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The Connection

Surveys Provide Valuable Feedback

Thank you to the many parents who completed and returned year-end evaluations. Overall, your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and validates your choice of a St. Hilary School education for your children. We continue to strive to be the best we can be, and your constructive comments help us to identify areas in which we can work toward improvement. We appreciate the many suggestions made on the evaluations, and have put plans in motion to address issues that appear to be prevailing concerns.

On the subject of Catholic identity, your comments urging that more be done to instill kindness and acceptance in our students are already being acted upon. Last week, we held an anti-bullying workshop for our students in grades 5-8, and we are working on plans to do more in

this area in the fall. These are issues faced in schools everywhere, but we will continue to strive to deal with these issues in ways that set higher standards for our school and our students.

On the topic of education, key areas you feel need improvement are regular communication among grade-level teachers to better coordinate and balance student assignments and tests, and consistent updating of Homework Central and Edline. We have set these as goals as we begin planning for the 2010-2011 school year.

Follow-up phone calls will be made within the next few weeks to those of you who asked to be contacted regarding your concerns. If you have not yet turned in your evaluation, it is not too late for your voice to be heard. We value your opin-

ions, and can aim to address concerns only when you raise them. We invite you to contact us any time you feel we should know about a situation, whether positive or negative, that impacts the education your children receive at St. Hilary School.

2010-11 Officers Named

Congratulations to our newly-elected 2010-2011 School Board officers:
President: Dr. Molly Scantling
Vice-President: Maura Bozzelli, Esq.

Congratulations also to our newly-elected 2010-2011 Student Council officers:

President: Evan Nichols
Vice-President: Julia Sabella
Secretary: Emily Hissong
Treasurer: Zachary Connolly



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Spotlight



Congratulations to sixth graders Bryan Borodkin, Brendan Donahue, Noah Gresser, and Alexia Markowski, who competed at the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics (GCCTM) competition on May 8. The team received Champion Blue Ribbons!

Do you know a member of the St. Hilary School community who deserves to be in the spotlight? Please email Spotlight suggestions to Debbie Sinopoli at dsinopoli@st-hilary.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, May 14

Grade 6 to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

7:00 p.m.

Spring Musical Performance

Cast arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Horning Hall

Saturday, May 15

7:00 p.m.

Spring Musical Performance

Cast arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Horning Hall

Sunday, May 16

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Grade 7 Initial Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Students

Church

Monday, May 17

Grade 2 to Akron Zoo

6:00 p.m.

Grade 4 Parent Camp Info Meeting
Spiritual Center

Tuesday, May 18

CAVS Dress Down Day

Tuesday, May 18 continued

3:07 - 4:00 p.m.

Science Club Red Session

Computer Lab

3:07 - 4:00 p.m.

Spanish Club Meeting

Spanish Room

4:00 p.m.

Submissions due for May 21 issue of
The Connection

Wednesday, May 19

Sister Carol Joy Day!

9:30 a.m.

All-school mass - grades K-8

3:07 - 4:00 p.m.

Science Club Green Session

Computer Lab

Thursday, May 20

Kindergarten Black Day
Grade 1 to Cleveland Zoo

8:00 a.m.

Speed Stacks

Horning Hall

Thursday, May 20 continued

3:00 p.m.

Market Day orders due

3:30 p.m.

Kevin Neff Volleyball

Tournament

Horning Hall



Friday, May 21

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Playdate for 2010-2011
kindergarten students and parents
Playground

3:07 - 4:00 p.m.

Science Club Blue Session

Computer Lab

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Saturday, May 22

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Midnight

Market Day Internet orders due

Sunday, May 23

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the victims of the recent flooding and tornadoes in our country.

Please email Debbie Sinopoli at dsinopoli@st-hilary.org with prayer requests.

FAQs

- Q. I know my tuition payments for 2010-2011 should begin soon. What do I need to do to start my payments?
- A. You should have received a communication from the St. Hilary Tuition Office explaining the steps you need to take to begin the tuition payment process. If you did not, or if you have questions about tuition and fees, please contact St. Hilary Parish Business Manager Lou Camerato at 867-1055, ext. 203.
- Q. I would like to view the class lists on the school website in August. What do I need to do?
- A. On August 1, class lists will be posted for the 2010-2011 school year. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the class lists will no longer be posted on the Horning Hall doors, but exclusively on the school website. The lists will continue to be posted under password protection so that only faculty, staff, and families with children currently enrolled in the school can view them. Registered website users with active accounts will not need to do anything additional. If you have been ordering hot lunches online this year, you can be assured you are a registered user with an active account. If you are not a registered user, you will need to visit the school website by July 1 to create an account so you can view the lists on August 1. Complete instructions for creating an account and viewing the lists can be found on the homepage at www.st-hilaryschool.org. Instructions will also be sent home to each family near the end of the current school year. Please email dsinopoli@st-hilary.org with questions.

Neff Scholarship Winner Named

Congratulations to seventh grader Kevin Dziewisz, the winner of this year's Kevin Neff Memorial Scholarship. The annual award honors the memory of St. Hilary School alumnus Kevin Neff, who died of a brain tumor in 2003. Recipients are selected based on their spiritual, academic and social qualities. The \$1,000 award is applied to the recipient's eighth grade tuition at St. Hilary School.

Visit Book Fair May 21-23

Plan to visit our "Think Summer" Book Fair at Barnes and Noble in Montrose May 21-23. This fundraiser will benefit our school library. You can purchase anything in the store - from a cup of coffee to a set of encyclopedias - and a portion of the money will support the school library. On May 22, see student performances at 9:30 a.m. by our sixth grade Reader's Theatre group and at 10:15 featuring selections from Disney's *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* Start thinking about summer, the beach, and a good book to read!

Spring Musical This Weekend

Don't miss the St. Hilary School junior high production of Disney's *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.*! Many of our seventh and eighth grade students have been practicing since February for their performances at 7:00 p.m. on both May 14 and 15 in Horning Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children.

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence
St. Hilary School 50th Anniversary Kick-off
September 5, 2010 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Join us for mass, picnic supper, alumni events, soccer field dedication, games, entertainment, and more!

Watch for details at the end of May!

Book Club Supports Library

Thank you to the students who have participated in our Birthday Book Club sessions the past few months! The following students with February and June birthdays helped add 18 new books to the library: Anna Burke, Grant Carr, Joseph DeCarlo, Mark Denholm, Ella DiPaola, Victoria DiPaola, Amy Dudek, Nolan Holmgren, Alexandra Houglan, Joshua Ison, Maura Lynch, Marissa Martucci, Brock Monteleone, Luke Monteleone, Preston Pitchford, Mary Sveda, Lance Talmage, and Michael Whitehouse. Adding 36 new books to the library were the following students with March and July birthdays: Isabella Abucejo, Josh Budd, Lauren Claxton, Connor Cline, Anthony Corsino, Dominic Fracassa, Elise Hager, Clara Hoffer, Helen Hohlefeld, Kaiden Holmgren, Caroline Horning, Mae Isada, Stephen Klein, AnnMarie Kolbi, Christian Lewandowski, Bradley Lyons, Brooke Massaro, Giovanna Nestico, Braden Ost, Jacob Parisi, Joshua Parisi, Juliana Parisi, Kathryn Petit, Olivia Phillips, Rachel Reese, Meghan Resweber, Jordyn Ritchie, Virginia Roman, Max Savula, Katherine Stobb, Maggie Weber, Taylor Westover, Ryan Zilka, and Hannah Zimmerman. Students with April and May birthdays who helped add 27 new books to the library were: Stephanie Alekna, Jackson Alexander, Maxwell Alexander, Rachel Alexander, Leah Cavanaugh, Mackenzie Dangel, Patrick Delaney, Grace Duryea, Trip Duryea, Suzette Gissinger, Jack Hinkle, Spencer Hudak, Alianna Huston, Mason Lawlor, Athena Markowski, Daniel Monea, Jonathan Mostoller, Isaac Nauer, Sadie Nierzwicki, Cecilia Ochmann, Nathan Phillips, Luke Shaheen, Sarah Sollenberger, Molly Strah, Victor Vogt, and Matthew Wilson.

Raffle Sponsors, Help Needed

St. Hilary School has been selected as a VanDevere *Thrive & Drive* school for the 2010-2011 school year. Please watch for more details about this exciting car raffle opportunity in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, there is an immediate need for sponsors to underwrite the second and third raffle prizes, and for volunteers to help with operation of the car raffle. Your support and creative input are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please contact Jeannie Hohlefeld at 865-8455 or Lisa Bender at 666-7061 to sponsor a prize or to volunteer.

Notes

From The Office



PLEASE REFER TO THE FAMILY HANDBOOK FOR GUIDELINES FOR DRESS-UP AND DRESS-DOWN DAYS

CAVS Dress Down Day

- Tuesday, May 18 - Students may dress down in CAVS or St. Hilary clothing or colors.

Kindergarten Playdate

- Friday, May 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - for incoming 2010-2011 kindergarteners and parents - on school playground

No School

- Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day

Bits and Pieces

In the Office: Flyers for St. Hilary Basketball School; registration forms for St. Hilary Vacation Bible School; flyers for St. Vincent-St. Mary basketball camp; flyers for One Touch Soccer Camp; flyers for Camp Christopher Summer Camps; information on Total Education Solutions Summer Enrichment Camps; flyers for Camp Invention; and Lowry's Buy-One-Get-One 1/2 Price, \$5 off and \$10 off coupons.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are needed for the following positions for 2010-2011: Co-chairs for Market Day, Chair for Fall Fest, 8th Grade Coordinator, Hot Lunch volunteers, and STAR Program volunteers. Please email Becky Vieltorf at rvieltorf@roadrunner.com for more information or to volunteer.

Be The Match: A *Be the Match* marrow donor drive will be held May 23 from 10:00 to 2:00 in the St. Hilary School Multi-Purpose Room. The drive is being held primarily to help find a marrow match for St. Hilary School alumnus Mary Kay (Hirsch) Hendershot, who is fighting an aggressive form of leukemia, but participants will become part of the national donor registry. Participation is as simple as a cheek swab, and actual donation in the event of a match is non-surgical in most cases. A \$25 donation is requested to cover processing costs. Email Vanessa Swank at vsjswank@zoominternet.net for more information.

Chick-fil-A is offering a special promotion in addition to the monthly Spirit Night fundraisers. Every time families dine at the Montrose location now through May 15, a portion of the sales will be donated back to St. Hilary School. Parents' Association encourages everyone to drop their receipts in our school's designated "Cash for Kids" box in the restaurant to participate.

Vacation Bible School Registration: Registration for St. Hilary Parish's Vacation Bible School is now underway. Camp will be held Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 at St. Hilary Parish. Send in your forms today. Forms are available on the school website, www.st-hilaryschool.org under Student Life, or on the St. Hilary Parish website, www.sthilarychurch.org. Help is needed to make Vacation Bible School a success before, during and after camp. If you're able to help, please contact Tara Mostoller at 665-3595 or taramostoller@yahoo.com.