

UPDATES + REMINDERS

MORNING ARRIVAL

Please review these important reminders to help morning arrival run safely and smoothly. A moving car line is available on the south side of 110th Street, between Homan and Christiana, for student drop-off in front of the school. Please use this line and do not park on 110th Street during arrival. During both arrival and dismissal, please make sure your vehicle is not blocking any driveways on Homan Avenue or 110th Street. Thank you for helping us remain respectful of our neighbors!

IMPORTANT PRESCHOOL ARRIVAL REMINDERS

Preschool students may arrive between 7:40 and 7:50 a.m. If your child is having a difficult time separating or is upset at arrival, please know that this is completely normal! We ask that you arrive closer to 7:50 a.m. so the other students can enter and get settled, allowing our staff to give your child the extra attention and support needed to transition into the classroom. Also, to help reduce congestion at arrival, we encourage families to use the preschool car line whenever possible. If your child can unbuckle independently, a teacher can quickly open the car door and help them safely exit. We especially encourage our more independent PreK4 students to give the car line a try—it will help morning arrival move more quickly and smoothly for everyone! Lastly, for your child's safety, please do not fasten the chest strap on preschool backpacks, as it can be difficult for them to unbuckle and may become caught around their neck when they try to remove the backpack.

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS THIS SUNDAY

Don't forget to join us on **Sunday** for our Back to School Family Mass at 10:30 a.m. Let's come together in prayer and ask God's blessing upon the new school year!

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**.

SC 5K REMINDERS

Race shirts may be picked up in the Parish Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **September 2nd**, and Friday, **September 4th**. Students who are registered for the SC 5K may dress down and wear their race shirts to school on Tuesday, **September 8th**.

CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

Sell more—and sell early! With a grand prize of \$50,000, who wouldn't want a chance to win? New this year, families will earn one volunteer hour for every ticket sold beyond the two required tickets. The top ticket seller as of Friday, September 4th, will also win a special prize for their homeroom! If you need additional tickets, please contact the school office, and we will gladly send more home.

ALTAR SERVERS

All new and returning altar servers are invited to a pizza party and training immediately after school on **September 4th**. Pizza will be served in the Parish Center, followed by training in the Church. See details attached.

GYM UNIFORMS NEXT WEEK

Due to the high temperatures expected next week, students may wear their gym uniforms all week, August 31-September 4.

FREEZE POPS

Principal Spano and Assistant Principal Pagliaro will treat students to freeze pops during lunch on Friday to celebrate a wonderful start to the school year! If your child cannot have a freeze pop, please notify their homeroom teacher so we can provide an alternative treat.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

We will have an early dismissal at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, **September 4th**. There will be no Extended Care on 9/4. Also, there will be no school on Monday, **September 7th**, in observance of Labor Day.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held on Thursday, **September 10th**, for Preschool-Grade 3 and Friday, **September 11th**, for Grades 4-8. Students may dress up for their pictures; no jeans, please. Please be sure your child wears gym shoes, as students will still participate in recess and gym class, and we want everyone to be safe. When the photos are ready, Color Portraits will email families a link to view the images, select their favorites, and purchase the photos they love. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch begins in October! To order Hot Lunch for the month of 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**.

I-READY TESTING

Students will complete the i-Ready Diagnostic during the week of **September 14th**. Please make sure your child has a pair of headphones at school, as we are unable to provide headphones to students who do not bring their own.

HAIRCUT REMINDER

Please keep our school dress code in mind when scheduling your child's next haircut. Boys' hair should remain above the eyebrows, ears, and collar. Shaved heads, mohawks, broccoli cuts, and sideburns are not permitted. If students color or highlight their hair, it must remain a natural hair color. Thank you for your help!

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

If you would like to order a St. Christina yearbook from the 2025-2026 school year (*last school year!*) please click [HERE](#). Orders placed before **September 15th** will be shipped to school and sent home with your child. Orders placed after September 15th will incur a \$6.99 shipping fee and will ship to your home. If you have any questions please email amurphy@stchristina.org or sklupshas@stchristina.org.

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
No Extended Care

MON 9/7
No School
Labor Day

TUE 9/8
Milk Begins
5K Dress Down Day

7th + 8th grade High
School Recruitment
Fair (*during the school day*)

FSA Mtg., 7pm

MARK YOUR calendar

FRIDAY MORNING | 7AM MASS
+ 4-8th grade students: Join Mrs. Spano along with other faculty members each Friday at morning Mass.
We will sit together and walk through the Parish Center into school when Mass ends.

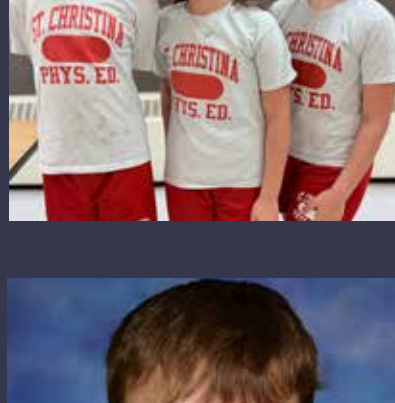
Click here to be connected to our online calendar for the most current info. Then, bookmark it!



Click here to be linked to our faculty + classrooms to connect with teachers and view their classroom sites.

EVA ROBIN ALEXIS CARROLL BROOKE CARROLL

These Cardinals have stepped up in a major way. They have shown incredible leadership by taking cues from the preschool teachers and offering a calm, reassuring presence to our youngest students. Their ability to comfort the children makes arrival smooth and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for showing our Mini Cardinals the Cardinal way!



BEAU BONNETT

This Junior High student is always looking for ways to help others, whether it's holding the door for everyone, participating in class, or simply showing kindness and respect to those around him. He doesn't do these things for attention, he does them because it is who he is. His willingness to help others make a positive difference in our school community. Thank you, Beau, for being someone others can look up to.



HIGHLIGHTS



We've been back in the building for a few days, but there's something special about gathering together for our first weekly Mass of the school year.

It's a beautiful reminder that while we learn, grow, and have plenty of fun together, our faith is at the heart of our school community.



DESERTED ISLAND SURVIVAL CHALLENGE

Junior High students had to design and create an object that would help them survive if they were stranded on a deserted island. But there was a catch—they had to use science concepts and explain the science behind their design!

From creative designs to clever survival strategies, our students showed off their problem-solving, critical-thinking, creativity, and scientific reasoning while answering one big question:

"How would YOU survive?"



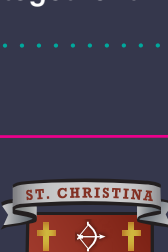
Backpacks carry a lot during the school year, and a few simple adjustments can help keep them comfortable and safe.

- Encourage your child to use both shoulder straps.
- Place heavier items closest to the back.
- Adjust straps so the backpack sits close to the body.
- Take a few minutes each week to remove anything that doesn't need to make the daily trip to school.

Nurse's Challenge: Do a quick backpack clean-out together this week.

NURSE'S CORNER

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH [HERE](#).



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI [HERE](#).

FSA^{26/27}

save the date

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

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FESTIVE!

HARVEST

Market

5K



FRESH AIR

RUN WALK STROLL

GOOD VIBES

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12

STRONG
COMMUNITY

10:00-2:00



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MARKET ON
9/12

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RED



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PINK



RUST

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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.**





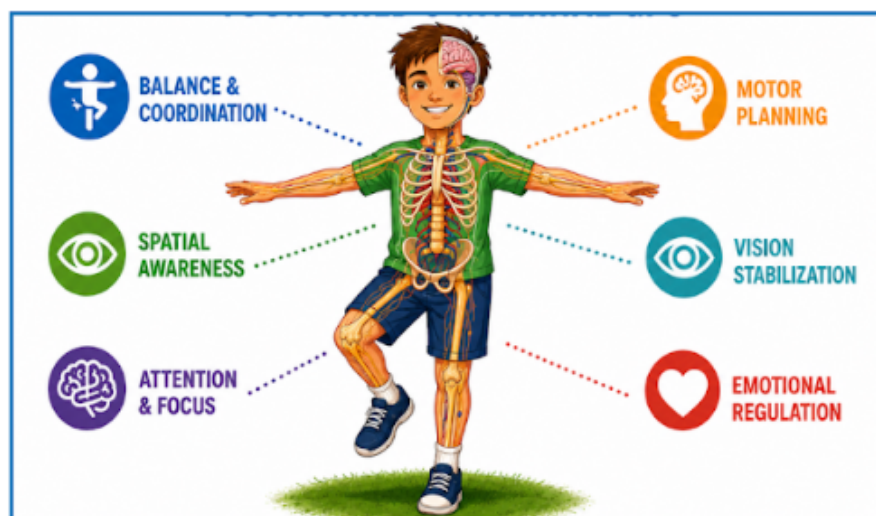
SMART FAMILIES Parent Education

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**Special
Olympics**
Illinois

Region D

BOCCE COMPETITION

FOR PARKS AND AGENCIES

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

La Villita Park

2800 S Sacramento Ave
Chicago, IL 60608

Volunteer Roles Needed:

- Event Prep (7:00 AM - 9:00 AM)
- Timers
- Score Keepers
- Ball Retrieval
- Awards



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