

**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](#)



## UPDATES + REMINDERS

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS + OPEN HOUSE + ART SHOW '26

Catholic Schools Week is one of our favorite times of the year! 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. Detail attached!

### CURRENT FAMILY/NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

If you are a current St. Christina family and need to enroll a new student for the 2026-27 school year, please stop by the Main Office during the week of January 12th, between 8:00am-2:30pm, to complete the registration process. Enrollment spots are limited, so it is important that current families register new students during this week. Beginning January 25th, any remaining openings will be made available to new families. We value and prioritize our current families, and we want to ensure you have the first opportunity to secure a spot for your child. Please contact the Main Office if you have any questions.

Reminder: Current Families should click the 2026/27 **Current Family Reservation Drive link** to register your family for the 2026-27 school year today!

### JANUARY ENRICHMENT

If you would like to sign up for January Enrichment please click **HERE today!** Classes will be held on January 14, 21, and 28.

### POWER HOUR

Power Hour will resume the week of January 12th.

### i-READY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

i-Ready Diagnostic testing will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week. All students must have their own earbuds or headphones for testing as we do not have extras. Please make sure your child arrives on time and has a healthy breakfast, as most testing will take place first thing in the morning.

### CALENDAR REMINDER

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

### 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*. The talk will be offered twice to accommodate busy schedules: 9:00am and 7:00pm. CDT. Click **HERE** to register.

### 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**.

### 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!

**SUN 1/11**  
10:30am Mass  
Presentation of the Cross, Creed & Lord's Prayer for 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates

**MON-FRI 1/12-16**  
i-Ready Diagnostic Testing

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PACK THE HOUSE**

**WED 1/14**  
8:10am Mass  
Enrichment Begins

**THU 1/15**  
Hot Lunch: Calabria Mostaccioli

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

Girls Volleyball Pack the House: Friday, January 30th  
Boys Basketball Pack the House: Friday, February 6th

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

**THU 1/22**  
Hot Lunch: Home Run Inn Pizza

First Reconciliation, 7pm



**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

### BRIDGET KONZ

This Cardinal shows enthusiasm in her school activities. You can always count on her to put forth the effort to do her very best. She presents herself well in front of an audience, always showing her creativity and originality. She has a friendly personality and is kind to all her classmates. Her smile brightens our halls!



### JO HEALY

Shout-out to this amazing 7th grader who brings a calm, confident presence to the classroom. Her positivity and encouragement lift up those around her, especially in the art room. She has grown into a confident young person with a strong understanding of herself. Lots of great things ahead for this Cardinal!



## HIGHLIGHTS

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Back from break and full of fresh energy, our students are renewed, refreshed, and ready to learn!

This week our classrooms were buzzing with focus and creativity as we dove into the second half of the year, strong and excited for all that's ahead.



Just like the students our faculty and staff is back and energized to support and guide the Cardinals every step of the way during the second half of the year. During our Professional Development this week we worked in groups to reflect on current practices and share practical strategies to inspire student learning and engagement.

#BetterTogether

The first week back from break can be a little hectic as we all remember how to wake up early, pack backpacks, and get back into school mode. It's normal for kids to feel extra tired or a bit off as they readjust to routines.

We're also right in the middle of cold and flu season, which means lots of sniffles and coughs going around. A few simple things really help: good handwashing (about 20 seconds), covering coughs and sneezes, drinking plenty of water, and staying home when there's a fever or they just feel too sick to learn.

**FUN FACT:** most kids wash their hands longer and better if they sing a favorite short song or prayer in their head while they scrub.

## NURSE'S CORNER

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

*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 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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 Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**January 2026**  
**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

<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><b><u>Have You Got Game?!</u></b>        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.</p> <p><b>For kids ages 5-14 and their families!</b>  <b>No registration needed.</b></p> <p><i>Thursday, January 8</i>  <i>5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Art Buffet</u></b>        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.</b>  <b>No registration needed.</b></p> <p><i>Monday, January 12</i>  <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Let's Play Dungeons and Dragons</u></b>        Enjoy a fast-paced fantasy tabletop game led by Ms. Annie.</p> <p><b>For ages 8-14.</b></p> <p><i>Wednesday, January 21</i>  <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Toddler Story Time</u></b>        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><i>Mondays,</i>  <i>January 26, February 2, 9, 23 and</i>  <i>March 9</i>  <b>NOTE: No story time 2/16 &amp; 3/2</b></p> <p><i>11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Open Block Play</u></b>        Stop into our block play event to build, explore and create together. This is a drop-in event.</p> <p><b>For ages 0-8.</b>  <b>No registration is needed.</b></p> <p><i>Monday, January 26</i>  <i>4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Preschool Story Time</u></b>        Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p><b>For ages 3-5.</b></p> <p><i>Wednesdays,</i>  <i>January 28, February 4, 11, 18,</i>  <i>25 &amp; March 4</i></p> <p><i>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></p>		<p><b>Or use this QR Code to get to the Mount Greenwood Branch's Events page:</b></p>