

Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

November 28, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your understanding Monday in regards to our school closing. The weather was a great concern and in addition, one of our boilers was not working. The heat has been on and we will be replacing a pump to ensure that this does not happen again. I apologize to those of you who did not receive the School Messenger robo call, I do not know why this was not sent to everyone and will look into the problem so that it is resolved. Hoping that this was an isolated incident.

Please read the letter in a Advent pink envelope that is included in this week's Wednesday envelope. This letter pertains to our Annual Christmas Fund for the teachers and staff. I appreciate your help in showing our deepest gratitude for their dedication to our children.

Thank you:

Thank you to our 4th graders and their kindergarten faith partners for hosting our Thanksgiving Prayer Service last week. It is important for us to gather together and show our gratitude for how blessed we are.

Thank you to everyone who supported the FSA Christmas Wreath Sale. The items will be delivered today. They will be delivered to your child's room this evening and will do home tomorrow. Congratulations to our top 3 selling homerooms: Room 101 – preschool, Room 102 - 3rd grade, and Room 105 - 2nd grade! 2nd and 3rd grade will receive dress down passes to be used on a special day and preschool will enjoy a special Christmas treat. Your support is greatly appreciated and I know that you will enjoy these beautiful Christmas decorations in your home.

Reminders:

Spirit wear

St. Hilary spirit wear is back!! We will have our spirit wear sale on-line only. The link for the sale is also below. There are a few new items so you want to take a look. Payments may be made through PayPal or by credit card. Spirit wear is only available once each year so don't miss out!

The link is <https://www.tshirtsbycleo.com/product-category/schools/st-hilary-apparel/>

I hope that you enjoy the new items and look forward to seeing everyone in their St. Hilary spirit wear. If you are unable to make payments through these methods and would like to purchase some items please let me know through email. All orders must be placed by Dec. 3rd for delivery by Christmas break.

Holiday Family Service Day

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 Children, 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 **53** 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.

Queen of Hearts Raffle

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 \$16,000.00 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 will also be receiving a flyer in this week's envelope. You are welcome to enjoy the fun of the drawing held at 9:00 pm each Saturday at the Pub.

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.

Winter camp opportunities:

DePaul Prep is offering special winter camps in art, STEAM, music production, film & media for 5th - 8th graders. Please click on the link for more information and registration.
[DePaul Prep winter camps](#)

Bit Space is located on Lawrence and Rockwell. It is a unique space where children can learn and make things. If you have never experienced Bit Space, I highly encourage you check it out. They have camps during winter, summer, and other school breaks. Check out this link for information and registration. [Bit Space camps](#)


Mark your calendars:

The Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us as we welcome in the holidays.

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- Feed My Starving Children service day
- Queen of Hearts flyer
- FSA flyers
- December lunch menu
- Box Top flyer
- Student Council Hot Cocoa flyer
- Spiritwear flyer
- Christmas Fund letter

Mark your calendars:

- Sat. Dec. 1 – Catholic High School entrance test – Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers.
- Sat. Dec. 1 - Queen of Hearts  drawing
- Sun. Dec. 2 – Mass of enrollment for Confirmandi 10:00 am and mandatory parent meeting immediately following in the cafeteria
- Sun. Dec. 2 – Advent begins
- Tues. Dec. 4 – School Advisory Board Meeting
- Thurs. Dec. 6 - 1st Reconciliation – please keep our children in your prayers
- Fri. Dec. 7 – FSA Christmas Party
- Sat. Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Emergency Closing/Cold Weather

Cold weather: Students will be kept in for indoor recess when the temperature is below 25 degrees (actually or with wind chill) or in wet rainy/snowy conditions. Please make sure your child comes prepared to go outdoors – gloves, scarf, hat or hood. This is especially true of those who are on patrol.

Emergency Closing Information

Our School Messenger system will notify you either by phone or email in the event of our school closing due to weather. In addition, emergency closing information will be announced on WBBM Radio Newsradio 780 and WGN Radio 720. The television stations to watch are CBS Channel 2 Chicago, Channel 5, ABC Channel 7 Chicago, WGN Morning News, Fox 32 and CLTV News. On-line you may access information at www.EmergencyClosings.com. Our website www.sthilarychicago.org will also have closing information. We will close if the Archdiocese is closed as a system, an extremely rare event. **You should choose, based on your own judgment and situation, whether or not to keep your child(ren) 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, Principal

NEXT DRAWING SAT. DEC. 1ST
ESTIMATED POT APPROX. \$15,500.00



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

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF Dec. 3 - 6



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

MONDAY: December 3rd

Altar Servers: Haley, Raquel

- ✓ 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: December 4th

Altar Servers: Benjamin, Phuc

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

WEDNESDAY: December 5th

Altar Servers: Melody, Sara

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

THURSDAY: December 6th

Altar Servers: Melody, Allison

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

FRIDAY: December 7th

Altar Servers: Jeryl, Gia

- ✓ Battle of the Books (3rd – 5th grades)
- ✓ FSA hosts St. Hilary Christmas Party

SATURDAY: December 8th

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

SUNDAY: December 9th

- ✓ Feed My Starving Children Service Day



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



St. Hilary Spiritwear is Back!

All orders will be placed online at
www.tshirtsbycleo.com
go to "Find my School" and
click on St. Hilary

Payments can be made through
PayPal or your credit card.

If you have any questions please
contact the school office.

Sale ends on Dec. 3rd
to be delivered before
Christmas break!





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!**

Merry CHRISTmas



Dear St. Hilary Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

As we begin another holiday season, we realize, as families and as a school community, that we have many things to be thankful for here at St. Hilary.

Every day, our faculty and staff guide and teach our children, and emphasize the importance of our Catholic faith. Many of our children receive instruction from four to eight teachers per week: including their homeroom teacher, their CAMPS teachers, as well as receiving the support of our office staff, and the staff in our cafeteria.

With this in mind, we are inviting you to participate in the 17th Annual St. Hilary Christmas Fund to benefit our teachers and staff. In lieu of purchasing individual holiday gifts for each teacher, we are hoping you will consider making a donation to the Christmas Fund. This is a donation to a fund from which we disburse cash gifts to the teachers, staff and support personnel at our Christmas Luncheon with Fr. Aloy.

We encourage you to donate to this fund. There is no limit to the amount you can give, from \$1—\$500; any donation is greatly appreciated! The amount you give is kept completely confidential and is entirely at your discretion. We also encourage you to have your child(ren) write notes to his/her teachers telling them that they donated to the Christmas Fund. It is a wonderful way to show your support of our exceptional faculty and staff at St. Hilary.

In closing, we do acknowledge the fact that we all have our financial struggles at some point. We would still like to give something to the teachers to show our appreciation for all their hard work. Again, any donation you give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donovan and the Christmas Fund Committee

ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FUND 2018

Enclosed is our donation of \$_____ for the teachers and staff of St. Hilary.

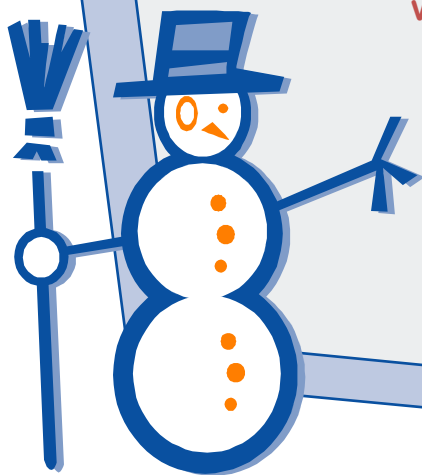
You may enclose, cash, money order, or a personal check (payable to St. Hilary School). Please return to school no later than Monday, Dec. 10th in an envelope marked “Christmas Fund”. Thank you very much!!



Family & School Association Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 12
7 to 8 p.m.
School Cafeteria

Mix and mingle with other St. Hilary parents
while getting updates on the FSA's winter
events and activities. We welcome your
questions, ideas, energy and expertise!



Santa is coming to St. Hilary

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 * 6:30 TO 9 PM

ST. HILARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

\$8 PER CHILD / \$5 PER ADULT WITH RSVP

\$10 PER CHILD / \$8 PER ADULT AT THE DOOR

RSVP by Wednesday, December 5

Pictures with Santa

Pizza + Refreshments

Hot Cocoa Bar

Decorate cookies

Make ornaments & crafts

BINGO + Raffle



Please cut and return this form with your payment by **Wednesday, Dec. 5**, to let us know that you are coming. This will help us make it a great evening. Make checks payable to ST. HILARY FSA. Thank you!

Yes! My family is planning to attend the Christmas Party on Dec. 7.

Family name: _____

_____ children (x \$8) + _____ adults (x \$5) will be there. A total of \$_____ is enclosed.



Christmas Cocoa

Hosted by St. Hilary's Student Council

Tuesday, December 11
after school on the
parking lot



**Toppings are 50
cents!
There will be
marshmallows,
cookie straws,
sprinkles, and
more!**



ST. HILARY

Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle

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

With this special order form you can enter



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pick available numbers from the board pictured above.

1 Line- \$5.00

2 Lines- \$10.00

3 Lines- \$15.00

4 Lines- \$20.00

Rules and details will be available at the sale location,
on the St. Hilary School Facebook page and online at sthilarychicago.org

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



St. Hilary School

December 2018 K-8 LunchSmart Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Fresh Pears	December 3 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich on a Bun* California Blend Veggies Peaches	December 4 Beef Burrito Bowl* with Black Beans, Corn, Garnish Cup & Salsa Mixed Fruit	December 5 Beef Sloppy Joe on a Bun* Baby Carrots Pineapple	December 6 Handcrafted Mac & Cheese* with Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Green Peas Applesauce	December 7 Boneless Chicken Wings with BBQ Dipping Sauce Broccoli Florets Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Grapes	December 10 Greek-Style Chicken Brown Rice* Green Beans Snickerdoodle Cookie* Peaches	December 11 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Bun* [^] Corn Mixed Fruit	December 12 Grilled Chicken Sandwich* with Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pineapple	December 13 Spaghetti* with Turkey Meatballs & Marinara Broccoli Florets Applesauce	December 14 Chicken with Cranberry Orange Sauce & Honey Wheat Dinner Roll* Roasted Sweet Potatoes Green Peas Snickerdoodle Cookie* Pears
Spotlight Fruit of the Week: Bananas	December 17 Chicken Tenders* with BBQ Dipping Sauce & Breadstick* Broccoli Florets Peaches	December 18 Chicken Fajitas with Tortillas*, Flame-Roasted Pepper & Onion & Salsa Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	December 19 Chicken Corn Dog* Corn Kettle-Baked Beans Pineapple	December 20 Turkey Ham & Cheese Panini* Oven-Baked Spiral-Cut French Fries Applesauce	December 21 Lasagna Roll-Up* & Garlic Bread* Capri Blend Veggies Pears



Available Each Day: Salad, Fresh Fruit, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich* with Yogurt Cup, Milk (1% & Skim White Plus Fat-Free Chocolate)

Additional Fresh Entrées Offered Daily

Monday – All-American Cheeseburger on a Bun*

Tuesday – Chicken Nuggets* with Twisted Breadstick* & BBQ Dipping Sauce

Wednesday – Super Nachos* & Salsa*

Thursday – Breaded Chicken Sandwich*

Friday – Pizza* (pepperoni French bread, cheese personal pan, and Big Daddy's cheesy pizza rotate each week)

*=Item contains whole grains / ^=Item contains pork / L=Locally sourced
Milk served with lunch contains no artificial growth hormones or antibiotics
Menu is subject to change based on availability and quality of food items

Color Me Red

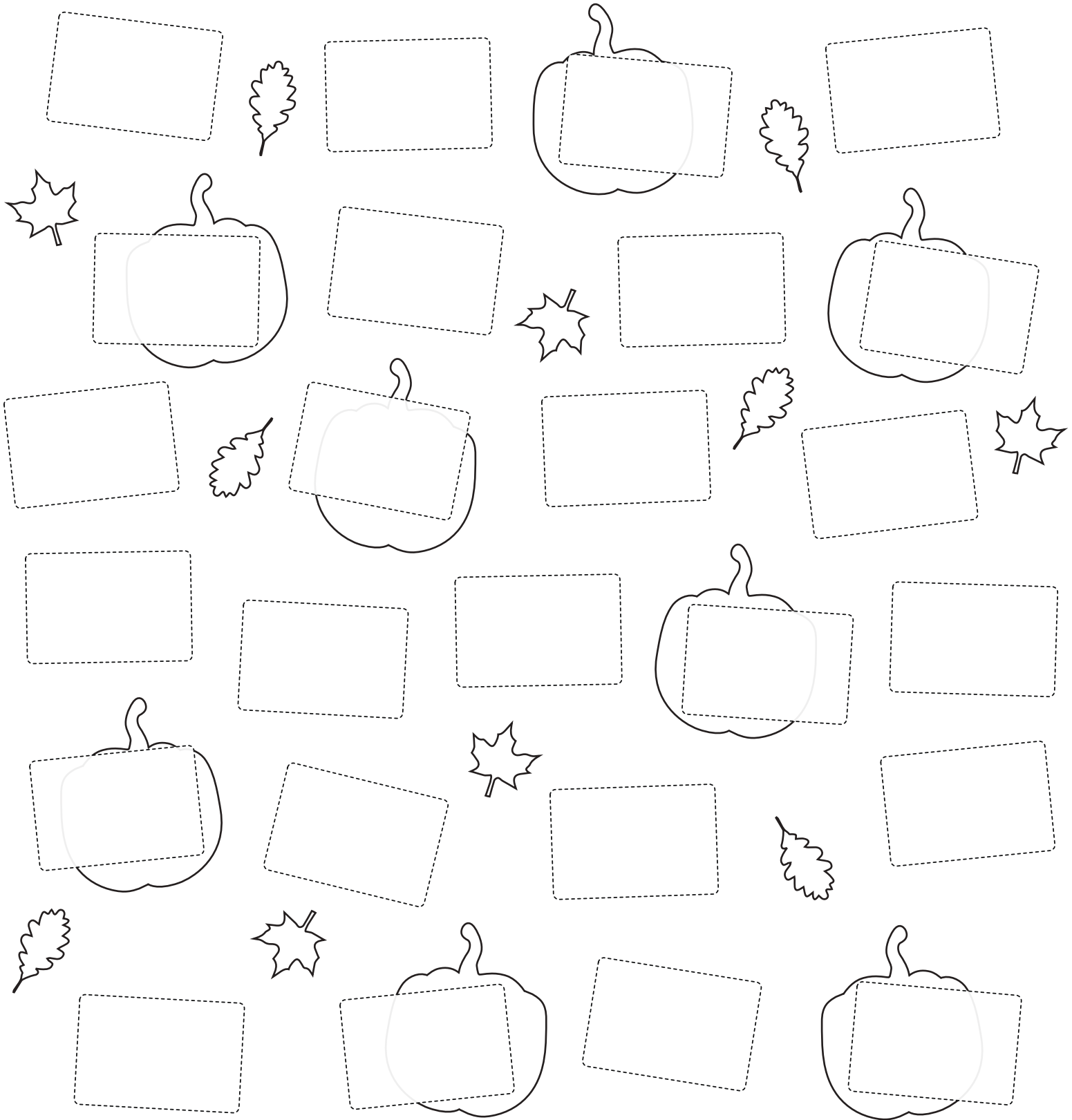
Last month, we introduced the five fruit and vegetable color groups. The color for December is **red**. Red fruits and vegetables are packed with disease-fighting lycopene. Lycopene helps to reduce the risk of certain cancers and heart disease. Red produce includes tomatoes, strawberries, red apples, radishes, and beets. Be creative in figuring out ways to add this valuable color group to your meals and snacks.



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