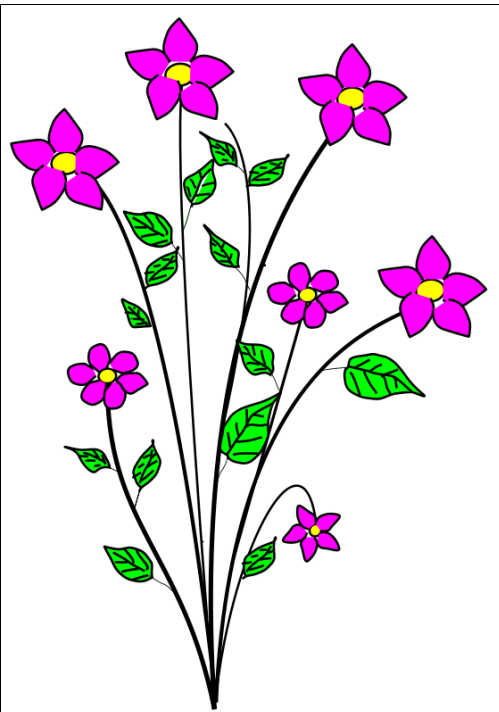


The Principals' Page

St. Hilary School
May 2018

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.

Congratulations to our Calling All Angels Award recipients for the third quarter! This award honors students who display courage and bravery in giving of themselves and standing up for others. Our third quarter Calling All Angels Award recipients for grades K-8 are: Room 101—Emma Yeboah-Amankwah, Room 102—Elyse McDowell, Room 105—Jackson Cooley, Room 104—Charlotte Oldham, Room 106—Alana Carducci, Room 103—Elizabeth Siefker, Room 107—Lucia Rossetti, Room 108—Charlotte Higley, Room 204—Isabella Root, Room 208—Alexxis Schmitt, Room 209—Elianna Donatelli, Room 205—Ethan Stein, Room 206—Evelyn Sevald, Room 207—Luca Oravec, Room 201—Olivia Swiatkowski, Room 202—Sehar Mahesh, Room 203—Lola Downing, Room 111—Alexander Reinhardt, Room 113—Elena Huston, Room 114—Ella Kohrs, Room 115—Kristine Cassidy, Room 119—Heather Zimmerman, Room 120—Lillian Pszonowsky, Room 116—Paul Slanina, Room 117—Pryce Pitchford, Room 118—Reese Downing, Music—Annie McCarron, and Physical Education—Bradley Bisesi. These students received a guardian angel medal at our April 27 school Mass. They also participated in a field trip to the Crown Point Ecology Center where they assisted with gardening, and to the Bath Police and Fire Departments where they toured the stations and learned about the work of first responders.



On April 19, our seventh and eighth grade Mock Trial Teams represented St. Hilary School at the Ohio Middle School Mock Trial Showcase in Columbus. The red team, consisting of Jacob Cook, Mia Herrera, Caroline Incanno, Caroline Mahovlic, Jack Mercer, Mark Nester, Kathleen Tracy, and Michael Whalen, earned an Outstanding rating, the second highest award given by the judges. The white team, consisting of Alianna Huston, Audrey Klippel, Brooke Massaro, Ben Mostoller, Carla Nemer, Caroline Richardson, David Soltz, and Aidan Spoerndle, received a Superior rating, the highest award given by the judges. Carla Nemer and Caroline Incanno each received a Best Attorney award.

On April 20, the following students traveled to Youngstown State University for the annual English Festival: Jackson Alexander, Rachel Alexander, Grace Bandwen, Tobias Baranek, Charlie Earley, Emma Harrell, Ryann Harvey, Clara Hoffert, Ben Mostoller, Mark Nester, Lily Pszonowsky, Caroline Richardson, Olivia Scott, Lindsey Sipplen, Paul Slanina, Clarissa Snyder, Aidan Spoerndle, and Luke Werckman. Ryann Harvey took first place in the journalism competition, winning \$100 for this achievement. Clara Hoffert received honorable mention in the journalism competition. Paul Slanina was on a team that came in first place in the "I Love Limericks" contest. Clarissa Snyder was on a team that came in first place in the "Not So Trivial Pursuit" contest.

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 1-13. The team includes Jackson Alexander, Mae Isada, Jack Mercer, Lindsey Sipplen, Paul Slanina, and Kathleen Tracy.

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 12. Second graders will join the processional dressed in their First Communion clothing at our May 18 school Mass, and will enjoy a special brunch following Mass.

Eighth graders will have final exams on May 18, 21 and 22. Seventh graders will have exams on May 23, 29 and 30. On May 17, 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 18 school Mass, during which we will also have our May Crowning ceremony. Also on May 18, we will hold our school Talent Show at 2:00 p.m. in Horning Hall. We hope you can join us!

We will say goodbye to our eighth graders at the farewell Mass on May 23 at 9:30 a.m. Our eighth graders will graduate on May 29 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 24. There will be no school on May 25 and May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Our final school Mass will be May 31 at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-7 will be dismissed for the summer at 1:30 p.m. on May 31.

Fourth quarter interim reports were issued on April 26. Final report cards for all students will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please make sure that your 2017-2018 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area. Our eighth grade students will present a style show featuring the pajama pants 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!

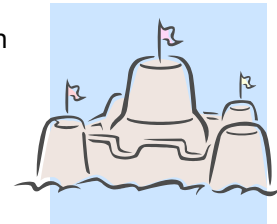
Wishing you all God's blessings,

Mrs. Arnone

Mrs. Woodman

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!