

UPDATES + REMINDERS

SR. ANN VINCENT'S PARISH MINISTRIES

Thank you for all of your donations to Sr. Ann Vincent's Gift Card Drive to help families in need this Thanksgiving season! We collected **\$2973.21** in gift cards and monetary donations. If you did not have a chance to donate, we will still continue to collect on Monday and Tuesday next week. We truly are Better Together!

COAT DRIVE REMINDER

Join Cub Scout Pack 3617 and the Holy Name Men's Club in helping families stay warm by donating new or gently used coats, jackets, hats and gloves of all sizes. Items will be collected in the vestibule of the Church on Saturday and Sunday. Details attached.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Hearing and vision screening results will be sent home today in your student's white envelope. Please take a moment to review the enclosed information. If the results indicate that a referral is needed for a more comprehensive exam, additional details and next steps are included. If no concerns were noted, no further action is required at this time.

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH

If you'd like to order Hot Lunch for December, please click **HERE**. To order Hot Lunch for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, please click **HERE**. All orders are due by **November 17th**.

BOOK FAIR

Please find details attached about this year's Book Fair which will be held **November 18th - November 20th** in our school Library.

DRESS DOWN DAY

On Friday, **November 21st**, any student who donated candy for FSA's Trunk or Treat event may Dress Down.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

We are off all week (11/24-11/28) for Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with the family. We have so much to be grateful for. Classes resume on December 1st!

POWERSCHOOL

Trimester 1 officially ends today. PowerSchool will be turned off for parent and student access beginning Thursday, November 14th, to allow us to finalize report cards. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 21st in your child's white envelope. Please take some time to review your child's report card together and help them set goals for Trimester 2. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's growth and learning!

DECEMBER ENRICHMENT

Please click **HERE** to sign up for December Enrichment classes. Classes will be held on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Please sign up by Monday, **December 1st**. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGENT

All K-8 students are invited to take part in our Annual Christmas Pageant, which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Church, before 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. This beloved tradition is a beautiful way for our students to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through song and story. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the Google Form **HERE** by Thursday, **November 20th**. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon! Students are responsible for providing their own costumes. Practices will be held after school on Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 2:30-3:20 p.m. The Christmas Pageant will be directed by Ms. Kelley, Mr. Dalla Betta, and Mrs. Reich.

SMART FAMILIES INITIATIVE

How does technology shape the developing brain? The latest Be Smart newsletter **HERE** explores what neuroscience reveals about childhood, adolescence, and digital habits—and what families can do to support healthy development. From dopamine to decision-making, learn how everyday experiences shape focus, motivation, and emotional connection.

MON 11/17

SCAA Mtg.

TUE 11/18-THUR 11/20

School Book Fair

WED 11/19

8:10am Mass

Enrichment

THU 11/20

Hot Lunch: Calabria Mostaccioli

FRI 11/21

Reports Cards Sent Home

MON 11/24 - FRI 11/28

Thanksgiving Break

MON 12/1

Classes Resume

TUE 12/2

SAC Mtg.

WED 12/3

8:10am Mass

Enrichment

THU 12/4

Hot Lunch: Calabria Nuggets/Chips

1:45pm Dismissal Faculty PD

MON 12/8

8:10am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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.



GRIFFIN GAINER

This Junior High Cardinal is a very responsible and polite student who comes to school each day eager to learn and ready to give their best. This 8th grader is the first to offer a helping hand and he's always there with a positive attitude. His kindness, dependability, and genuine enthusiasm make him a true asset to our classroom community.



EVELYN YOUKHANNA

This little Cardinal is brand new to St. Christina, and this is her very first experience attending school. She has settled into our classroom beautifully and is already so helpful to both her teachers and classmates. She is bright, curious, and eager to explore the world around her. We can't wait to watch all the discoveries and adventures that await her throughout this school year!



HIGHLIGHTS

A REMARKABLE ACT OF CARDINAL GENEROSITY

Ava Martinez donated \$100 cash from her piggy bank to help local families in need for Sr. Ann Vincent's Gift Card Drive. Thank you, Ava!



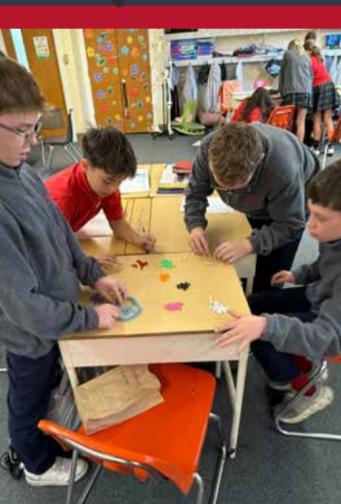
This week, our Fifth and Sixth Graders had the honor of welcoming **SPECIALIST E4 STEPHEN DESMOND**, father of Mrs. Hofmann, to their classrooms. Specialist Desmond shared his experiences serving two tours in Vietnam, where he was stationed with the Military Police near Saigon. Our students were grateful for the opportunity to learn from his firsthand stories of dedication, courage, and sacrifice.

As we reflect on his visit, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all veterans—both within our St. Christina community and across our nation. We are grateful for you today and always.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Big thanks to **OUR FSA** for organizing a great Ice Cream Fundraiser!

The generosity of our community brought in **\$1000** for our school.



EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF LIFE ON EARTH

Our students are diving into the world of biodiversity and genetic diversity by discovering how every species, from the tiniest microbes to towering trees, plays a vital role in keeping our planet balanced and thriving.

They're learning how to measure biodiversity using the Biodiversity Index, uncovering the incredible variety of life that makes each ecosystem unique.

The crisp air and colorful leaves remind us that fall is in full swing—and Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Did you know that many traditional fall foods, like sweet potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkins, are packed with nutrients that help keep our immune systems strong as the weather gets cooler?

This season is also a great time to practice gratitude for the simple things that keep us healthy—warm coats, cozy meals, good friends, and plenty of rest. Encourage your child to get outside for some fresh air, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and wash hands often to stay well through the holiday season.

NURSE'S CORNER

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH HERE.



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI HERE.

FSA^{25/26}

save the date

HOLIDAY MARKET - THIS SATURDAY!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

6:30pm - 10:30pm, Gym

Details attached!

PIZZA WITH SANTA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

5:30pm - 8:00pm, School Basement

Details attached!

CHRISTMAS CRAWL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

6pm / \$60 per person

Details attached! Tickets must be purchased by December 1st.

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

**CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS**



Winter Coat

Drive



November 10 - 16, 2025

St Christina School and Parish

Join Cub Scout Pack 3617 and the Holy Name Men's Club in helping families stay warm by donating new or gently used coats, jackets, hats, and gloves of all sizes!

Items can be dropped off at the school Monday - Friday or in the church vestibule on Saturday and Sunday.



2025
St. Christina
HOLIDAY
MARKET

Saturday

NOVEMBER 15TH

6:30-10:30 PM

ST. CHRISTINA SCHOOL GYM

Over 40 Vendors for Holiday Shopping
Food by S & T's

The first 100 people to sign up in advance receive a custom etched wine glass!



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For More Information Contact
stc.holidaymarket@gmail.com



Visit with
Mrs. Claus!



ADMISSION
\$10

St. Christina Book Fair is Coming!



Tue 11/18 to Thu 11/20

Cultivate your child's love of reading and support the school!

Join us for the Book Fair, presented by St. Christina School and **Bookie's Bookstore**. All sales are tax exempt and a portion of the profits will be donated back to the school! Cash & many other forms of payment are accepted, see back of flyer for details.

*Book Fair envelopes are coming home with students!
Families can place cash inside the envelope for their child to bring to the Book Fair.*



10324 S. Western Ave.

BOOKIE'S
NEW AND USED BOOKS

773.239.1110

Tue 9am to 3:30pm

Wed 8:30am to 3:30pm

Thu 8:30am to 3:30pm

FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED AT THE BOOK FAIR

Cash, Credit/Debit cards, Applepay, Googlepay,
CashApp, Venmo

or Bookie's book fair credit available at
bookieschicago.com

Instructions for St. Christina School families to purchase student credit for the Bookie's Book Fair

- 1) Go to bookieschicago.com & create an account or Login if you have an account.
- 2) Click "Gift Cards" then click on
 "Book Fair Credit – Add to Cart".
 - A. Edit the "Amount (\$)".
 - B. In the "To" box enter your student's **FULL NAME** and their **GRADE**.
 - C. In the "From" box enter your name.
 - D. In the "Message" box enter **"ST. CHRISTINA FAIR"** then click "Add to cart". **PLEASE NOTE**, it is very important that you enter the school's name so your student's name will be on the credit list at the **ST. CHRISTINA BOOK FAIR** checkout table. Bookie's runs fairs at multiple schools and this will create confusion if the school name is not entered.
- 3) If you have multiple children who attend the school, you can create an individual gift card for each child. Make sure to list the **FULL NAME** and **GRADE** and **"ST. CHRISTINA FAIR"** for each student. Click "Add more gift cards" to do this.
- 4) At the "Your Cart" screen click "Pick up in store". And then complete your purchase.
- 5) **PLEASE NOTE:** You will **NOT** need to pick up a physical gift card from our store. Your student's name will be on an alphabetized list at the book fair check out table. Tell your student to let a Bookie's staff member know what their name is and that you have purchased book fair credit for them and we will verify the credit amount they have available to spend at the fair.
- 6) **If you have any problems or questions please contact Bookie's Operations Manager, Rich Wojcikowski directly at 708-398-0677**

S&T Pizza Setup Fundraiser



Supporting the St. Christina Class of 2026

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

**Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or
1/2 lb of pepperoni**

Enjoy now or freeze for later!

**Perfect as a stocking stuffer or a "treat-yourself" during the
holiday hustle!**

Redeem vouchers at any S&T location - they never expire!

Orders accepted Nov 14th-Dec 1st.

**Vouchers will be sent home with students via school weekly
envelope on December 12th or can be picked up at the parish center**

December 14th 11:15am-12pm.

**see order form to select option*

Use the link or QR code below for easy ordering
<https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=zsphgts2gfo>



Questions: email Lori Doolin
lmaxwell007@yahoo.com





What Teens Want You to Know About Social Media



An Online Event:
Inside the Teen Experience
of Social Media
November 18th:
9am - 12pm - 7pm



Smart Families invites you to hear directly from teens as they share honest experiences with social media. From online pressures to algorithmic influence, this candid panel offers rare insight into how digital life shapes identity, relationships, learning, and mental health—and how to better support youth.

ST. CHRISTINA SCHOOL BASEMENT
4TH ANNUAL PIZZA



WITH
SANTA



Price includes: pizza, pop, water, cookies

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
SCHOOL BASEMENT
5:30-8:00 PM



Ticket: \$40 per family (35\$ FSA families)
CASH, VENMO OR CHECK ONLY

BLINK OF THE EYE PHOTOGRAPHY

4X6 photo with Santa in paper frame \$10

4x6 photo with Santa in wood frame- \$20

CASH OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH SIGN UP GENIUS

QUESTIONS: CONTACT KATY VACI 773-386-7414

ST. CHRISTINA FSA CORDIALLY INVITES
ALL SCHOOL PARENTS TO THE

5th Annual
CHRISTMAS
CRAWL



*a casual evening of appetizers, cocktails,
and conversation in pajamas.*

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 6th, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

Cost: \$60 per person

PURCHASE TICKETS VIA VENMO TO: @sclaussen
Or fill out the form below with a check made out to St. Christina FSA

Questions? Contact Sharon Deenihan at sclaussen@live.com or 708.927.4176

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ (21 & Over Please)

St. Christina FSA is hosting the "5th Annual Christmas Crawl," a progressive party, on Saturday, December 6 2025. Tickets are \$60 per person (which includes food, drinks and transportation), and can be purchased via check made payable to the St. Christina FSA, or via Venmo to @sclaussen.

Do not delay! Tickets are limited and we expect to sell out quickly. Please contact Sharon Deenihan at sclaussen@live.com or 708-927-4176 with any questions or to purchase tickets!

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why are you having the St. Christina Christmas Crawl?

Because it can sometimes be difficult for individuals to meet other school parents or "break into" different social groups, the FSA would like to help facilitate introductions among parents that may not ordinarily have an opportunity to meet. This school-wide event is open to all parents of St. Christina School students.

Who will be in my group?

People will be randomly assigned to groups (couples will be kept together) and you will travel with your group for the entire evening. When you arrive at each home, there will be another "new" group of people to mix with. The Crawl starts promptly at 6:00pm.

Do I get to choose my group?

No, as this would defeat the purpose of the evening. The idea behind the event is to meet, mix and socialize with as many other parents as possible. Each participant will be given a name tag, which will give parents the ability to "put a name with a face" (for those whose names you may have heard but haven't yet met).

How do I travel from house to house?

You will be notified via email of your assigned team and team leader approximately 1-2 days prior to the event. Your team leader will meet you at 6:00 pm sharp at your 1st assigned home and travel with you by bus (or on foot if the homes are close) to the 4 homes on the route. You will spend approximately 45 minutes at each home. **After your 4th stop on the Crawl, everyone is invited to Fr. Perez Knights of Columbus hall for pizza, cash bar, and split-the-pot/raffle opportunities.**

Who is hosting the party at their home, and will I get to go to all of the homes?

The hosts of this year's Christmas Crawl are: Amanda & Jim Trolia; Anne & Chris Carmody; Lauren & Andrew Beil; and Amanda & John McBroom. Your group will visit each of the 4 homes at some point throughout the evening.

What will I eat? Drink?

Each home will provide a "signature cocktail" and be stocked with assorted beer, wine, seltzers, and soft drinks. Snacks will also be provided at each home. Pizza will be provided at the "5th stop" (i.e., Fr. Perez).

Can I just go to a house and buy a ticket? Do I have time to purchase tickets?

Given the logistics and planning required for transportation, food, drink and group assignments, you will not be able to purchase a ticket on the evening of the event. **Tickets must be purchased no later than December 1, 2025.**

Not into wearing your Christmas pajamas in public?

No problem! It's a vibe! Wear your favorite festive attire!

A Season of Faith, Gratitude & Giving

Dear St. Christina Families,

On behalf of the St. Christina School Advisory Committee, we are pleased to share our annual Christmas Fund Collection Letter.

At St. Christina School, we take time each Advent season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—the great gift of God’s love through the birth of Jesus. Our school family prepares for His coming through Advent celebrations, special Masses, daily prayer, joyful Christmas concerts, creative student artwork, Santa’s Workshop, and cherished buddy activities that bring our students together in faith and friendship.

Each day, our dedicated teachers and staff live out the mission of St. Christina—to nurture a community of faith where love of God and service to others prevail. We are truly blessed by their unwavering commitment and the countless ways they support the growth, learning, and faith of our children.

As we approach this blessed season, we invite families to contribute to the St. Christina Christmas Fund in lieu of individual gifts for teachers. Your donation ensures that all members of our school staff—teachers, aides, custodians, counselors, prep teachers, and office personnel—receive a Christmas bonus as a token of our collective gratitude. The more families who participate, the more meaningful this gift becomes for those who serve our students so faithfully.

There is no minimum donation, and every contribution is sincerely appreciated. Giving is simple:

- Cash or check (payable to St. Christina School) may be sent to the school office, or
- You may Venmo @StChristina for quick, secure giving. Please be sure to write “Christmas Fund” in notes section.

Please submit donations by Friday, December 5, 2025.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity. May this Christmas season bring your family peace, joy, and love as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

With gratitude and blessings,

The St. Christina School Advisory Committee

We are better together,

St. Christina School Advisory Committee

St. Christina Catholic Parish
@StChristina



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