

UPDATES + REMINDERS

STAY CONNECTED

IMPORTANT TO-DO ITEM! We are aware that some families are not receiving text messages from the school. To receive school text alerts, you must opt in—even if your phone number is already on file. Please **text YES to 67587** today to enable school text messages on your device.

CARDINAL CASH RAFFLE

We have sold **385** Cardinal Cash tickets! Keep up the great work, Cardinals, and continue selling those tickets! **All tickets must be turned in by Thursday, September 24th, to be entered into the Early Bird Drawing at Homecoming.**

LOCKDOWN DRILL

We will conduct a lockdown drill in coordination with the Chicago Police Department on **Thursday, September 24th**, at 8:30 a.m. You may notice police vehicles outside the school during this time. Please be assured that this is only a scheduled drill, and there is no cause for concern.

DRESS DOWN

Show your Cardinal pride by wearing your favorite spirit wear on **Thursday, September 24th** as we gear up for Homecoming! Students will also enjoy our first Assembly of the school year as we celebrate school spirit and have some fun together. Go Cardinals!

POPCORN SALE

Our Student Council will sell popcorn for \$1 during both lunch periods on **Thursday, September 24th**. Bring a dollar and enjoy a delicious treat while supporting the Student Council!

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be no school for students on **Friday, September 25th**, due to faculty professional development. This is a great opportunity for our older students to schedule a shadow day at a local high school.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Join your fellow Cardinals for a Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally on **Friday, September 25th**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Christina Fields. The festivities continue on **Saturday, September 26th**, with Homecoming football games beginning at noon. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

FALL SPORTS MASS

Join us for our Fall Sports Mass on **Sunday, September 27th**, at 10:30 a.m. as we pray for and bless all of our fall athletes and teams.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

Each year, our 7th and 8th grade Confirmation candidates have to do 10 service hours per year. There are a wide variety of age-appropriate opportunities available through St. Christina, local organizations, food pantries, libraries, community programs and other service agencies. Students may also complete a portion of their hours by helping a family member, neighbor or someone who genuinely needs assistance beyond their normal household responsibilities. Students were given their service hour tracking sheets in class this week. If the sheet is misplaced, additional copies are available on the St. Christina Parish website under Religious Education/Confirmation.

SCHOOL PICTURE PROOFS

All families should have received an email from Color Portraits containing their child's school picture proofs. If you do not see the email, please check your spam or junk folder. For assistance or questions, contact **Color Portraits Customer Service** or call 847-382-7505, Ext. 7.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Please help ensure that your child continues to prioritize academics throughout the athletic season. Beginning **Monday, September 28th**, students who are failing one or more classes may be ineligible to participate in sports. We encourage families to regularly check PowerSchool, communicate with teachers, and help students complete any missing assignments.

OCTOBER ENRICHMENT

October marks the start of our after-school Enrichment Classes, open to all students! Held on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:20, these classes are a fun way for children to develop their interests and skills or discover something new. October enrichment will be held on October 7, 14, 21 and 28. Please click **HERE** for more information and to sign up by **Friday, October 2nd**.

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.

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 (rossetsullivan@yahoo.com) so that she knows who will be assisting. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish community!

WE LOVE OUR FSA

We are **SO thankful** to our FSA! This year, they funded **14 teacher grants**, providing our teachers with materials and resources to enhance classroom instruction.

Stay tuned to our newsletters and social media to see some of the wonderful things the FSA purchased to support our teachers and students!

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

WED 9/30
8:10am Mass
planned by 5th Grade

THU 10/1
Hot Lunch: Calabria
Nuggets/Chips

1:45pm Dismissal
Smart Families Faculty PD

TUE 10/6
SAC Mtg., 7pm
School Library

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

LUCY TROLIA

This student's colorful pictures brighten Mrs. Spano's office, and her smile brightens everyone's day. She is a great helper in the classroom and a good friend to all. Lucy's cheerful attitude and happiness are contagious. Keep coloring, keep smiling, and keep spreading that Cardinal joy, Lucy!



ELAINE BURGERT

This Cardinal brings a calm presence to the art room. Always focused and ready to learn, she approaches every challenge with a can-do attitude. She also has a wonderful ability to recognize when her teacher or a classmate could use an extra hand and she jumps right in to help. Her kindness, focus, and positive perspective makes our art room a better place!



HIGHLIGHTS



Catapult Challenge

Our 8th graders put Newton's Second Law to the test with a hands-on Catapult Challenge!



3rd Grade math

Math is always more fun when we're learning with friends and using hands-on manipulatives!



Library time

Our PreK 3 Cardinals enjoyed exploring the wonderful world of books during their visit to the library!

Getting back into a school routine can take a little time, especially when it comes to bedtime!

Adequate sleep plays an important role in learning, memory, mood, attention, growth, and immune health. A consistent bedtime and wake-up time can make school mornings easier and help children feel ready for their day. Try This: If mornings have been a struggle, try moving bedtime just 15 minutes earlier this week. Sometimes one small change can make a big difference!

NURSE'S CORNER

CONNECT TO OUR PARISH HERE.



CONNECT TO OUR ALUMNI HERE.

FSA^{26/27}

save the date

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD | ST. CHRISTINA

Save the date! Details to come.



Be sure to follow the new **FSA Instagram page** (*stchristinafsa*) to stay connected and up to date on upcoming events, activities, and ways to get involved!

CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS



CARDINALS HOMECOMING



BONFIRE/PEP RALLY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

BARRACO'S PIZZA

\$5 A SLICE

CASH ONLY

6:30PM

PEP RALLY STARTS
INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS
CHEER ROUTINE

7:30PM

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL
WING CONTEST

7:45PM

8TH GRADE CHEER
WATERMELON CONTEST

8:00PM

BONFIRE

HOMECOMING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00AM

TENT SET UP: 8TH GRADE VARSITY
FOOTBALL AND CHEER ONLY

9:00AM

TENT SET UP: ALL DIVISIONS

9:45AM

PLAYERS & CHEER MEET IN
SCHOOL PARKING LOT
DECORATE CARS & LINE UP FOR PARADE
(BRING YOUR OWN DECORATIONS)

10-10:15AM

PRE-GAME BLESSING
IN THE PARKING LOT

10:30 AM

PARADE TO FIELDS BEGINS

KICK OFF TIMES

12 PM DFL
1:30 PM JV
3 PM VARSITY

Game Day Food

Cash/Card

10-1 Donut Dudes

12-5:30 Kona Ice

1-4 Nicky V's burgers/dogs

3-6 Calabria

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.

SAVE THE DATE



Volleyball Registration
October 5th & 8th
4:30 to 6pm

in the Parish Center

all forms can be found on the parish website

CARDINAL

ST. CHRISTINA



BOYS

BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION



OCTOBER 5
4:30 – 6:00 PM



OCTOBER 8
4:30 – 6:00 PM



PARISH CENTER





ST. CHRISTINA BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

2026 – 2027 Season

Registration for grades 3-8 will take place on:

Monday October 5th & Thursday October 8th

4:30pm-6:00pm

St. Christina Parish Center

Registration Fee (plus Uniform fee)	Registration Fee	3 rd grade: \$125 (includes uniform t-shirt) 4 th – 8 th grade: \$180 (\$25 discount for families with more than one boys basketball player)
Check #1	Uniform Fee	\$70 — All new players are required to purchase a new uniform this year.
Concession Stand Fee		MANDATORY \$300 per family; grades 4-8 only. Concession checks only must be postdated January 1, 2027 This check will be returned to you after concession stand hours are completed.
Check #2		For more information, contact Laura Kirby at 773-203-7603 / laurakirby32@comcast.net
Gym Pass Fee		\$25 — Grades 4-8 only
Check #3		Admits your family to all gym sports at St. Christina for the 2026 season.

Make all checks out to SCAA.

Checks only please! No cash can be accepted! No refunds. No Venmo

Visit St. Christina Athletics Programs > [Forms](#)

Please print and fill out all relevant forms and bring to registration completed. Thank you.

Anyone interested in coaching? Please contact John Healy johnhealy31683@yahoo.com

Check the Parish website or contact John Healy for more information.

**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.



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.

October 2026

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Registration is available online or in person.

www.chipublib.org or scan the QR code:



Toddler Story Time

Toddle on in for this 30 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft!

For ages 18-35 months.

Mondays,

October 5, 12, 19, 26

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Pumpkin Patch Crafts

Join Ms. Annie for some fun fall crafts!

For ages 4-14.

Monday, October 5

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time

Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.

For ages 3-5.

Wednesdays,

October 7, 14, 21

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

My First Book Club

Just beginning to read? Pick up a copy of *Pigeons are the Worst* by Alex Willan. Read the story and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.



**Must be able to read independently.
(Grades K-2)**

Wednesday, October 7

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Art Buffet

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!)

For ages 2-14.

No registration needed.

Monday, October 12

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Let's Play Dungeons and Dragons!

Battle monsters with a team of heroes.

Space is limited.

For ages 8-14.

Thursday, October 15

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Zombie Outbreak

Can you crack the codes to avoid a zombie outbreak? Sign up for a session and see if you have what it takes to solve the riddles and stop the outbreak. Space is extremely limited.

For ages 9-13.

Monday, October 19

Session 1

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Session 2

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Halloween Party

Wear your costume and come join us for stories, crafts and games.

For ages 4-13.

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 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, October 26

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Young Reader's Book Club

Curious what it might really feel like to grow up on Mars? Join us for a one-of-a-kind book club exploring science fiction, real-world space science and just plain fun conversation. Pick up a copy of *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm at the front desk today!

For ages 8-13.

Wednesday, October 28

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

