

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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YEARBOOK: For the students who ordered the 2010-2011 yearbook, the *Spire*, it will be available at the *Spire* party on Friday, October 7 in the gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. or at school the following week. You can still purchase this yearbook for \$60.00. Later this fall the yearbooks for 2011-12 can be ordered in homeroom.

SPORTS TRAINER FEE: The trainer fee for fall sports (\$30.00) has been added to the tuition accounts. This is a per-student per-sport fee for all athletes.

FOUNDATION FUND EARNINGS: The deduction for the Foundation Fund Gift has been applied to tuition accounts – except for those who indicated they were willing to turn theirs over to the Tuition Assistance Fund. A receipt for that contribution will be sent out later this fall. If you have not returned the gold Foundation form, you will not have received the credit.

TUITION: You are reminded that payments must be made by noon on the 15th of the month. You are encouraged to participate in the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your tuition payments. We have enclosed a form if you are interested in this plan. Please call if you need more information (708-474-0515, ext. 11).

MID-TERM REPORTS: Next week progress reports will be mailed home to parents of students (sophomores through seniors) whose performance is in need of attention. **All freshmen** should be receiving their reports for each of their classes directly from their teachers for this first quarter.

EDLINE: Edline is available to Illiana parents and students to monitor a student's academic performance throughout the semester. We are very excited about this level of teacher-parent communication. Please contact cheryl.schaap@illianachristian.org for further information on how to set up your parent account or questions regarding a current parent account.

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, October 13 & 14 due to the Christian Educators' Association Convention. Also, since most seniors will be gone on the class trip, seniors are not required to attend school on Wed., October 12. All other students are required to attend on October 12.

PSAT COACHING: The PSAT test will be given here on Wednesday, October 12 during periods 1-3. The coaching dates for that test are Sept. 22, Sept. 29, and Oct. 3 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. The cost for the test is \$20.00 and the cost of the coaching is \$20.00. The PSAT is great practice for the SAT and ACT tests. Students who score high may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

ILLIANA BAND FUNDRAISER: The Illiana Christian bands are doing something different for their fundraiser this year. We will be selling "Checkbook Gift cards." These checkbooks will be green and white with the words 'Illiana Christian High School Band' on them. They will fit nicely in your purse or pocket. They contain 30 to 35 gift cards from businesses in the Illiana area. They will sell for \$30.00 a checkbook. If you are interested in purchasing Checkbook Gift cards, please contact an Illiana band member or the school office. The sale will begin on Monday, September 19. Northwest Indiana and Chicago South Entertainment Books will also be available for those who want to purchase them. Contact Patricia Menninga at Illiana (ext. 810) or the school office. The Entertainment books are also \$30.

PARENTS IN EDUCATION (P.I.E.): Have you signed up on the Website yet to work for P.I.E.? You can get credit for the \$200 fee by participating in P.I.E. and help your school at the same time! There is something for everyone. You must sign up by November 1, 2011. If you have any questions, please call school and leave a message at P.I.E., ext. 804.

EARN TUITION CREDIT & P.I.E. CREDIT WITH MARKET DAY: Order quality food from Market Day and earn tuition credit at www.marketday.com! Register with T.R.I.P. and receive 5% of your order toward tuition. Students and parents may also earn P.I.E. credit by volunteering on Market Day pick-up days. Just help out 3 times during the school year. Available times are 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. for parents and 2:55-3:55 for students. To volunteer, email Anna Duesing, dues2@wowway.com.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES/FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR: The Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 27 and the Financial Aid Program will also be that same evening in the auditorium for parents of juniors and seniors.

STUDENT INSURANCE: Illiana does not have medical insurance coverage for your child. If your child is hurt, even if at school, we do not have a policy to cover that injury. We expect that all our families will have their own health insurance. If you do not have medical insurance for your child, you should buy a plan that we have available from First Agency in Kalamazoo, Michigan. You can buy 24-Hour-A-Day or At School coverage. If you would like information about this insurance, go to our homepage at www.illianachristian.org and follow the link. Or you may go to www.1stagency.com/voluntaryaccidentcoverage.htm.