

UPDATES + REMINDERS

i-READY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING CONTINUES MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The Reading portion of the i-Ready Diagnostic will be held on Monday and Tuesday next week. All students must have their own earbuds or headphones for testing-we do not have extras. Please make sure your child arrives on time and has a healthy breakfast, as most testing will take place first thing in the morning.

CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

Cardinal Cash Raffle: Keep those ticket sales coming, Cardinals! We're making fantastic progress-so far we have sold 312 tickets! Congratulations to the top selling classrooms this week...**Mrs. Fox's class sold 27 tickets** this week. Who will take the lead next week?

Get your tickets in for a chance to win! Our Early Bird Raffle will be held at the All-School Assembly on Thursday, **September 25th**. Let's work together to make this fundraiser our biggest success yet! Thank you for supporting our school!

CHOIR

Do you like to sing?! Our first choir rehearsal will be this upcoming **Monday, September 15th** in room 8 from 2:30-3:30. This will be an open rehearsal for any 3rd-8th grader interested in joining. We will be singing and also talking about the amazing plans we have for the choir this year! The school choir sings at All-School Masses once a month and practices on Mondays after school from 2:30-3:30pm. Sign-up is open now until Sept 19th. Please email Ms. Kelley with any questions at ckelley@stchristina.org

ST. CHRISTINA BAND

St. Christina School will be offering Beginning Band and Senior Band to all interested 4-8th graders. Today, Mr. Phil (our Band director from Br. Rice HS) gave an instrument demo to all 4th graders and 5th graders and anyone in 6-8th grade interested in joining Band. If your child is interested in Band and would like more information, please attend the Band Info Night which will take place at Brother Rice High School in the Band Room at 6:00pm on **September 17th** for new parents and 5:00pm for returning parents. If you have any questions, please contact the Band Director at phil.bueche3@gmail.com. Flyer attached.

POWERHOUR

PowerHour begins on Monday, **September 15th** for any 5-8th grade students who opts in or who is required to attend.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

On Friday, **September 19th** at 8:00am, we will be conducting a Lockdown Drill in partnership with the Chicago Police Department. If you see police vehicles in front of the school, please know it is part of our planned safety exercise - there's no need for concern. We'll also be holding a Fire Drill with the Chicago Fire Department very soon too in case you see fire trucks in front of our building.

MASS TO HONOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS/CATECHISTS

Join us on Sunday, **September 21st** at 10:30am for a special Mass honoring our Catholic school teachers and catechists. Catechetical Sunday, observed each year on the third Sunday of September, celebrates those who share and form others in the Catholic faith. Let's come together as a community to thank and pray for our teachers and catechists who guide our children in faith and learning.

USED BOOK SALE

Student Council will be having a used book sale on **September 23rd, 24th and 25th** during both lunch periods. The cost of each book is 25 cents. All money raised will go to the Student Council to support their ongoing programs and events.

ENRICHMENT

October marks the beginning of our after school Enrichment classes. Classes take place on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:20. Please click **HERE** for class details, dates, sign-up, and additional information. All are welcome! Please submit sign-up and payment by **September 26th**.

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION

As we expand our social media presence incorporating more videos of students actively engaged in their learning at St. Christina School please note the school policy that if you prefer to not have your child included in promotional materials, social media, etc. you must contact the school office in writing (email schooloffice@stchristina.org). The school's photo and video permission full policy can be found **HERE**.

#SoaringToServe

As part of our commitment to nurturing not only the minds but also the hearts of our students, we will be engaging in a series of service opportunities that allow us to extend compassion and care to those in need within our community. Details about our first **in-school service project**, with *Lower Wacker Lunches*, were sent home in the student's white envelopes today from our Service Committee. We know that these important opportunities are possible because of the support of our families - so thank you in advance! #CardinalSoar



Our revamped website is live! We've redesigned it to offer a cleaner, more streamlined experience to make it easier to find the information you need. New features include calendar syncing for events, a fully responsive design across all devices, and best of all, it highlights one of our favorite things: our students! We appreciate your patience during the transition.

SUN 9/14
10:30am Mass of Enrollment for 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates

MON+TUE 9/15-9/16
i-Ready Testing

WEEK OF MON 9/15
PowerHour Begins
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

WED 9/17
8:10am Mass

THU 9/18
In-School Service Project

SUN 9/21
Catechetical Sunday
10:30am Mass

MON 9/22
SCAA Mtg.

WED 9/24
8:10am Mass

FRI 9/26
No School
Faculty PD

WED 10/1
8:10am Mass
Planned by 5th Grade

Enrichment Begins

MARK YOUR calendar



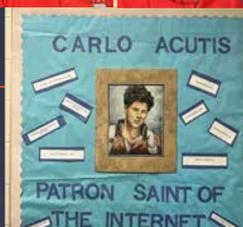
FRIDAY MORNING MASS 4-8th grade students: Join Mrs. Spano along with other faculty members each Friday at 7:00am Mass. We will sit together and walk through the Parish Center into school when Mass ends.

CARDINAL CALL OUT

**NAOMI BARRETT
CONOR CARMODY
MICHAEL PRENDERGAST**



These three Cardinals have been sharing their time after school to work on the creation of a bulletin board for one of our newest Saints - St. Carlo Acutis. They have given up their personal time to stay after school to research information on the first Millennial Saint and used their creative abilities to help decorate a bulletin board. They have been of service to their school and grown in their faith through this project. Thank you for using your gifts to serve!



DANNY SULLIVAN

This Junior High student never fails to greet everyone with a cheerful "good morning"! He is the first to open the door for others, show kindness, and volunteer in class. When you see him you can always expect to be welcomed with a smile. He truly exemplifies what it means to be a Cardinal. We're excited to watch Daniel continue to grow and shine throughout the year.

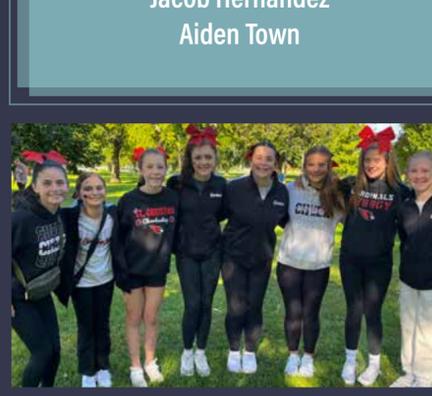


OUR GALLERY



Thank you to the following St. Christina Students that volunteered their time this past weekend to assist Sister Ann Vincent with the preparation of meals for our Parish homebound.

- Patty Conwell
- Elizabeth Fagan
- Eva Robin
- Logan Robin
- Dominic Fanelli
- Jacob Hernandez
- Aiden Town



5K The school's 5K was a success, bringing together students, families, and staff for a day of fun, fitness, and community spirit. A heartfelt **thank you to the Family School Association** for their incredible dedication and hard work in making the event possible!



Extra recess for Mrs. Fox's class due to a Kindergartener selling 29 Cardinal Cash Raffle tickets last week. **AMAZING!** Keep selling, Cardinals, and maybe you will earn a classroom incentive!

With the new school year in full swing, now is the perfect time to settle into routines that keep kids healthy and happy. Children thrive on knowing what to expect - whether it's bedtime, homework time, or playtime - and those routines can make mornings smoother and evenings calmer.

Germs are spreading like crazy as the kids spend more time indoors now that school has started. A simple habit like washing hands with soap and water can make a huge difference. Singing "Happy Birthday" twice while washing gives just the right amount of scrubbing time. Handwashing can cut the chance of getting a cold by nearly 20%.

Let's use this school year to build healthy habits!

NURSE'S CORNER

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH HERE.



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI HERE.

FSA_{25/26}

save the date

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5pm - 6:30pm, School Parking Lot

More details to come!

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**



BAND INFO NIGHT

**BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL
BAND ROOM on Wednesday, 09/17
@6:00pm for new parents;
5:00pm for returning parents**

**Unsure to join because of sports or
other clubs? YOUR CHILD CAN DO
BOTH!**



JOIN US!

Watch Party

BEARS

VS

RAIDERS

DA BEARS

Free Entry!

Split the Pot!

**Complimentary Membership
to the St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club
with the Purchase of a Raffle ticket!**



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & CURRENT MEMBERS
PIZZA AND DRINKS PROVIDED
OPEN TO ALL MEN 18 AND OVER**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 28TH
DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM**

1 TICKET FOR \$10

3 TICKETS FOR \$20

ST CHRISTINA SCHOOL BASEMENT

RAFFLE TO WIN A 58" TV!

CRUSADER FOOTBALL GRAMMAR SCHOOL NIGHT



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6PM
PIZZA • GAMES • PRIZES
7PM KICKOFF VS ST. PATRICK

RSVP TO RECEIVE
A BR FOOTBALL RALLY TOWEL