

The Principals' Page

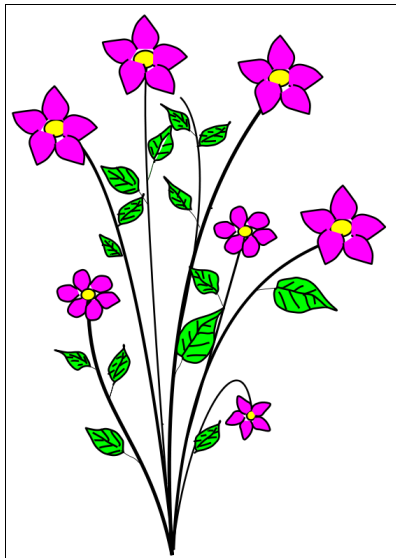
St. Hilary School
May 2017

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.

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, as well as information from the Diocese of Cleveland about MAP testing in the future, will be sent home in the next few weeks. Results of our IOWA and CAT tests will be sent home with final report cards, and a complete breakdown of grade level scores will be available in our year-end newsletter.

Students and staff will be treated to a performance of this year's Spring Musical on May 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Horning Hall. Evening performances will be held May 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can also join us on May 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church for our final school Rosary of the school year.

Please keep our second graders close in prayer as they receive the sacrament of First Communion on May 13. Second graders will join the processional dressed in their First Communion clothing at



our May 19 school Mass, and will enjoy a special brunch following Mass. At our April 7 school Mass, second grader Andrew Simo-netti became the fourth recipient of the Klenotic Scholarship, in honor of our former second grade teacher, Mrs. Jane Klenotic, who lost her battle with cancer in July 2014. After a review of the nominees submitted by the second grade teachers, it was decided that Andrew best exemplifies the qualities of steadfast faith, strong work ethic, leadership, positive outlook, sense of humor, and confidence in the face of adversity. Andrew's \$1,000 award will be applied to his 2017-2018 tuition.

Seventh and eighth graders will begin final exams on May 18, continuing through May 23. Also on May 18, 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 19 school Mass, during which we will also have our May Crowning ceremony.

We will say goodbye to our eighth graders at the farewell Mass on May 24 at 9:30 a.m. Our eighth graders will graduate on May 31 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 25. There will be no school on May 26 and May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Our final school Mass will be June 2 at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-7 will be dismissed for the summer at 1:30 p.m. on June 2.

Fourth quarter interim reports were issued on April 13. Final report cards and supply lists for all students will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please make sure that your 2016-2017 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school year.

As we prepare to close this school year, Mrs. Woodman would like to thank everyone for making her first year as Assistant Principal go so smoothly! Much has changed since Mrs. Woodman was a student here, and it is exciting to be a part of shaping the future of our great school! We would both like to also 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 31 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

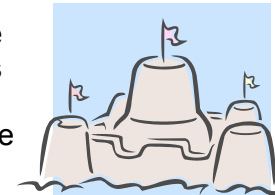
Mrs. Woodman

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!