

What a wonderful first few days of school!
It is truly a privilege to serve your children.
Their smiles, excitement, and energy bring
so much joy to our school each day. I know
this is going to be a wonderful year
for our Cardinals!

♥
Mrs. Spano

A NEW SEASON BEGINS!



UPDATES + REMINDERS

POLICY BOOK

The St. Christina Policy Book will be housed on our school website in a digital format only. If you have not already done so, please click [HERE](#) to review the Policy Book and complete the Google Form to acknowledge that you and your child(ren) agree to adhere to the policies listed for the 2026-27 school year. All families must complete the Policy Book Acknowledgement Form by **August 24th**.

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch begins in October and will continue on Thursdays. To order Hot Lunch for October, click the link [HERE](#). To order for the entire school year, click [HERE](#). We have some new Hot Lunch offerings that we hope your kids will enjoy! All October Hot Lunch orders are due by **September 13th**.

MILK SERVICE

Milk service will begin after Labor Day. To order milk for the 2026-2027 school year, click [HERE](#). All milk orders need to be placed no later than **September 2nd**.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

Students and families are invited to join Mrs. Spano and members of our staff for Mass each Friday at 7:00 am Prayer is a wonderful way to begin the day, and we love having our students join us! Mass ends at approximately 7:30 am, and students will walk with our staff to the school parking lot and join their class lines.

WHITE ENVELOPES

Each Friday, your child will bring home a white envelope containing important information from the school office and graded work from the teacher. Please review the contents, sign the envelope to confirm receipt, and return it to school with your child on Monday. In today's white envelope, every family will receive a printed calendar with many of our school events listed. As events and activities are added, we will continually update our calendar housed on our school website.

GYM SCHEDULE

We are fortunate to offer students gym class twice per week for at least half of the school year. To make this possible, some grade levels' gym days will change in January. Please review the schedule below so your child is prepared for gym on the correct days.

August - December

Mondays: Grades 6-8
Tuesdays: Grades 3-4
Wednesdays: Grades K-2
Thursdays: Grades 3-5
Fridays: Grades 5-8

January - June

Mondays: Grades 6-8
Tuesdays: Grades K-2
Wednesdays: Grades K-2
Thursdays: Grades 3-5
Fridays: Grades 5-8

SMARTWATCHES

Please remember that students are not permitted to wear smartwatches during the school day. We ask that these devices be left at home to help prevent distractions and protect our learning environment.

SAFETY DRILLS

During the first few weeks of school, we will conduct practice fire, tornado, and lockdown drills. We always use calm, age-appropriate language so students can learn important safety procedures without feeling frightened. We want families to be aware in case your child comes home and mentions participating in one of these routine drills.

POWERSCHOOL UPDATE

Second grade families and families new to St. Christina received PowerSchool access letters today in their white envelopes. In addition, the Archdiocese created a *Parent Access to PowerSchool guide*, which can be found on our website [HERE](#). This guide provides families with the tools needed to troubleshoot and independently manage the settings on your parent PowerSchool account.

FSA CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

In today's white envelope, every family will receive their two Cardinal Cash Raffle tickets. This fundraiser directly supports essential programs and improvements for our school. Cardinal Cash tickets are \$100 per ticket. Checks for raffle tickets should be made out to the Family School Association. Checks or cash ONLY - NO VENMO! Each school family MUST sell at least 2 tickets. A \$200 fee will be added to your Blackbaud Tuition Account if your family does not sell two tickets.

NEW THIS YEAR: For each additional ticket (over the required two) that you sell, you will earn one volunteer hour, up to a maximum of five hours. Each family is required to complete ten volunteer hours during the school year. See details [HERE](#).

MORNING ARRIVAL

Students may arrive beginning at 7:30 a.m., when the parking lot is blocked off with barricades and staff supervision begins. For their safety, please do not have your child arrive before 7:30 a.m.

BIKE SAFETY

Please remind your child that students who ride their bikes to school must get off and walk their bikes once they reach the blacktop in the school parking lot.

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS

Join us on **Sunday, August 30th**, for our Back to School Family Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church. We hope your family will join us as we come together in prayer and ask God's blessing upon the new school year.

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child to school each day with a filled water bottle and, if needed, an additional drink for lunch. The school is no longer able to provide bottled water, and students cannot refill their bottles during the school day. If your child forgets a water bottle or runs out of water, they may get a drink from the water fountain.

WED 8/26
8:10am Mass

SUN 8/30
Back to School Mass
10:30am

TUE 9/1
SAC Mtg., 7pm

WED 9/2
8:10am Mass

FRI 9/4
Early Dismissal
1:45pm

MON 9/7
No School
Labor Day

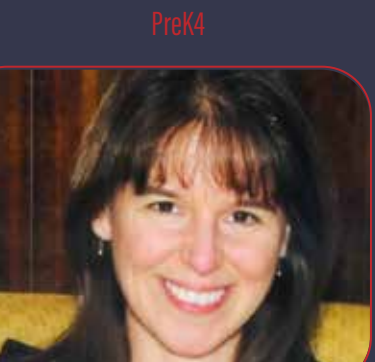
**MARK
YOUR
calendar**

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.

WELCOME

to our new faculty!



Mrs. Stull
PreK4

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University, Masters Degree as a Reading Specialist, and 10 years as an Elementary School Teacher

I am very excited to teach at my Alma Mater where my three children attend school. My husband and I grew up in this community, and we are proud Cardinals!

Fun Fact About Me: I co-founded a charity event with my three sisters that lasted over a decade. All proceeds from our event benefited children in need across the Chicagoland area. Our event was in memory of our Mom, who was also a St. Christina cardinal.



Ms. Kuehner
(pronounced "Kuehner")
Music

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy, Master of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy, and former Piano Professor at two universities

I am excited for the weekly interaction with students! Children are eager to experience new things—and their curiosity, enthusiasm, and creative energy is contagious. Plus, the children's smiles make me smile!

Fun Fact About Me: I was born in a country that no longer exists (West Germany)!



Ms. Anguiano
Junior High Spanish

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelor's Degree in English and Spanish, with a focus on professional writing

I'm so excited to share my love of Spanish and culture with my students! I'm a first-year teacher and love helping students learn Spanish and build confidence.

Fun Fact About Me: I swam and played water polo all throughout high school.

HIGHLIGHTS



LET'S PLAY BALL CARDINALS!



Welcome Back, Cardinals! 🎉

As we get into the swing of things, please remember to submit any required school physicals, sports physicals, dental exams, and vision exams. Keeping these health requirements up to date helps make sure our students are ready to learn, participate, and play. If you still have paperwork waiting at home, now is a great time to send it in!

Here's to healthy habits, happy students, and a home-run school year!

**NURSE'S
CORNER**

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH [HERE](#).

CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI [HERE](#).



FSA^{26/27}

save the date

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

TONIGHT!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST | 5:30PM | ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS

Kick off the new school year with us at our Back-to-School Glow Night tonight! See the attached flyer for all the details.

5K + HARVEST MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH | 9AM-2PM | MTG PARK + ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS

See details attached!

[CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

[CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

LET'S GLOW CRAZY

FSA BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST

DJ AT 5:30 PM

ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS



- Glow Sticks
- Cotton Candy
- Popcorn
- Tattoos



Will Be Provided by
the FSA



Nicky V's food truck



- Candy
- Drinks
- Popsicles



Available For Cash



DANCE PARTY

Contact Amanda Troia with any questions agardner2423@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FESTIVE!

HARVEST

Market

5K



FRESH AIR

GOOD VIBES

STRONG
COMMUNITY

RUN WALK STROLL

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12

10:00-2:00



ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS

40+ VENDORS
LIVE MYUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS ACTIVITIES



SUPPORT
LOCAL



Mum SEASON is here!

BEAUTIFUL, FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN.
PRE-ORDER NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR MUMS!

BRIGHTEN
YOUR HOME
THIS FALL!

Only
\$16
each!



PICK UP
AT HARVEST
MARKET ON
9/12

COLOR SELECTIONS



YELLOW



RED



WHITE



PINK



RUST

Why Pre-Order?

- ✓ Best Selection
- ✓ Guaranteed Availability
- ✓ Beautiful, Healthy Plants
- ✓ Pick-Up Made Easy

MUM ORDER CARD

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD (Please Check One)

- ☐ CASH
- ☐ CHECK Payable to: Harvest Market
- ☐ ZELLE

ORDER DETAILS

COLOR

HOW MANY

TOTAL (\$16 EACH)



YELLOW

\$ _____



RED

\$ _____



WHITE

\$ _____



PINK

\$ _____



RUST

\$ _____

TOTAL MUMS ORDERED: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

\$ _____





ST. CHRISTINA
PARISH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

ATTENTION ALL
NEW & CURRENT
ALTAR SERVERS IN
GRADES 4-8!

JOIN US ON
SEPTEMBER 4TH
AFTER SCHOOL...
WE'LL BEGIN WITH
PIZZA IN THE
PARISH HALL
FOLLOWED BY
TRAINING

Complete this form so that we
have a fresh commitment for
the 2026/27 school year:

[Altar Server Interest Form](#)





SMART FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE

Who is Smart Families:

Our mission is to empower families to build communities that engage with technology in a healthy, intentional way that is respectful of our innate human dignity.

Please mark your calendars for:

PARENT EVENT

Growing Whole Kids:
The connection between screens,
balance, bodies & behaviors

November 12
6:00 p.m.



FAMILY EVENT

Flourishing Families Dinner
Rediscover how your family can
live in the present with purpose.

March 18
6:00 p.m.



TOPICS COVERED:

Brain and Body Development
Tech and Sensory Systems
Tech and Emotional Wellness
Tech and Executive Function

TAKE THE



PLEDGE

**Proud to be a
Smart Families School.**





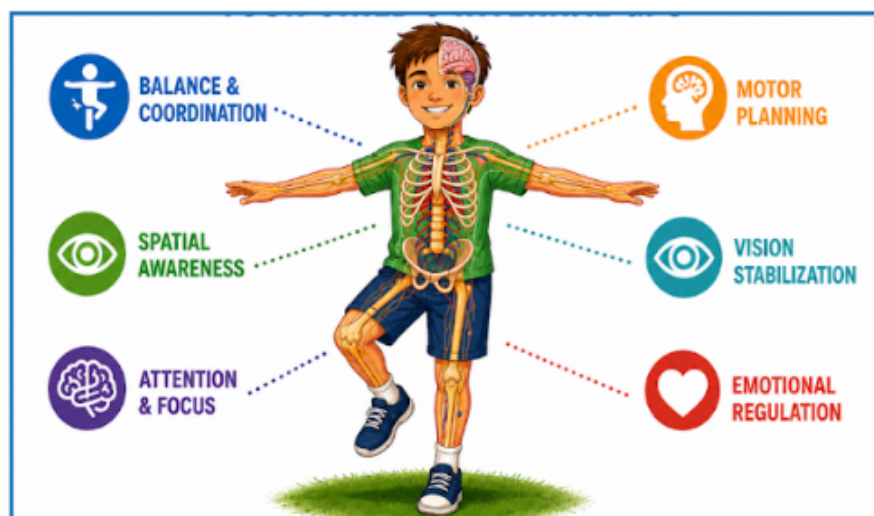
SMART FAMILIES Parent Education

Growing Whole Kids



Thursday
Nov. 12

6:00 P.M.



The Hidden Connection Between Screens, Balance, Bodies and Behaviors.

Explore how tech affects sensory systems, emotional wellness, and executive function, and **how these influences shape behavior and health in children.**

Keynote Speaker Julie Schultz

Julie is dedicated to empowering children and families through social-emotional learning. With a proven, collaborative approach, she equips individuals with tools for self-awareness, emotional resilience, and healthy relationships, helping families navigate life's challenges with confidence and connection.

Learn more at:
smart-families.org





100th Year Event Schedule

WEDNESDAY
10/7/26

FAMILY ROSARY ACROSS AMERICA

- Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 7 p.m. Live broadcast with Fr. Rocky & Relevant Radio

SATURDAY
1/9/27

DUELING PIANOS WITH HOWL AT THE MOON

- 7 p.m. In Gym

SATURDAY
2/20/27

LATE NIGHT CATECHISM

- Nuns4Fun with Vicki Quade & Maripat Donovan
- 7 p.m. In Gym

SATURDAY
4/3/27

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

- 4 p.m. Closing Mass
- 7 p.m. Gala Dinner

NEW DATE



**ST. CHRISTINA
PARISH**

3342 WEST 111TH STREET | CHICAGO



JOIN US!

WEDNESDAY MASSES | 5:30pm

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm, join us to celebrate Holy Mass at St. Christina Church and pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood and religious life. Together, we'll pray that others recognize and embrace the gifts God is calling them to share.