

Back-to-School Bugle

St. Hilary School 2018-2019

Welcome New Faces at St. Hilary! Staffing Changes Re-capped

Welcome to all of our many new students and their families! We also extend a special welcome to our new staff members. We have several changes to our faculty and staff for the new school year!

As many of you know, just as the 2017-2018 school year ended, we learned that our previous Principal, Mrs. Arnone, would be moving on to become the Assistant Superintendent for the Diocese of Cleveland. Mrs. Woodman, our Assistant Principal since 2016, has stepped into the role of Principal, and Mrs. Alexander, formerly Miss Riley, is our new Assistant Principal.

Prior to her administrative work at St. Hilary School, Mrs. Woodman served in a variety of administrative and educational positions in Phoenix, AZ. Mrs. Woodman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with an Integrated Language Arts major from Bowling Green State University and Master of Education degrees in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University and Ursuline College.

Mrs. Alexander has taught first and third grades at the school since 2013, and completed an administrative internship at the school during the 2016-2017 school year. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development/Family Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a Master of Early Childhood Education degree from John Carroll University, and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Ursuline College.

Both Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. Alexander are St. Hilary School alumnae, and we are excited to have them lead our school into the future!

Mrs. Alexander's move to the role of Assistant Principal led to the hiring of Miss Briganti, who will join Mr. Manno and Mrs. Starkey on the third grade faculty. Miss Briganti holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Notre Dame College. She has worked with children in a variety of roles, including as a nanny, coach and intervention specialist.

With the addition of a third first grade class, Miss DiPronio will join Mrs. Monea and Mrs. Morrocco on the first grade teaching team. Miss DiPronio is a dean's list graduate of the University of Dayton with dual licensure in early childhood education and early childhood intervention specialist. She has experience as a student teacher and a teaching assistant, and has worked with children with special needs in both classroom and home care settings. Mrs. Kohrs and Mrs. Wenzlik will be the assistants in Miss DiPronio's room, Room 110.

There will be some changes in our junior high teaching staff, as well. Mr. Dougherty will join Mrs. Durkin and Mrs. Falhamer as an eighth grade homeroom teacher in Room 118. Mr. Dougherty has taught and coached in a variety of Catholic and public elementary, middle and high school settings, and also spent three years discerning religious vocation at Borromeo Seminary. A graduate of the University of Akron with a degree in middle level education, Mr. Dougherty will teach eighth grade math and seventh grade reading.

Mr. Gadus will join Mrs. Hoffmann and Mr. Sherry as a seventh grade homeroom teacher in Room 115. Mr. Gadus has teaching, student

teaching and tutoring experience in Catholic, private and public school settings. A president's list honors graduate of Cleveland State University with grades 7-12 licensure, Mr. Gadus will teach seventh grade English and eighth grade social studies.

Some changes will also be made to grade levels and subjects taught by our current teachers. Mrs. Hoffmann will teach seventh grade religion and sixth grade English. Mr. Seeman will teach sixth and seventh grade math. Miss Buzzi will teach sixth grade social studies, as well as the sixth grade science classes currently taught by Mr. Seeman. Mrs. Durkin, Mrs. Falhamer, Miss McMahan, and Mr. Sherry will continue to teach their existing subjects and grade levels.

Besides changes in our teaching staff, we also welcome Mrs. Eldred back to our counseling staff, and Mrs. Yost back to our school clinic staff.

We are confident all of these changes will serve our students well, and we look forward to a great year!

A Note for New Families

If you have not signed up for One Call Now emails and calls (yellow form in acceptance packet) or created your online account (blue form in acceptance packet) do so now to be sure you are not missing out on important news and ordering hot lunches for your child!

Back-to-School Night August 20

Back-to-School Night will be held Monday, August 20. **Please see details about the format for this event on Page 2.** All families are invited to drop into their children's classrooms during their **designated times** to meet teachers, drop off supplies, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and more!

Between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., all K-8 families won't want to miss:

Information Tables and Spirit Wear Sales in Multi-Purpose Room

Nurses in Clinic to Help with Questions and Medications

Gym Uniform Sales in Horning Hall

Recycled Uniforms in Science Lab

Please bring your calendar and checkbook!

Welcome
Back!



Class Lists Posted

We will begin the 2018-2019 school year with a solid enrollment of approximately 580 students. On August 1, our class lists were emailed and posted on the school website, www.st-hilaryschool.org. To view the lists online, you must create an account on the website if you have not already done so. Instructions for creating an account are posted on the website. If you cannot find your child's name on a class list, please contact the school office immediately.

Kindergarten Opening Schedule

On Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23, kindergarteners will attend school as follows:

Wednesday, August 22

Students whose last names begin with:

- 101-Mrs. Holland: A - Mc
102-Mrs. Piekarski & Mrs. Thomson: B - H
105-Miss Bennett: A - N

Thursday, August 23

Students whose last names begin with:

- 101-Mrs. Holland: O - Y
102-Mrs. Piekarski & Mrs. Thomson: J - Y
105-Miss Bennett: O - W

Children will remain at school from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rooms 101 and 102 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 105 will be dismissed from the doors by the Jesus statue. There will be no buses to take kindergarten students home on these days and no Latchkey available for kindergarten students these afternoons. Please be sure your child has a ride home.



On Friday, August 24, Monday, August 27, Tuesday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 29, ALL kindergarten students will attend from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rooms 101 and 102 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 105 will be dismissed from the doors by the Jesus statue. There will be no buses to take kindergarten students home on these days and no Latchkey available for kindergarten students these afternoons. Please be sure your child has a ride home.

On Thursday, August 30, the FULL-DAY kindergarten program begins. Please make sure your child has arrangements for lunch, a rest time towel, and a ride home or Latchkey arrangements at dismissal time.

Important Dates and News to Note

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 - Hot Lunch online ordering at www.st-hilaryschool.org is open August 1-10—NO LATE ORDERS. Please see the Hot Lunch page on the school website for ordering instructions. Hot Lunch begins August 22. Milk from the first semester will also be ordered online and will be available beginning August 22.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 - School office opens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the 2018-2019 school year.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 - Back-to-School Night:

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES ONLY may visit from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. During this time, families may visit classrooms, meet teachers and classmates, drop off supplies, and play on the playground. We suggest that last names A-M visit classrooms from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and last names N-Z visit classrooms from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. to alleviate crowding.

NEW FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8 ONLY may visit classrooms from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. to get a head start on exploring their new school, meeting teachers and dropping off supplies. **ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8** may visit classrooms from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to meet teachers and classmates and drop off supplies.

ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8 are asked to stop by the Multi-Purpose room between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. to visit information tables and Spirit Wear sales in the Multi-Purpose Room, gym uniform sales in Horning Hall, and Recycled Uniforms drop-off and pick-up in the Science Lab. All Recycled Uniform items are free!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 - First day of school. Families with kindergarten students, please see box at left for school opening information. We will begin the school year with a gathering in the parking lot outside Horning Hall at 9:00 a.m. All students should report to homerooms first for attendance. Please note this change from the procedure in past years. The first bell rings at 8:20 a.m., and the tardy bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Following attendance and other preliminaries, teachers will

walk classes to designated areas on the parking lot for our 9:00 a.m. opening ceremony. Parents are welcome to walk students to classrooms first thing and join students outside for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, we will begin our normal day. In case of rain, we will gather in Horning Hall.

Latchkey will be in session beginning on the first day. Please call 330-873-1282 and leave a message for Mrs. Weber to register for Latchkey, or stop by the Latchkey table at Back-to-School Night. If your child attended Latchkey last year and is returning, please send a note on the first day of school indicating your child's Latchkey schedule for the first week of school. You will still need to complete a registration form.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 - Curriculum Night for grades 6-8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *Parents only.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 - Curriculum Night for grades K-5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *Parents only.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 - Kindergarten Welcome/Volunteer Sign-up Coffees from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center. Parents from Room 101 will gather in the Gathering Area, Room 102 in the lower level meeting rooms, and Room 105 in the upper level meeting rooms.



Please refer to the school handbook online for the dress code, which will be strictly enforced. As a reminder, only non-marking shoes are permitted. Please email our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Alexander, at dalexander@st-hilary.org with dress code questions.