

UPDATES + REMINDERS

PACK THE HOUSE TONIGHT!

Join us for **Girls' Basketball Pack the House** Night as we cheer on our 8th grade girls when they face off against St. Linus! The B game tips off at 6:00 PM, followed by the A game at 7:00 PM in the Gym. Let's fill the stands and show our Cardinal pride—see you there tonight!

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH

If you would like to order Hot Lunch for the month of November please click **HERE**. Orders are due by **October 20th**. To order Hot Lunch for the year, click **HERE**.

FSA HOT DOG DAY

Each year, the Family School Association (FSA) provides a free hot dog lunch to students whose families have joined FSA and paid their annual dues. This year's Hot Dog Lunch will take place on **Friday, October 31st**.

If you have not already joined FSA, you have two options:

Option 1: Join the Family School Association by paying \$20 in annual dues — your child receives a **FREE** Hot Dog Lunch!

Option 2: Opt out of joining FSA and purchase the Hot Dog Lunch for \$5.

Please use the link **HERE** to choose your option by **Thursday, October 23rd**. If you have already joined FSA and paid dues for the 2025-26 school year, no action is needed at this time and your child will receive the Hot Dog lunch. Thank you for supporting the FSA and all they do for our students and school community!

CANDY DONATIONS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

We are in need of candy donations for our annual Trunk or Treat event. If your child brings in a bag of candy to school on **October 20th, 21st, or 22nd**, he/she will receive a Dress Down Day on Friday, November 21st. Please have your child hand in candy donations to their homeroom teachers this week.

HALLOWEEN

PreK students will have a Halloween Room Party on Thursday, **October 30th**. Grades K-6 will have Halloween Room Parties on Friday, October 31st. Costumes will be worn to school, but no masks, face paint or weapons/accessories can be worn. On **October 31st**, PreK students may wear black and orange or their costumes again.

Grades 7-8 will celebrate Halloween with a Movie and Snacks on Friday, October 31st. Students may dress down in Orange and Black. All full-day students have an Early Dismissal at 1:45pm on Halloween.

VETERANS DAY

As we prepare for our Veterans Day Program next month we'd like to collect photos of your special veteran. Please click **HERE** to submit a photo. If you have submitted pics in the past please click **HERE** -- if you're name appears on the list then we have the pics you have previously submitted and will be sure to include them in this year's celebration. Additional details attached.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Wednesday night's Smart Families presentation with Dr. Crystal Collier. We're so grateful for your partnership as we continue learning how to guide and support our children's well-being in today's digital world. As Dr. Collier repeated, if we know better, we will do better. The wonderful turnout last night was a true reflection of the strong, connected community we have here at St. Christina. As promised, **HERE** is the slide deck from last night's presentation. *We are...Better Together. We are...Ready to Grow.*



MON 10/20
SCAA Mtg.

WED 10/22
8:10am Mass
Enrichment

THU 10/23
Hot Lunch:
Home Run Inn Pizza

SUN 10/26
10:30am Mass for
2nd Graders (Honoring
Children Preparing for
Reconciliation and Communion)

MON 10/27
Red Ribbon Week
Begins

TUE 10/28
6pm Confirmation
Retreat
(8th Grade Candidates and
Parent/Sponsor)

WED 10/29
8:10am Mass
Enrichment

THU 10/30
No Hot Lunch
6pm Reconciliation and
Communion Meeting
(For 2nd Graders & Parents)

FRI 10/31
FSA Hot Dog Lunch
(for those who joined FSA or purchased lunch)
1:45 Dismissal / No Extended Care

**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.

Click here to be connected to our online calendar for the most current info. Then, bookmark it!



Click here to be linked to our faculty + classrooms to connect with teachers and view their classroom sites.



PATRICK CAVANAUGH

This Cardinal is a brilliant writer! His free writes consistently stand out, because they are always so well written. His hard work, dedication in every class, and the positive example he sets for others are truly admirable. Way to go, Patrick!



SOFIA GARRITANO

You can tell this student loves being a Cardinal. She always has a smile on her face as she enters the classroom. She is a good writer and enjoys sharing her ideas with her classmates. Her motivation is impressive and she uses each minute of the school day wisely. Keep it up, Sofia!



HIGHLIGHTS



Junior High students completed a lab learning how kinetic energy and speed are related.



RED RIBBON WEEK

Our Student Council has created a week full of themed Dress Down Days in honor of Red Ribbon Week!

THEME
Our Choices, Our School, Our Future

MONDAY, 10/27
Put Bad Choices and Bullying to Sleep - Wake Up to a Bright Future!

PJ Day wear pajamas to school
No slippers please!

TUESDAY, 10/28
Chase Your Dreams - Your Future Starts with Healthy Choices!

Future High School or College Dress Down Day

WEDNESDAY, 10/29
Tip Your Hat to Kindness and Respect!

Hat Day - students wear school uniforms with a hat

THURSDAY, 10/30
Team Up Against Drugs - Bullying is Out of Bounds!

Jersey Day - wear favorite jersey

Friday, 10/31
Halloween costumes and orange/black for older students

#SoaringToServe

Thank you to the following students for helping Sister Ann Vincent and the **Homebound Meal Ministry** earlier this month:

Natalie Kemps
Victoria Schwarzer

Alexis Carroll
Brooke Carroll

Sadie Clohessy
Moira Lee

Eva Robin
Logan Robin

Dominic Fanelli
Jacob Hernandez

The giving of your time is very much appreciated!

The 5th grade red girls basketball team won the consolation championship on the Great McAuley shootout tournament.



Welcome to the three newest altar servers that were trained by Fr. Wayne this week. Thank you to all our altar servers for their service!



FUN FACT: Apples aren't just tasty - they boost your energy and help keep your teeth clean after a crunchy bite!

Deadlines:
School physicals were due by October 15th for the following:
- New students/transfers
- Kindergarten (Vision exam as well)
- 6th Grade

November 10th and 11th we are doing hearing and vision screenings for all students. Please reach out to me at nurse@stchristina.org with the exemption form, that can be found on our website under Forms, if you wish your student to be excluded from screenings.



FSA^{25/26}

save the date

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5:30pm - 7pm, School Parking Lot

Details attached!

CHRISTMAS CRAWL [★] WHY NOT HOST A STOP! [★]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Get into the holiday spirit and help make this year's Christmas Crawl the best one yet! FSA is looking for 5 enthusiastic volunteers to serve as **Host Homes** for a stop on the Christmas Crawl. This is a fun and festive way to support our FSA event and share some holiday cheer with your fellow St. Christina parents. You'll be a vital part of the fun, helping to welcome participants and keep the celebration going. **Interested in hosting?** Please contact Sharon Deenihan at 708.927.4176 to express interest and for more details. Sign up for a slot on the Sign Up Genius Volunteer link below.

CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS

HALLOWEEN

TRUNK OR TREAT

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A BAG OF CANDY TO RECEIVE A
DRESS DOWN PASS FOR NOVEMBER 21ST 
SIMPLY SEND ONE BAG OF CANDY PER CHILD TO SCHOOL BY

OCTOBER 20TH, 21ST, OR 22ND.

ALL TEACHERS WILL KEEP TRACK OF THOSE WHO DONATE FOR
A PASS.



THANK YOU FOR DONATING!

FSA
PRESENTS



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24

ST. CHRISTINA
PARKING LOT
05:30pm - 07:00pm

CANDY • COTTON CANDY • GAMES
POPCORN • PRIZES

Free Admission
Best Costume Prizes!

Best Trunk will receive a Tuition Voucher!



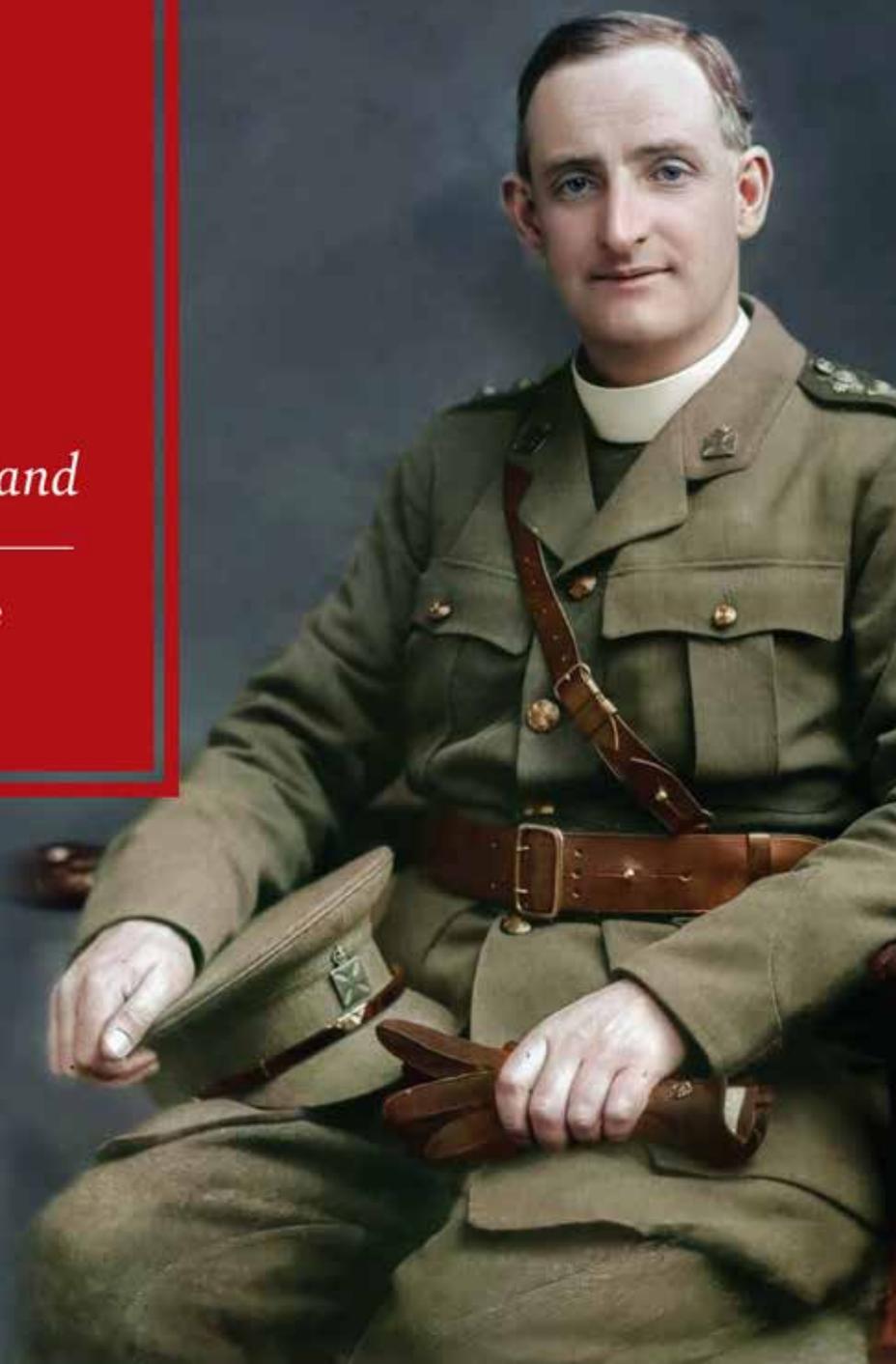
*St. Christina welcomes
Bishop Thomas Deenihan
of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland*

Bishop Deenihan is promoting the
Cause for Canonization of
Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25TH
4PM MASS**



3342 WEST 11TH STREET
CHICAGO



We invite all school families to help us honor your family's veterans by sending their name and photo

[click here to submit](#)

[if you submitted pictures last year there is no need to resubmit just check the list here if we have your veteran.](#)



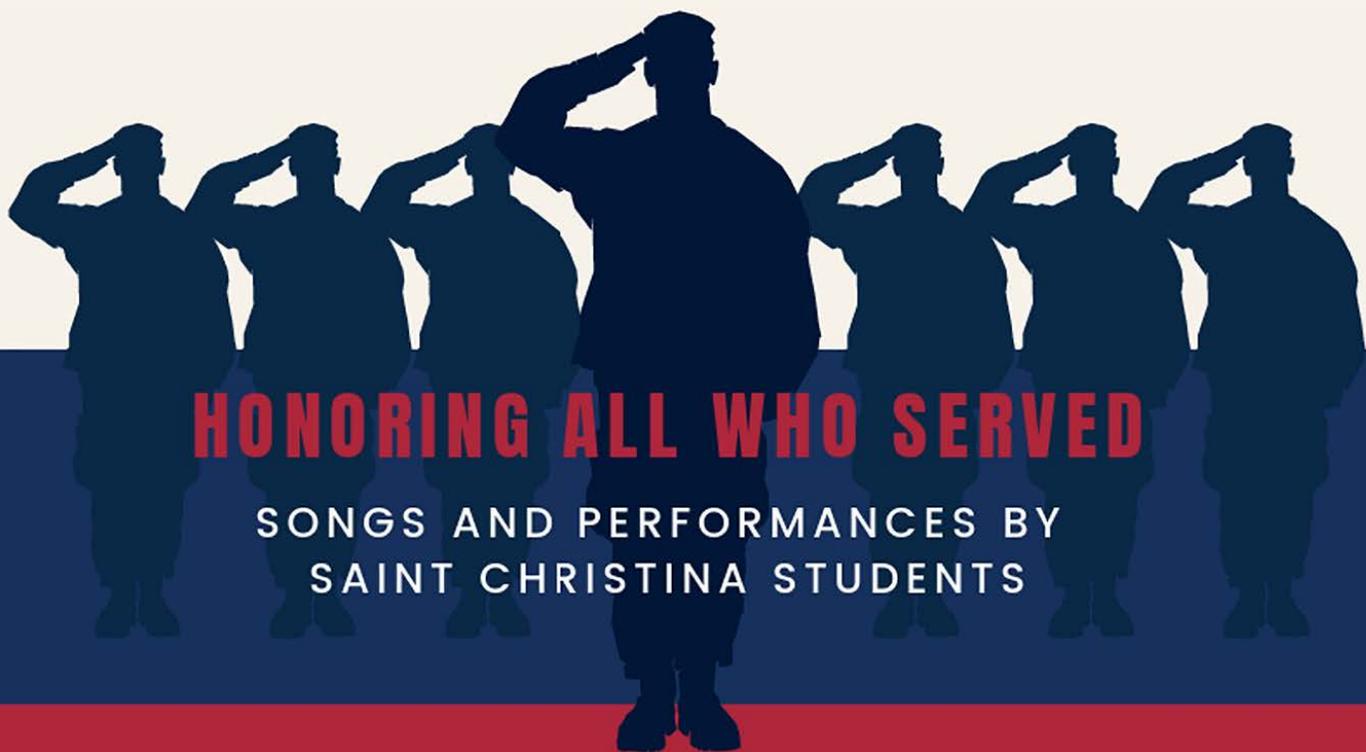
VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025

8:10 am

St. Christina Church



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SONGS AND PERFORMANCES BY
SAINT CHRISTINA STUDENTS





Mount Greenwood Branch
 11010 South Kedzie Ave
 Chicago, Illinois 60655
 (312) 747-2805
 Mon and Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Tues and Thurs 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday and Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

November 2025
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

<p>Registration is required unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Registration is available online or in person.</p> <p>www.chipublib.org or scan the QR code:</p> 	<p><u>Art Buffet</u></p> <p>Feeling creative? Just drop in and get making! All materials will be provided, all you need to bring is your imagination. (Prepare to get messy!)</p> <p>For kids of all ages. No registration needed.</p> <p><i>Monday, November 3</i> <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Preschool Story Time</u></p> <p>Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p>For ages 3-5.</p> <p><i>Wednesdays,</i> <i>November 5, 12, 19, 26 and</i> <i>December 3, 17</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: No story time on 12/10</i> <i>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></p>	<p><u>My First Book Club</u></p> <p>Just beginning to read? Pick up a copy of <i>Biscuit's Puppy Sleepover</i> by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Read the story and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.</p>  <p>Must be able to read independently. (Grades K-2)</p> <p><i>Wednesday, November 5</i> <i>4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Have You Got Game?!</u></p> <p>Come find out at our Family Game Day! We will have board games, a few carnival type games and perhaps some physical challenges at this drop-in program.</p> <p>For kids ages 5-14 and their families! No registration is needed.</p> <p><i>Thursday, November 6</i> <i>5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><u>Face-Off: Heroes Vs. Monster</u></p> <p>Join fellow heroes and battle a common foe in this tabletop extravaganza! Space is extremely limited.</p> <p>For kids ages 8-14.</p> <p><i>Monday, November 10</i> <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p>

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Mon and Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tues and Thurs 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday and Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Bring your old puzzles and get some new (to you) puzzles. Fun for the whole family. Please bring complete puzzles only.

**For kids and families of all ages.
No registration is needed.**

***Thursday, November 13
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***

Toddler Story Time

Toddle on in for this 30 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft!

For ages 18-35 months.

***Mondays,
November 17, 24 and
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.***

Level Up Book Club

Join us for a book club! Pick up a copy of *History Smashers: Pearl Harbor* by Kate Messner. Read the book and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.



For grades 3-4.

***Wednesday, November 19
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

Native American Heritage Month

Weaving Workshop

Come learn about traditional weaving techniques from different Native American groups. Fun for the whole family.

For kids ages 4-14.

***Thursday, November 20
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***

Open Block Play

Stop into our block play event to build, explore and create together. This is a drop-in event.

**For ages 0-8.
No registration is needed.**

***Monday, November 24
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

