



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Family Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2021

COMMUNICATION NOTES:

- **Directory:** We do not publish a hard copy of the directory. You can find the contact information for staff and families by going to: Family Portal>School Information>Directory> use the sort options available for families and staff.
- **Homework:** Go to Family Portal>Student Information>Homework. You may also email teachers for homework. All faculty emails are listed under Staff in the online Directory.
- **Daily Announcements:** We begin each day with announcements that are read to the student body in homeroom. Announcements are also linked on the website: www.illianachristian.org >My ICHS> Daily Bulletin.
- **Newsletters:** If you need to refer to a previous Newsletter from Illiana, you can find them at illianachristian.org>Parents>FamilyNewsletter>Recent Posts.
- **Sports Schedule Changes & Updates:** Updates will be sent via emails from a coach or athletic director, and can be found by going to our website and following the link for schedules on the [athletic page](#). Changes are usually posted by 2:00 p.m.

CALENDAR NOTES

September 2: Back to School Night 7:00 - 8:50 p.m.

September 6: Labor Day – No School

September 11: Music Department Car Wash (2 locations)

September 20: ICHS Golf Outing

September 20: Virtual College Financial Aid Night 7:00 p.m.

September 22 - 24: Senior Retakes

October 8: Underclassmen Retakes

October 20 – 22: No School

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Back to School Night: As has been noted on Illiana calendars, we are hosting a Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 2. This is a time for you to learn a little more about Illiana Christian High School and a time to get acquainted with your child's teachers and daily schedule. We will begin with a program in The ARC at 7:00. (Some calendars said 6:30, but it is 7:00.) This will be followed by a time for parents to briefly go through their child's schedule. The evening should wrap up with refreshments at around 8:50. It will be helpful to have your child's schedule with you. If you don't have this schedule on your phone, perhaps you can print one out before you come. If you need one from the office, please stop in that night to have us print one out. Also, just to be clear, this is for parents, not students.

Carpool Update! There are Illiana families in Crete, Beecher, Steger, Chicago Heights, St. John, Schererville, and Merrillville that are looking to join a carpool. There is also a family looking for a ride from Illiana to Crown Point Christian School every day after school only. Please email Marie Limback at mlimback@illianachristian.org with your name, phone number and town, and indicate if you need a ride or can offer a ride.

Moms in Prayer: The Illiana Moms in Prayer group continues to meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays when school is in session. Join us when you can after drop-off at 8:00 a.m. for an hour of prayer for our school, faculty, staff and students. For more details, please email ICHSmomsinprayer@gmail.com or text 219-776-962.

Music Department Car Wash: The Illiana Christian High School Music Department will be having a car wash on Saturday, September 11, (weather permitting) at 2 LOCATIONS: Munster CRC (on Ridge Road) from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AND First Christian Reformed Church in Crown Point from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations will go toward the music department for supplies. We hope to see you there!

ICHS Golf Outing: The Illiana Christian Golf Outing will be on Monday, September 20, at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, IN. Please contact Darren DeBoer (219-558-7066 ext 14 or ddeboer@illianachristian.org) with questions or to sponsor the event. [Online registration](#) is available on our website.

College Financial Aid Night: The counselors will send parents of juniors and seniors information about the virtual meeting which will be on September 20, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Important information will be given regarding the FAFSA form.

Yearbook: The 2020-2021 yearbook, The Spire, will be available for pick up on October 8. Sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduates (class of 2021) may pick them up at the Spire Party between 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PSAT: ALL JUNIORS will be taking the PSAT on October 13. Indiana is now requiring ALL juniors to take the SAT test in the spring. The PSAT will continue to be the National

Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, but it will also serve as a practice test for the now required SAT. Coaching dates are September 21, 28, October 7, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The fee for coaching is \$45. There is no fee to take the test itself. Students may sign up for the **COACHING** in the office with Mrs. West beginning September 1. This is an optional test for sophomore students, but there is a limited amount, so the test will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. Therefore, interested sophomores will have to sign up in the office by September 10. Details will be sent by email to all sophomores, juniors and their parents/guardians. Any questions should be directed to the counselors, Melanie Benes and Neil Zandstra.

Fall Play: The Drama Department is excited to return to this stage this fall with the play *Radium Girls*, a gripping drama based on the true story of some young female factory workers in the 1920s who were poisoned and killed by the U.S. Radium Company's radioactive paint. Performances on Nov. 4, 5, and 6 at 7 pm. There will also be a matinee on the 6th at 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 and will be available through the school office starting in mid-October.

BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

Foundation Fund Earnings: Please complete and return [the form](#) to the school office no later than October 31. Late forms will not be accepted. If you choose not to claim this, your allocation will go to the Tuition Assistance Fund.

Tuition: Payments must be made by noon on the 15th of each month. You are encouraged to participate in the [Electronic Funds Transfer](#) (EFT) for your payments.

PARENTS INVOLVED IN EDUCATION

- **Lunch ordering** for the month of October will be open from September 1 -10. A reminder email with instructions will be sent each month. No Late orders are accepted.
- **Thank you** to those who have volunteered in the lunch program! More spots will be open for lunches once we have served all the items. For those of you looking to sign up- please click on this link thru signup.com <https://signup.com/go/gzXMTib>
- **Volunteers:** Managers are scheduled each day to show you what to do. Park in the front of school on the north side. Stop in the office and sign in, take a visitor badge and meet us in the kitchen. Please wear a hat or a hairnet will be provided for you to wear. This is a great way to meet other parents and see your kids!

SPORTS NEWS

- **Trainer Fee:** The \$50 trainer fee for fall sports will be added to your tuition account sometime this month. This is a per-student/per-sport fee for all athletes.

- **Admission prices for all indoor and outdoor athletic events (excluding tennis):** Adults: \$6, Students (with ID): \$4, Seniors: \$4.00, and the Fall Family Pass: \$35. The Family Pass covers Soccer and Volleyball.
- **Save the date:** The Illiana Christian Auction will be held on Saturday, November 20. If you are interested in donating to the auction, please complete [this form](#).