

February 2022

*******UPDATE: The Spring Musical, *My Fair Lady*, will be performed March 10, 11 and 12**

*******UPDATE: The Pulled Pork Picnic has been moved to March 12, beginning at 4pm**

CALENDAR NOTES:

- February 1 – Excel Edge SAT Coaching
- February 3 – ASVAB Test for Sophomores
- February 7 – Late Start, 8:15am
- February 7 – ICHS SAT Coaching
- February 8 – Excel Edge SAT Coaching
- February 8 – Middle School Band Festival
- February 10 – Concert: Symphonic Band, Women’s Chorale and Concert Choir
- February 14 – ICHS SAT Coaching
- February 15 – Excel Edge SAT Coaching
- February 16 – Concert: Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Chambers, A Capella Choir and Orchestra
- February 17 – Early Dismissal, 2:25pm
- February 18 – NO SCHOOL
- February 21 – NO SCHOOL
- February 22 – Excel Edge SAT Coaching
- February 24 – Praise Crowd Breakfast
- February 25 - Middle School Basketball and Praise Crowd Night
- March 1 – Preview Illiana
- March 1 – Excel Edge SAT Coaching
- March 2 – SAT Test for Juniors

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on the following dates:

- Friday, February 18, due to the Faculty In-Service day
- Monday, February 21, due to President’s Day
- Spring Break is March 28 through April 1, school will resume on April 4
- Friday, April 15, due to Good Friday
- Monday, April 18, due to Easter Monday
- Monday, May 30, due to Memorial Day

ADMISSIONS & ENROLLMENT NEWS:

ATTENTION PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS:

High School is just around the corner for your soon-to-be-graduating student! Illiana is now accepting online applications for the 2022-2023 academic year. Current Illiana families can access the application in their Family Portal under Apply/Enroll. New families should visit the Admissions page on the Illiana website. Please pass this information on to friends and family.

PREVIEW ILLIANA: Join us on March 1 for the Spring Edition of PREVIEW ILLIANA. Please be sure to register online.

RE-ENROLLMENT: Re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will be automatic again this year. Principal Peter Boonstra sent a letter to all families in January regarding this.

CONTACT: Please direct all questions and inquiries to our Director of Admissions, Jenna Dutton, at 219-558-7066 Ext. 41 or jdutton@illianachristian.org

SPRING MUSICAL: Eliza Doolittle thinks this musical will be “lovely.” Henry Higgins, Pickering, Freddy, and all the other cast members agree. *My Fair Lady* is coming to Illiana in March! Come hear your favorite tunes about love, language, and lessons in speech when students take to the stage for 4 performances March 10, 11 & 12. Tickets will be \$10 and will be for sale through the front office starting at the end of February.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We have the following coaching openings: JV girls tennis coach for this spring, and a jump coach & assistant throws coach for Track & Field for this spring. Also, we are looking for a freshman girls volleyball coach for fall, 2022. If you are interested in any of these positions, contact Darren DeBoer at ddeboer@illianachristian.org.
- **SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS:**
 - Boys and Girls track will start February 14
 - Boys Volleyball Tryouts begin February 28
 - Softball Tryouts begin March 7

- Girls Tennis Tryouts begin March 14
- Boys Golf Tryouts begin March 14
- Baseball Tryouts begin March 14
- **PANCAKE PACER:** Our 12th Annual Pancake Pacer 5k run/walk will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. Following the race will be our famous pancake breakfast. All of the proceeds will benefit the Illiana Athletic Department. You may [register online](#).

COUNSELING OFFICE:

- This year, all **SOPHOMORES** will be participating in the **ASVAB Career Exploration Program**. This program is a comprehensive career exploration and planning tool that includes the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. It also offers an interest inventory and other activities designed to help students identify which careers will best fit their skills. The aptitude portion will test students in the following areas: general science, mathematics, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, electronics information, auto and shop information, and mechanical comprehension. After their results come in, students will receive help with interpreting their scores and connecting those to future career choices.
- **The ASVAB will take place Thursday, February 3rd from 1st - 4th periods. Students will report directly to the ARC at 7:45 am instead of going to homeroom. They should bring two #2 pencils, snacks, and water.**
- The **SAT test** will be offered at Illiana Christian High School on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This is a change from our past when we used to give the ACT on a Saturday in April. Indiana has transitioned to an SAT testing state, and therefore will be offering it free for every junior on that Wednesday. This SAT test can be used for your child's college entrance score and it will also be used for his/her school pathway for the high school diploma.
- **COURSE SELECTION:** In February, the counselors will be meeting with students in their English classes to go over their transcripts, courses required for graduation, Graduation Pathways, the Indiana Core 40 requirements, and the 2022-2023 course selection process. Each student will be given paperwork to bring home to share with parents/guardians. This is a great opportunity for families to discuss courses for next year and their child's potential career plans. The deadline for choosing courses is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**.

- If you have any questions regarding the SAT test or course selection, contact your student's counselor. Contact Mrs. Melanie Benes for students whose last names begin with A – K (mbenes@illianaweb.org) or Mr. Neil Zandstra for students whose last names begin with L – Z (nzandsra@illianaweb.org).

P.I.E. NEWS:

- **SCRIP:** SCRIP payout was applied to your tuition statements in Jan. You should see the tuition credit on your February statement. Just a reminder that the SCRIP store is open during regular school office hours. Tuition earnings for last quarter were \$10,673.38. Order forms can be found online or in the rack outside of the office. Your student can drop off your form in the office also. Just please fill out the form ahead of time so that the denominations that are given are the ones you would like. If you have questions about SCRIP, please contact Jill Rozendal at scrip@illianachristian.org.
- Thank you to those who have volunteered in the lunch program! For those of you looking to sign up to work off your \$200 PIE fee, please click on this link thru signup.com, <https://signup.com/go/gzXMTib>
- **Save the Date:** The Spring Supper will be on Friday, March 18, 2022. Make dinner as easy as pie and support ICHS! Look out for future details on ordering your pizza, salad and pie meal. Delivery and carry out options will be available.
- The PIE Board is looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator. Duties include creating the Sign Up for PIE volunteer hours and managing throughout the year, as well as tracking volunteer hours. Please contact Kathie Neumeyer for more information at 219-776-9017 or kthln275@yahoo.com.
- **P.I.E. CHARGES & CREDITS:** Only completed PIE Credits (\$200.00) will be applied at this time. Partial credits will be applied closer to the end of the school year. All P.I.E. volunteer questions or concerns should be directed to Kathy Neumeyer via email at kthln275@yahoo.com

VIKING ACADEMY: Viking Academy 2022 is July 11-29. We can't wait to see you all! Keep an eye out on our website for all the camps being offered this year! Registration opens March 1.

COVID PROCEDURE:

On Monday 12/27/2021, the CDC released updated COVID-19 quarantine guidelines that ICHS has adopted. Our updated guidelines are listed below, but we would like to remind all parents that the best way to keep our school healthy is to keep students home who are not feeling well. This includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- Any student who has had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea in the past 24 hours- students may not return to school until it has been at least 24 hours free of these symptoms without the use of medication
- Any student who is too tired to participate in school activities and classroom learning
- Any student with respiratory symptoms (coughing, sneezing, sore throat, congestion, etc.) that does not have an alternative diagnosis (ex- allergies, strep throat, flu, etc.)

COVID-19 positive	5-day quarantine, able to return to school on day 6 if fever free for 24 hours without any medication and symptoms significantly improved; masking strongly recommended through day 10
Close contact- fully vaccinated **The current definition of Fully Vaccinated is having received 1 or 2 doses of the vaccine depending on which vaccine received AND IF OVER 16 , having received a booster shot OR it has been less than 6 months from the administration of the second dose of Pfizer/Moderna or less than 2 months from the administration of the single Johnson & Johnson dose.	No quarantine as long as close contact doesn't develop symptoms; masking strongly recommended through 10 days after last exposure
Close contact- not fully vaccinated **students who have had COVID within last 90 days do not need to quarantine	5-day quarantine, able to return to school on day 6 as long as close contact has not developed symptoms; masking strongly recommended through day 10

