

UPDATES + REMINDERS

REMINDER: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS + OPEN HOUSE + ART SHOW '26

We can't wait to celebrate Catholic education and the incredible students, families, and staff who make our school so special. The week will kick-off with Mass, Open House, and our School Art Show showcasing student creativity on **Sunday, January 25th**. Make sure to join us as we celebrate all that makes our Catholic school community shine.

Note about **Parent Lunch on 1/26** during CSW: We ❤️ our parents and are excited to have you at school to eat lunch with your child(ren) on Monday, January 26th during your designated time. Here are some reminders to ensure the lunch goes smoothly:

- Lunch times by Last name: A-G: 10:45-11:15am, H-O: 11:30-12:00pm, and P-Z: 12:15-12:45pm
- Order your food ahead of time as our local restaurants will be busy with other families picking up lunch too.
- Arrive early as parking will be limited so allow yourself time to park and get inside.
- Let Mrs. Spano know if there will not be anyone attending for your child so that we can prepare to have a special lunch with them at school.

CALENDAR REMINDER

There will be no school on **Monday, January 19th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ALL-SCHOOL MASS

Please join us on **Wednesday, January 21st**, for our January All-School Mass planned by 3rd grade at 8:10am in the Church.

SMART FAMILIES

On **Wednesday January 21st**, Smart Families will host a live online talk titled *Take Control of Your Life: How Virtues Lead to Healthy Family Habits*. Rather than promoting strict rules or "perfect" systems, this conversation focuses on how families can build healthier digital habits through virtues practiced together over time. The talk will be offered twice to accommodate busy schedules: 9:00am and 7:00pm CDT. Click **HERE** to register.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our 2nd grade students as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will be making their First Reconciliation on **Thursday, January 22nd** at 7:00pm in the Church.

ALL-SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

During Catholic Schools Week, we will be doing an All-School Service Project to make blankets for an animal shelter. In conjunction with the project, we are having a **Cutest Pet Contest**. Bring a picture of your pet in by **Wednesday, January 21st** to be in the contest. Please be sure that your student's name/family name is on the back of the photo. This can be handed in to your home-room teacher next week. Voting will take place during lunch periods during Catholic Schools Week. The winner will be announced by Friday, January 30th. Additional details attached!

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH

If you would like to order Hot Lunch for February please click **HERE**. If you'd like to order Hot Lunch for the remainder of the year please click **HERE**. Please place your order by **Sunday, January 25th**.

PACK THE HOUSE

Get ready to show your Cardinal pride and fill the gym with spirit! Join us at the Girls Volleyball Pack the House on **Friday, January 30th** and the Boys Basketball Pack the House on **Friday, February 6th**. Go Cardinals!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES BY REQUEST ONLY

On **Thursday, February 6th**, we have an 11:30am dismissal to protect time in the afternoon for optional Parent Teacher Conferences. These conferences are not mandatory but are encouraged if either teacher or parent sees a concern. Please reach out to schedule a conference with your child's teacher if you see a need. Teachers will do the same. Thank you, as always, for your partnership!

MON 1/19
No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WED 1/21
8:10am Mass
Planned by 3rd Grade
Enrichment Begins

THU 1/22
Hot Lunch: Home Run Inn Pizza
First Reconciliation, 7pm

SUN 1/25
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK '26 KICK-OFF!

MASS
at 10:30am

OPEN HOUSE
immediately following Mass until 12:30pm

POCKET-SIZED PICASSOS ARTSHOW
during Open House in the Gym

MON-FRI 1/26-30
Catholic Schools Week Activities
Details attached

WED 1/28
8:10am Mass
Enrichment Begins

THU 1/29
No Hot Lunch



✝️ **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.



MAKENZIE DURKIN

This 4th grader walked in on the very first day of school ready to learn and she's been setting the standard ever since. She is a true example of what it means to be a St. Christina student: respectful, dedicated, and responsible. Any time she enters the classroom, she is prepared, focused, and ready to do her best. You're doing great things, Makenzie!



AMINA ALZARREIR

This is this student's first year as a Cardinal. She was nervous at the start, but she has blossomed into a confident learner. She is kind to all of her classmates and she is always willing to offer a helping hand. Her smile is contagious. She is a welcome addition to St. Christina School. Keep it up, Amina!



HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER CARDINAL CARD RAFFLE WINNERS!

- Emma Ernst
- Madison DeCarlo
- Maddie Gray
- Brooklyn Hodges
- Anthony Calvino
- April Otten
- Georgie Turner
- Luca Folino



★ Our hardworking Cardinals gave their best effort during a successful week of i-Ready diagnostic testing.



Student Council took a trip to DePaul University to participate in the Leadership Program.

Brrr! Winter is here, and that means it's extra important to keep your body strong. Remember to get plenty of sleep—your body needs rest to fight off germs and stay healthy! Try turning off screens a little earlier and snuggling into bed with a good book instead.

This week, I'm going to include a fun riddle. If your child knows the answer, have them come and tell me!

I'm full of holes but can still hold water. What am I?



CONNECT TO OUR PARISH **HERE**.



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI **HERE**.

FSA^{25/26}

save the date

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**

ST. CHRISTINA SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

MASS + OPEN HOUSE SUN | JANUARY 25

10:30AM FAMILY MASS | OPEN HOUSE
TO FOLLOW UNTIL 12:30PM

Join us for Mass then Open House and see firsthand what makes our school such a special place for our students, families, and parish community.

featuring
ArtShow '26

**POCKET
SIZED
PICASSOS**

During Open House, be sure to stop by the gym to experience **Pocket-Sized Picassos**, the school's Art Show featuring over **450 tiny works of art by the St. Christina Cardinals**. In addition, 11 collaborative pieces, one from each grade, will be on display and raffled off to lucky winners.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

ACTIVITIES | Jan 25 - Jan 30

SUN

MASS + OPEN HOUSE + ARTSHOW '26

Catholic Schools Mass at 10:30AM

Open House, after Mass until 12:30PM

Pocket-Sized Picassos: ArtShow '26 / *All students will have art on display in the Gym.*

MON

PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

Join us to have lunch with your Cardinals! Parent lunch schedule is as follows:

A-G: 10:45-11:15 | H-O: 11:30-12:00 | P-Z: 12:15-12:45

Students wear school uniforms.

TUE

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

Pajama Day for students and teachers.

Students will enjoy special classroom activities and a few surprises PLUS...

no homework! *Students are receiving Andy's frozen custard; please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if they cannot have ice cream and would like a freeze pop alternative.*

WED

COMMUNITY DAY

Mass at 8:10AM

Students wear school uniforms.

School-Wide Service Project: Make Blankets for Animal Shelter

THU

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Students wear school uniforms.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

FRI

SPIRIT DAY

Dress down in Spirit Wear!

Teacher Swap

[#BetterTogether](#)
[#ReadyToGrow](#)





CUTEST PET CONTEST



ONE PHOTO PER FAMILY — SHOW US YOUR CUTE PET!

PLEASE WRITE YOUR STUDENT'S NAME(S) ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO.

ALL PHOTOS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST.

**ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
— THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH!**

**THIS CONTEST CONNECTS TO OUR SCHOOL-WIDE SERVICE PROJECT, WHERE
STUDENTS WILL BE MAKING BLANKETS FOR A LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER DURING
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.**



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 \$ _____

St. Christina is invited to a

GALENTINES

Shopping Night

THURSDAY JANUARY 29TH

FROM 6-8PM

Please join us for a private shopping event at Haven 1890 and Emilia Gray in support of our 8th graders!

SIO AT THE DOOR, PROCEEDS GOING DIRECTLY TO THE 8TH GRADE CLASS
THERE WILL BE A SPECIALTY COCKTAIL FOR AN EXTRA FEE!

PLEASE CONTACT BRIDGET FERGUSON WITH ANY QUESTIONS
773-203-2112



St. Christina Boys Volleyball Registration 2026

Tuesday, January 27th 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Parish Center

Thursday, January 29th 6:00pm- 7:30pm in the Parish Center

Checks only- 3 separate checks for registration, uniforms and concession

Fee for 4th - 5th grade: \$100 fee/ \$40 uniform

6th - 8th grade: \$125 fee/ \$40 uniform

If your son has his uniform from the previous year and it fits then you will not need to purchase one.

New players and those who do not have a uniform will need to purchase one

Contact Marvin Otten if you are interested in coaching or have any questions (motten2773@gmail.com).

Please visit the St. Christina parish website for all relevant forms.

<http://www.stchristinaparish.org/Athletics/Forms.html>



Annual Championship Party

Sunday, January 25, 2026



\$30 entry includes food and beverages or BYOB

St Christina School Basement
Doors Open at 1:00 pm

You must be 21 years old to enter

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:
Mo Walsh 773.505.1789 or Bill Fitzgibbons 773.879.9594