

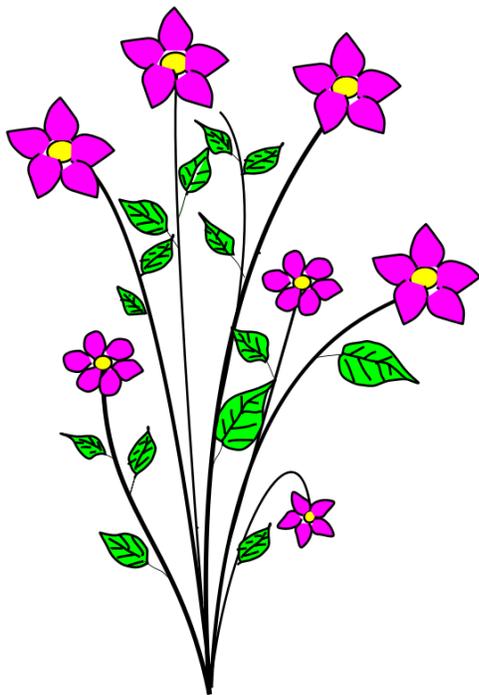
The Principals' Page

St. Hilary School
May 2019

As May begins, our thoughts turn to winding down the school year and reflecting on the many great things our school community has accomplished together and planned for the future. We hope your children have grown not just physically this year, but spiritually and intellectually, as well. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make so that your children may receive a St. Hilary School education.

On April 11, the following students traveled to Youngstown State University for the annual English Festival: Thomas Angle, James Bauman, Grace Fricker, Sebastian Hahn, Regan Houser, Ella Kohrs, Hunter Kuppusamy, Ethan Mark, Katie Mostoller, Seth Motz, Stela Nonno, Lily Pszonowsky, Bella Sanders, Audrey Sevald, Anna Solomon, Daniel Welty, and Kate Wenzlik. Grace Fricker took third place in the Journalism competition. Katie Mostoller and Seth Motz won third place in the "I Love Limericks" contest. Lily Pszonowsky won an honorable mention in the Impromptu Writing competition. All of the participating seventh and eighth graders each read seven required novels in addition to their assigned in-class reading to qualify to participate.

We want to wish the best of luck to our Academic Challenge team members who will compete in the NAQT Middle School National Championship Tournament in Chicago on May 10-12. The tournament features the top quiz bowl teams from across the United States, so it is an honor for our school to be represented! Teams qualify for the national tournament by their performance at tournaments held throughout the year. Our team includes Isabella Abucejo, Matthew Gomez, Jacob Kim, MaryKate Miller, Christian Parker, Lily Pszonowsky, Parker Smith, and Aidan Spoerndle.



This spring has been busy so far, and we have several of our busiest weeks ahead. Students in grades K-8 are taking their final round of MAP tests now, and results of these tests will be sent home in the next few weeks. CAT test results for grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be sent home with final report cards.

Please keep our second graders close in prayer as they receive the sacrament of First Communion on May 11. Second graders will join the processional dressed in their First Communion clothing at our May 17 school Mass, and will enjoy a special brunch following Mass.

Eighth graders will have final exams on May 20, 21 and 22. Seventh graders will have exams on May 21, 22 and 23. On May 22, we will hold our after-school Kevin Neff Memorial Volleyball Tournament, which supports the annual scholarship awarded in Kevin's memory. This year, the scholarship will be awarded at our May 17 school Mass, during which we

will also have our May Crowning ceremony.

We will say goodbye to our eighth graders at the farewell Mass on May 24 at 9:30 a.m. Our eighth graders will graduate on May 28 at 5:30 p.m. God bless all of them as they move to their respective high schools. All students in grades K-7 will celebrate the end of the school year with a special field day / picnic on May 29. There will be no school on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Our final school Mass will be May 30 at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-7 will be dismissed for the summer at 11:30 a.m. on May 30.

Fourth quarter interim reports were issued on April 18. Final report cards for all students will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please make sure that your 2018-2019 tuition and fees have been paid in full prior to the end of the school year so that we can release your child's final report card. Please direct questions regarding tuition and fees to Business Manager Lou Camerato at 867-1055, ext. 203.

Please check the emails and the school website for other important information during the busy weeks ahead. A year-end newsletter will be sent home at the end of this month with information about preliminary planning for the 2019-2020 school year. The class lists for next fall will be published on August 1, and an important back-to-school mailing will be sent to each family on August 1, as well. Check the school website, parish bulletin, and your mailbox for information about the opening of the 2019-2020 school year.

As we prepare to close this school year, we would like to thank the many parents whose support and dedication help our school to run smoothly. We greatly appreciate the support of our School Board, Parents' Association Board, Parents' Association committee chairs, room parents, and those who volunteer in many other capacities throughout the year. We hope to see you at the Parents' Association Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area. Our eighth grade students will show off the pillowcases they have created in their sewing lessons!

During these busy weeks, please take time to enjoy all that is special about this school year with your children. Before you know it, they will be advancing to the next grade. We hope you savor each moment! Looking ahead to summer, please continue to foster your children's spiritual and academic growth by attending Mass and encouraging reading and other skills practice during the break. Summer bridge books are wonderful tools that allow children to keep skills sharp in a variety of areas with just a few minutes spent each day. We challenge you to continue to live out our school theme of being filled with wonder this summer. We appreciate all you do to partner with us in providing the best possible educational experience for your children!

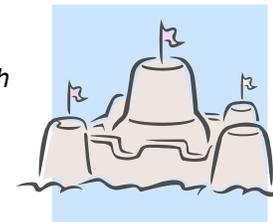
Wishing you all God's blessings,

Mrs. Woodman

Mrs. Alexander

Summer Reading Ideas

We again invite you and your children to participate in our Summer Skills Challenge for math and reading! Seize the opportunities that summer offers to foster a passion for books and reading for pleasure!



Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Start a summer reading club. *Invite a group of your child's friends to choose a book to read, set some dates to meet, and start reading! Take turns hosting book club meetings and after discussing each section of the book, be sure to include time for lunch, snacks, and play!*

Pack a book for the beach. *When packing for summer vacation, be sure to include a book or two along with the swim suits and sunscreen. A quiet half hour early in the morning or after lunch makes for great beach reading time!*

Visit the local library. *We love technology, but sometimes it's fun to take a visit to the local library and choose a stack of books from the shelf. There are many great new and classic titles from which to choose, and best of all, it's free!*