



St. Hilary of Poitiers School

TUESDAY NEWSLETTER

February 16, 2010

St. Hilary's School Emergency #382

Abington School Dist. Emergency #301

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- CYO Gertrude Hawk Sale
- Snow Closing Reminder

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- SHS Newsletter (*hardcopy*)
- Notes from Mrs. Fagan (*hardcopy*)

Documents below sent electronically ONLY:

- H&S Roller Skating Party Flyer

REMINDER:

FINAL REMINDER:

CYO TRACK, BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
Registration is being held from Feb. 2nd to Feb. 26th. Please refer to sainthilaryschool.com/cyo_registration.htm for registration form and fees. Any questions, please contact Coleen Mitchell at 215-677-6533.

The BLOCS application is available on our website, and the deadline for the Parish Tuition Assistance Program is April 15, 2010.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Feb. 16 Donut Day – free donuts for all students!
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 18 Stations of the Cross – 2:15 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Evening Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Talk on Family Prayer – 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24 **Noon Dismissal** / Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25 Stations of the Cross – 2:15 p.m.
- Feb. 28 Happy Birthday Deacon John Hunter!!!
- Mar. 2 Home and School General Meeting
“Go for the Gold Fair”
- Mar. 4 Terra Nova Testing Begins
Stations of the Cross – 2:15 p.m.
- Mar. 5 First Friday Mass – 9:00 a.m. / **Noon Dismissal**
H&S Skating Party (1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Wed. 2/17:

Barcza
Burke
Dominiak

Wed. 2/24

DiBonaventura
Coates
Brislin

**Want to become a Wednesday Walker?
Contact Cathy Congdon @ cac1207@comcast.net.**

Next Week's Lunch/Yard Duty Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	22 – FEB	23 – FEB	24 – FEB	25 – FEB	26 - FEB
YARD	McGuire	O'Neill	Savidge	Barry	Moffett
YARD	Lutz	Barcza	Courtney	Somershoe	Barci
BOX	McGrogan	Congdon	Rocchi	Vassallo	Romano
KITCHEN	Drumm	Rossiter	Schenk	Metro	Hopkins
KITCHEN	Calabrese	Collins	O'Brien	Sestito	Morrissy

PLEASE VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.sainthilaryschool.com) FOR MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.



NOTES & NEWS



SHS Home & School Meeting "Go For The Gold Fair"

The Home and School Meeting recently cancelled has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

At this meeting, the faculty will present a **Gold Seal Lesson Fair**. A Gold Seal Lesson is a tool for integrating rigor and relevance into daily instruction. Gold Seal Lessons challenge students to learn and perform in a variety of different ways including research, writing, computing, modeling, and demonstrations. You are invited to walk around the Parish Center and view a sample Gold Seal Lesson from each of our teachers. **You do not want to miss this opportunity to experience the Curriculum of each grade!**

Also that evening, shop at our **Used Uniform** and **Spirit** tables visit as well as taste test a variety of samples from **Market Day**. We hope to see you there!

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ST. HILARY CYO EASTER CANDY SALE

We are pleased to offer Gertrude Hawk Chocolates once again this year as part of our efforts to raise funds for our CYO. Gertrude Hawk offers many delicious chocolates as well as premium non-chocolate gift items. Since you may be purchasing Easter candy anyway, we hope you will consider purchasing it from the CYO.

If you wish to place an order, please complete the form in the brochure and return it with your check made payable to St. Hilary CYO. Orders must be received by Friday, February 26th. Please send to Lisa Dunn, c/o Kerri, grade 3. Delivery is expected the week of March 15th. Orders will be sent home with the oldest child in the family. Any questions may be directed to Lisa @ 215-676-1835.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. HILARY CYO

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SNOW DAYS/EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The One Call Now Service will be sent out to all families when St. Hilary School is closed. The following also indicates St. Hilary School is closed:

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If we must close the school because of inclement weather, the One Call Now Service will go out to all families. Please establish a plan for your children. They must know what to do if school closes early. We cannot handle individual requests for special transportation. It is the parents' responsibility to decide whether a child will attend school on an inclement day and to make contingency plans for travel. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NUMBERS ARE CURRENT ON THE ONE CALL NOW SERVICE.**

SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP:



Market Day.

www.marketday.com
Account #28033
Contact Cathy Congdon
at 215-677-4750 or
cac1207@comcast.net

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Send to Nora
Czerwonka, c/o Mary,
Grade 3



CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

Send to School Office
or Contact: Jane Kelly
267-879-8661



THE PAPER RETRIEVER

Located in School
Parking Lot
(no cardboard please)





Notes from Mrs. Fagan

February 16, 2010

February

This Lenten Season we are called to be Dressed in Gentleness

Gentle is the one who is attentive to the strengths and weaknesses of the other and enjoys being together more than accomplishing something. A gentle person treads lightly, listens carefully, looks tenderly, and touches with reverence. A gentle person knows that true growth requires nurture, not force. Let's dress ourselves with gentleness. In our tough and often unbending world our gentleness can be a vivid reminder of the presence of God among us.

-- Henri Nouwen

*During Lent we will journey with Jesus on His way to Calvary. These days offer us a time to grow and renew our hearts through feasting on Jesus' love and mercy. **Please join us on February 22nd at 7 PM with Mr. Dominic Lombardi at Part 1 of his Parish Workshop on "The Christian Family: A Communion of Faith; A Mission of Love".** Mr. Lombardi will offer us practical suggestions on our commitment to "Family Prayer" this Lenten Season. Our witness of faith is the greatest teaching tool we can offer our children.*

*Please join us On **Wednesday, February 17th at 10 AM** for our Ash Wednesday Mass and the distribution of Ashes. Stations of the Cross are prayed each Thursday in Lent at 2:15 PM with the children and at 7 PM in the evening. All are welcome!*

"As our children reach out to serve others, we encourage them to remember the source of their divine strength to serve others is found in the reception of the Eucharist at Mass and prayer."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is shared each Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM at St. Hilary Church.

News

On Friday, February 5th we concluded our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the time we share with the parish and community the many ways our school makes a difference in our community while educating students in an atmosphere of faith and values. *Even in the midst of snow St. Hilary celebrated with*

- * A Spirit-filled opening Liturgy
- * Alumni Reception
- * Open House on both Sunday and Tuesday
- * A Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service and Reception

- * Adoration
- * A Prayerful Walk for Peace in our hearts and homes
- * A tremendous Jeopardy Game Show and Free Pretzel for the students sponsored by **The Home and School for Student Appreciation Day**
- * Talent Show ~ *We are always amazed by the wealth of talent and spirit displayed by our students in this showcasing event!*
- * Faculty Retreat

Father Murray, Deacon John and the Faculty thank the members of the Home and School who helped to sponsor and support our week's events. Through your efforts, you have helped us in our mission to provide high-quality education that infuses our students with faith, knowledge, morals and discipline. Your witness provides our students with a real-life example of how service can truly make a difference in our school. Please accept our deepest gratitude for all you do to help us as we educate the next generation of community leaders.

The children were outstanding throughout the week as we learned, prayed and celebrated together. They are to be commended for their example of living the mission of St. Hilary School.

- * The Home and School sponsored SHS pins to be sold during this week. The pins look terrific on the uniforms and the children are permitted to continue to wear them. We do have a few pins left for \$1.00 if anyone would still be interested in purchasing one.
- * Thank you to the Home and School members for the "Thanks a Lot" Cookies and pins presented to the faculty from the children on Faculty Appreciation Day. Please know we are grateful for your expressions of appreciation.
- * Thank you to Mrs. Karen Looby and Mrs. Susan Williams for sharing their time and talent creating our two new banners displayed in our hallway, and to Mrs. Carlo and our art students for the two banners displayed in our Father John Cosgrove Parish Center.

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is open at this time. Please make sure you contact the school office if you have a new incoming Kindergarten or First Grade Student and return the registration form for all current children. If you are a member of Saint Hilary Parish, your children attend Saint Hilary School and you are applying for the new St. Hilary Tuition Assistance Program, please remember to return all paperwork to Father Murray by April 15, 2010.

- * Please check out our new School and Parish Websites. They contain a wealth of information and resources! Thank you to Diane Broomhead, our webmaster, who keeps us all up to date.
- * On Thursday, February 4th St. Hilary School was featured in the Catholic Standard and Times for their support of Haiti. Our students continue to demonstrate exemplary commitment to community service.
- * This past Sunday, our parish and school joined together to celebrate a Valentine's Mass and breakfast in the Father John Cosgrove Parish Center for the married couples of our parish and their families. This was a terrific way to begin the day of remembering the presence of Our Lord's Love in our lives. Thank you to Home and School for co-sponsoring this event and the Student Council for all their help on Sunday morning.
- * Thank you to the Home and School for providing a "Donut Treat" for all the children in the school today, Tuesday, February 16th in honor of "Fasnacht Day".
- * A Gold Seal Lesson is a tool for integrating rigor and relevance into daily instruction. Gold Seal Lessons challenge students to learn and perform in a variety of different ways including research, writing, computing, modeling, and demonstrations.

Due to the inclement weather, we have rescheduled our *“Go for the Gold Seal Lesson Fair”* to **Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Father Cosgrove Parish Center.** Please join us!!

- * Our Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 3:30 PM.
- * **Daniel DiBonaventura** will represent St. Hilary School in the Archdiocesan Band Concert on **Thursday, February 18th at 7:30 PM.** We wish Dan the best of luck! Dan’s concert has been postponed two times due to the weather. We congratulate him on his achievement and thank him for representing our school.
- * **Bishop Thomas** will be with us on **Wednesday, February 24th at 4:00 PM** to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 5th and 6th Grade Students. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Our Holy Spirit and become full members of our Church.

Calendar Change

Dismissal will be at NOON on February 24th due to Confirmation.

- * Our First Grade will be visiting the Insectarium on Thursday, February 25th as part of their Bug Unit of study. This is always a unique “treat” for all!
- * Please check your schedule for Yard and Lunch Duty! Please remember it is important for the safety of our children that you are present for Yard and Lunch Duty. If you are not able to attend, you can call the office and we can secure a substitute.
- * I ask that you please remind your children of their responsibility of wearing the complete school uniform each day and **the correct gym uniform on assigned gym days.**

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Working together as school and parish, we have a wonderful community that supports our school and models unconditional stewardship, allowing our children to grow in their faith.



ST. HILARY'S HOME AND SCHOOL ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Come join your classmates for another Roller Skating Party!

When: Friday, March 5, 2010
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Palace Roller Skating Center
11586 Roosevelt Blvd.
Phila., PA

***Cost:** \$4.00 per skater (pay at the door)*

***Note: Palace Skating Center has increased their cost to rent the rink, so now we have to charge \$4.00 per skater.**

You can bring your own skates or rent skates there (both regular and inline skates are \$3.00). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Any proceeds go directly to St. Hilary's Library.

Any questions, contact Nora Czerwonka at 215-885-2893.

