.

Donations to help fill the "Spirits" baskets would be appreciated and may be dropped off at the Rectory before Friday the 2nd.

Don't forget to stop by to purchase your favorite sweets for the holidays and take a chance on several generous liquor baskets.

Thank you



Service hours are available for baked items

The St. Hilary Men's Club
Cordially Invites
All St. Hilary Parishioners
and School Families
to its
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 3rd
6:00 – 9:00 pm
School Cafeteria



Suggested Donation:
\$5 per person; maximum \$15 per family
Includes Beer and Wine



HURRY!!

Time is running out for St. Hilary Family School Association

Holiday Fund-raiser

JUST 2 DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR
FRESH CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS IN!!!

We are selling:

- ❖ Fresh Holiday Wreaths,
- ❖ Mini Merry Christmas Tree and
- ❖ the popular Candlelit Centerpieces

These make nice hostess gifts or a gift for your neighbor.

Don't forget, for an additional \$5.00 per item they can be shipped anywhere in the US. Just let us know since a separate form needs to be completed.

The classroom with the most items sold will receive a surprise.

Proceeds will help support items needed for St. Hilary School





FAMILY & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Wednesday, November 14
7 PM | School Cafeteria**

Your voice is important! Please join us for the monthly meeting of the St. Hilary FSA. This meeting is open to all parents and guardians of students at St. Hilary School.

Get info on our upcoming events and how you can help! Refreshments will be served, and there will be time to mingle with other St. Hilary parents and caregivers.

See you there!



Are teaming up for **HOPE** FILLED HOLIDAYS!

St. Hilary School and Feed My Starving Children are inviting you to a **FAMILY HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT EVENT!**

On **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2018 FROM 9:00AM-11:00AM**, join teachers, staff, and other volunteers from the community in packing meals for starving children. In an effort to teach our children the importance of lending a hand and helping others this holiday season, we hope that you will consider joining us.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Their mission, like ours at St. Hilary, is to follow in Jesus' footsteps and answer the call to serve those in need.

This event gives our students the opportunity to follow that call to serve and put their hands to work. They, and you, will prepare the packages of food that will be sent to children in need. We have been asked if our choir would sing Christmas carols after our session; more information to follow for choir members joining in the service day.

If you are interested in joining us, please register for this event **ASAP!** There are only 124 spots left!! They will fill quickly!

You can register at fmsc.org Click on [Get Involved](#) and select [Volunteer](#). Scroll down until you see the box that says [Looking for a Specific Group?](#)

From there, you can enter our group code, [K22YVK](#), and register. Both you and your child need to register! This is a school sponsored event, but parents must attend and help. I will receive an email notification when you are registered. THANK YOU in advance for your consideration!

Any family that attends will receive **SPECIAL RECOGNITION!**

The Northshore Concert Band

Presents...

Letters From Home



Come See Mr. Clark play with top-notch musicians in the Chicago Area, on a concert that includes the "Nois Saxophone Quartet", and direction by Dr. Mallory Thompson.

Sunday, November 4th

3:00 PM @ Pick-Staiger Hall on the campus of Northwestern University

***Open to ALL students of ALL grades!**

*Ask Mr. Clark how to receive Extra Credit for attending this event (If you choose to do this, please be sure to bring a ticket or program)