



# St. Hilary of Poitiers School

## TUESDAY NEWSLETTER

**March 8, 2011**

St. Hilary's School Emergency #382

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### NEWSLETTER CONTENTS:

- Home and School Nominations
- Octathlon Competition
- Ladies' Night Out Meeting
- Yearbook Pictures

### ENVELOPE CONTENTS:

- SHS Newsletter (*hardcopy*)
- Notes From Mrs. Fagan (*hardcopy*)
- H&S Nomination Form: Pres./Vice Pres.

### REMINDERS:

**The SHS Faculty is hosting a Wine and Cheese Party this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. JOIN US!!**

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**BOX TOPS UPDATE:** As of 3/4/11 the top 2 grades in the Ice Cream Challenge are:

- Grade 1 with 547 box tops and
- Grade 4 with 478 box tops

but the contest is not over yet! Kindergarten has 364 box tops and Grade 2 has 366 box tops so far! Keep clipping those box tops! The top 2 grades that send in the most box tops will win an ice cream party! Don't delay! Send in your box tops today!!  
Deadline=4/29/11

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Mar. 8 Donut Day (free donuts for students)  
WINE & CHEESE PARTY – 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 11 Faculty In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 13 Day Light Saving
- Mar. 14 School Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 15 **Happy Birthday Mrs. Shammo** (Gr. 7)  
Ladies' Night Out Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 18 Market Day Online Orders Due!
- Mar. 24 First Reconciliation – 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 25 CYO Dance
- Apr. 1 First Friday Mass – 9:00 a.m.  
**NOON DISMISSAL**
- Apr. 4 Summer Uniform Begins!!!!
- Apr. 6 H&S Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 9 CYO Beef & Beer (details to follow)

### WELLNESS WEDNESDAY WALKERS

**Wed. 3/9/11**

**Wed. 3/16/11**

Rehiel

Drumm

Fenstermaker

Monteleone

Congdon

Tusiano

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

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

		<b>SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS</b>	<b>CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD</b>	<b>GRILLED CHEESE</b>	<b>PIZZA</b>
	<b>MONDAY MAR. 14</b>	<b>TUESDAY MAR. 15</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY MAR. 16</b>	<b>THURSDAY MAR. 17</b>	<b>FRIDAY MAR. 18</b>
YARD		Somershoe	Eddis	Agnew	Kelly
YARD		Pierce	Somershoe	Barcza	Gaughan
BOX	<b>OFF</b>	Beavers	McCann	Rocchi	Romano
KITCHEN		Rossiter	O'Brien	McCrea	Hopkins
KITCHEN		Playford	Broomhead	Schafer	Doyle



# NOTES & NEWS



## HOME AND SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

**IT'S ELECTION TIME!!!!** The Home and School Association will begin accepting nominations for the positions of President and Vice President for a two-year term to begin September 2011.

\* You may nominate as many candidates as you like on the ATTACHED FORM or you may email your nominations directly to Debbie Bielecki at [deborahbielecki@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahbielecki@yahoo.com). The deadline to submit your nominations is March 21<sup>st</sup>. \* After all nominations have been received, the candidates will be notified and asked for their acceptance of this nomination. An election will be held thereafter. \* The new officers will be announced at the Home and School meeting at the end of the year.

PLEASE consider taking part in this process. Your input is vital to the success of these elections. THANK YOU!!



## GO SHS GO!!!

We need YOU to help cheer on our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade St. Hilary School scholars! Come and show your SHS pride!

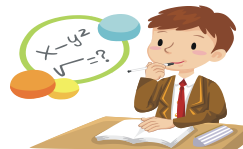
**For:** Bishop McDevitt's Annual Lancerian Academic Octathlon

**When:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Competition begins at 7pm, everyone is to be seated by 6:45pm!!

**Where:** Bishop McDevitt High School Auditorium  
125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095

We hope to see you there!



## SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP:



**Market Day.**

[www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)

Account #28033

Contact Cathy Congdon at 215-677-4750 or

[cac1207@comcast.net](mailto:cac1207@comcast.net)

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Send to Nora Czerwonka, c/o Mary, Grade 4



### 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)



**LADIES' NIGHT OUT MEETING:** Ladies' Night Out is quickly approaching; therefore, our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.** In addition to the Committee, we are asking for at least **ONE ROOM PARENT** from every grade to attend this meeting. We will be requesting baskets from every grade this year and are looking for room parents to assist in this process. You will be picking the basket theme(s) for your grade as well as discussing your ideas/suggestions as a group in the collection of these items. Thank you and hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!!!



**YEARBOOK PICTURES:** ANYONE WHO HAS ANY PICTURES OF ANY ST. HILARY'S EVENT, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, COUNTRY FAIR, FIELD TRIPS, FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE, SPORTS ETC. PLEASE SEND EITHER THE PICTURES OR A CD TO ELLEN ROMANO C/O OF SOPHIA GRADE 1. ALSO, IF IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT, YOU CAN SEND YOUR MEMORY CARD TO ELLEN AND SHE WILL RETURN YOUR MEMORY CARD. ALSO, ANYONE WHO HAS NON-DIGITAL PHOTOS, I WILL SCAN THOSE PHOTOS BUT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN THEM. YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL YOUR PICTURES TO ELLEN @ [CARDIOFOOL@COMCAST.NET](mailto:CARDIOFOOL@COMCAST.NET). **PICTURES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011.**

# *St. Hilary of Poitiers School*

# *Notes From Mrs. Fagan*

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March 8, 2011

*“Without Christ, we can do nothing”*

## March

**As we enter the Season of Lent this week**

***Psalm 51 reminds us:***

*“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me!” May our hearts be open to the work of the Lord during these 40 days!*

*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. Our witness of faith is the greatest teaching tool we can offer our children.*

*Please join us on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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.** Our Church is open every **Monday for Adoration closing with Evening Prayer at 7 PM.** We invite you to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord during this Lenten Season.*

*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 and on Monday evenings during Lent at 6:30 PM at St. Hilary Church. You can find a Guide to the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the entrances of the church. Lent is a wonderful time to come to Our Lord in this Sacrament of Healing!*

*Please remember in your prayers this month the Second Grade Class as they prepare to receive the healing forgiveness of Our Lord for the first time on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their faith-filled, open spirit of love as they anticipate the forgiving Peace of Our Forgiving Father is a witness to us all of the wonders of this Sacrament.*

## News

### Volunteer Wine and Cheese

*We look forward to celebrating Mardi Gras with our parent volunteers this Evening from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Father John Cosgrove Parish Center! We are grateful for all you do for our children and are looking forward to the opportunity to express our appreciation.*

- + The children celebrated **Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** with their Prayer Partners. We shared the book, **The Sneetches**, written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss. The children completed an activity about recognizing that it is what is inside a person, not what they look like on the outside, that counts the most. **Thank you** to the **Home and School** for the delicious fresh fruit snack they provided for each classroom!
- + The **St. Hilary Student Council** members participated in a **Leadership Workshop** offered by **Ms. Caitlin Mahon, a West Chester University Graduate** on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mahon provides leadership training workshops to local high schools and colleges. St. Hilary School was the first on a grade school level. We were grateful to provide our students with an opportunity to reflect on their own leadership qualities and how they can share them with our school community.
- + Thank you for taking the time to participate in our **Call to Conversion and Holiness Survey**. If you would still like to participate in the survey, please visit our school website. Father Murray, Deacon John, and I are grateful for input, as we pray our results will assist us in meeting the spiritual needs of our families and help us all grow in our faith and closeness to Our Lord.

### Congratulations to...

Seventh Graders, **Gwen Mattia, Amber Slaweski, Matthew Vander Vossen, Maeve Woodruff** and Sixth Graders, **Grace Allen, Sabrina Geary, Mallory Hagee, and Celia Hegarty**, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. James Parish. Our prayers are with them as they continue to live their faith as full members of the church.

### Thank you...

...For your support of our Book Fair this past week. Our sales amounted to almost \$4,000. Our library will benefit with over \$1,000 in new books.

***Registration for the September 2011 school year is currently open. Please contact Mrs. Fagan if you have any questions about registration. Please return all Payment Plan Option Forms and \$100.00 Registration Fee (applied to the first payment for the 2011-2012 School Year) by March 30<sup>th</sup>.***

## **First In Math**

**Every student in the school has a “First In Math” account. This is an excellent and engaging way for your child to reinforce their Math Skills. We strongly encourage ALL students in Grades K-8 to use the site. If you have any questions about logging in, please check with your child’s teacher.**

*Together, 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 Home and School Association

## Nomination of Officers

For the **2011/2012** and **2012/2013** School Years

**Nomination for President:**

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**Nomination for Vice President:**

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PLEASE RETURN IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO  
DEBBIE BIELECKI, C/O ELIZABETH, GRADE 4.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS  
MARCH 21, 2011.**