

UPDATES + REMINDERS

COAT DRIVE

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 brought to school to be donated all next week (11/10-11/14). Items will also be collected in the vestibule of the Church on Saturday and Sunday (11/15-11/16). Details attached.

GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR SR. ANN VINCENT'S PARISH MINISTRIES

During the week of **November 10th** we will be collecting gift cards and/or monetary donations for Sr. Ann Vincent's Parish Ministries. Please consider a contribution to this cause. Gift cards or cash donations can be sent to school with your student. Thank you in advance for your support!

VETERANS DAY

Please join us at our Veterans Day Program on **Tuesday, November 11th** at 8:10am in the Church and enjoy songs and performances by our students. All are welcome!

POWERHOUR

There is No PowerHour the week of November 17th or the week of December 1st. PowerHour will resume the week of December 8th.

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.

SMART FAMILIES

As part of our Smart Families initiative, students will participate in "The App Trap" presentation on **November 17th and 18th**. This engaging program helps students learn to make smart, healthy choices about technology. The content will be thoughtfully adapted for each grade level.

Additionally, Smart Families invites you to join the online event, "What Teens Want You to Know About Social Media," on **November 18th**. Hear directly from teens as they share their real experiences and the pressures they face in today's digital world. Please see the attached flyer for full event details.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Preschool Christmas Program** is on Friday, December 19th at 8:15am in the Church. **K-8 Christmas Program** is on Friday, December 19th at 10:15am.

SAFETY REMINDER

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all students safe, we want to remind everyone—students, staff, and families—not to hold the door open for anyone entering the building. Each visitor must be buzzed in by the main office individually so that we can verify who they are and the reason for their visit. This simple step helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone. Thank you for helping us keep St. Christina safe!

TUE 11/11
Veterans Day Program
8:10am, Church

WED 11/12
8:10am Mass

Enrichment

THU 11/13
Hot Lunch: Barraco's
Burger/Breadsticks

FRI 11/14
Trimester 1 Ends

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.

**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

GEORGIE TURNER

You can always count on this Cardinal to lend a helping hand in the classroom. She takes pride in her neat, accurate work, is motivated to do her best in every subject, and is always ready for a challenge! Her kindness shines wherever she goes, and her friends know they can rely on her. A true and loyal St. Christina Cardinal, she works beautifully with her classmates. Way to go, Georgie!



ANNE DEENIHAN

This Cardinal shines with confidence and a great sense of humor that fills the art room with positivity. She's always ready to lift others up with genuine compliments that make her classmates feel proud of their work. Her careful attention to detail is evident in every project. She takes her time, thinks through her ideas, and adds thoughtful touches that make her art truly stand out. Keep it up, Anne!



HIGHLIGHTS

Way to go Cardinals!



We are so proud of our Cardinals! The 6th grade B-team won the South Suburban League Championship, the 7th grade girls A-team took 2nd place in the South Suburban League, the 4th grade Red took 2nd place in the South Suburban League, and the 5th grade White took 2nd place in the Consolation bracket of the South Suburban League.

Thank you to our 4th Grade for organizing a beautiful Mass in celebration of our saints!



PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!



First Place: Victoria Schwarzer
Runners-Up: Michael Santomieri and Georgia Salzman

The Beverly Ridge Lions Club judges had an incredibly difficult time selecting the winners, as each entry showcased creativity, effort, and meaning. We are so proud of how hard all of our 7th graders worked on their artwork and the thoughtful messages behind their designs. Congratulations to all of the 7th graders!



#SoaringToServe

These dedicated junior high students generously give of their time after school to help Sister Ann with projects, showing true Cardinal spirit through their service and care for others.

Thank you Vicky, Samantha, Patrick, Joe, Bo, Richie, Griffin, Leo, Michael, Jake, Nate, Gavin, and Aiden.



Congrats to our October winners. Thank you for all of your hard work to be a responsible and respectful Cardinal!

Alexis Carroll, Georgie Turner, Gio Fanelli, Mitchell Komen, Danny Sullivan, Cali Hamilton, Michael Prendergast, Sam Liakopolous

CARDINALCARD
October Winners

As the leaves keep falling and the weather gets cooler, it's a great time to check in with our health. Next week, on Monday, November 10th and Tuesday, November 11th, all students will participate in hearing and vision screenings. These screenings help ensure every child can see the board clearly and hear their teacher's voice without trouble—both are key to success in school!

If your child wears glasses, please remind them to bring them those days. Students will be screened during the school day, and results will be shared with parents if any follow-up is needed.

FUN FACT: Did you know your ears never stop working, even when you sleep? They're always on duty!

NURSE'S CORNER

FSA^{25/26}

save the date

HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

6:30pm - 10:30pm, Gym

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.



VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025

8:10 am

St. Christina Church



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SONGS AND PERFORMANCES BY
SAINT CHRISTINA STUDENTS





2025-2026 VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

November 11, 2025

Please have the girls arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Make sure girls do not wear a shirt with a number, name, or any outside Club Volleyball shirts! Everyone will be assigned a number that will be pinned to the back of their shirt. No family or friends are allowed to be in the gym or Parish Center during evaluations.

Thanks so much and good luck to all!

Any questions can be directed to Julia Tracy
(juliatracy83@gmail.com) or Liz DiMarco
(ewinger1@yahoo.com)

Date: November 11, 2025

6th grade: 6:00 - 7:30

7th grade: 4:30- 6:00

8th grade: 7:30 - 9:00

EAT

Thursday, November 13th

Come out and dine in or order TOGO at Lawlor's Bar, mention you are here for St. Christina.

& EARN



Come out and support the 8th grade graduating class of 2026!

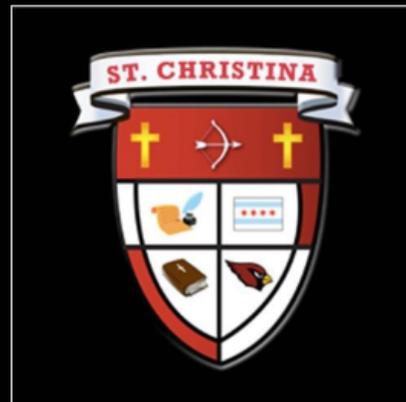
20% of Dine in Sales

&

10% of carry out will be donated to the Class of 2026!

773-941-8532

Lawlor's Bar
3908 W 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60655



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**



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



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.



2025 St. Christina Football/Cheer Banquet

The annual St. Christina Football and Cheer Banquet for DFL, JV and Varsity will be held on Friday, November 21st at Bourbon Street from 5:00pm – 9pm. Cost includes a buffet dinner, deserts, coffee and soft drinks. Please remember if you are sending your child by themselves, please arrange for a family to be responsible for them.

Agenda as follows:

5pm-5:30pm: Check in

5:30pm – 7pm: Buffet dinner

7pm – 9pm: Awards Presentation

Please submit this form to school (Attn: Mallaney Durkin) or mailbox 11130 S. Albany Ave by November 12th.

Pricing below:

Adults: 13yrs old & up: \$25

Kids: 5yrs old – 12yrs old: \$20

Under 5yrs old: FREE

Family Name: _____

Adults (13yrs & older): _____

Kids (5yrs – 12yrs): _____

Under 5yrs old: _____

Responsible family if attending alone: _____

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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WE ARE HIRING!

ASSISTANT GYM COORDINATOR

- ✓ **EVENING & WEEKEND HOURS**
- ✓ **VIRTUS-COMPLIANT REQUIRED**

INTERESTED? EMAIL
OPERATIONS@STCHRISTINAPARISH.ORG



TRAIN WITH THE CARAVAN

CARAVAN LACROSSE GRADE SCHOOL CLINIC

Saturday, November 8 | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Mount Carmel High School

Please join us for lacrosse drills and game situations with Mount Carmel Coaches and current players. Available to current 7th – 8th graders, please bring full equipment.

For more information, please contact Coach Kelly at mkelly@mchs.org.



MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL
6410 S. Dante Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637



To learn more and register to attend this clinic, please scan the code to the left.