



# ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Illiana's Matchmaker is a Perfect Match

A wise woman once wrote, "We are all fools in love." This year Illiana Christian's drama department presented a play that proves this point over and over. Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker* is a comedy that makes fools of all of us. For those of you who are not familiar with the play, you might have heard of *Hello Dolly*, the musical version of Wilder's comedy, *The Matchmaker* follows the familiar comedic pattern of general confusion and frivolity. The main character, Ms. Dolly Gallagher played by senior Kenye Askew, leads the characters on an a venture through New York that ends with her engagement to the "first man of Yonkers," Horace Vander Gelder. Along the way she also helps two other couples find love despite a quarrelsome uncle and a domineering employer (a.k.a. Horace Vander Gelder, who is guilty on both counts).



Despite the foolishness, students still found things to apply to their lives. Junior Gregory Strange, who played the aforementioned character, said, "What I like about playing this character is that it's nice to have a character who learns to let go throughout the show. It has helped me become a more easygoing person. I have actually had lessons from this show pop into my head at random times." The play teaches everything from "Money should be spread around like manure, helping young things to grow," to "If women could harness their natures to something bigger than a house and a baby-carriage...they'd change the world."

Once again, many students were involved to make this play a success. Nineteen students representing all different grades made up the cast as well as fifty-six students on the crew. Mr. Jeff De Vries, Mr. Jim Kamphuis, and Miss Emily Van Stee guided all seventy-five students throughout the process and had a wonderful time doing so. According to senior Hannah TerHaar, one of the leaders of the props crew, "This play had so many props, and at first it was a bit overwhelming. However, it was fun to find the perfect period-appropriate props to fit the play."

*The Matchmaker* was quite a contrast to the Corrie ten Boom drama of last year. Mr. Jeff DeVries, the director of last year's as well as this year's play, admitted, "I have always enjoyed doing comedies in the past. Last year we did *The Hiding Place*; while that was a wonderful success, we wanted to have something a bit more lighthearted this year." How would Mr. De Vries sum up this play? In a word, "silly."

The audience responded warmly to the humor in the play and left having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The cast and crew appreciated sizable audiences for every performance. If you were not able to attend, join us for this year's spring musical, *Annie*.



## THE RIBFEST

Each year, in conjunction with the fall play, the Illiana Christian High School Foundation hosts a rib dinner called the Ribfest. An annual fundraiser for the Foundation, the Ribfest has always been a great time for the community to come together for an informal, delicious meal.

This year, we served nearly 400 people in the big gym, raising over \$8,500 for the Foundation. Ribfest money is put into the Illiana Foundation and then used to offset tuition costs for our families. Thank you to everyone who joined us for dinner this year and for your generosity. We especially thank our underwriters: Dutch Farms, Providence Bank, Lagestee-Mulder, Dunhill Tuxedos, Schepel Cadillac, Schepel Buick GMC, Walt's Food Centers, Stepping Stone Financial, Olthof Homes, Rich and Esther Van Hattem, and Providence at Home for making this night possible. We look forward to seeing all of you next year on the first Saturday of November.

Every year, the Foundation gives each family a grant which directly reduces the tuition cost for each student. This school year, a \$170 discount was applied to each student's tuition account. For more information about the Illiana Foundation and how you can get involved, please contact Steve Holwerda at (708) 474-0515 ext. 41 or visit [www.illianachristian.org](http://www.illianachristian.org).



## Rigorous Academics

Even though Illiana Christian High School has a long history of academic excellence, it has usually celebrated its faith focus more than its academic focus. That is as it should be. But we must also be vigilant in making sure that Illiana students are receiving excellent instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic (as well as science, history, business, etc.) For the last couple of years, we have focused on improving our ACT scores as a means of measuring and demonstrating academic excellence. We have long had good scores – our ACT Composite Score has ranged between 23.0 and 23.5. These are very good scores for a school average when the nation is scoring, on average, just under 21.0 on a 36-point scale.

We were very pleased to learn in September that our score this year (earned by last year's graduates) is 23.7. This is a clear affirmation of the school's recent and ongoing efforts to develop academic excellence in our students. It is significant that this score represents all of the Illiana students who took the ACT. Some schools herald their high scores, but only report the scores of students whom they have identified as "college bound." Our score of 23.7 brings us that much closer to 24.0, a School Improvement Goal we have set for continuing accreditation.

We were also pleased to learn recently that one of our students, Andrew Clark, an Illiana senior, scored a perfect 36 on the ACT test! This is a tremendous and rare achievement; in fact, I believe this is only the second perfect 36 earned by Illiana student. Although this score says some very good things about Andrew and his family, it also says something very affirming about Illiana and its teachers. Clearly, Illiana is a school where a student can acquire a high level of academic prowess across the subject areas.

A third area of improvement that we are excited about at Illiana is the development of two dual credit courses with Trinity Christian College. Last year we offered our first dual-enrollment class – Honors Psychology – for which students receive both Illiana credit as well as three college credits through Trinity. This year we are repeating the Psychology course and also providing an American History Course this spring. Through these two courses, 60 students will receive college credit while attending Illiana. The courses are team taught by a Trinity professor and an Illiana teacher. These courses are provided in addition to the several Advanced Placement classes that Illiana has been offering for many years.

Illiana is a college-prep school. Each year 80-90% of our students go on to college, so we are very serious about preparing these students for the rigors of college-level learning. Another School Improvement Goal Illiana is working on is that a higher percentage of our graduates will attain college-readiness benchmarks through their Illiana education. As we strive to perform well academically, we also must continue our focus on raising up young men and women who will love and serve the Lord. To that end, we are developing a means of measuring how often students express or apply their faith. This will help us be more intentional about nurturing both academic and spiritual growth.

## Alumni Announcements

The **CLASS OF 1964** is planning a Class Reunion for September 13, 2014. Send your current email to Don Santefort at dsantefort@sbc.net or your home address to Nancy (Boersma) DeYoung at (219)365-7939.

Chad and Lori (Rozendal, Class of 1995) Van Overloop of Hudsonville, MI, welcomed a baby girl on June 22, 2013. Chad and Lori have four daughters.

### CLASS OF 1958 REUNION

On Saturday, October 12, the Illiana class of 1958 gathered at Teibel's Restaurant to celebrate our 55th class reunion. About 35 of our classmates were present; it was humbling to realize that seventeen of our classmates have passed away. We had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and catching up on our families and what we did in the years since our graduation. We also recalled many of the memories of our time at Illiana.

Two things that impressed me the most during the evening were the overwhelming commitment expressed by so many of us to Christian education and how valuable our education has been in the variety of work, church, volunteer opportunities in which we have been involved. Our Christian education taught us how to live and serve our Lord in a multitude of ways. After dinner, we sang a number of songs and, of course, the Illiana school song:

*Illiana Christian High,  
True to thee we'll be.  
Now and through the coming years,  
Give our loyalty.  
Mem'ries of good fellowship,  
Ever will be dear,  
Illiana Christian High,  
For thee we cheer.*

*Illiana Christian High,  
Loud we sing thy name.  
With God's precepts as our rule,  
Truth shall be our aim.  
And our colors green and white,  
As our standards raise,  
Illiana Christian High,  
We sing thy praise.*

Thanks to Illiana Christian High School for the lessons which taught us to shape our lives to live for Jesus. To God be the Glory.

–Karen Krygsheld,  
Class of 1958

Please nominate someone to serve on the Illiana Christian High School Board of Trustees. Candidates must be members of the school's Association which includes being a member of a Reformed church. Complete a nomination form found on the school's website or send an email with a name and some contact information to [bonnie.trepton@illianachristian.org](mailto:bonnie.trepton@illianachristian.org). These nominations will be used by the school's Nominating Committee to draft a slate of candidates for board service.

The Illiana History Department is preparing an **Alumni/Heritage Room**. We plan to decorate it with photographs, uniforms, items from student clubs and general memorabilia of Illiana's history. If you are willing to donate or loan any of these items, please contact Jeff White at: [jeff.white@illianachristian.org](mailto:jeff.white@illianachristian.org)





# LANDLOPERS!

On September 14, a diverse group of twenty-six Illiana students, representing Freshmen through Seniors, and four faculty members boarded two mini-buses en route to Shade State Park. Upon arrival at their camp ground, the students were immediately immersed in their assigned jobs of camp setup, including unloading supplies, retrieving their belongings, and setting up their quarters for the night.

Once completed, the group spent a brief amount of time to prepare for the night hike. The night hike took place a few miles up the road on Turkey Run State Park's marked trails. The students gleefully enjoyed dissolving the looming darkness with their flashlights and headlights as they hiked. However, Mr. Jeff White, the head sponsor, instructed the high schoolers to extinguish their lights for a brief time in order to fully grasp their peaceful surroundings as their eyes adjusted to the gloom. In addition, while on the hike, the students participated in a different type of devotional than they were used to. Instead of the traditional Scripture reading, the group spent ten minutes of silence, simply appreciating God's creation. They witnessed the sunset and stars emerge.

With renewed excitement, the group returned to their campsite. A fire was already burning. The students and faculty shared a plethora of food while playing get-to-know-you games such as "what was your favorite Christmas gift before 5th grade?" After their bellies were full and the clock had struck eleven, the campers dispersed into their assigned tents until morning.

Once another shared meal was complete, they packed up and departed once more for Turkey Run. The students were given four hours of free time so that they could hike to different ravines and water falls before returning for their final meal together as Illiana's Landlopers group of Fall 2013.

- Debra Timmer



## Spire Party

On Friday, October 4, students stormed into the humid, upper gym to view their yearbook, the long-awaited 2012-2013 Spire. The current yearbook staff had arrived at the school early, eager to set up all of the tables, tape posters to the wall, and secure their positions for the evening. At 7:00, the doors opened, and last year's graduates, as well as current seniors, juniors, and sophomores streamed inside to claim their yearbooks.

Almost immediately, laughter and screams filled the gym. Girls ran and embraced their friends, boys shook the hands of their classmates, students quickly wrote reminiscent notes in each other's yearbooks - as sweat rolled off them.

Senior Hannah Byma, Co-Editor of the 2014 yearbook, said, "It was great to see all of the graduates again, and I am waiting for the day when I can come to school and look at the yearbook that I helped create."

The students enjoyed themselves despite the heat. Everyone left the Spire Party with a smile, whether it was from seeing an old friend or fondly recalling all of the memories they had at Illiana last year.



## ENROLLMENT PLUS

We were pleasantly surprised by an increase in enrollment this year. We began on August 28 with 29 more students than we had budgeted! This was especially good news, a contrast to last year when we enrolled fewer students than we had anticipated. Illiana is careful about enrollment predictions, using a formula of not only averages and trends but also actual head counts to pinpoint just how many students to expect. Nevertheless, there are many decisions not only beyond our control but also beyond our estimates. Although we anticipated 521 students, we were delighted to enroll 550.

These unexpected students were added primarily to the freshman class which now has 156 students. To accommodate these larger numbers, four new class sections were added shortly before school began. Some additional class sections will be added second semester as well.

Last year, Illiana was in strong enough financial shape to absorb the tuition shortfall resulting from fewer than expected students, but we are pleased that we will be able to reinforce our financial strength with this year's rebound of unexpected students.

In addition to the increased number of students, the diversity of our students has also increased. This year, 23% of our total student body represents a more diverse population, being either Hispanic, Asian or African American, up about 4.25% from last year.



## Senior Class Trip

On October 22 the senior class left for their class trip to Washington D.C. They drove through the night, making a couple stops for breakfast and bathroom breaks, before arriving at the Washington Cathedral. After a guided tour through Washington National Cathedral, the seniors took a quick photo in front of the White House and then walked to lunch at the Ronald Regan Building. Seniors were then allowed to visit multiple memorials including the WWII Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. To conclude their first day in Washington D.C., they went to the Pentagon via the D.C Metro, ate dinner, and headed to the Alexandria Hotel.

The next day, students boarded their buses at 7:30 and headed for breakfast at Old Country Buffet. After a little delay, the students sat down to eat. Then they re-boarded the buses and headed for Mount Vernon, President Washington's home. After another guided tour, seniors traveled to Old Town Alexandria for lunch and then enjoyed free time to roam around the city. Next, the seniors went to Arlington National Cemetery where four students, Tiffany Groen, Amanda Sikma, Andrew Clark, and Luke Meekma, participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The day ended with a night tour around Washington.

On the last day of their trip to Washington, the students woke up early once again, went to breakfast at Old Country Buffet, and took the traditional professional picture in front of the Grant reflective pool. Next, students went to a presentation at Ford's theater where Lincoln was shot and then had free time to roam around the city of Washington and explore museums, memorials, and other buildings. After a long day, students boarded their buses and headed for home.

– Hannah Ter Haar

## VETERANS' DAY

On November 11, Illiana Christian High School welcomed approximately 25 veterans to the school to celebrate Veterans' Day. Students, teachers and veterans gathered around the flag pole at 7:45 to share a few moments of reflection about sacrifice and what that means to soldiers and Christians alike. Denny Murrin and Sam Bult, Lansing Police Cadets, raised an American flag donated to Illiana by 2nd Lt. Tim Vermeer. This was followed by the playing of *Taps* by Jacklyn VanderZee and Jonathan Reitveld.

After the flag raising ceremony, veterans and their families were invited inside to a breakfast hosted by Illiana's Student Council. Breakfast was followed by a chapel led by Milt VanDrunen Jr. Illiana would like to thank all the veterans who came to support our 1st annual Veterans' Day celebration. We encourage all veterans, including those who could not attend this year's celebration, to attend next year on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.



## Illiana Fund Drive

The Illiana Fund Drive was held the week of October 28. Many of you were either contacted by telephone by an Illiana volunteer during the phone-a-thon that week or received a letter from us.

We want to thank all of you who responded to the school's needs and gave a gift to Illiana. We made over 1,500 phone calls from October 28 - 31, and we received over \$40,000 in gifts and pledges. We are still short of our goal of \$160,000, but we are well on the way to reaching it. Your commitment to Christian education and Illiana Christian High School is very much appreciated. If you have not yet sent a gift for the Drive, you can still take part by sending your gift to the school, marked for the Illiana Fund Drive, by December 31.

All gifts given to the school for the Illiana Drive are used for immediate needs of the school. This includes general operating expenses and building costs. These gifts help us keep our facilities operating and in excellent condition for our staff and students.

The Illiana Board would especially like to thank the volunteers who helped make this Drive possible. The willing commitment of our volunteers was crucial to our success. We are also very thankful to the donor who agreed to match the gifts given to this Drive. The donor's leadership has allowed us build on our success, something which we would not have been able to do without this generous gift. Finally, thanks to all of you who support Illiana in any way, whether through your prayers or financial support.

**Did you know...** that you can give to Illiana or pay your monthly tuition bill without writing a check? We now have Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) available for your convenience. It is simple to use; just contact Steve Holwerda at (708) 747-0515 ext.41 for an application form. Or, you can visit the development page of our website [www.illianachristian.org](http://www.illianachristian.org), click on the "donate now" link, and you can give a gift with either your credit card or through your Paypal account.





## A Word From Your New Admissions Counselor

*I have been involved in Christian Education for 30 years after graduating from Trinity Christian College in 1983. In the first half of my career, I was teaching and coaching at three different schools, one in Haiti, California, and at Timothy Christian HS. My teaching experience at Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince radically changed my life. This was a time when God did a great work in my life, and it has been one of my most significant spiritual markers to this day. Haiti continues to hold a special place in my heart. I've been to Haiti three times on service trips since the devastating earthquake in 2010 and hope to bring Illiana students there someday in the near future.*

*I earned my master's degree in School Counseling at Concordia University. I then landed the job as the first female Guidance Counselor at Illiana as well as the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for eight years. Even though I detested the color green, I did enjoy coaching Illiana, the rival school of Timothy! We went downstate three of the eight years and in 2004 brought home a 4th place trophy for the first time in girls' basketball history at Illiana.*

*During the last eight years, I worked at Trinity Christian College as an Assistant Professor for Adult Studies Education, Coordinator for Counseling Services, and Head Women's Basketball Coach. In the fall of 2006, I was asked by the college to launch our first-ever on campus counseling center which is now in its 8th year, offering free counseling to all students. In the 2007-08 basketball season, we became the first women's basketball team in Trinity's history to qualify for the NAA National Tournament.*

*After being gone for eight years, I have now returned to Illiana, and it has been like coming home! I have been hired as the first full-time Admissions Counselor. My work includes improving the school's visibility in the community by welcoming, establishing rapport with, and recruiting prospective families. I am a point person for new parents and students who can contact me for a campus tour, shadow day, or to answer any questions they may have about Illiana and the admissions process. I am also promoting Illiana by visiting students in middle grades at local schools and churches, increasing the contact time with prospective parents, and developing the school's presence in social media.*

*I consider it a privilege to recruit students for such an outstanding Christian institution and pray for God's blessing on all the efforts this year to increase the visibility and enrollment of Illiana Christian High School. I am also excited about getting back into the girls' basketball program and will be the varsity assistant coach this season.*

*I will be leaning on the Illiana community to assist my work in recruiting prospective families to our school. Please partner with me in this new endeavor and contact me directly by referring families and students to my office. Also, don't hesitate to call me at (708) 474-0515, ext. 49 if you would like me to personally follow up with anyone interested in Illiana Christian High School. Thank you in advance for your support.*

Liz Metcalfe  
Admissions Counselor

## ONE GOAL

A perfect weather day and 78 golfers made for a lot of fun and a great golf outing for Illiana Athletics. After an awesome day of golf and fun, the day ended with a great dinner at which we handed out plenty of great prizes. I don't know how many golf outings there have been, but I do know this was "another good one"!

To borrow the theme of a great Chicago sports team, we, the Illiana Sports Boosters, have **One Goal**. Our one goal is **to provide for the financial needs of Illiana's athletic program**.

**The golf outing is one of three major fundraisers sponsored by Illiana Sports Boosters.** This year, we were able to raise over \$27,000! We could not have accomplished this without all the golfers and all of our amazing sponsors. Watch for a list of those sponsors in our Sports Book available in December. Please thank our sponsors when you see them and support them when you can.

**The Sports Book is the second major fundraiser** for the athletic program. We begin working on the book right after the golf outing and currently are busy gathering photos, stats, GRAND-PARENT Ads, PARENT Ads and SPONSOR Ads. To get involved with any of the ads, please contact the school office or email Jodi Huizenga (jodi.huiz@att.net) or Randy VanBeek (randyvb@gmail.com) for forms or more information. Please submit your ads at your earliest convenience.

**Did you know that SPIRIT WEAR is now a fundraiser for the Sport Boosters?** We have all new designs and clothing items as of early spring 2013. Most items are on display in the trophy cabinets in the gym lobby and in the trophy case outside the school office. Stop by and check them out or look for our *Cash & Carry* tables at various home games and all Open Houses. **A special limited-time addition to Spirit Wear is our Stadium Seats.** A sample is on display outside of the school office. Order forms are available in the office. Why not pick up something for a Christmas gift for your favorite student, parent or grandparent?



STADIUM SEATS are a special limited-time Spirit Wear addition.

Our third major fundraiser is the **Pancake Pacer 5K Run/Walk & Breakfast**. This will be held on April 26, 2014. Save the date; we hope to see you there!

Our "One Goal" is something we need to do **TOGETHER**. I hope you will support us and Illiana Athletics. If you want to learn more about what we do or want to get on "The Team," please contact Jodi Huizenga (jodi.huiz@att.net) or Randy VanBeek (randyvb@gmail.com). – Randy Van Beek, Illiana Sports Boosters



# The Living Word

Thrice weekly chapel has been part of the schedule at Illiana for many years. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, students spend twenty minutes in corporate worship where they sing, pray, view videos, watch their peers in skits or on panels, and listen to speakers from inside the student body or from within the faculty or from nearby organizations or churches. But where do these chapels come from and how do they come to be?

Each chapel makes the journey from idea to reality via a student-led group, the chapel committee, which is made up of eight seniors chosen after an application and interview process. This year's committee members are Monica Smits, Natalie Vander Woude, Monique Vander Molen, Josie Van Drunen, Kelley Walsh, Marty Jansma, and Caleb Jonkman. Miss Kim Mesman and Mrs. Mary Lagerwey are the faculty sponsors of this group. Marty Jansma says this about his work with chapel committee already: "So far this year chapel committee has been a great experience. In the beginning I was tentative about the whole thing; I was super shy and scared. But God has strengthened me to the point that I love being in chapel and doing skits." Mandy Sikma says this about the variety within the group: "The coolest part [of chapel committee] is how a bunch of different people from different denominations, churches with different styles of worship, and different family dynamics can come together and combine their ideas and put them into one chapel for the student body."



During the summer, while many students' thoughts were far from school, these seniors met together several times to talk about the purpose of chapel, to discuss their ideas for making chapels relevant and interesting, and to choose a theme for the upcoming year of chapels. Discussions included thoughts about how chapel is different from church, what the purpose of chapel is, and what methods chapel can use to get ideas across to students. Kelley

Walsh talks about the purpose of chapel this way: "We want to help the students and faculty at Illiana to grow closer to God through the chapels we plan. We are not saying we are the only part of Illiana that involves God. Duh! We would just like to help our fellow classmates to grow deeper in their faith." Chapel committee members challenged themselves to learn *from* and *with* their peers while practicing what their chapels preach.

After lots of prayer and deliberation, the committee chose Colossians 3:16a as its theme for the year: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another." Their banner for this theme features a newspaper titled *The Living Word* with the tagline "The Source for the News You Can Use." This chapel newspaper features divisions just like a written newspaper, but instead of sports, top stories, entertainment, and business sections, this *Living Word* contains sections titled Priorities, Respect, Discernment, Love, Unity, Endurance, Obedience, and Passion. Chapel committee members debated whether a newspaper theme was outdated in today's digital and technological age, but decided that – like God's Word! – these ideas would be relevant in the lives of their peers. "Our goal is to take the word of God and portray it in such a way that students understand it can and should be used daily to live as young Christians" is how Mandy Sikma summarized their choice of theme. Kelley Walsh says the committee tries to make chapel applicable by planning chapels based on the spiritual struggles they see their fellow students facing right now.

These seniors have taken on the challenge of planning three chapels per week during their second period class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So far this year they have been up to the task, working hard to make Illiana chapels funny and serious, interactive and educational, respectful and challenging. Marty Jansma speaks for the group when he says, "I love working with everybody on the committee. I look forward to second period and don't want it to end when the break bell rings." Please join these eight students in praying that God's Spirit will be active in their planning and in the hearts of their peers sitting in the chapel seats each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. As Monique Vander Molen puts it, "Even if we impact just one student's life, it will be worth all the hard work."

## Welcome, Mrs. Jonkman!



We were pleased to welcome **Mrs. Suzanne Jonkman** to the office staff at Illiana this summer. Suzanne is capably handling all the financial receivables – both tuition and donations. She came to us from Highland Christian School where she handled most of the school's finances. Suzanne is an Illiana graduate as well as a graduate of Trinity

Christian College. She has two sons, both of whom are currently students at Illiana. She enjoys being able to stay in touch with them while at work. She, her husband Joe, and their boys are members of Oak Glen United Reformed Church.



# SPORTS WRAP UP



## GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

The girls' cross country team also had another great season. The team put in a lot of miles over the summer, and it paid off as they won the Bishop Mac Conditioner Meet, the ICHS CC Invite, and the Tinley Park Invite, as well as placing well in all of their other meets. The team also won their Regional meet for the 6th year in a row. The girls also performed well at Sectionals. The team is led by seniors Alexa Beezhold (all-conference and regional champion), Emma Pawlowski (all-conference and all-regional team), Alex Clausing (all regional team), and Monica Smits. Alexa Beezhold qualified individually for the State competition and placed 48th.



## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TAKES SECOND AT STATE

The boys' cross country team had an incredible season, taking first place in all of its Illinois meets until placing second in the State meet on November 9. This is Illiana's first team trophy in any boys sport. The team defeated over 100 opponents this year, defeating many top ranked schools in the State. The latest wins were Conference by 50 points and Regionals by 67 points. Incredibly, we had all seven runners earn all-conference awards and 4 earn all regional status (a first in Illiana's rich cross country history). Tradition does not graduate from Illiana; it just gets stronger. The all-conference runners were Nick Fiene, Tony Wondaal, Colin DeYoung, Nick Wondaal, Kevin Vroegh, Austin Gibson, and Tom McGuire.



## GIRLS' TENNIS

The Varsity girls' tennis team had a season record of 10-4. They placed 3rd in the Metro-South Conference. The following girls received medals:

- 1st singles: Hilary VanDrunen, 2nd place
- 2nd singles: Miranda Bouwer, 2nd place
- 3rd doubles: Hallie Hofstra and Tabitha Davis, 2nd place

The team also took 3rd place out of 10 teams in sectionals. Hilary VanDrunen and Miranda Bouwer qualified for state as a doubles team at sectionals.



## BOYS' VARSITY GOLF

The Boys Varsity Golf Team also had a great year. They had a 12-3 record and finished 2nd in the Metro Suburban Conference and 3rd in the Regional. They had two All-Conference golfers: Matt Zandstra and Tony Dykstra. The Golf team also sent two golfers down state: Matt Zandstra finished 31st and Steven Massey finished 43rd.



## BOYS' SOCCER

The Varsity boys' soccer team had a record of 9-9-3. Conference record was 3-3. Matt Kimmel was leading scorer with 17 goals for the season. Regional playoff game (Providence Catholic) was a heartbreaker after our double overtime game went to penalty kicks and we lost 12-11 in penalty kicks. Conference wins against Glenbard South, Timothy Christian and Elmwood Park all highlighted our strong season. Lito Wagenveld finished the season strong with 2 goals against Timothy Christian and Providence Catholic. The Regional match was a great game that we lost in overtime while missing 2 of our 3 seniors. We missed having Trevor DeVries and Matt Kimmel in Regional playoff game because of the senior class trip, but the rest of team – anchored by senior Cody Koehler out on the left wing – played really well in their absence.





# 2013-2014 ACADEMIC HONORS

## First Quarter Honor Roll

Listed below are the names of students whose first quarter grade point average qualifies them for Honors. (3.00-3.49 with no grade below a C-)

### Freshmen

Adeyefa; Tola  
 Buitert; Everett  
 Chancellor; Joshua  
 Conrad; Scott  
 DeVries; Anneke  
 DeYoung; Jessica  
 Dykstra; Jaimie  
 Easter; Isaiah  
 Garrett; Jazmine  
 Hall; Mikerra  
 Keith; Sara  
 Krajewski; Holly  
 Last; Caleb  
 Lopez; Carla  
 Maurello; Hannah  
 Miedema; Jacob  
 Musch; Kyle  
 Neibert; Abigail  
 Novotny; Gina  
 Pelke; Christian  
 Pendleton; Derrius  
 Pickard; Brittany  
 Schaaf; Kyle  
 Schoon; Sarah  
 Schreiber; Margot  
 Sella; Dominique  
 VanDam; Max  
 VanderWoude; Hanna  
 VanEssen; Emily  
 VanHook; Janae  
 VanProyen; Hope  
 Vargo; Matthew  
 Verhagen; Mia  
 Wade; Kayla  
 Wenzel; Elizabeth  
 Wiltjer; Heather

### Sophomores

Barrera; Joseph  
 Bell; James  
 Boss; Kylie  
 Boss; Luke  
 Carlson; Lauren M  
 Davis; Tabitha  
 DeBoer; Jennifer  
 DeJong; Nicole  
 Delahunty; Lucas  
 DeVries; Carly  
 DeWindt; Lorna

Gallo; Joel  
 Groen; Brittany  
 Hale; Mark  
 Hillegonds; Jack  
 Ipema; Emily  
 Klain; Madison  
 Knapper; Aaron  
 Kooyenga; Jason  
 Lyzenga; Daniel  
 Oppenhuis; Brett  
 Otte; Steven  
 Rietveld; Jonathan  
 Roeda; Parker  
 Schutt; Tyler  
 Smith; Jordan  
 Smits; Drew  
 Sroczyński; Stanley  
 VanKalker; Payton  
 Zandstra; Robert

### Juniors

Alderden; Sarah  
 Allen; Janna  
 Barnes; Ryan  
 Boer; Jonathan  
 Burgett; Cassandra  
 Butler; Alvy  
 Carlson; Lauren N.  
 Coutain; Taylor  
 DeJong; Nathan  
 DiNuzzo; Andrea  
 Easter; Chanel  
 Genous; Alexis  
 Groen; Hannah  
 Hanson; Jocelyn  
 Herman; Daniel  
 Hillegonds; Derek  
 Huizenga; Lydia  
 Kamstra; Bradley  
 Kortum; Laura  
 Krajewski; Gina  
 Lindemulder; Kaitlin  
 Pratscher; Marissa  
 Prince; Madison  
 Reynhout; Katherine  
 Russell; Frank  
 Salamone; Nicole  
 Schaaf; Matthew  
 Stokes; Elijah  
 VanderWall; Leah

VanderWoude; Sydney  
 Veurink; Jonathan  
 Winn; Lauren  
 Woodson; Megan  
 Wynsma; Raegan

### Seniors

Beezie; Madeline  
 Botma; Mark  
 Bult; Samuel  
 Claybrooks; Donte  
 Cooper; Kristine  
 Deecken; Alexander  
 DeVries; Rebecca  
 DeVries; Trevor  
 DeYoung; Alexander S.  
 Durham; Andie  
 Eriks; David  
 Fabrizius; Joshua  
 Frederick; Victoria  
 Galambos; Brandon  
 Genovese; Samantha  
 Hudson; Shani  
 Jonkman; Caleb  
 Kimmel; Matthew  
 Kocoj; Joshua  
 Kuiper; Steve  
 Lindemulder; Paige  
 Lyzenga; Caleb  
 Meekma; Luke  
 Miedema; Lucas  
 Moes; Nicole  
 Olgy; Zoe  
 Pawlowski; Emma  
 Riemersma; Alex  
 Rietveld; Rachel  
 Robertson; Cassidy  
 Russell; Janay  
 Schutt; Greta  
 Smit; Madeline  
 Teune; Kayla  
 Trotter; Bianca  
 VanderMolen; Monique  
 VanDrunen; Faith  
 VanRoekel; Mackenzie  
 Vroegh; Kevin  
 Warner; Sierra  
 Witting; Katherine  
 Wondaal; Anthony

## First Quarter High Honor Roll

Listed below are the names of students whose first quarter grade point average qualifies them for High Honors. (3.50 or higher and are not enrolled in more than one study hall)

### Freshmen

Barth; John  
 Batterman; Jessica  
 Beezhold; Ethan  
 Boender; Joshua  
 Bonner; Ashley  
 Bouwer; Collette  
 DeJong; Dale  
 Detmar; Erik  
 Dunham; Elyse  
 Dykstra; Joel  
 Eberly; Jason  
 Eenigenburg; John  
 Fuller; Nia  
 Gibson; Laci  
 Gossage; Blake  
 Herman; Dillon  
 Hillegonds; Luke  
 Hoekstra; Ethan  
 Huisman; Zachary  
 Ipema; Amanda  
 Knot; Juliana  
 Maatman; Madalyn  
 Mazrimas; Emma  
 McGuire; Jensen  
 Miller; Asia  
 Peerbolte; JP  
 Perkins; Lenora  
 Schipper; Eden  
 Shaffer; Sydney  
 Simmons; Trinity  
 Skrbina; Benjamin  
 Smith; Deborah  
 VanderZee; Kayla  
 VanKalker; Ming  
 VanTil; Melanie  
 Vree; Samuel  
 Weemhoff; Cassidy  
 Zander; Danielle

### Sophomores

Anderson; Joy  
 Barnes; Aaron  
 Barrera; Joanna  
 Beezhold; Claire  
 Boerman-Cornell; Kathryn  
 Bonnema; Cole  
 Botma; Sara  
 Buikema; Brandon  
 Crevier; Emmanuella  
 Ebbens; Noah  
 Ericks; Katelyn  
 Lagestee; Abigail  
 Murrin; Ashley  
 Osika; Paige  
 Otte; Emily  
 Otte; Jonathan  
 Spoelman; Emmajeane

Ude; Ngozi  
 VanDeel; Alyssa  
 VanderZee; Ryan  
 VanDrunen; Hilary  
 VanMilligan; Andrew  
 Wiltjer; Deanna  
 Wondaal; Nicholas  
 Zandstra; Matthew

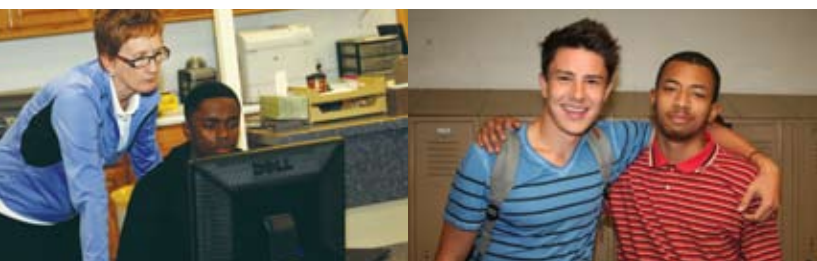
### Juniors

Alderden; Aaron  
 Bergsma; Joel  
 Bonnema; Kylie  
 Bouwer; Miranda  
 Brown; Briannah  
 Buitert; Abigail  
 Buitert; Justin  
 Bultema; Logan  
 Corral; Kristen  
 Crevier; Alejandra  
 Cruse; Carlie  
 DeYoung; Alexander  
 DeYoung; Benjamin  
 DeYoung; Kaitlynn  
 Ebbens; Colton  
 Fiene; Nick  
 Galloy; Adam  
 Haan; Aaron  
 Hall; Nickolas  
 Herrera; Rachel  
 Johnson; Kalie  
 Kamp; Diane  
 Kamp; Ethan  
 Ketelaar; Chad  
 Kostelyk; Joel  
 Krygsheld; Daneen  
 Lanaga; Kristen  
 McGuire; Thomas  
 Mejan; Logan  
 Mollema; Danae  
 Mulder; Karlen  
 Ogunjimi; Oluwadamilare  
 Perschbacher; Bryan  
 Petrarca; Jamie  
 Reinsma; Lauren  
 Rietveld; Stephanie  
 Schoon; Holly  
 Smit; Leah  
 Smith; Azariah  
 Smits; Rachel  
 Stammers; Andrew  
 Tiemersma; Benjamin  
 VanBeek; Andrea  
 VanderBent; Emily  
 VanderWoude; Sara  
 VanderZee; Chad  
 VanderZee; Jacklyn  
 VanDrunen; Daniel

VantHoff; Samuel  
 Vroom; Alexandra  
 Wagenveld; Lito

### Seniors

Aardsma; Stephanie  
 Askew; Kenye  
 Beezhold; Alexa  
 Boender; Molly  
 Bombino; Jessica  
 Boss; Brittany  
 Boss; Elizabeth  
 Brucer; Anne  
 Brummel; Austin  
 Byma; Hannah  
 Chapman; Mackenzie  
 Clark; Andrew  
 Dekker; Trevor  
 Detmar; Brett  
 Duesing; David  
 Dykstra; Anthony  
 Fosdal; Rachel  
 Gibson; Austin  
 Groen; Tiffany  
 Haag; Glenn  
 Hofstra; Hallie  
 Horvat; Emily  
 Huizenga; Nicole  
 Ipema; Leah  
 Iwema; Derek  
 Jansma; Martin  
 Kostelyk; Paige  
 Mickles; Paris  
 Miller; Coty  
 Murrin; Dennis  
 Niedert; Tiffani  
 Niehof; Rebecca  
 Ottenhoff; Marcus  
 Oyeiyemi; Oluseyi  
 Sikma; Amanda  
 Simmons; Eric  
 Skrbina; Joseph  
 Smits; Monica  
 Tempelman; Collin  
 TerHaar; Hannah  
 Terpstra; Brian  
 Timmer; Debora  
 VanderWoude; Natalie  
 VanKalker; Kyle  
 VanTil; Benjamin  
 Vree; Janna  
 Walsh; Kelley  
 Wolke; Julee





# 4 QUARTERS HONORS

## 2012-13 High Honor Roll

There is a myth that good grades are gifts given to smart kids. The fact is, grades are earned, not given. The students who are not only smart but also work hard earn good grades. *The following list of students earned high honors at Illiana Christian all four quarters last school year. They are listed by the class they are currently in.*

At Illiana we emphasize that we are all working *"In the Challenge of His Service."* This list indicates that these students have risen to that challenge by fulfilling their calling as students. Illiana has many other students not listed here who are also fulfilling that calling. Learning is its own reward, but it is still appropriate to celebrate high academic achievement. – Peter Boonstra

### Sophomores

Joy Anderson  
Joanna Barrera  
Kathryn Boerman-Cornell  
Cole Bonnema  
Abigail Lagestee  
Ashley Murrin  
Paige Osika  
Jonathan Otte  
Emmajean Spoelman  
Ngozi Ude  
Ryan Vander Zee  
Hilary Van Drunen  
Andrew Van Milligan  
Deanna Wiltjer

### Juniors

Joel Bergsma  
Kylie Bonnema  
Miranda Bouwer  
Justin Buitter  
Logan Bultema  
Kristen Corral  
Carlie Cruse  
Benjamin De Young  
Kaitlynn De Young  
Adam Galloy

Aaron Haan  
Nickolas Hall  
Rachel Herrera  
Diane Kamp  
Chad Ketelaar  
Joel Kostelyk  
Daneen Krygsheld  
Kristen Laninga  
Thomas McGuire  
Logan Mejan  
Danae Mollema  
Karlen Mulder  
Olamide Oyeyemi  
Bryan Perschbacher  
Jamie Petrarca  
Stephanie Rietveld  
Holly Schoon  
Leah Smit  
Rachel Smits  
Andrew Stammis  
Andrea Van Beek  
Chad Vander Zee  
Jacklyn Vander Zee  
Daniel Van Drunen  
Samuel Vant Hoff  
Alexandra Vroom  
Lito Wagenveld

### Seniors

Stephanie Aardsma  
Kenye Askew  
Brittany Boss  
Elizabeth Boss  
Anne Brucer  
Mackenzie Chapman  
Andrew Clark  
Trevor Dekker  
Brett Detmar  
Anthony Dykstra  
Rachel Fosdal  
Austin Gibson  
Tiffany Groen  
Glenn Haag  
Hallie Hofstra  
Emily Horvat  
Nicole Huizenga  
Leah Ipema  
Martin Jansma  
Coty Miller  
Oluseyi Oyeyemi  
Joseph Skrbina  
Hannah Ter Haar  
Brian Terpstra  
Debora Timmer  
Kyle Van Kalker  
Janna Vree  
Kelley Walsh  
Julee Wolke

### 2013 Graduates

Yeongseo An  
Jason Barrera  
Abby Blaize  
Graeme Breems  
Kristen Brink  
Lauren Brink  
Diamond Brown  
Stephan Buitter  
Bryan Coleman  
Nathan Corral  
Kristy Courtney  
Meghan Deckinga  
Lynnae De Jong  
Jonathan De Vries  
Stephen Dykstra  
Krystal Eriks  
Acasia Gibson  
Ariella Gibson  
Jared Haan  
Olivia Holesinger  
Colin Huizenga  
Reuben Huizenga  
Samuel Kane  
Joseph Kelley

John Kooyenga  
Angela Kostelyk  
Anna Krygsheld  
Jennifer Krygsheld  
Jori Krygsheld  
Jeongmin Lee  
Carley Molnar  
Savannah Mosel  
Kaeley Osterman  
Emily Speelman  
Tyler Sroczyński  
Diamond Stacker  
Kevin Terpstra  
Alexa Van Beek  
Lindsey Van Der Aa  
Kayla VanderWall  
Paige Van Drunen  
Kaitlin Van Milligan  
Kylie Van Roekel  
Tessa Vant Hoff  
Luke Venhuizen  
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Ms. Greta Biegel  
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Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Schaap  
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