



TOP TEN Reasons to Love St. Hilary School!

With so many wonderful attributes, it is difficult to name just one thing that stands out about our parish school! With that in mind, these pages share what may be the top ten reasons to love St. Hilary School!



Faith is the Foundation

At St. Hilary School, faith makes the difference in ensuring that the values taught at home are also emphasized at school. Prayer is part of each school day, Mass is part of each school week, and a faith-based theme guides each school year. Special faith-based programming and retreats occur regularly, as well. Living as Jesus by being kind and caring, serving others and developing good moral character is as natural for students as learning their academic subjects. Each person is created in the image of God and the expectation at the school is that each person be treated with human dignity. Although grounded in Catholic teachings, St. Hilary School openly embraces students of all faiths whose parents desire that a faith-based education be part of their formation.

Academic Excellence Shines

As a two-time nationally-recognized Blue Ribbon School, and poised to earn the designation for a third time, St. Hilary School has long been known as an academic leader in our area. Excellence shines throughout the school, and is evident in students' success both daily and as demonstrated in standardized testing. St. Hilary School is in the top tier among schools in the Diocese of Cleveland and outperformed Ohio public schools based upon MAP testing scores for Spring 2024, the most recent testing data available for comparison. Annually, 98% of St. Hilary School graduates continue their education at one of the local Catholic high schools, which consistently report that St. Hilary graduates are exceptionally well-prepared.

Leadership is Rooted in Tradition

Since 2018, Mrs. Jennifer Woodman and Mrs. Darcy Alexander have served in the roles of Principal and Assistant Principal, respectively, of the school that gave both of them their academic and spiritual foundations. Being alumnae of St. Hilary School makes serving as its leaders even more meaningful. Both are passionate about education and love building relationships with students, staff and parents to create a school culture and climate that exudes warmth while maintaining high expectations. Approachable and knowledgeable, Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. Alexander partner with Pastor Fr. Steve Brunovsky and the rotation of associate pastors who serve the parish to ensure that the school is in capable hands as decisions are made at all levels.

All Learners Are Welcome

St. Hilary School is committed to serving the needs of all learners. With differentiated learning in place in every classroom, curriculum can be adapted to provide individualized instruction for varied levels of ability. For students needing enrichment, a Think Tank program challenges the youngest students, while Advanced Math and English Language Arts classes are available for older students. More intensively, a team of over 20 provides support services for students who need additional assistance to be successful in school. These professionals include intervention specialists, tutors working within and outside classrooms, a speech language pathologist, occupational therapists, a school psychologist, an applied behavior analysis therapist, a school counselor, a school social worker, and aides who facilitate individualized support.

Faculty & Staff Transforms Lives

Educators are the soul of any school. At St. Hilary School, though, teaching is a higher calling, with teachers and educational staff not only training minds, but demonstrating a genuine personal interest in each student, shaping hearts and transforming lives for Jesus Christ. They go far beyond being dedicated to their profession, nurturing students and building character by modeling love, kindness and compassion. Additionally, the school's teachers and educational staff commit

many hours outside of the school day to work with students who need help, to lead clubs and other activities, to plan special events, to collaborate with and mentor colleagues, to serve on school committees, and much more. This dedicated team is an invaluable asset to the school.

Innovation Leads the Way

With a 64-year history, St. Hilary School takes pride in blending tradition and innovation for the benefit of its students. Second grade students still learn cursive, all students still recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and traditional values abound. But coexisting with tradition are modern elements of instruction that lead the way to the future. Experiential learning allows students to fully immerse themselves in lessons. The school's science lab is a hub of inquiry and exploration, while its state-of-the-art digital communication studio provides the perfect backdrop for video production. Cutting edge technology, including Promethean ActivPanel boards and 1:1 Chromebooks, enables students to truly be 21st century learners. Students also have opportunities to challenge themselves with projects and to develop presentation, speaking and critical thinking skills.

Community is Like Family

Building on the tone set by its leadership, St. Hilary School has forged a community that is like a second family to its students, parents and staff. Supportive, loyal and loving, this community is bonded through commonality of values and so much more. The school community rallies around its members in both times of trial and times of celebration, lifting one another up and giving literal meaning to the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. Parental support and involvement are vital to the success of St. Hilary School. From the volunteers who staff the hot lunch kitchen daily, to room parents, to those who volunteer from home, each parent makes an important contribution to the school community. Parents assist with special projects, lessons and much more. Funds raised by parents support school needs and provide programming and amenities that enrich the students' educational experience. The school's Parents' Association is an important facilitator of both volunteer and fundraising support.

Clubs & Sports Are Plentiful

To develop its students as whole persons outside of the classroom, St. Hilary School also offers an array of extracurricular clubs and sports for students across grades K-8. Recreational and competitive activities enable all students to explore a new interest, hone a skill, or immerse themselves in a passion. Clubs are overseen by school staff at the end of the school day, covering a range of activities students enjoy. Led by parent volunteers, sports are offered in the evenings and on weekends, through the St. Hilary Parish Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program, providing a full slate of sporting activities for students year-round.

Amenities Add Value

Beyond the fundamental school experience, several amenities add value to the St. Hilary School package. The Latchkey before-and-after-school care program provides an affordable child care option for working parents. A hot lunch program serves up daily meals that include made-from-scratch items and fresh salad choices to appeal to a variety of appetites. The school clinic is staffed by registered nurses during school hours and provides assistance with illness or injury, as well as some preventative screenings. Bus transportation is also provided by the Copley-Fairlawn, Highland, Revere, and Woodridge school districts, to assist parents in transporting students to and from school.

Funding Expands Affordability

EdChoice Scholarship participant. This move provided all students registering or re-registering for enrollment at the school the opportunity to receive an EdChoice Scholarship to offset a portion – and in some cases, all – of their St. Hilary School tuition. For those not qualifying for a full EdChoice Scholarship, the Angel Scholarship and other scholarships and tuition assistance complete the St. Hilary commitment to affordability by filling gaps between tuition and what is covered by the EdChoice Scholarship, significantly expanding access to a Catholic education at St. Hilary School for all children.

Explore the School

If you would like your child and your family to experience the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Hilary School, now is the ideal time to begin exploring all that the school has to offer. The school will host its popular Kindergarten Kaleidoscope program for prospective 2025-2026 kindergarteners and their parents on January 9, 2025 from 8:45-11 am. RSVP by December 26, 2024 to attend. An Open House on January 26, 2025 from 12-2 pm is open to all. Stop by to tour the school, visit classrooms and meet teachers. New Student Registration for 2025-2026 will begin online at www.st-hilaryschool.org on January 6, 2025. For more information about enrollment or to RSVP for Kindergarten Kaleidoscope, please contact Debbie Sinopoli, Director of Marketing & Admissions, at 330-867-8720, ext. 343 or dsinopoli@st-hilary.org.