

The Principals' Page

St. Hilary School
April 2018

It is hard to believe we are into April already, with just two months of school left! The fourth and final quarter of the school year is underway. Third quarter report cards were available on Gradelink on March 22. As spring fever takes hold, please reinforce with your child the importance of continuing to put forth his or her best efforts in the remaining weeks of the school year. Now is an ideal time to work with your child to set appropriate goals for the final quarter. Fourth quarter interim reports will be sent home on April 26 for students with a grade below C in any subject. With Spring Break vacations behind us, we ask that you plan any additional vacations around our school calendar. We need students to be focused on doing their best work as we wind down the year, and vacations that do not coincide with our school calendar make it difficult to complete school work and testing. Along those lines,

our students in grades K-8 will take the final set of MAP tests April 23-May 11. More information will be sent home this spring about scores from these tests.



As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we look forward to welcoming the warmer weather and new life heralded by spring! Spring also brings with it some special events for two of our grade levels. We congratulate our eighth grade students, who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 14. Our second graders will receive the sacrament of First Communion on May 12. Please keep these students in your prayers as they mark these milestones in their faith journeys.

Congratulations to our Calling All Angels Award recipients for the second quarter! This award honors students who display courage and bravery in giving of themselves and standing up for others. Our second quarter Calling All Angels Award recipients for grades K-8 are: Room 101—Adam Schafer, Room 102—Madelyn Root, Room 105—Abigail Walker, Room 104—Margaret Mosher, Room 106—Emily Krammes, Room 103—Charlotte Hunter, Room 107—Amanda Reinhardt, Room 108—Noah Glenn-George, Room 204—Evangelina Modugno, Room 208—Sienna Tipton, Room 209—John Thomas Mahovlic, Room 205—Serenity Smolen, Room 206—Alexander Haran, Room 207—Reese Gallagher, Room 201—Blake Backus, Room 202—Brody McConnell,

Room 203—Julia Earley, Room 111—Lillise Snyder, Room 113—Sebastian Hahn, Room 114—Freddie Nemer, Room 115—Andrew Siefker, Room 119—Joseph Markowski, Room 120—Mary Hoffmann, Room 116—Colleen Reagan, Room 117—Grace Hlavin, and Room 118—Lydia Brouse. These students received a guardian angel medal at our March 2 school Mass. They also participated in a field trip to the Crown Point Ecology Center where they assisted with gardening, and to the Bath Police and Fire Departments where they toured the stations and learned about the work of first responders.

On April 19, our seventh and eighth grade Mock Trial Teams will represent St. Hilary School at the Ohio Middle School Mock Trial Showcase in Columbus. This is the fourth year that we have had two teams! The red team consists of Jacob Cook, Caroline Incanno, Caroline Mahovlic, Mark Nester, and Kathleen Tracy for the prosecution side, and Jacob Cook, Mia Herrera, Jack Mercer, Michael Whalen, and Kathleen Tracy for the defense side. The white team consists of Alianna Huston, Ben Mostoller, Carla Nemer, David Soltz, and Aidan Spoerndle for the prosecution side, and Alianna Huston, Audrey Klippel, Brooke Massaro, Caroline Richardson, and David Soltz for the defense side. Samantha Klippel, Ben Mostoller and Caroline Richardson will serve as Bailiffs and Timekeepers for the teams. This year's competition is based on the book *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. Advisors are Mrs. Gaffney and Miss Buzzi. Legal coaches are Judge Katarina Cook and Attorney Scott Richardson.

Did you know?

Diversity is more important now than ever before, as Americans are growing more racially and ethnically diverse by the year. In fact, it's been projected that the U.S. will not have a single racial or ethnic majority by 2055, according to the Pew Research Center.

On April 20, the following students will travel to Youngstown State University for the annual English Festival: Jackson Alexander, Rachel Alexander, Grace Bandwen, Tobias Baranek, Charlie Earley, Emma Harrell, Clara Hoffert, Ben Mostoller, Mark Nester, Lily Pszonowsky, Caroline Richardson, Olivia Scott, Lindsey Sipplen, Paul Slanina, Clarissa Snyder, Aidan Spoerndle, Luke Werckman, and Michael Whalen. These seventh and eighth graders each read seven required novels in addition to their assigned in-class reading to qualify to participate.

Congratulations to sixth graders James Bauman and Stela Nonno! Of the eight St. Hilary students who submitted letters to the *Letters about Literature* contest through the Ohio Center for the Book at the Cleveland Public Library, James and Stela both moved on to the second round of judging!

Thank you to all the parents and staff members who supported this year's Celebration fundraiser. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Kirsten Bevilacqua and Dana Saporito and their team of tireless volunteers who devoted long hours to make this event a success. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts and support and are excited about the opportunity to apply funds raised toward the needs of our school. Please watch for the Parents' Association ballot to come home soon, asking for your vote on funds to be spent for our school for the 2018-2019 school year. Together, we will ensure that our school remains strong and continues to provide an excellent education for our students. Thank you for your generosity!

As you know, we are well into planning for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not yet re-registered your child via Gradelink or notified us of a change in your child's school situation for next year, please do so now. Teachers will soon begin reviewing appropriate classroom placement for students returning in the fall. The 2018-2019 school year calendar has been published and all dates will also be posted on the school Google calendar which can be found on the school website home page. On the reverse side of the school calendar is information for our incoming kindergarten families. Complete kindergarten opening schedule information will be mailed at the beginning of August. We anticipate three kindergarten classes

Wear Number One, St. Hilary School's official school uniform vendor, is ready to help you order your child's school uniforms for next year! Please order before May 1 so you can focus on your family this summer! Questions? Please email wearnumberone@gmail.com.

for the 2018-2019 school year. Just a reminder for our kindergarten parents that kindergarten students will not have school on April 12 and 13 as we conduct kindergarten screening for prospective new kindergarteners.

We hope to see many of you at our Internet Safety for Parents presentation, featuring nationally recognized Internet Safety presenter Jesse Weinberger, on April 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Horning Hall. Please remember that no children will be permitted to attend, so you will need to make child care arrangements in advance.

Please continue to check the mass emails and the school website for important information during the busy weeks ahead. We wish you all the beauty and blessings of early spring!

Spring Event...Take Me Out To The Ball Game!

Don't miss the St. Hilary Spring Event at Canal Park as the Akron Rubberducks take on the Richmond Flying Squirrels on May 27

at 6:35 pm. Tickets are only \$8 and must be purchased in advance at <https://groupmatics.events/event/StHilary3>.

After the game, be sure to stick around for fireworks! For

more information, please contact Shannon Cacchione at Shannon.schwartzenburg@ccta-hope.com or 216-299-6779.



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