

## UPDATES + REMINDERS

**TRIMESTER 2 ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**  
Beginning today, we will implement our Athletic Eligibility procedures to ensure students are prioritizing their academics. The first week will serve as a Warning Week for any student who is currently failing a class. If a student is still failing the following week, they will become academically ineligible to participate in practices or games until their grade is raised.

**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. All orders placed by 12 noon on Monday, 12/8, will be available by Friday, 12/12. 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.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**  
Join us for Baminelli 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.

**SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP**  
Save the Date for our favorite event! Your child will have a chance to shop for Christmas gifts for family at FSA's Santa's Secret Workshop. Please see attached flyer for more details. In today's white envelope, your child will be bringing home an envelope with a list on the front of it. Please have your child bring this envelope 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)

**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**.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS 2025 MASSES**  
**Christmas Eve (12/24):** 7:00am Mass, 3:00pm Christmas Pageant, 4:00pm Mass, 6:00pm Mass, 10:30pm Mass  
**Christmas Day (12/25):** 8:00am Mass, 10:30am Mass

**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**

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| <b>MON 12/8</b><br>8:10am Mass<br>Feast of the Immaculate Conception | <b>MON 12/15 - WED 12/17</b><br>Santa's Secret Workshop         | <b>THU 12/19</b><br>8:15am PreK Christmas Program | <b>MARK YOUR calendar</b><br> |
| <b>WED 12/10</b><br>Enrichment                                       | <b>WED 12/17</b><br>8:10am Mass<br><i>planned by 6th Grade</i>  | 10:15am K-8 Christmas Program                     |                               |
| <b>THU 12/11</b><br>Hot Lunch: Barraco's Burger/Breadstick           | Enrichment  | 11:30am Dismissal                                 |                               |
| <b>MON 12/15</b><br>SCAA Mtg.  | <b>THU 12/18</b><br>Hot Lunch: Calabria Mostaccioli             | No Extended Care                                  |                               |
|  | School-Wide Christmas Event<br><i>Free Red/Green Dress Down</i> | <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b><br>12/22 - 1/4/26          |                               |

**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

### BRIANNA REARDON

This Cardinal is one of the kindest hard-working students in 3rd grade. She is always thinking of other people, participates often in class, and is always cooperative with her teacher and her classmates. She is a bit on the quiet side but her actions speak loud and clear. What joy she brings to St. Christina!



### WAYLON KONZ

This 4th grader comes in each day with a positive attitude and is always ready for learning. He is a role model for other students in the classroom and is always looking to lend a helping hand to anyone around him. Keep it up, Waylon!



## HIGHLIGHTS

### BEST OF LUCK TO OUR 8TH GRADERS

AS THEY TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM TOMORROW AT OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS!



We were proud to honor them and offer a special blessing, and a little treat, at Wednesday's Mass. May the Holy Spirit guide them with confidence, calm, and clarity!

## CARDINALCARD November Winners

All students who earned no marks on their **Cardinal Cards** during the month of November were entered into a raffle as a recognition of their positive choices and behavior. We are proud of every student who met this goal!

A special congratulations to our gift card winners!

**Nora Ferguson, Laney Durkin, Zoey Vasselli, Frankie Turner, Isabella Garritano, Lily Ann Glenke, Cameron Kelly, and Moira Lee**

Great job, Cardinals! Keep up the wonderful work!



**5TH GRADE FUN** WEATHER + RAIN CLOUD LAB TWO DIGIT MULTIPLICATION PRACTICE WITH DIGITAL PIXEL

As we move into the second week of Advent, we light the candle of Peace—a reminder to calm our hearts and trust in God's presence, even when life feels busy. The excitement of the season can make schedules full, but peace often begins with taking care of ourselves and those we love. Encourage your family to slow down together this week. Share a quiet meal without distractions, take a walk, or say a short prayer before bedtime. These small moments of stillness help children (and adults) find balance and rest for both body and soul.

## NURSE'S CORNER

Please note that there are addendums to the nurse's policies and procedures concerning highly infectious viruses and conditions. The policies and procedures can be found on our site, [HERE](#).

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

*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**

# 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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# BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

**WE INVITE ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO  
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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Party*

{ APRIL 11, 2026 @ 7 P.M. | 115 BOURBON STREET }



## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM FOR THIS EVENT?

*Join us on December 9, 2025  
@ 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall*

### WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





## CPS CITYWIDE ASSESSMENT TEAMS (CATS) & PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 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#



**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.

**December 2025**  
**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

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| <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></p> <p>Or use this QR Code to get to the Mount Greenwood Branch's Events page:</p>  | <p><b><u>Toddler Story Time</u></b><br/>       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><b><i>Mondays,<br/>       December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</i></b></p> <p><b><i>11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</i></b></p>   | <p><b><u>Preschool Story Time</u></b><br/>       Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p><b>For ages 3-5.</b></p> <p><b><i>Wednesdays,<br/>       December 3, 17</i></b></p> <p><b>Note: No story time on December 10</b></p> <p><b><i>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></b></p>                       |
| <p><b><u>Winter Wonders</u></b><br/>       Come create a fabulous holiday craft!</p> <p><b>For ages 4-14.</b></p> <p><b><i>Thursday, December 4<br/>       6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></b></p>  | <p><b><u>Wrap It Up!</u></b><br/>       Do you need somewhere to wrap your holiday gifts? We will provide tape, scissors and a small supply of wrapping paper and ribbon. Feel free to bring your own to use, donate or swap. Drop in on the following dates during the times listed:</p> <p><b><i>For kids, teens, adults and families!</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Saturday, December 6, 13, 20<br/>       9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.<br/>       and<br/>       Sunday, December 7, 14, 21<br/>       1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></b></p> | <p><b><u>Art Buffet</u></b><br/>       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!)</p> <p><b>For kids of all ages.<br/>       No registration needed.</b></p> <p><b><i>Monday, December 8<br/>       4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></b></p> |



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**Have You Got Game?!**

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.

**For kids ages 5-14  
 and their families!  
 No registration needed.**

***Thursday, December 11  
 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.***

**Let's Create**

Join Ms. Annie for a relaxing afternoon of art!

**For kids ages 4-14.**

***Monday, December 15  
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

**Christmas Bingo!**

Come join us for some Holiday Cheer! Stories will be told, bingo will be played and perhaps a craft will be made.

**For ages 4 and up.**

***Tuesday, December 16  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.***

**Level Up Book Club**

Join us for a book club! Pick up a copy of *Letters To Never Send Santa* by David Griswold. Read the book and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.

**For grades 3-4.**

***Wednesday,  
 December 17  
 4:00 p.m.-5:00 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, December 22  
 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.***



**Happy Holidays!**