

Back-to-School Bugle

St. Hilary School 2017-2018

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 changes to our faculty and staff for the new school year!

With the increase from two to three kindergarten classes, Miss Bennett will join the kindergarten teaching team. Mrs. Piekarski and Mrs. Thomson will continue to co-teach one class in Room 102 while Mrs. Holland teaches another in Room 101. Mrs. Conley will move from third grade to second to take Miss Bennett's place. As our two kindergarten classes move forward to first grade, Miss Riley will shift from first grade to third to take Mrs. Conley's place. Mrs. Parri and Mrs. Pelini will be the assistants in Room 102, while Mrs. Paterakis and Mrs. McGrath will be the assistants in Room 101. Mrs. Olack will be the assistant in Room 105 with Miss Bennett. Mrs. Goske will be assisting in first grade.

Joining Mrs. Moloney and Mrs. Sollenberger as a fifth grade homeroom teacher will be Mrs. Rauber, who will teach math and science. Mrs. Rauber has taught at the middle school level at another Catholic school, prior to which she served as the school's librarian. She is certified grades K-12 as well as special education, and is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Akron.

Another new face joining our teaching staff in the fall will be Mr. Seeman, who will teach sixth grade math and science, while Miss Buzzi teaches English and social studies and Miss McMahon teaches reading and religion. Mr. Seeman has taught seventh and eighth grade math and science at various locations and has served as a coach for several sports. A graduate of John Carroll University, he is certified grades 4-9 math and science, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in instructional technology.

Mrs. Bisesi will join Mrs. Durkin and Mrs. Falhamer as our third eighth grade homeroom teacher. Mrs. Durkin will continue to teach seventh and eighth grade science, Mrs. Falhamer will continue to teach eighth grade English and reading, and Mrs. Bisesi will teach seventh and eighth grade math. Mrs. Bisesi has served as our part-time math tutor for five years, and prior to that taught high school math from basic to honors pre-calculus. Mrs. Bisesi is a graduate of the University of Akron with certification in grades 7-12 math and general science.

Mrs. Bisesi's move to a full-time teaching position created a vacancy in the part-time math tutor position she previously held. That position will be filled by Mrs. Griesse, who taught seventh grade reading and religion, but is certified to teach both language arts and math.

Moving into Mrs. Griesse's seventh grade homeroom position will be Mrs. Hoffmann, who will teach seventh grade English and religion. Mrs. Hoffmann previously served as a long-term substitute teacher at St. Hilary. Prior to that, Mrs. Hoffmann taught grades 5-8 in a variety of Catholic and public school settings. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Akron and grades 1-8 licensure from the State of Ohio.

Rounding out our seventh grade homeroom teachers will be Mrs. Gaffney, who will teach seventh grade reading and eighth grade social studies and Mr. Sherry, who will teach seventh grade social studies and eighth grade religion.

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!

Back-to-School Night August 21

Back-to-School Night will be held Monday, August 21. **Please see details about the 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:

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!

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Class Lists Posted

We will begin the 2017-2018 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.

Kindergarten Opening Schedule

On Wednesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 24, kindergarteners will attend school as follows:

Wednesday, August 23

Students whose last names begin with:

101-Mrs. Holland: A - Mc

102-Mrs. Piekarski & Mrs. Thomson: B - I

105-Miss Bennett: B - K

Thursday, August 24

Students whose last names begin with:

101-Mrs. Holland: Mu - Y

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

105-Miss Bennett: M - W

Children will remain at school from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rooms 101 and 102 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 105 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. Please be sure your child has a ride home.



On Friday, August 25, Monday, August 28, Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30, ALL kindergarten students will attend from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rooms 101 and 102 will be dismissed from the Moorfield Road doors. Room 105 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. Please be sure your child has a ride home.

On Thursday, August 31, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 - Hot Lunch online ordering at www.st-hilaryschool.org is open August 7-14—NO LATE ORDERS. Please see the Hot Lunch page on the school website for ordering instructions. Hot Lunch begins August 23. NEW! Milk will also be ordered online and will be available beginning August 24.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 - School office opens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the 2017-2018 school year.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - 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 visit 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 23 - First day of school. 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 29 - Curriculum Night for grades 6-8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *Parents only.*

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - Kindergarten Welcome/Volunteer Sign-up Coffees from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center. Parents from Room 101 will gather in the lower level meeting room, Room 102 in the upper level meeting rooms, and Room 105 in the Gathering Area.



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 with dress code questions.