

The Principals' Page

St. Hilary School
February 2019

As we move further into the second half of our school year, we continue to live out our theme, Many Gifts, One Spirit. Every student in every class has taken or will take an active role in being a living example of this theme by reaching out into the community to serve others. Our students have been and will be helping organizations that provide food and basic supplies for those in need, assisting organizations that support families with new babies and ill children, tending to our environment, and assisting with services for the homeless.

Also along the lines of our school theme, we congratulate our Holy Spirit Award recipients for the second



quarter. These students were selected by their teachers because they exemplify the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to the following students in grades K-8: Room 101—Jude Slanina, Room 102—Grace Boyle, Room 105—Emma Keller, Room 104—Aubree Jukanovic, Room 106—Ava Inglett, Room 110—Colin Clark, Room 103—Peter Thoman, Room 107—Michael Huston, Room 108—Gray Davis, Room 204—Brielle Conner, Room 208—Joseph Nester, Room 209—Maximus Wanna, Room 205—Nicholas Reuscher, Room 206—Maximo Soriano Carrillo, Room 207—Brayton Plummer, Room 201—Thomas Casey, Room 202—Clare Slanina, Room 203—Lexi Woodburn, Room 111—Lewis Brennan, Room 113—Jonas Mickie, Room 114—Lily Malick, Room 115—Kate Wenzlik, Room 119—Madison Hart, Room 120—Margaret Hummel, Room 116—Kevin Holland, Room 117—Thomas Angle, Room 118—Zachary Zimmerman, and Chinese—Linda Huang. These students received a Holy Spirit medal at our January 25 school Mass. They also participated in a field trip to St.

Ed's nursing home, where they spent time interacting with the residents. In the spring, award recipients from the entire year will also go to the Akron Zoo.

We enjoyed once again hosting students from China! We had nine students who traveled across the globe to learn more about our school, the American education system and American culture. Our visitors joined us from Tangshan No. 26 Middle School in Tangshan City, Hebei Province, near Beijing and greatly enjoyed their visit at St. Hilary School. We are also wrapping up celebrating Catholic Schools Week. It was wonderful to see so many of our school families, as well as quite a few new faces, at our Catholic Schools Week Open House! Thank you for embracing Catholic education and partnering with us to provide the very best for your children.

Next week, we will begin registering new students and conclude re-registration of current students for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration for new students entering grades K-8 will be held February 4, 5 and 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school office. The deadline to re-register returning students online is February 8. Instructions for applying to receive tuition assistance were emailed on January 4 and can also be found on the school website. Applications must be submitted online through FACTS by March 1.

Students in grades K-8 completed MAP testing last month, which is the second round of this progress-based testing for the school year. The final MAP testing will take place in April and May. CAT testing for grades 3, 5 and 7 will take place this spring, with dates to be announced shortly. Please be sure your child has a good night's rest each night and a wholesome breakfast each morning during testing. Students will also need to have several sharpened #2 pencils - please ask your child if his or her supplies need to be replenished. Thank you for avoiding scheduling appointments during testing.

The last few weeks have been busy and exciting. Our eighth graders have completed the process of choosing their high schools and will know later this month where they will be headed in the fall. Our school Geography Bee and Spelling Bee in January had us on the edges of our seats! We congratulate eighth grader Christian Parker, winner of our school Geography Bee, and seventh grader Christopher Paterakis who was runner-up in the competition. Christian was also the school champion in 2017. As the winner of the bee, Christian also received a \$500 scholarship in memory of St. Hilary School graduate Jimmy Lyons, who won the school bee for four consecutive years between 2003 and 2006, was a state bee competitor, and passed away in 2011. Christian will next take a written test in hopes of qualifying to compete in the state Geography Bee this spring. In addition to Christian and Christopher, contestants in the bee included eighth graders eighth graders Jack Paulus, Lily Pszowski, and Evan Ray; seventh grader Alex Reinhardt; sixth graders Lucia Chase, Sophia Kim, Ryan Roman, and Liam Slaght; and fifth graders Trent Hayden, Felix Mwangi and Jack Siefker.



Congratulations also to sixth grader Jacob Bolha, who was our school Spelling Bee champion, and to our runner-up, fifth grader Arantxa Larrauri Gonzalez. Sixth grader Sehar Mahesh placed third in the bee. Contestants joining Jacob, Arantxa and Sehar in the bee were fifth graders Jenna Devine, Ben Goske, Trent Hayden, Grant Schwartzenburg, and Lexi Woodburn; sixth graders Sophia Kim, Elizabeth Nester, Ryan Roman, and Ian Wiedt; seventh graders Jared Bendo, Elle Burkhalter, Kaitlyn Chiera, Sebastian Hahn, Joseph McCarron, and Ava Petrarca; and eighth graders Jacob Kim, Madeleine Krismanth, Vincent Rossetti, Andrew Siefker, Ben Thoman, and Daniel Welty. Because Arantxa is a fifth grader and is ineligible to advance, St. Hilary School will be represented by Jacob and Sehar at the Summit County Spelling Bee on February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

As planning for our Parents' Association Celebration fundraiser on March 16 is in high gear, we encourage all of you to try to attend the event or support it in some way. We are truly excited about the wonderful opportunities we hope to bring to your children in the months and years ahead through the funds raised at this annual event. One of the most exciting projects we hope to earmark proceeds for is the updating of our classroom technology, including interactive boards and teachers' computers. We are so grateful for all of your continued support of our school and all that we do together.

Please remember to send your children to school with winter gear as the weather warrants. Please also remember to call the school office by 9:30 a.m. if your child will be absent or late. Unexcused tardies and absences continue to be closely monitored. Students should be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness. In addition, we would like to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation with our new drop-off procedures and school security policies. We realize that change is not always easy. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to make the safety of your children our top priority.

We look forward to working with you to make this a successful second semester. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

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