



# St. Hilary of Poitiers School

## TUESDAY ENVELOPE

**October 6, 2009**

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#### REMINDERS:

If you're interested in helping out, please join us: Harvest Festival Meeting on Thursday, 10/8 at 7:00 p.m. [\(in the school cafeteria\)](#)

**Get a KidStuff book while supplies last!!!**

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Oct. 7 Feast of the Rosary -2:15 p.m.  
H&S Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Harvest Festival Meeting -7:00 p.m.  
(in the school cafeteria)
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 17 First Eucharist Mass -10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 21 Parent Confirmation Mtg. -7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Happy Birthday Mrs. Maida (Gr. 4)!
- Oct. 24 Harvest Festival  
(stay tuned -details to come!)
- Oct. 18-20 Forty Hours
- Oct. 30 Penny Walk  
(start collecting those pennies!!!!!!)

### WELLNESS WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Wed. 10/7:

Listman  
Drumm

Wed. 10/14:

Vassallo  
Rossiter

If you're interested in becoming a Wednesday Walker, contact Cathy Congdon at [cac1207@comcast.net](mailto:cac1207@comcast.net).

### Next Week's Lunch/Yard Duty Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	12 - OCT	13 - OCT	14 - OCT	15 - OCT	16 - OCT
YARD		Gaughan	Azzarano	Gaughan	Day
YARD	SCHOOL	Coates	Somershoe	DiBonaventura	Byrne
BOX	CLOSED	Vassallo	Muldowney	Vassallo	Romano
KITCHEN		Greenberg	Shissler	Barcza	Hopkins
KITCHEN		Beavers	Morrissy	Metro	Mitchell



# Notes from Mrs. Fagan

October 6, 2009

October  
The Month of the Holy Rosary

***"Families that come together to pray the Rosary encourage each other to live in truth, to trust each other and to communicate." - John Paul II***

- \* Congratulations to our new Student Council members who were commissioned at our Liturgy this past Friday. They are asked to call upon the strength of God's Spirit as they faithfully model lives of prayer and worship as they serve our community. Commissioned were James Brazukas, Monica Hopkins, Christina Robinson, and Morgan Woltemate as our Leadership Team. Emma Dougherty, Kaylee Kilkenny, William Romano, and Zoe Watson were commissioned as our School Ambassadors. Our Class Representatives are Christina Camacho (4th), Kelly O'Brien (4th), Shannon Clavner (5th), Gerald Watson (5th), Maura Dimes, (6th), Elizabeth Brazukas (6th), Edward Devlin (7th), Elizabeth Martin (7th). Our Student Council Moderators are Mrs. Carlo, Mrs. Checchia, Ms. Powell, Mrs. Rossi, and our Parent Moderator is Mrs. Brazukas. The spirit, pride and enthusiasm of these students is truly inspiring and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to St. Hilary School.
- \* Father Kevin commissioned and blessed our Student Body at Mass this past Friday as they go forth to serve in their various Outreach Ministries.
- \* Our 7th and 8th Grade Students began their ministry serving the poor at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen this Saturday. Our 5th and 6th Grades will be visiting St. Joseph's Manor for the first time this Tuesday, October 6th.
- \* We are proud to announce the start of our new Pilot Program in conjunction with Holy Redeemer Hospital, ***Our Outdoor Classroom***. In this program our Second Graders will be gardening fruits and vegetables at the Holy Redeemer Sisters' garden while integrating this hands-on experience into their Religion, ILA and Science Curriculums.
- \* We congratulate our First Grade Students who were installed into our *Peace Program* this past Friday as they accepted the challenge to be Peacemakers.
- \* We shared the joy of blessing many of our old and young "pets" in honor of the Feast of St. Francis in the school yard yesterday. Thank you to Father Kevin for imparting the blessing of Our Lord on our animals and the many families who participated in this special prayer.

***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.***

We are now offering a "Young Rembrandts" Art Program after school. Information came home in the white envelope. If your child is interested and you need a register form, please visit our school website to

Many of our Eighth Graders are currently participating in a four week High School Prep Class being offered at St. Hilary after school.

*Our First Communion Class and their parents experienced a morning of prayerful activities as they reflected on the gift of receiving their friend Jesus on October 17th. They also carried the petitions of our community with them as they traveled on a pilgrimage to the St. John Neumann Shrine this past week. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they come to the Table of the Lord for the first time. The children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past Monday as they continue to prepare their hearts to receive Jesus. This Friday they will prepare sandwiches with their Eighth Grade Prayer Partners.*

***We thank our Third Grade for bringing us all closer to Jesus and for being Eucharist to all of us.***

***We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 7th as we come together as a community to pray the rosary for Father Kevin Murray and for vocations during this Year For the Priest.***

**Reminder:**

Monday, October 12th is a Teacher In-Service Day at Cardinal Dougherty.  
No school for the children

As of October 5th, the cost of the pretzels is .30 due to an increase in our cost. We encourage the children to buy for the week if they buy pretzels on a daily basis.

***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.***



# *Please Join Us*

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009**

***Feast of the Rosary***

**Outside at the Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Statue**

**2:15 PM**

Our School Family will pray the rosary in honor of our Pastor, Father Kevin Murray, and for vocations to the priesthood.

On this day, we celebrate the gift of the Rosary to St. Dominic. We invite you to join the school children as they offer their prayer of the Rosary as our spiritual gift to Father Kevin Murray during this Year of the Priest.

*"Families that come together to  
encourage each other to live in  
and to communicate"*



*pray the Rosary  
truth, to trust each other*

*"Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain linking us to God"*  
*Pope John Paul II*

# SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS ROOM PARENT LIST 2009-2010

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school is a member of the Philadelphia Catholic Forensics League-Junior Division. We offer Forensics as an extracurricular activity available to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. While most people think of crime scene analysis when they hear the word, Forensics is actually the art of competitive public speaking. The Webster Dictionary definition of Forensics is “the art or study of argumentative discourse”.

Forensics enables children to become comfortable with speaking in public. It helps them to develop poise and a presence when they make presentations and requires dedicated students who are willing to put forth the time and effort to search for a piece of literature/poetry/prose that they enjoy, develop the verbal and non-verbal delivery of it and then present it in a tournament setting.

As coaches of the forensics team, we guide them through this process as they work toward achieving competition level presentations. We begin by looking for material to present and then work on the actual delivery. As you can imagine, this requires extensive one-on-one coaching. We could use assistance by any interested parents. Coaching does not require any prior knowledge. As a matter of fact, there will be a coaches/judges’ clinic held on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Ghost Prep to train interested faculty/parents on the criteria necessary to prepare a child for competition.

Practices take place at the end of the school day on Monday from 3:15 to 5:00. Occasionally, with advance notice, practices may be added at other times throughout the week. Competitions take place on Saturday at various private and parochial schools throughout the archdiocese. Most of the tournaments take place in the spring. Any student interested in joining and any parent interested in coaching should send an email to [sainthilaryforensics@gmail.com](mailto:sainthilaryforensics@gmail.com). The first practice will take place on the afternoon of Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15 to 5:00.

If you have any questions please send us an email or call 215-884-7758.

Sincerely,

Terri Supka and William Callahan  
Forensics Coaches

Wellness Wednesday  
Walking Schedule

Dear Walker,

Thank you for volunteering to walk on Wednesdays. You have been scheduled for the following date to assure that we have the minimum number of adults needed to walk. Please feel free to join us on any Wednesday when you are available. The more the better! If you are not able to walk on the date for which you are scheduled, please trade with someone else or contact Cathy Congdon @ 215- 677-4750. We will meet at 12:30 PM in the schoolyard. The children walk in a loop around the school, in front of the church, and down the driveway by the rectory. It is important that we make sure that no cars enter or leave by way of the driveways while the children are walking. If the adults who are walking take turns standing at the driveway, everyone will get a chance to walk and the children will be safe.

In case of rain, snow, or weather that is too cold for the children to go outside for recess, we will not be walking. Please call the school before coming over if you have any doubts about the weather. The children will be excited to see parents join our group of walkers. Thanks again for your commitment to the wellness of our children.

Oct 7	Cristen Listman Maureen Drumm	Nov 4	Adrienne Rehiel JoAnn Coates
Oct 14	Debbie Vassallo Michelle Rossiter	Nov 11	Christina Brislin Zainab Moore
Oct 21	Theresa Barcza Kate Burke	Nov 18	Vera Dominick Maureen Drumm
Oct 28	Nancy DiBonventura Sherry Serpiello	Nov 25	No School



## One Call Now

**In the event of an emergency, school closing/delayed opening, or important message, you will receive a telephone call from the broadcast system One Call Now.**

**Your primary phone number on file with the school is currently in the system. If you would like additional phone numbers and/or emails sent to you, you must take the following steps:**

- 1) Click on the **One Call Now** logo on the St. Hilary School Website.
- 2) Enter the student's **last name** and the **primary phone number**.
- 3) Click the "**Look up**" button.
- 4) Enter additional phone numbers and/or email addresses.  
(Parents may enter up to three additional phone numbers. If parents revisit the Family Profile webpage previously submitted phone numbers and/or email addresses will display to be removed or changed.)
- 5) Click the "**Submit**" button. The additional contact information will be submitted for **all students with that last name**.

Click the "**Cancel**" button at any time to cancel the submission.

- 6) When finished click the "**Close Window**" button.

After you receive a message, at any time you need it repeated you may call: **(800) 510-5805, press 1** to hear the school's latest broadcast message.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Diane Broomhead at (215) 884-5670 or [broomhead@verizon.net](mailto:broomhead@verizon.net)



It's that time of year again!

Are you ready to collect those pennies?

This week kicks-off the St. Hilary Penny Walk.

Look for the penny buckets in the classrooms.

**Start collecting your pennies now!**



# Prayer Partner Activity



Friday, 10/2/09



This month, we focused on our Fifth Privilege:

**I have the privilege to be safe at St. Hilary School. This means that no one will hit me, kick me pinch me push me or hurt me in any way. This also means that no one will hurt me with mean words. I have the responsibility to make others feel safe with my actions and words and to refrain from fighting and ALL physical aggression.**

Each older prayer partner was given an orange hand. In the center of the hand, each partner wrote one positive comment about the other. The partners then brainstormed on one way they could use their hands in a positive way. They then wrote their idea on the bottom of their hand. Next, they each wrote their names on a finger of their hand. The hand was then cut out. Come in and find out what we did with our ORANGE hands in our hallway during the month of October!!!

The children were then given a paper to color that depicted two PEACEMAKERS. Come view the artwork hanging outside each classroom!!!

We wanted you to know that we continue to help our children realize that we are all responsible for each other and our school is a safe place if we all do our part!!!



# Wanted



## Used Garden Tools

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders are looking for tools for their  
Garden at the Motherhouse of the Holy  
Redeemer Sisters!!!**

They are also looking for anyone who may have a connection to LOWES or HOME DEPOT or any major GARDEN CENTERS who would donate GARDENING GLOVES to our children!!!

**Donations can be brought to Room 2**



St. Hilary of Poitiers School  
VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Parents who will volunteer throughout the school year are required to attend a “Protecting God’s Children” workshop. Upcoming workshops are being held at the locations noted below and are approximately 2 ½ hours in length. Please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) for additional locations and to register on line. Please forward a copy of your certificate once you have completed the workshop. Thank you!

ST. CECILA SCHOOL  
Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
3301 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA  
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

## The Eucharist & The Family

### Forty Hour Devotion

October 25-26-27<sup>th</sup>

This year we welcome as our guest preacher Rev. Mr. John P. Lozano from St. Norberts parish in Paoli, PA. Deacon Lazano holds Masters degrees in Theology, Counseling, and Liberal Studies. He has worked 23 years at Villanova University as an instructor in the department of Theology & Religious Studies. He has done extensive work as a marriage counselor and marriage preparation programs. The theme of this years Forty Hours Devotion will center on the Eucharist as a source of healing & inspiration in marriage and family life. Our schedule will be as follows:

The Church is open all three days for private adoration. Evening Schedule

Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Services will include Evening Prayer, Sermon and Benediction. Come pray that all our families will find healing in our Eucharistic devotion.