

ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL: FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Illiana Christian High School is founded on the Bible as interpreted in the Reformed creeds. We graduate academically capable young people with a comprehensive Christian view of life committed to the challenge of serving God and others.

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The school has been polished and prepped for a new year, and we are eager to see the halls teeming with students once again. Until then we have lots of little details to inform you about. If you do not find answers here, go to the Web site, www.illianachristian.org. . If you still wonder, give us a call at 708-474-0515.

Schedule Changes: Schedules were distributed in May before school was out. Changes should have been made at that time. The counselors will be in the office the week of August 15. If there are any further changes that must be made, you should make them ASAP. Some changes can be made after school starts but only under very limited conditions.

Freshmen Orientation: Freshmen orientation will be held Tuesday morning, August 23 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. This orientation is only for students and a light lunch will be served. That morning you will receive another copy of your schedule.

Textbooks: Textbooks must be checked out of the library. Freshmen get them at orientation on August 23. Juniors and seniors should pick them up on Thursday, August 18 from 4-7 p.m. Sophomores should come on Monday, August 22 from 4-7 p.m. If you missed these times, come to the library after school on Wed., August 24.

Big Brother/Big Sister: This program is for incoming freshmen who are not from the feeder schools and for transfer students. It will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 22, in the dining room. Information has been mailed.

First Day of School: The first day of school is Wednesday, August 24 (1/2 day session). Students will report to homeroom by 7:45 a.m. We will follow an abbreviated schedule for each class. School will be dismissed at noon. Returning students will have received their schedule when they picked up their textbooks. Additional copies will cost \$1.00. A list of the lockers and homerooms is posted across from the office.

Dress code: Although there are no significant changes in the dress code, parents and students are reminded that all students are expected to adhere to the principles of the code which stresses moderation and modesty. Of special concerns are those styles that allow for bare midriffs, are too low, and are not appropriately sized. Straps on sleeveless tops must be at least 3 inches. Girls should be able to raise their arms, bend over, or engage in normal school activity with out being in violation of the dress code. Please wear clothing that will allow for this. Violations will result in the penalties as indicated in the student handbook.

Back to School Night: PARENTS are invited to come to school to visit the classrooms on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar!

Pictures: Underclassmen will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, August 31. Seniors will be able to have photo retakes on September 26. Seniors should please see Mr. De Vries about scheduling a time.

Parking tags: Parking tags are enclosed for those who applied for a spot. The tags are red and white this year – last year's tags can no longer be used. You are advised to come early the first day to have time to find your spot. There are still parking permits available; stop in the office for a form.

Fall Play: Illiana will be performing “Charlotte’s Web” on November 3-5, 2011. Come see this family-friendly show that is all about an amazing friendship between a pig and a spider adapted from the book by E.B. White. There will be a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for children 5 and under. It is ideal for children of all ages - a great introduction to theatre! For questions or tickets, contact the school office at 708-474-0515. As an added bonus, come on Saturday to enjoy a wonderful farm-fresh dinner between the matinee and evening performance. It is the annual Rib Fest sponsored by the Illiana Foundation.

Tuition: Every family should have paid the first of eleven monthly tuition payments by now. If you have not, please do so before school begins on August 24.

Physical Forms: Forms for all freshmen should have been turned in to the office. Athletic physicals for upper classmen involved in any sport must be turned in before tryouts for that sport begin.

Parents of Seniors: If your student is planning on going on the class trip this fall in October, the money will be due the second week of September. The fee is \$530.00. More information will be coming shortly after school starts.

Moms In Touch: A local chapter of Moms In Touch International meets at Illiana to pray for the students, teachers, staff, administration, and board. We meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of the month at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of prayer. Our first meeting will be Monday, August 29. If you have prayer requests or would like more information, please contact June Kamp at 219-714-4110.

Security: After the school day has started, the doors will be locked. Late students and visitors will need to be buzzed in by the office staff. Late students must sign in and receive a pass. Visitors are required to sign in at the main office and wear an identification badge. They must sign out when they leave.

P.I.E.: Have you signed up for the P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education) yet? You must go to the Illiana Web site (www.illianachristian.org), click on "Parents" at the top of the home page. Next click on "P.I.E." on the left side of the page, and finally, click on "P.I.E. volunteers" on the left to sign up for your desired work preference. Earn your \$200.00 credit and help out your school at the same time! If you have any questions, please email the PIE Board at pieboard@illianachristian.org.

Market Day: Market Day is starting again for this school year. Try some great breakfast ideas, sandwiches and soups for lunch or easy dinners. If you do not have an order form, please pick one up in the office. Orders are due in the office by Tuesday, August 30 (internet orders by 11:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2). Pick up will be Tuesday, September 6. To order online go to www.MarketDay.com.

T.R.I.P. The first order of the school year is due Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, by 1:00 (no late orders will be accepted). Please be sure to also return your **SIGNED** and completed 2011-12 registration form with your order. Order forms and registration forms can also be found on Illiana's website (TRIP information is located under the P.I.E. section). Please refer to the website (www.illianachristian.org) throughout the year for information and updates

Athletics: Once again the Illiana High School Athletic Department will be enlisting the services of a professional sports trainer. The trainer will be available at many of the home events and after school on practice days to provide our athletes with prompt injury treatment as well as preventative measures such as taping, bracing, etc. Every student who participates in athletics at Illiana will be assessed a fee of \$30.00 per sport to help defray the expense of such a program. This fee will be added to your tuition statement.

In the midst of all these details let's remain focused on what is of greater importance to us all. Pray for the school, our teachers, and our families that this school year will be a blessing to God and will expand His kingdom in hearts and hallways. We are not the only ones preparing for a new school year; the Spirit of God is also at work among us!

Additional calendar notes: (also check our web site: www.illianachristian.org)

August 31	Hot Lunch - Pizza	14	Hot Lunch – Arby's
31	Pictures for Underclassmen & Sports	15	Cookout
Sept. 5	No School	26	Golf Outing
7	Hot Lunch – Barbeques	26	Senior Picture Retakes
8	Back to School Night (7:00 pm)	28	See You at the Pole