

# The Principals' Page

St. Hilary School  
April 2017

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 Ascend on March 16. 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 13 for students with a grade below C in any subject. With Spring Break vacations around the corner, 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 during the first week of May. More information will be sent home this spring about scores from these tests and the Diocesan plan for testing beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.



As the Easter season approaches, 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 received the sacrament of Confirmation on April 1. Our second graders will receive the sacrament of First Communion on May 13. Please keep these students in your prayers as they mark these milestones in their faith journeys. Please plan to join us on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. as our eighth graders present the Mime of the Passion, and on April 13 at 2:00 p.m. for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service, both in the church. We will be closed for Spring Break beginning April 14, with school resuming on April 24.

At our March 24 school Mass, we recognized our third quarter Mother Teresa Award recipients. These students, who were nominated by their teachers, were honored for being students who, like Saint Mother Teresa, are inspired to do small things with great love. Our third quarter Saint Pope John Paul II Award recipients are: Room 101—Anthony Vatalaro, Room 102—Emily Alaburda, Room 104—Nash Kuppusamy, Room 105—Valerie Squires, Room 106—Roxanne Trail, Room 103—Vivian Tipping, Room 107—Roan Downing, Room 108—Valerie Tipping, Room 204—Anna Brooks, Room 208—Reese Gallagher, Room 209—Elena Dobronos, Room 205—Tatum Manby, Room 206—Eun Chae “Clara” Seo, Room 207—Anna Paulus, Room 201—Lillian Hric, Room 202—Audrey Sevald, Room 203—Michael Albers, Room 111—Maeve Morris, Room 113—Anthony Hayek, Room 114—Emma Rasmussen, Room 118—Baleigh Burnham, Room 119—Clara Hoffert, Room 120—Alianna Huston, Room 115—Eva Janigian, Room 116—Max Montisano, Room 117—Jonathan Mostoller, and Music—Nicole Reese. These students received a Mother Teresa medal. They also participated in a field trip to the St. Bernard Hunger Center where they made lunches for the homeless, followed by lunch and a manners lesson at Crave.

On March 31, our seventh and eighth grade Mock Trial Teams represented St. Hilary School at the Ohio Middle School Mock Trial Showcase in Columbus. This is the third year that we have had two teams! The red team, consisting of Rachel Alexander, Robert Brennan, Luke Monteleone, Caroline Richardson, and Will Scherler for the prosecution side, and Jacob Cook, Alianna Huston, Jack Mercer, Meghan Resweber, and Kathleen Tracy for the defense side, earned a Superior rating, the highest rating given by the judges. The white team, consisting of Gia Abujejo, Anneliese Lamm, Nicole Reese, Luke Werckman, and Michael Whalen for the prosecution side, and Jackson Alexander, Grace Bandwen, Eva Janigian, Jonathan Mostoller, and Paul Slanina for the defense side, also earned the judges' highest rating of Superior. Jacob Cook, Jonathan Mostoller and Caroline Richardson earned Best Attorney awards, while Jackson Alexander, Grace Bandwen and Alianna Huston earned Best Witness awards. Brianna Callahan, Suzette Gissinger, Samantha Klippel, and Ben Mostoller served as Bailiffs and Timekeepers for the teams. This year's competition was based on the classic novel *Johnny Tremain*. Advisors were Mrs. Gaffney and Mrs. Spinner. Legal coaches were Attorney Scott Richardson and Judge Katarina Cook, who is in her eleventh year as our Mock Trial coach.

On March 18, 22 of our seventh and eighth grade students participated in the Western Reserve District 5 Science Fair at the University of Akron. We congratulate the following individuals and pairs who qualified to advance to the State Science Fair on May 13: Lucy Chmura, Cline Hearty and Daniel Monea, Clara Hoffert, Celia Baranek and Kate Krismanth, Clara Krohn and Allison Swiatkowski, and Nicole Reese. At the District Fair, Lucy Chmura received a second place award for her project. Clara Hoffert earned a first place award for her project, as well as the College of Wooster Buckeye Women in Science B-Wiser Award.

Congratulations to fifth grader Stela Nonno, who has been recognized by the Ohio Center for the Book at the Cleveland Public Library for her entry in the *Letters about Literature* program. Of 1,338 letters, Stela's letter was one of only 175 to make the initial cut. Stela has been invited to an awards ceremony on May 13.

Looking ahead, 25 students will travel to Youngstown State University on April 27 for the annual English Festival. Participants are: Jackson Alexander, Rachel Alexander, Grace Bandwen, Toby Baranek, Charlie Earley, Isabelle Hahn, Emma Harrell, Annie Hart, Ryann Harvey, Clara Hoffert, Alianna Huston, Reagan Jackson, Brooke Massaro, Ben Mostoller, Mark Nester, Giovanna Nestico, Caroline Richardson, Olivia Scott, Lindsey Sipplen, Paul Stanina, Clarissa Snyder, 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 in this event.

Thank you to all the parents and staff members who supported this year's Celebration fundraiser. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Suzanne Manby and Jen Sevald 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school year. If you have not yet returned your re-registration materials 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 2017-2018 school year calendar has been sent home and all dates are also 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 for the 2017-2018 school year. Just a reminder for our kindergarten parents that kindergarten students will not have school on April 6 and 7 as we conduct kindergarten screening for prospective new kindergarteners.

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!

*Mrs. Arnone*

*Mrs. Woodman*

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

Don't miss the St. Hilary Spring Event at Canal Park as the Rubberducks take on Altoona on May 7 at 2:05 pm. Tickets are only \$5 plus a \$1.50 per ticket convenience fee and must be purchased in advance at <https://groupmatics.events/s/email/StHilarys>.



This is a Family Fun Day, so you can play catch on the field before the game, get player autographs, enjoy \$2 hot dogs, and much more! For more information, please email [swiatkowski.1999@gmail.com](mailto:swiatkowski.1999@gmail.com).