

Back-to-School Bugle

St. Hilary School 2016-2017

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 additions to our faculty and staff for the new school year! On our administrative team, Mrs. Woodman will return to her elementary school alma mater to be our new Assistant Principal. Please help us welcome her home!

We have some new members of our teaching staff, as well. Joining our fourth grade teaching team will be Mr. Abucejo, while Mrs. Newman joins us as a fifth grade teacher. Mr. Abucejo has extensive teaching experience at both Catholic and public schools, most recently working as a teacher of 7th and 8th grade math classes at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Wooster. Mr. Abucejo will teach fourth grade homeroom subjects and math. Mrs. Newman has taught 7th grade science throughout her career, teaching center-based gifted, special education and general education students. Mrs.

Newman will teach fifth grade homeroom subjects, as well as math and science.

Another new face joining our teaching staff in the fall will be Miss Conti, our new second grade teacher. Having recently completed her teaching degree, Miss Conti has served as the Afterschool Care Director at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Cuyahoga Falls, where she also completed her student teaching. We also welcome three new teaching assistants: Mrs. Haran who will assist in Room 101, and Mrs. Bendo and Miss Ward, who will assist in Room 107. We are excited to have all of these new staff members join us!

There have been some changes among our existing staff members, as well. With the move to two kindergarten classes, Mrs. Piekarski and Mrs. Thomson will co-teach one class in Room 102, while Mrs. Holland teaches the other in room 101. Mrs. Parisi will devote her time entirely to guidance counseling, while Mrs. Goske, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Parri, Mrs.

Paterakis, and Mrs. Pelini will continue to assist in classrooms. In our junior high, Mr. Sherry and Mrs. Griesse will continue as seventh grade homeroom teachers, but will swap some subjects. Mr. Sherry will continue to teach eighth grade religion but will add seventh grade English, and Mrs. Griesse will now teach seventh grade religion along with seventh grade reading. Additionally, Mrs. Gaffney will teach seventh grade world history and eighth grade American history, while Miss Buzzi will teach sixth grade English and science, making our sixth grade self-contained. 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!



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Class Lists Posted

We will begin the 2016-2017 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.

Back-to-School Night August 22

Back-to-School Night will be held Monday, August 22. **Please see details about our updated 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:

Forms Packet Pick-up in Multi-Purpose Room

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!

Kindergarten Opening Schedule

On Thursday, August 25, kindergarteners will attend school as follows:

8:30—11:00 a.m.

Students whose last names begin with:

101-Mrs. Holland: C-Mc

102-Mrs. Piekarski & Mrs. Thomson: A-H

12:00—2:30 p.m.

Students whose last names begin with:

101-Mrs. Holland: Me-W

102-Mrs. Piekarski & Mrs. Thomson: J-W

The above schedule is suggested to help balance group sizes. However, if your child is unable to come during his or her designated time, please have him or her come during the opposite time. Room 101 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 102 will be dismissed from the doors by the Jesus statue. There will be no buses to take kindergarten students home on this day and no Latchkey available for kindergarten students this afternoon. Please be sure your child has a ride home.



On Friday, August 26, Monday, August 29, Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31, ALL kindergarten students will attend from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Room 101 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 102 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.

On Thursday, September 1, 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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - Hot Lunch online ordering at www.st-hilaryschool.org is open August 1-14—NO LATE ORDERS. Please see the Hot Lunch page on the school website for ordering instructions. Hot Lunch begins August 24. Milk will also be available beginning August 24. Milk order forms will be in Back-to-School Night packets.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - School office opens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the 2016-2017 school year.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 - 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 pick up first-day forms packets. Also featured from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. will be 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 24 - First day of school for grades 1-8. Families with kindergarten students, please see box at left for school opening information. **All school families** are invited to join us for a special gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Yahner Field

to begin the school year with welcome, blessing and celebration. Families may park in our lot or at Faith Lutheran Church. 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 30 - Curriculum Night for grades 6-8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *Parents only.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 - Curriculum Night for grades K-5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *Parents only.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - Kindergarten Welcome/Volunteer Sign-up Teas from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center. Parents from Room 101 will gather in the upper level meeting room, while parents from Room 102 will gather in the lower level meeting room.

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 Assistant Principal Mrs. Woodman at jwoodman@st-hilary.org or Dress Code Monitor Mrs. Stamets at tstamets@st-hilary.org with dress code questions.