

CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

Sell early and sell often! Be sure to return your sold tickets for a chance to win \$500 in our Early Bird Drawing, which will take place during Homecoming on Saturday, September 26. To be entered in the Early Bird Raffle, tickets must be turned in to the office by Thursday, (9/24) morning since we do not have school on Friday (9/25). **We have sold 286 Cardinal Cash Raffle tickets as of today!** Keep selling, Cardinals!

I-READY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Students will complete their i-Ready Diagnostic testing each morning next week, beginning September 14. To help your child do their best, please ensure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. All students should also have a pair of headphones at school for testing. Thank you for helping our students feel prepared and ready to grow!

CONFIRMATION MEETING

On **Monday, September 14th**, there is a Sponsor/Parent/Confirmation Candidate Meeting at 6pm in the Church with Fr. Tom McCarthy for all 8th grade students who are making their Confirmation.

SAVE THE DATE! HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Join us for a special weekend celebrating our Cardinal athletes and school community! Homecoming will take place on **Saturday, September 26th**, at the St. Christina Fields. More details will be shared soon! The celebration will continue with our Fall Sports Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 27th.

HOT DOG DAY

Homecoming is quickly approaching on Saturday, September 26th! We are offering a Hot Dog Day on **Wednesday, September 23rd** to raise money to offset the cost of Homecoming Activities for our student athletes. If you would like to purchase a Hot Dog Lunch, click [HERE](#). **All orders must be placed by Friday, September 18th.** See attached flyer for details.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

Parents and guardians of 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students with Student Support Plans/IEPs are invited to attend a Catholic High School Info Session hosted by St. Barnabas on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 7pm in the St. Barnabas Church Hall. Representatives from Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, Marian Catholic, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mount Carmel, St. Ignatius, St. Rita, and St. Laurence will share information about learning support services at their schools. Learn about HSPT Accommodations, School Day & Testing Accommodations, and Resource & Counseling Support. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **Thursday, October 8th**, in the Gym from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. These conferences provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes, address any concerns, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's continued growth. Please click [HERE](#) to schedule your conferences. All parents are expected to meet with their child's homeroom teacher for a conference.

SMART FAMILIES

Parents are invited to attend an upcoming Smart Families online talk, *When Online Spaces Turn Toxic: What Parents Need to Know*, on **Tuesday, September 22nd**.

Two sessions are available:

Morning session: 9:00 a.m. Central

Afternoon session: 12:00 p.m. Central

During this conversation, we will examine why group chats and gaming spaces can become toxic, how peer pressure and anonymity influence behavior, and which warning signs parents should recognize. Families will also receive practical guidance for helping children and adolescents develop digital integrity, respond with courage, and build healthier communication habits online and offline. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking 7th and 8th grade student volunteers to assist St. Christina's SPRED organization. SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a parish-based, lifelong ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual nourishment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their catechists. SPRED is excited to host its first-ever Family Mass on Saturday, November 7, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Student volunteers will welcome guests and distribute name tags as they enter the church, as well as hand out treats following Mass. SPRED is seeking 10-11 student volunteers. Students should arrive at 3:00 p.m. and plan to remain until all guests have departed after Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to serve others while earning community service hours. If your child is available to help, please email the School Office (schooloffice@stchristina.org) by **Friday, September 25th**. We will share the names of participating students with SPRED coordinator Rosemary Sullivan (rosetsullivan@yahoo.com) so that she knows who will be assisting. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish community!

HOT LUNCH - LAST CALL!

To order Hot Lunch for the month of October, please click the link [HERE](#). To order for the entire school year, click [HERE](#). All October Hot Lunch orders are due by **September 13th**.

HOT LUNCH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist in our lunchroom on Hot Lunch Thursdays from 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will help sort and distribute lunches, clean tables, and ensure that lunchtime runs smoothly for our students. If you are interested in helping, please complete the form [HERE](#) by **Friday, September 25th**. Thank you for supporting our students and school community!

SAT 9/12
5K + Harvest Market

MON 9/14
i-Ready Diagnostic Testing Begins

Sponsor, Parent and Confirmation Candidate Meeting with Father Tom McCarthy
6pm, Church

WED 9/16
8:10am Mass

MON 9/21
SCAA Mtg., 7:30pm

Parish Center

WED 9/23
8:10am Mass

FRI 9/25
No School

Faculty PD

SAT 9/26
HOCO '26

Go Cardinals!!

SUN 9/27
Fall Sports Mass

10:30am

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 (front, to the right of the altar) and walk through the Parish Center into school when Mass ends.

BOOKMARK IT!

ONLINE CALENDAR



FACULTY + CLASSROOMS

CARDINAL
CALL
OUT

RILYNN SHRAKE

From the moment this Cardinal walked into Open House, her excitement for school was clear! She enters the classroom each day with a smile, ready to learn and be a kind, respectful friend to everyone. We are so lucky to have her at St. Christina. Keep smiling, Rilynn! You are a wonderful Cardinal!



MELANIA KELLY

This callout is for a Cardinal that goes above and beyond with their Religion homework! The assignment was to ask an adult what they think about the Eucharist, and while she was at the White Sox game, she took the opportunity to ask Fr. Brady. Not only did she complete her homework, but she ended up being the subject of his Sunday homily! This 4th grader took an assignment and turned it into a meaningful experience. Congrats, Melania! We are so proud!



REQUIRED SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION UPCOMING DUE DATES

Child Health Examination Forms due by **October 15th**

New students, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade

Vision Exams due by **October 15th**

Kindergarten

Dental Exams due by **May 15th**

Kindergarten, Second Grade, Sixth Grade

Please ensure your child's documentation is submitted prior to the due dates to avoid exclusion. Forms can be handed in to the main office, emailed to nurse@stchristina.org, or uploaded [HERE](#).

NURSE'S
CORNER

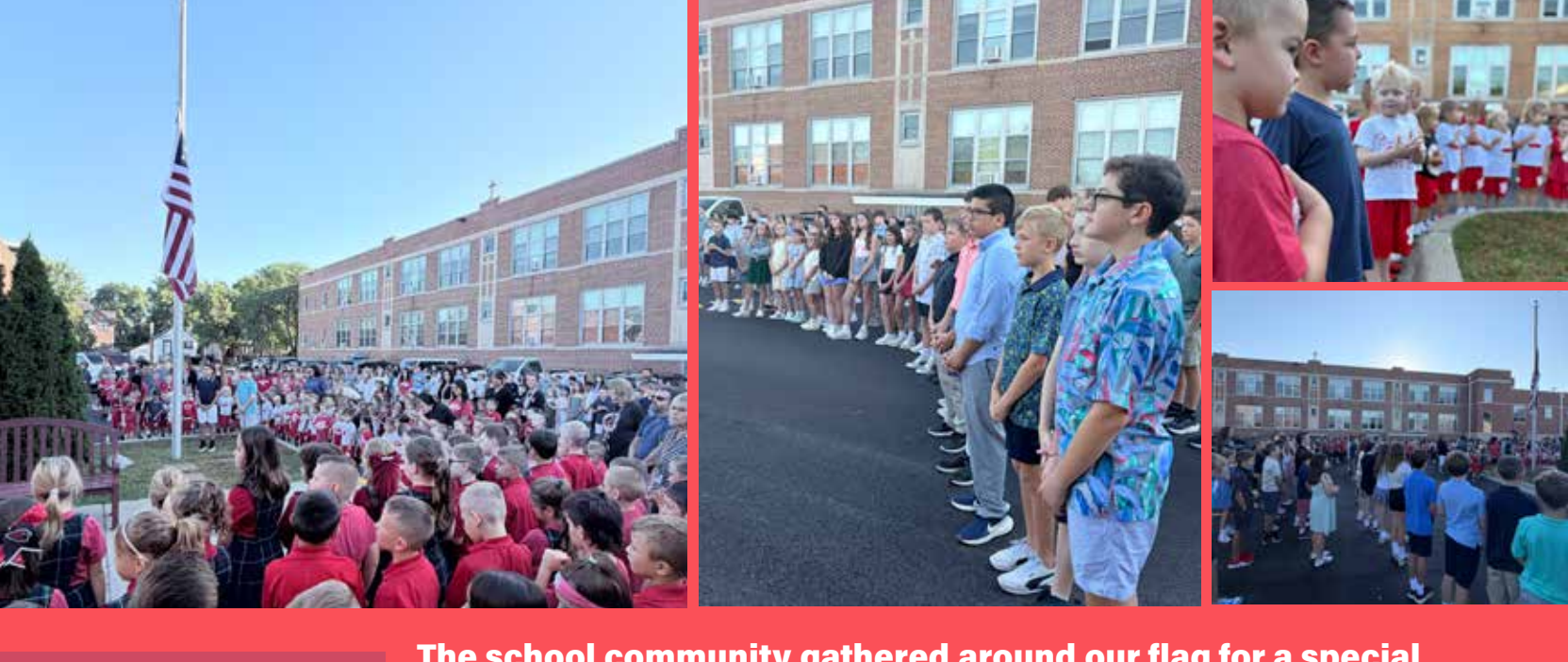
HIGHLIGHTS



Kindergarten had a ball in gym while practicing their underhand throws at different stations!



Fourth graders took turns reading aloud while their classmates listened attentively. It was wonderful to see everyone so focused and engaged in the story!



The school community gathered around our flag for a special 9/11 prayer service. Together, we remembered those whose lives were lost, honored the heroes, and prayed for peace and unity in our country.

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH [HERE](#).



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI [HERE](#).

FSA

26/27

To fill out the St. Christina FSA Registration 2026-2027 form

[CLICK HERE](#)

save the date

5K + HARVEST MARKET

TOMORROW!

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

See detailed vendor list attached!

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

[CLICK HERE](#)
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS



ST. CHRISTINA 5K 2026

RUN
WALK
KIDS DASH
OUR SCHOOL
OUR COMMUNITY



THIS SATURDAY! SEPTEMBER 12



MT. GREENWOOD PARK

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8:45 AM NEAR 112TH PLACE
(LOOK FOR THE BALLOON ARCH!)

MT. GREENWOOD
PARK



8:45 AM

Blessing by
Father Brady



9:00 AM

Runners
start time



9:00 AM

Kids 40 yard
dash



9:15 AM

Walkers
start time



10:00 AM

Head over to
Harvest Market!



BRING SOME
WATER.



WEAR YOUR
5K SHIRT.



WEAR YOUR
GYM SHOES.



GET READY
TO HAVE FUN!

> SEE YOU THERE! <

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FESTIVE

HARVEST

Market

5K

RUN WALK STROLL

FRESH AIR

GOOD VIBES

STRONG
COMMUNITY

LIVE MUSIC &
FACE PAINTING

10A-1PM

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12

10:00-2:00

ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS

VENDOR LIST:

- Rosey Oakes
- Crafty Cacciatore
- The Candle Vault
- Chet Chic
- Liv to Eat
- Nicky Vs
- Happy Head Huggers
- Wildflower Soap
- Mary Kay
- S&Ts

- M&K Beads
- Lemon & Basil
- Shel Shocked
- Emerald Cup
- Ellie's Jewelry
- Simply Sourdough
- J&D Crafty
- Js Be. Charmed
- Kelly Cakes
- Blend Above

- Sourdough by Syd
- Americanos
- Schindler's Pickles
- Bev Moss Mums
- Dee-Licious
- Nova Permanent Jewelry
- Sweet Treatz by Hannah
- SKYN med spa
- Rainbow Riot Tie Dye Bar
- MaturoCrafted
- Windy City Sippin

SUPPORT
LOCAL

ST. CHRISTINA CARDINALS HOMECOMING Fundraiser



**HOT DOG
DAY!**

Wednesday,
September 23rd



\$5.00

for a all beef
hot dog & bag
of potato chips.



**2 HOT DOGS
& BAG OF CHIPS
for \$8.00**



Orders & Payment will be on Blackbaud

Click HERE to order!



All proceeds go to homecoming activities
for all St. Christina student athletes.

**HOLY NAME
MEN'S CLUB**



*Faith. Fellowship.
Service.*

PILGRIMAGE TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

— Saturday, October 24th —



Our Lady of Champion

Join the St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club as we travel to the **ONLY** Apparition of The Blessed Mother in the United States in Champion, Wisconsin.



TRAVEL

Our 56 passenger coach bus, with restroom, will leave after the 7am Mass on Saturday, October 24th. You will pack your lunch for the trip, but on the way home, we will stop for a dinner at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, which is included.



COST

The trip is estimated to be 12+ hours long. With capacity set at 56, please reserve ASAP to get a seat for our Pilgrimage. **Cost will be \$30.**



**Call Mike Giancarlo
at (708) 370-2085**

for more information and to reserve today.

All Are Welcome!



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.

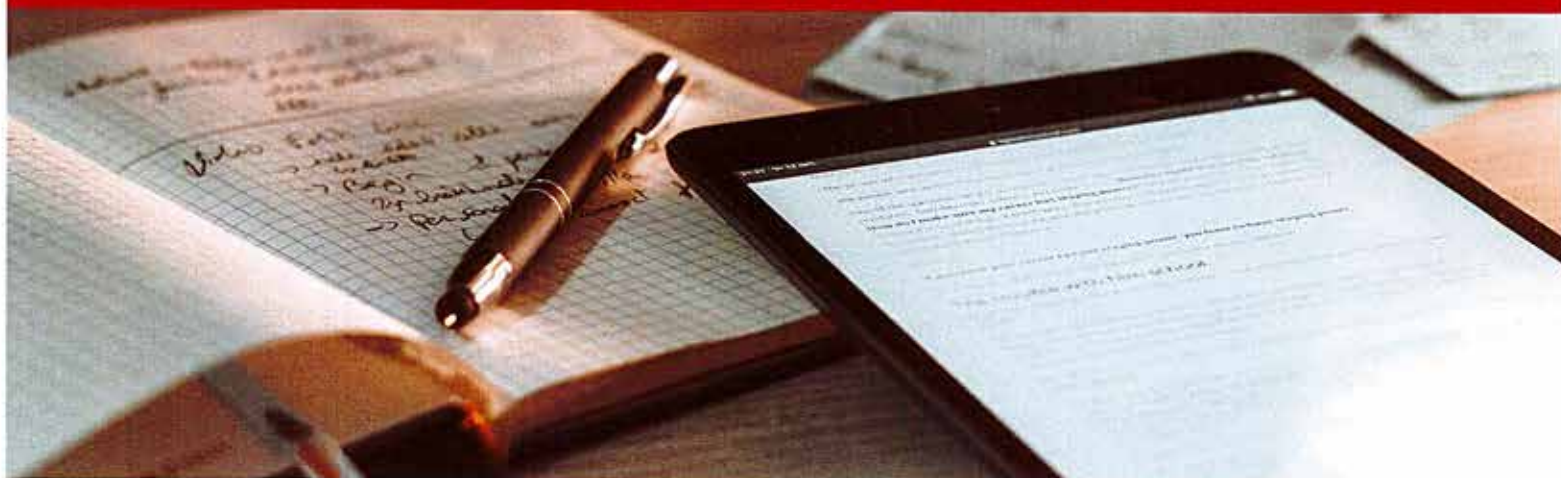
SAINT BARNABAS

welcomes families from all local grammar schools to the

Catholic High School Info Session for Diverse Learners

Wednesday, September 23 at 7pm

**St. Barnabas Church Hall
10134 South Longwood Drive**



Parents and guardians of Junior High students with Student Support Plans/IEPs are invited to a diverse learner information session featuring local area Catholic high schools

**Brother Rice DeLaSalle Marian Catholic Marist Mother McAuley
Mount Carmel St. Ignatius St. Rita St. Laurence**

**Learn about HSPT Accommodations
School Day & Testing Accommodations
and Resource & Counseling Support
for diverse learners at Catholic High Schools**

*This is a community-wide event. Parking is available in the lot.
Enter the Church doors and proceed to the lower level.*