



GO CARDINALS!

# HAPPY HOCO'25



## ST. CHRISTINA NEWS

### 10/3/25

### UPDATES + REMINDERS

#### CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

We have sold **1,008** tickets! Our top seller last week was the **Conwell Family** and the top seller this week is a tie between the **Ramsden Family** and the **Lydigsen Family**! Thank you to all for selling so many tickets to help make this raffle a success! The Final Drawing will take place at the Homecoming Football Game.

#### OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

As Catholics we dedicate the month of October to the Rosary. Praying the Rosary is a valuable way to connect with our faith. It is both a vocal and mental devotion. Our school children will gather as a school community on **Wednesday, October 8th** in lieu of Mass to recite the Rosary.

#### VOLUNTEER UPDATE

To date there are 151 St. Christina volunteers who are NOT COMPLIANT! Are you one of them? To volunteer in any capacity this year all volunteers must be in compliance before October 15th to meet this year's audit deadline. Many holiday parties and field trips are being scheduled for the upcoming months that you may want to volunteer for. To find out if you are compliant go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and sign into your Virtus account. Any outstanding requirements will be in a red box on your homepage. If you cannot access your account, email [mstokes@stchristina.org](mailto:mstokes@stchristina.org) - DO NOT CONTACT VIRTUS.

#### LUNCH REMINDER

Please encourage your students when packing their lunches to bring silverware and napkins if needed for their lunch items. We have some plastic utensils, but if they can bring their own, this helps us immensely in the lunchroom during a busy time of day. Thank you!

#### ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletic eligibility will begin October 3rd (warning week). Students in Grades 6-8 that are failing a course will be held out of athletics beginning October 10th for one week. Students that are deemed ineligible to play for a failing grade will be required to attend Power Hour that week.

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please use this link [HERE](#) to schedule your Parent-Teacher Conference on **Thursday, October 9th** between the hours of Noon and 7pm. Every family is required to meet with their child's homeroom teacher for a ten-minute conference. It is an important opportunity for us to continue to build a strong home-school partnership so that our students can be as successful as possible. We look forward to meeting with you!

#### 24-25 YEARBOOK

The 2024-2025 Yearbooks (last year's yearbook) are now available for purchase! Use the following [link](#) to purchase through TreeRing until **October 17th**. Yearbooks will be shipped to school and distributed upon arrival.

#### SMART FAMILIES

St. Christina School is partnering with Smart Families to promote healthier technology habits for students. Students will participate in presentations throughout the year, and faculty will receive training to support this initiative. On Friday, October 17th, students will have an Early Dismissal at 1:45pm to accommodate the faculty/staff training. Our parents are an integral part of this process too! Join us for the first Smart Families Parent Meeting on **Wednesday, October 15th** at 6pm in the Church. It is critical that families attend to make this initiative a success. The first 100 parents will receive a free SC Parent t-shirt, and all attending parents will be entered in a \$1,000 tuition raffle and receive a Dress Down pass for their child to redeem on Thursday, October 16th. *Save the date for this important parent event!*

TUE 10/7

SAC Mtg.

WED 10/8

8:10am Rosary Prayer Service  
Enrichment

THU 10/9

11:30am Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
*No Hot Lunch or Extended Care*

FRI 10/10

No School

MON 10/13

No School  
*Columbus Day*

WED 10/15

8:10am Mass  
Enrichment  
★ **Smart Families Parent Meeting,**  
6pm in Church

THU 10/16

Hot Lunch:  
Mostaccioli

FRI 10/17

Picture Retake Day  
1:45 Early Dismissal  
*Smart Training for Faculty + Staff*

MON 10/20

SCAA Mtg.

### 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.



## CARDINAL CALL OUT

### JOAN SHINE

This 6th grader "shines" with her helpful spirit and positive attitude. She carries herself with confidence while always showing kindness to everyone she meets. Her actions set a great example for her classmates and make our school community stronger.



### HENRY BARROW

This student definitely deserves a cardinal callout. During the school fire drill this Cardinal took the initiative to grab two of the pre-K kids' hands and walk them out as the drill was going on. He was super helpful and didn't even need to be told to help! Thanks for the act of kindness, Henry!



## OUR GALLERY



click to listen

#### FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Yesterday (October 2nd), was the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Our school community honored the guardian angels at Mass this past Wednesday with a lovely liturgy planned by our fifth graders and their teachers. Each of us has a guardian angel that is present in our lives to guide and protect us. Honoring their presence through the simple prayer that many of us learned as children (Angel of God) is a way to lead us to friendship with them.

#### FIRST GRADE READERS

Each Thursday, a first grader joins Mrs. Spano to practice reading. The students beam with pride while practicing their skills, and as Principal Spano often says, "It's quite literally the best part of my day!"



#### USED BOOK SALE

The Student Council worked hard to organize the Used Book Sale, and thanks to the generosity of our students and families, they raised \$300 to support future Student Council endeavors to support the school and student body!



Homecoming is here—what a fun time to cheer on our teams! Remind our Cardinals to play it safe out on the field: stretch before games, wear the right gear, and don't forget to drink water.

- Physicals are still needed for:
  - Kindergartners (and vision)
  - 6th graders
  - New transfers (current and historic records)
  - First-time students

Please send those forms in by **October 15th**. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Homecoming weekend!

## NURSE'S CORNER

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH HERE.



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI HERE.

**FSA**<sup>25/26</sup>

*save the date*

## TRUNK OR TREAT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

5:30pm - 7pm, School Parking Lot

Details attached!

**CLICK HERE  
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

**CLICK HERE  
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS**

# CARDINALS HOMECOMING

## BONFIRE / PREP RALLY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD

BARRACO'S PIZZA  
CASH ONLY

6:30PM  
PEP RALLY STARTS  
INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS  
CHEER ROUTINE

7:30PM  
8TH GRADE FOOTBALL  
WING CONTEST

7:45PM  
8TH GRADE CHEER  
WATERMELON CONTEST

8:00PM  
BONFIRE

**KICK OFF  
TIMES**  
12PM DFL  
1:30PM JV  
3PM VARSITY

## HOMECOMING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH

8:00AM  
TENT SET UP: 8TH GRADE VARSITY  
FOOTBALL AND CHEER ONLY

9:00AM  
TENT SET UP: ALL DIVISIONS

9:45AM  
PLAYERS & CHEER MEET IN  
SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
DECORATE CARS & LINE UP FOR PARADE  
(BRING YOUR OWN DECORATIONS)

10-10:15AM  
PRE-GAME BLESSING  
IN THE PARKING LOT

10:30 AM  
PARADE TO FIELDS BEGINS

Game Day Food  
Cash/Card  
11-2 Fat Tommys  
2-5:30 Kona Ice  
2-5 Nicky V's taco truck



# CRUMBL COOKIES

**October 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Christina Fields**

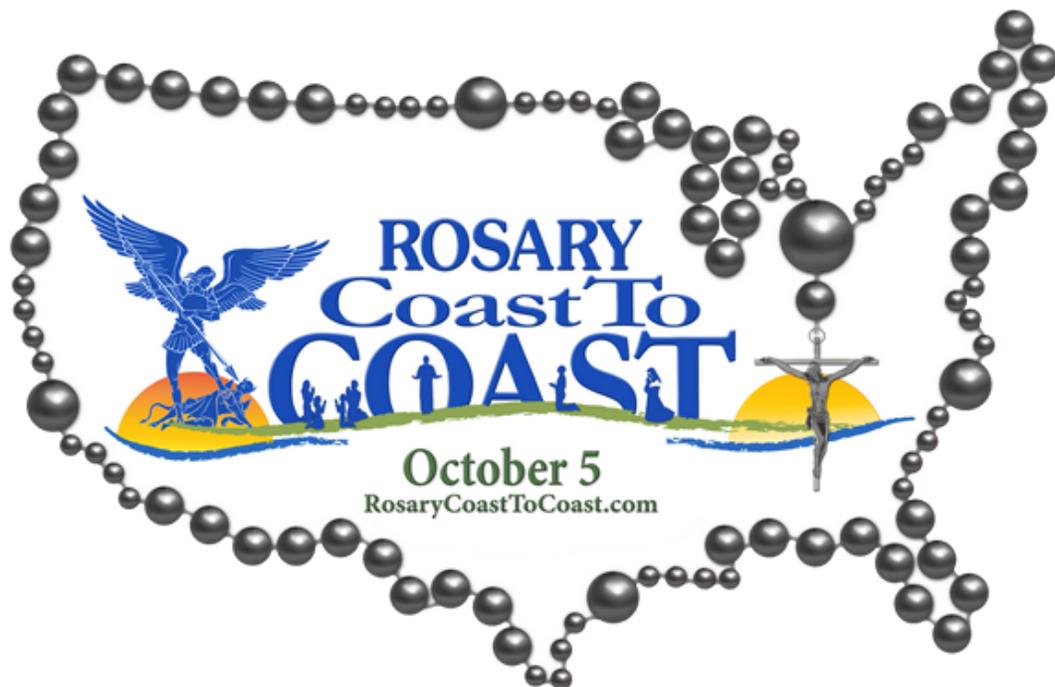
**12:00 - 3:00**

**Cash, card and Apple Pay accepted**

**Support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class!**

# St. Christina Catholic Church

Will Be Gathering  
To Join Forces By  
Praying The Rosary As Part Of



**Sunday, Oct. 5th**  
**2:00PM (meet at 1:45PM)**  
**At The School Parking Lot**

[stchristinaparish.org](http://stchristinaparish.org)  
St Christina Catholic Church  
3342 W 111th St, Chicago, IL 60655

For Information:  
Laurie Caputo  
815-274-6218

FSA  
PRESENTS



**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

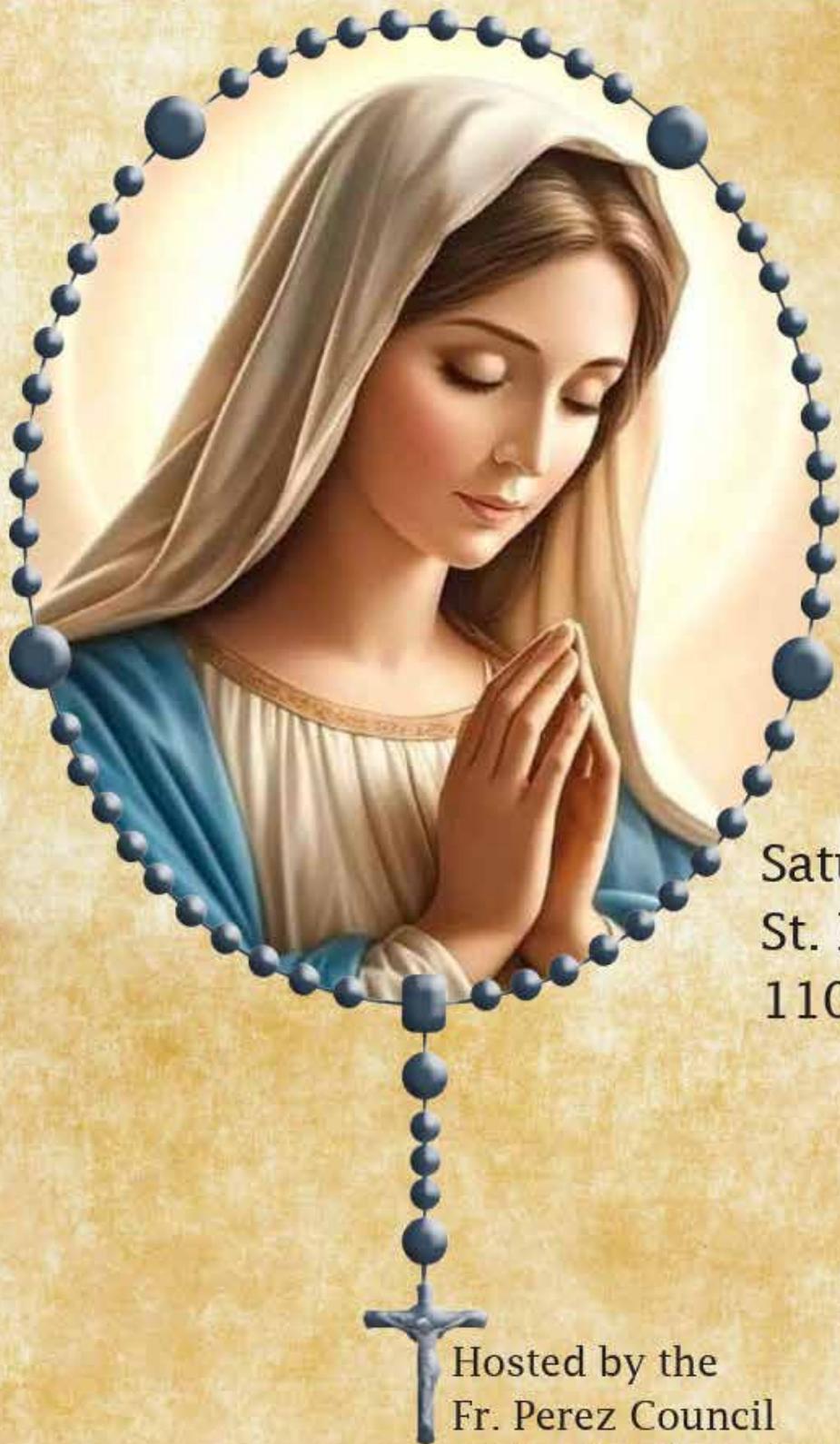
FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 24**

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!*



# Rosary at Noon

Saturday, Oct. 11, Noon  
St. Mary's Plaza  
110th & Homan



Hosted by the  
Fr. Perez Council  
of the Knights of Columbus





**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.

## October 2025 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

<p><b>Registration is required unless otherwise noted.</b></p> <p><b>Registration is available online or in person.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.chipublib.org">www.chipublib.org</a> or scan the QR code:</p> 	<p><b><u>Preschool Story Time</u></b></p> <p>Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p><b>For ages 3-5.</b></p> <p><i>Wednesdays,        October 1, 8, 15        11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><b><u>My First Book Club</u></b></p> <p>Just beginning to read? Pick up a copy of <i>Duck, Duck, Dinosaur: Perfect Pumpkin</i> by Kallie George. Read the story and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.</p>  <p><b>Must be able to read independently.        (Grades K-2)</b></p> <p><i>Wednesday, October 1        4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Have You Got Game?!</u></b></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><b>For kids ages 5-14 and their families!        No registration needed.</b></p> <p><i>Thursday, October 2        5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Toddler Story Time</u></b></p> <p>Toddle on in for this 30 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft!</p> <p><b>For ages 18-35 months.</b></p> <p><i>Mondays,        October 6, 13, 20, 27        11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Drop-In Craft Night</u></b></p> <p>Stop on by and join Ms. Annie for a fun craft!</p> <p><b>For ages 4-14.</b></p> <p><i>Tuesday, October 7        6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></p>

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

**Art Buffet**

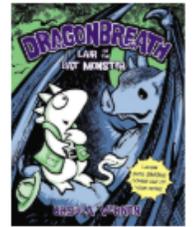
Feeling creative? Just drop in and get making!  
All materials will be provided, all you need to  
bring is your imagination.  
(Prepare to get messy!)

**For kids of all ages.  
No registration needed.**

***Monday, October 13  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

**Level Up Book Club**

Join us for a book club! Pick up a  
copy of *Dragonbreath: Lair of  
the Bat Monster* by Ursula  
Vernon. Read the book and join  
us for a fun discussion and craft  
activity.



**For grades 3-4.**

***Wednesday, October 22  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

**Halloween Hoopla**

Put on your costume and join us for some  
stories, crafts and games!

**For ages 4-14.**

***Thursday, October 23  
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, October 27  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

**Artist Afternoon**

Explore an artist's work and create your own  
work of art.

**For ages 4-14.**

***Wednesday, October 29  
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.***

