

# The future begins here

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Today's world demands strong moral character, global mindedness, and a broad, forward-thinking skillset. Preparing children to have these attributes is a challenging task, but one that takes place every day at St. Hilary School. Already recognized as a leader among elementary schools in our area, St. Hilary School continues to raise the bar by masterfully blending traditional core values with innovative teaching



**A student practices drawing blood while working in the Nursing lab.**



**The Digital Manufacturing lab allows students to design and manufacture items using a 3D printer.**



**Eighth graders learn to use an AED as part of the Emergency Medical Services career exploration lab.**

methods and cutting-edge programs.

The school's science lab has always been a hub of learning, but with the addition of Paxton-Patterson labs both there and in a newly carved-out learning space within the school faculty room, students in grades 7 and 8 have the opportunity to explore a host of STEM related careers. Topics such as biomedical engineering, emergency medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, dentistry, sports medicine, therapeutic

services, forensics, digital manufacturing, virtual architecture, electricity, alternative energy, environment and ecology, and audio communications, come to life in these labs where students learn hands-on concepts and skills. Rounding out the career exploration electives available to seventh and eighth graders are additional courses in digital media, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, entrepreneurship and marketing, writing and debate, graphic design, and robotics and coding.



**Digital Media students monitor devices that control the morning announcements, while students across from them read the script.**



**Exploring robotics using Ozobots is just one of many activities available to students in the Maker Space.**

For all students from kindergarten through eighth grade, a brand new Maker Space in the media center provides a wealth of age-appropriate experiences that foster thinking outside the box, creating and learning. A collaboration table in the center of the space enables groups of students to work jointly to solve problems, create new things, and learn together. These areas serve to expand on the STEM learning that has been taking place in classrooms throughout the school for several years. Teachers receive ongoing training on the latest in STEM education in order to provide innovative lessons for students in all grades.

### **Open to All**

Also new at the school is a diversity initiative that seeks to embrace and promote the unique gifts each of us contributes to the school community. Teachers have been instructed on ways to incorporate appreciation for human diversity into lessons throughout the school year. Artwork in the school is being updated to more purposefully showcase diversity. Expanding on the school's openness to educating students of diverse learning abilities, students who need alternative workspaces to help with focus may now sit on ball seats or work at stand-up desks.

Greater emphasis is being placed on including adult role models from a variety of races, backgrounds, and abilities when planning for programs that teach and impact students. This year's school theme, "Calling All Angels," celebrates the gifts that a host of professions bring to our community and encourages students to appreciate and aspire to be like these individuals, ranging from maintenance workers to health care workers, from religious personnel to military personnel, and many vocations in between.

### **Looking Ahead**

While much is new at St. Hilary School, much remains constant, including the school's focus on traditional values and building character. This perfect blend of innovation and tradition has made the school a top choice for thousands of families over the years.

If you would like your child and your family to experience the benefits of a St. Hilary School education, now is the ideal time to begin exploring all that the school has to offer.

The school will host its popular Kindergarten Kaleidoscope program for prospective 2018-2019 kindergarteners and their parents on January 11 from 9-11 a.m. RSVP by December 28 to attend.

An Open House on January 28 from 12-2 p.m. is open to all. Stop by to tour the school, visit classrooms and meet teachers.

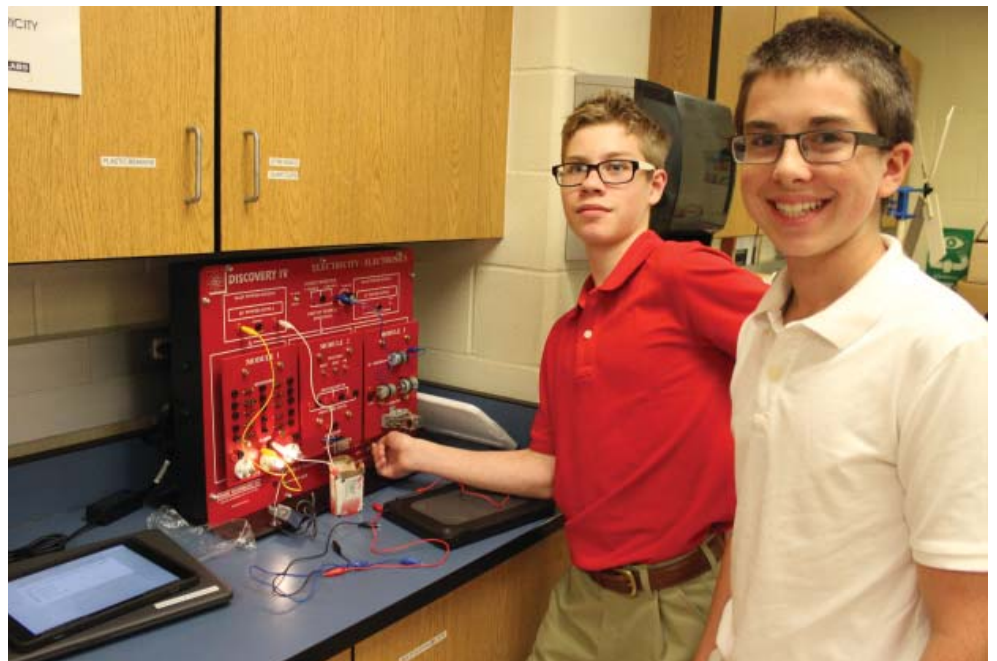
New Student Registration for 2018-2019 will begin February 5, 6 and 7 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the school office.

For more information, to RSVP for Kindergarten Kaleidoscope, or to schedule a personal tour or shadow day, contact:

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**The Electricity lab provides students with hands-on lessons in a variety of concepts.**