



UPDATES + REMINDERS



We are off all week (11/24-11/28) for Thanksgiving. Classes resume on December 1st!

REPORT CARDS

Don't forget to check your child's white envelope for their Trimester 1 Report Card. Please go through this with them and celebrate their successes and set goals for Trimester 2.

DECEMBER ENRICHMENT

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for December Enrichment classes. Classes will be held on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Please sign up by Monday, **December 1st**. All are welcome!

SMART FAMILIES

All of our students, grades PreSchool through 8th, experienced **The App Trap Junior Presentation** or **The App Trap** Presentation as a part of our Smart Families initiative. It is our goal through Smart Families to empower our families to partner with us to teach their children to engage with technology in a healthy and intentional way. Click the links above to view.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All K-8 students are invited to take part in our Annual Christmas Pageant, which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Church, before 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. This beloved tradition is a beautiful way for our students to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through song and story. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the Google Form [HERE](#) by Thursday, **November 20th**. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon! Students are responsible for providing their own costumes. Practices will be held after school on Wednesdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 2:30-3:20 p.m. The Christmas Pageant will be directed by Ms. Kelley, Mr. Dalla Betta, and Mrs. Reich.

POWERHOUR

There will be No PowerHour the week of December 1st. PowerHour will resume the week of December 8th.

EARLY DISMISSAL

There will be a 1:45pm Early Dismissal on Thursday, **December 4th** for Faculty Professional Development.

TRIMESTER 2 ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Beginning **December 5th**, 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.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

We invite all students and families to take part in our parish celebration of 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. This beautiful tradition is a joyful way to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas. All are welcome to participate!

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| FRI 11/21 Reports Cards Sent Home | WED 12/3 8:10am Mass Enrichment | WED 12/10 Enrichment |
| MON 11/24 - FRI 11/28 Thanksgiving Break | THU 12/4 Hot Lunch: Calabria Nuggets/Chips | THU 12/4 Hot Lunch: Barraco's Burger/Breadstick |
| MON 12/1 Classes Resume | MON 12/8 8:10am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception | MON 12/15 SCAA Mtg. |
| TUE 12/2 SAC Mtg. | | MON 12/15 - WED 12/17 Santa's Secret Workshop |

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.



ELAINE BURGERT

This student is hardworking and caring and always gives her best effort. This Cardinal approaches every assignment with enthusiasm and determination, showing great pride in her work. Her kindness toward her classmates along with her dedication to learning make her a wonderful part of our 4th-grade class. Keep it up, Elaine!



HENRY KONZ

This 1st grader has shown amazing growth by making good choices and responding well to teachers and peers. Even more wonderful, he naturally looks out for his classmates and is always ready to help a friend in need. We are so proud of his kind, caring heart, and all the positive steps he has taken this year! Keep scoring goals in being the best version of you, Henry!



we are grateful

for all the experiences this week that made learning so special—from field trips and book fairs to Donuts with Dudes, hands-on science labs, musical-chairs math, and so much more. Each moment helps our Cardinals learn, grow, and shine.



We are especially grateful for our students.

They are the of our school. And here's a few reasons why...

"I can see God in our school when we go to Mass together on Wednesdays. We learn about Jesus and we pray together every morning. There is a cross in every classroom. It's a good idea to pray at home too."

Ella
4th Grade

#HowToFly
as a Cardinal

"If I could show someone my favorite part of the school, I would take them to the lunchroom. Because lunch is my favorite. I'm always ready for a snack."

EMILY
1st Grade

#HowToFly
as a Cardinal

"To be successful at St. Christina never give up. It takes time. I was not successful at first but now I am. Keep on chasing your dreams! Never give up."

GIULIANA
3rd Grade

#HowToFly
as a Cardinal

As Thanksgiving break approaches, it's a wonderful time to pause and reflect on all the things we're grateful for—family, friends, good health, and the joy of learning together! As your school nurse, I am truly thankful for our amazing students, caring families, and supportive staff who make our school such a special place. Your kindness and cooperation throughout the year help keep our community healthy and strong.

While you're on break:

- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air. A family walk after dinner can help everyone feel refreshed.
- Keep hands clean before meals and snacks—especially when helping in the kitchen.
- Take time to rest. Good sleep keeps both minds and bodies helping.
- Remember to laugh, share stories, and give thanks for the little things every day.



FSA^{25/26}

save the date

PIZZA WITH SANTA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

5:30pm - 8:00pm, School Basement

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**

S&T Pizza Setup Fundraiser



Supporting the St. Christina Class of 2026

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

**Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or
1/2 lb of pepperoni**

Enjoy now or freeze for later!

**Perfect as a stocking stuffer or a "treat-yourself" during the
holiday hustle!**

Redeem vouchers at any S&T location - they never expire!

Orders accepted Nov 14th-Dec 1st.

**Vouchers will be sent home with students via school weekly
envelope on December 12th or can be picked up at the parish center**

December 14th 11:15am-12pm.

**see order form to select option*

Use the link or QR code below for easy ordering
<https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=zsphgts2gfo>



Questions: email Lori Doolin
lmaxwell007@yahoo.com



ST. CHRISTINA SCHOOL BASEMENT
4TH ANNUAL PIZZA

WITH
SANTA



Price includes: pizza, pop, water, cookies

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
SCHOOL BASEMENT
5:30-8:00 PM



Ticket: \$40 per family (35\$ FSA families)
CASH, VENMO OR CHECK ONLY

BLINK OF THE EYE PHOTOGRAPHY

4X6 photo with Santa in paper frame \$10

4x6 photo with Santa in wood frame- \$20

CASH OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH SIGN UP GENIUS

QUESTIONS: CONTACT KATY VACI 773-386-7414

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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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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

100th 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!





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>Registration is required unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Registration is available online or in person.</p> <p>www.chipublib.org</p> <p>Or use this QR Code to get to the Mount Greenwood Branch's Events page:</p>  | <p><u>Toddler Story Time</u> Toddle on in for this 30 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft!</p> <p>For ages 18-35 months.</p> <p><i>Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</i></p> <p><i>11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</i></p> | <p><u>Preschool Story Time</u> Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p>For ages 3-5.</p> <p><i>Wednesdays, December 3, 17</i></p> <p>Note: No story time on December 10</p> <p><i>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Winter Wonders</u> Come create a fabulous holiday craft!</p> <p>For ages 4-14.</p> <p><i>Thursday, December 4 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></p> | <p><u>Wrap It Up!</u> 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><i>For kids, teens, adults and families!</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, December 6, 13, 20 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 7, 14, 21 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p> | <p><u>Art Buffet</u> 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>For kids of all ages. No registration needed.</p> <p><i>Monday, December 8 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></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!