

UPDATES + REMINDERS

S&T FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families who participated in our S&T Fundraiser supporting our 8th graders! Your vouchers were sent home in today's white envelope. Please be sure to check your child's envelope so nothing gets misplaced. All vouchers ordered under your child's name will be sent home in separate envelopes rubber banded together making it easy for you to distribute them to the friends and family members who purchased them.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Join us for Bambinelli Sunday! Children are encouraged to bring the Infant Jesus figure from their home Nativity scene to **any of the weekend Masses on December 13th and 14th**, where it will be blessed. Details attached.

RAISERIGHT

Earn tuition credits while Christmas shopping! Gift cards make great stocking stuffers! There's still time to place your last-minute gift card orders for Christmas. Orders placed by 12 noon on Monday, 12/15, will be available by Friday, 12/19. Not enrolled yet? Click [HERE](#) to join St. Christina's RaiseRight program.

SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP REMINDER

Your child will have a chance to shop for Christmas gifts for family at FSA's Santa's Secret Workshop next week. Please see attached flyer for more details. Please have your child bring the envelope that went home in their white envelope last week in on their shopping day filled with whatever amount of money they can spend and a short list on the front of the envelope with who they should shop for. The following classrooms will shop on the following days/times:

Monday, December 15th: Rm 5 (McInerney), Rm 6 (Wittenmeier), Rm 7 (Gillespie), Rm 8 (Reich), Rm 9 (Harty), Rm 10 (Webb), Rm 13 (Lotus), Rm 16 (Baldwin), Rm 24 (Hecker)

Tuesday, December 16th: Rm 3 (DeCarlo), Rm 4 (Fox), Rm 11 (Jacklin), Rm 12 (Hofmann), Rm 14 (Baley), Rm 15 (Nugarus), Rm 20 (Tovey), Rm 21 (Mapes), Rm 23 (Immordino)

Wednesday, December 17th: All Preschool classes (PreK3 and PreK4)

CPS PRIVATE SCHOOL PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

All parents of students on a Chicago Public School IEP/Service Plan, interested in the CPS evaluation process, or special education in general are invited to an important Parent Partnership Meeting hosted by Chicago Public Schools on **Wednesday, December 17th**. This session will provide valuable information about the process for requesting an initial evaluation, including key timelines, available resources and supports, and an overview of parental rights for private school students. This meeting is designed to help families better understand the evaluation process and how to advocate for their child's needs. Details attached.

SCHOOL-WIDE CHRISTMAS EVENT

On **Thursday, December 18th** we will have a free Christmas Dress Down Day. Students can Dress Down in Red and Green!

JANUARY HOT LUNCH

Please click [HERE](#) if you would like to order Hot Lunch for the month of January. If you would like to order Hot Lunch for the remainder of the year, please click [HERE](#). All orders are due by **December 22nd**.

JANUARY ENRICHMENT

If you would like to sign up for January Enrichment please click [HERE](#) by **Friday, January 9th**. Classes will be held on January 14, 21, and 28. There is no Enrichment on January 7th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our School Christmas Program will take place on **Friday, December 19th** in the Church.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Church doors open at 7:40am and the program begins at 8:15am

Attire: Please have your child dress up for this special event. Festive, holiday attire is encouraged; no jeans, please.

Dismissal: Preschool students will be dismissed directly to parents at the conclusion of the program.

Photos: The church will be open for pictures from 8:40-9:00am. Please note that the space must be cleared by 9:00am.

K-8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Church doors open at 9:40am and the program begins at 10:15am

Attire: Students should dress in festive, holiday-appropriate attire; no jeans, please.

Dismissal: Students will be dismissed from school at 11:30am.

Please do not sign students out early immediately after the program, as early pickups create significant disruption in the front office and classrooms.

CURRENT FAMILY RESERVATION DRIVE

It is time to begin planning for the **2026-27 school year**, and one of the most important steps in that process is current family registration. It is important to confirm that all of our current families are returning so that we know how many available spots we have for new students. An accurate student enrollment count is essential in budget planning for the 2026-27 school year. Following current family registration, we will allow new students to begin registering. Each current family's reservation will be \$75 per family if paid between Friday, December 12th and Friday, January 9th. After January 9th, the fee increases to \$150 per family. The reservation fee will be credited on your August tuition statement. Please click the **2026/27 Current Family Reservation Drive link** to register your family for the 2026-27 school year. Please list the names of ALL returning students who currently attend St. Christina in the box where it asks for a Student Name. If you are a current family and have a new student enrolling, you will enroll your new student separately the week of January 12th. Please contact the Main Office if you have any questions.

NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

Do you have friends, family, or neighbors who are interested in attending St. Christina for the 2026-27 school year? Spread the word...NEW STUDENT/NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION for the 2026/2027 school year begins on Sunday, January 25th from 8:00am-12:30pm in the Main Office of the School at 3333 W. 110th Street. Tours will be available for new families when they come to register. New student/family registration will continue through January 30th. The Main Office is open from 8:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday for new student registration.

SAVE THE DATE

During Catholic Schools Week, we love celebrating our families! On **January 26th**, it is Parent Day. Parents are invited to come to school to have lunch with their child in the Lunchroom based on family last name: 10:45-11:15 **Last Name A-G** / 11:30-12:00 **Last Name H-O** / 12:15-12:45 **Last Name P-Z**.

SMART FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

This month's Be Not Afraid newsletter linked [HERE](#) from Smart Families invites readers to pause and reflect on what truly matters. Drawing inspiration from the journey of the Magi, the newsletter encourages families to "look up," refocus their hearts on Christ, and create intentional moments of connection during the holidays. It also includes a meaningful family activity to help children encounter the beauty of the Christmas season.

MON 12/15
SCAA Mtg.

MON 12/15 - WED 12/17
Santa's Secret Workshop

WED 12/17
8:10am Mass

planned by 6th Grade

Enrichment

THU 12/18
Hot Lunch: Calabria Mostaccioli

School-Wide Christmas Event
Free Red/Green Dress Down

FRI 12/19
8:15am PreK Christmas Program

10:15am K-8 Christmas Program

*No Uniforms - Dress Up Day!

11:30am Dismissal
No Extended Care

CHRISTMAS BREAK
12/22 - 1/4/26

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Christmas Eve

7:00am Mass
3:00pm Christmas Pageant

4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Mass
10:30pm Mass

Christmas Day
8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass

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.

MITCHELL KOMAN

This Cardinal is a remarkably talented and dedicated young student and musician whose abilities continue to impress everyone around him. He has a great combination of knowledge of his studies and strong sense of rhythm. He has a genuine love for school and music that inspires others. Keep it up, Mitchell!



LYLA DONAHUE

Although new this year, this Cardinal has acclimated exceptionally well to our community and classroom environment. She is quiet, kind, and cooperative while among her peers. She is a hard worker, which shows by her wonderful grades across all subjects. She takes her responsibilities seriously and consistently follows the rules. She exhibits a genuine excitement for learning, and fully engages in the St. Christina School experience. Well done, Lyla!



HIGHLIGHTS



Third Grade is continuing their festive journey with the 12 Days of Christmas! Yesterday was Carol Day, where students shared their favorite Christmas carols, crafted their own carol creations, and even explored the history behind these beloved songs—all while weaving the theme into every subject throughout the day.



ADVENT

Our Second Graders are joyfully celebrating Advent and learning what a meaningful season it is. This week, they discussed the Annunciation and the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary before creating their own angels and assembling "Countdown to Jesus' Birthday" chains. Each night, students will remove one link as they journey toward the Star of Bethlehem.

As we enter the third week of Advent, we embrace the spirit of joy—a time to slow down, reflect, and share kindness with those around us. The days are busy with excitement and preparation, but let's also remember to care for our health and the well-being of others.

Flu season is in full swing, and little steps can make a big difference in keeping everyone healthy:

- Remind children to wash their hands often, especially before eating and after coughing or sneezing.
- Encourage covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow—never hands.
- Keep students home when feeling sick so they can rest and recover fully before returning to school.

Together, we can keep our school joyful, safe, and healthy!



CONNECT TO OUR PARISH [HERE](#).



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI [HERE](#).

FSA^{25/26}

save the date

SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 15TH-17TH

Details attached!

FATHER / DAUGHTER DANCE

JANUARY 23RD. Purchase tickets by January 16th.

Details attached!

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**

**CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS**



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

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TAKE PART IN THIS PARISH CELEBRATION!**

Children are encouraged to bring the Infant Jesus figure from their home Nativity scene to Mass where it will be blessed. This beautiful tradition is a joyful way to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

**ST. CHRISTINA
CHURCH**

**ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON
DECEMBER
13 + 14**



FSA PRESENTS

Santa's Secret Workshop



**ALL GIFTS
\$6.00 and
Under!**

CASH ONLY!

Small bills would be appreciated! Please do not send any bills over \$20.00

**15-17
DEC**

Located in the
Church Basement

See attached schedule for you child's classroom date & time slot

Please list the people to shop for on the front of your envelope. This helps with the younger students!

Questions? Contact
Julie Follis-
Julesod1086@gmail.com
Meghan Manzella-
Meghan.Willis86@gmail.com

St. Christina Father Daughter

Winter Wonderland

Ball '26

Friday, January 23rd

115 Bourbon Street

6:00 - 9:00PM

Adults and Teens - \$30

Kids 12 and Under - \$20

Cash or Checks made out to SC FSO due Friday, January 16th

Contact Kate Ferguson at 773-505-1747 for any questions

Family Name _____

of Adults & Teens _____

of Kids _____

Total \$ _____



CPS CITYWIDE ASSESSMENT TEAMS (CATS) & PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, December 17th 2025

TIME 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Parents are invited to join us to discuss the following topics:

- Process for requesting an initial evaluation with CPS
- Important Timelines / Reminders
- Resources, Supports, Parental Rights

Share feedback, ask questions, or state comments using this survey link OR QR code: [SY 26 Private School Parent Survey](#)



TO JOIN:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/owi-oefy-cja>

Or dial: (US) +1 304-503-3473 PIN: 769 025 996#