

UPDATES + REMINDERS

CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

Congrats to winners and thank you to all our families for their support. It is greatly appreciated!

1st Place: Mary Kay Jenrich and Jake Jenrich (Seller: Matthew Jenrich)

2nd Place: Clarence Norwood (Seller: Nora Valles)

3rd Place: Mica Vahl, Kathy Eklund, Corrie Dalton, Susan Turner (Seller: Ryan Vahl)

WELCOME BACK FR. O'DONOVAN

Join us for 10:30am Mass on **October 12th** as Fr. Marty O'Donovan will return to celebrate Mass for us!

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

There will be no school tomorrow, **Friday, October 10th** or **Monday, October 13th** in observance of Columbus Day. Have a safe long weekend!

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

There are still St. Christina volunteers who are NOT COMPLIANT! 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. Please take a moment to check if you are compliant by signing into your account at virtusonline.org. Any outstanding requirements will be in a red box on your homepage. If you cannot access your account, email mstokes@stchristina.org - DO NOT CONTACT VIRTUS.

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](#).

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

Your child's school pictures were sent home this afternoon- please be sure to check their backpack. If your child was absent on Picture Day or you would like their photo retaken, retakes will take place on Friday, **October 17th**. Students having their pictures retaken may dress up for the day but should wear eye sockets. Please be sure to bring your pictures back to return to the photographer if you are retaking your photos.

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.

24-25 YEARBOOK

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

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is **October 27th-31st**. Each year we utilize this week to find engaging ways to encourage our students to make healthy choices! Our Student Council has created themed dress down days for Red Ribbon Week. Details information below in our Highlights section.

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 free Hot Dog lunch. Thank you for supporting the FSA and all they do for our students and school community!

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS

On **November 10th** and **11th**, all PreK through 8th grade students will receive vision and hearing screenings during the school day. These screenings are required annually to help catch any concerns early that might affect learning and development. Please remind your child to bring their glasses or hearing aids if they use them. If you'd prefer your child not participate, please complete an exemption form signed by a provider and email Nurse Kulpa at nurse@stchristina.org.

ARTSONIA

Each year, St. Christina utilizes Artsonia to maintain students' online art portfolios, allowing families to view and share their children's creative projects. Artsonia also offers a variety of fun ways to turn student artwork into keepsakes—such as ornaments, notecards, kitchen towels, quilt squares, notebooks, and even jewelry! Now that the school year is in full swing, artwork is beginning to be uploaded. If you need help accessing your child's Artsonia portfolio, please email amurphy@stchristina.org. Connect to Artsonia [HERE](#).

SMART FAMILIES MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH!

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.

FRI 10/10 + 10/13

No School

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.

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)*

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

ISABELLA STEVENS

This student's kind heart and thoughtful acts do not go unnoticed. Her intelligence shines through in her strong reading skills and responses during class discussions. She always cheers on her classmates and celebrates their successes with sincerity and grace. This first grader's kindness and respect sets a powerful example for others. Thank you for being exactly who you are, Isabella!



HENRY LANNING

Always prepared, engaged, and eager to learn, this Cardinal approaches each project with curiosity and a smile. His good nature makes him a wonderful presence in class and he adds a touch of humor that brightens the room. Keep up that positive spirit, Henry!



HIGHLIGHTS



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!

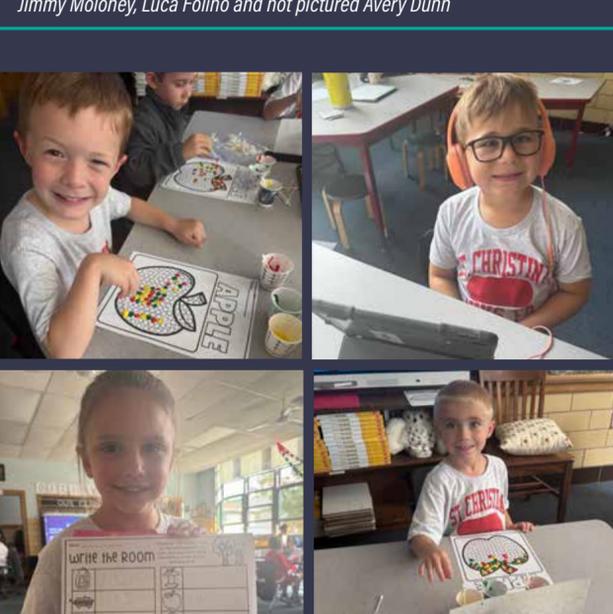
Jersey Day - wear favorite jersey

Friday, 10/31

Halloween costumes and orange/black for older students

CONGRATS TO THE SEPTEMBER CARDINAL CARD WINNERS!

Nora Murphy, Isabella Garritano, Cora Gross, Gabby Fitzgerald, Ciara Carmody, Jimmy Moloney, Luca Follino and not pictured Avery Dunn



CENTER TIME IN KINDERGARTEN!

FUN FACT Did you know the brain is made up of about 75% water? That's why keeping hydrated is so important to keep you focused, stay alert, and do your best learning each day!

DEADLINE ALERT

If you are in Kindergarten or 6th grade, a transfer student, or if this is your first year in school a Child Health Examination form is required. Additionally, Kindergarteners should have their vision exam completed and turned in. **The deadline for these exams is October 15th.** At this time, I have reached out to all families who are either missing physicals or have vaccine noncompliance. Please ensure the paperwork is returned to the school office or you have communicated with me in order to avoid exclusion from school after the October 15th deadline. All required paperwork can be found [here](#).

NURSE'S CORNER



FSA^{25/26}

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**

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!

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](#)



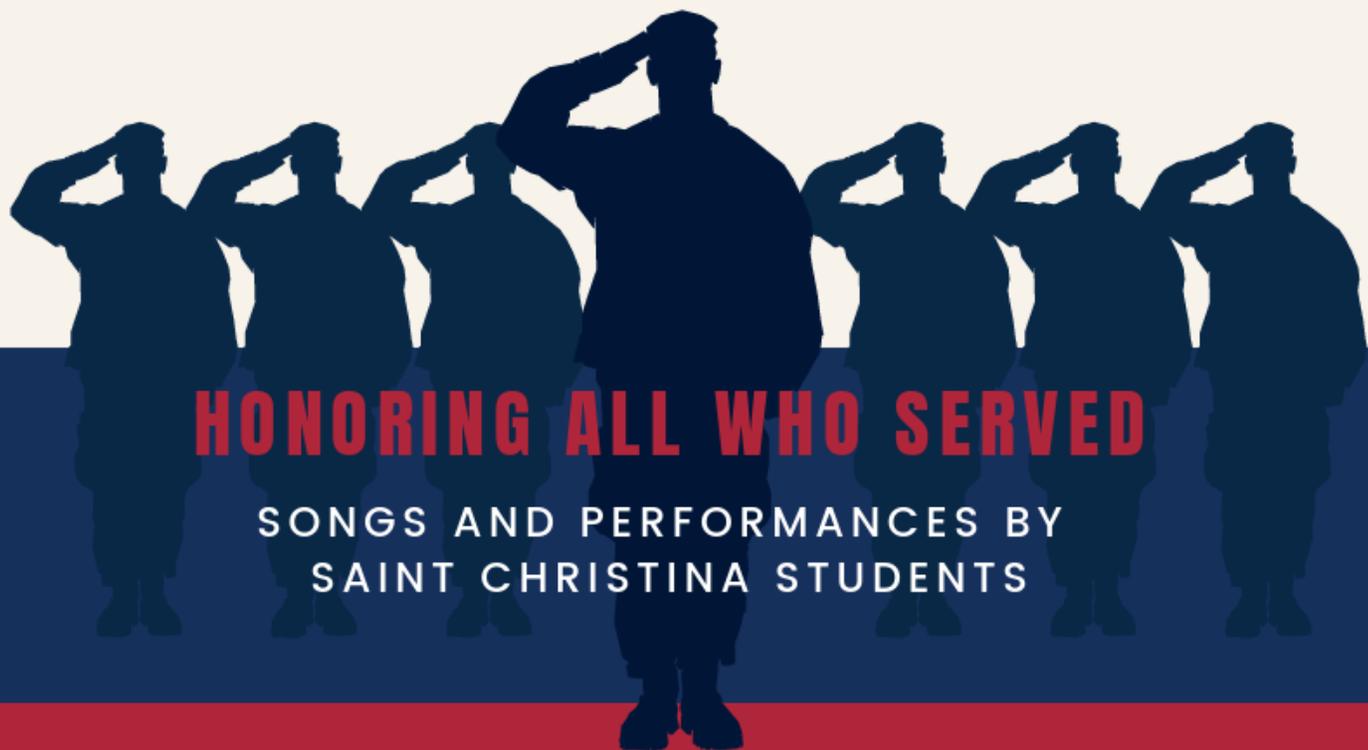
VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025

8:10 am

St. Christina Church





Rosary at Noon

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



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

