**MAY 2022**

**CALENDAR NOTES:**

**Prayer Meeting:**May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Courtyard at Illiana (in the Commons if it rains).

**Computer Skills Test:**  June 6 and August 12.

**June 6 – August 5**:   The office will be open from 8:00 a.m.  –  2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Viking Academy**:  July 11 – 29

**Freshmen Orientation:**  August 16

**School Begins:**  August 17

**WHAT’S HAPPENING?**

**TESTING:**Students who are in a biology class this year will be taking the state-mandated ILEARN Biology test.  The results of this test are shared with students, their families, Illiana, and the state of Indiana.  Scores are used for school accountability and curriculum purposes only.  Students will be taking the test on May 3rd - May 5th in their biology class.

**PROM:**Juniors and Seniors have already purchased their tickets. We are at a new venue this year- Banquets at St. George at 528 W. 77th Ave. Schererville, IN on Saturday, May 14. This is located behind Community URC Church. Doors open at 5:30pm for pictures, 6 pm begins the toast and dinner. Games will follow dinner and then at 7:45pm the dance will begin and underclassmen can enter for the dance only. The dance ends at 10:30pm.

Questions call our events coordinator- Terri Schaaf, 708-259-0749.

**GRADUATION:** Graduation will take place at Illiana Christian High School on June 3 at 7:30 p.m.    The ceremony will be held outside, weather permitting.  The graduation ceremony lets ticket holders in at 7pm and everyone else at 7:20!  In mid-May graduates will receive a packet containing their cap and gown and tickets.

**REPORT CARDS AND DIPLOMAS**:     We plan to have report cards ready by June 10.   Graduation packets for the seniors will be available to be picked up in the office after June 17.  These packets will contain their signed diploma, and an unofficial copy of their transcript.

**2022-2023 CLASS SCHEDULES**:   Student schedules should be ready by the end of May.  Copies of schedules will be available to view via the Family Portal of RenWeb.  You will receive an email when schedules are ready to view.   If you have questions regarding your student’s schedule, please contact their counselor.  Students whose last names begin with A – K should contact Mrs. Benes at mbenes@illianachristian.org. Students whose last names begin with L – Z should contact Mr. Zandstra at nzandstra@illianachristian.org.

**HEALTH RECORDS:**Attention families of current juniors:  The Indiana State Department of Health requires that all incoming seniors receive a 2nd MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine.  Please mail, email or drop off an updated immunization record BEFORE school starts in August. You may email records to estewart@illianachristian.org.

* Any family that has filled out a Religious Objection Form for vaccinations must complete a new form EVERY YEAR.  Please send an updated form, for the 2022 -2023 school year, to the office before the school year starts.  You may email updated forms to estewart@illianachristian.org, or bring them to the office.

**COMPUTER SKILLS TEST:**Illiana offers an optional Computer Skills Test for incoming freshmen.  Detailed information was shared through a communication from the feeder schools (Calvin, Lansing, Highland, Crown Point and Providence).  If you have an incoming freshman, and would like to sign up for the test use the online form linked [here](https://forms.gle/5BLJDhLms29zf6UEA).

**VIKING ACADEMY:**Illiana is once again offering Viking Academy, a summer camp program for elementary and middle school students. We will offer various academic and athletic camps for three weeks in July. Camps include but are not limited to the following: Space Science & Engineering, Cooking/Baking, Arts and Crafts, Basketball, Volleyball, Fishing, Cheerleading, Sewing and more! To register please visit <https://www.illianachristian.org/life-ichs/viking-academy/>. Questions? Contact Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org or Jenna Dutton at jdutton@illianachristian.org 219-558-7066 x 22.

**BUS SIGN UPS:**The2022 – 2022   bus registration [link is open](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtmT81lUFP5grIqGhWSoKu5c98WIU7sfI_cSP6OXGS0FAL_g/viewform)if your student will need bus transportation next school year, please take a moment to register them.  There is transportation from South Holland, Lansing, and Highland.  The bus registration fee for next year is $215 and will be billed on your August tuition statement.

**PLANNING FOR PEACE OF MIND:**  Tuesday May 10, 7pm at Illiana Christian High School. It's a women's night out! Join special guests Amy Bakker Baty, J.D. (estate planning attorney, Barnabas Foundation) and Andrea Prince Karsten (financial advisor) for a candid and informative conversation for women ages 55+. Gain practical, confidence-building insight on money and planning-both from scripture and the experience of other women. Learn more and register at <https://www.barnabasfoundation.com/PeaceofMind>. If you have any questions, please contact Cassie Siersema at [csiersema@illianachristian.org](http://csiersema@illianachristian.org/)

**SUMMER SERVICE HOURS:**4th Of July Parades:   Illiana will have a mini-bus in both the Cedar Lake parade on July 2nd and the Crown Point parade on July 4th.  We need students to help decorate the bus and march in the parade and pass out candy/ goodies.   You don't have to march in both, but you certainly can.   Both parades are in the morning so you should be done by early afternoon at the latest.  Students will receive service hours for their participation.   There is a sign-up sheet on Mr. Blom's marketing office door or you can email him at dblom@illianachristian.org

**CHALLENGED TO RIDE/DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022**: This year's Challenged to Ride/Disc Golf Tournament will take place on August 20, 2022, here at Illiana Christian High School. More information to come but register and claim your spot today! Questions? Please contact Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org or at 219-558-7066 x 22. <https://www.illianachristian.org/news/49950/>

**FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**MUSIC BOOSTERS**: is looking for parents of music students to join us! We fundraise for the department and support our band, choir and orchestra programs and staff. This covers all your family points for the year. We are in need of someone to take over the Signup for concession stand. Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to serve.

**LESSONS:**Private music lessons and jazz club are being offered at Illiana on Tuesdays this summer for all band instruments.  Contact Mrs. M for details. rmonroe@illianachristian.org

**PEP BAND:**Stay tuned for Pep Band Power Hour dates this summer to read a bunch of new pep band music + food and fellowship!

**FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

**CURRENT ILLIANA FAMILIES!** Do you have an incoming freshman? If the answer is yes, and you haven’t done so already, NOW is time to fill out Illiana’s admission application. All incoming freshmen are required to fill out the online application and enrollment packet. Class schedules will be created soon so please complete the admissions process and select courses as soon as possible.

-**Application Instructions**: Current Illiana families can access the application in their ParentsWeb/Family Portal under Apply/Enroll and start a new application. (Remember, current Illiana students do not need to fill out an application.) New families should visit the Admissions page on the [Illiana website.](https://in-il.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=1456" \t "_blank)

-**After you have submitted your student’s application**, you will need to enroll them by completing the online enrollment packet. Instructions for completing this packet will be emailed to you once the application for admission is submitted.

-**When the enrollment packet and fee are submitted**, you’ll receive instructions about choosing your freshman student’s classes. Contact Director of Admissions Jenna Dutton, at 219-558-7066 Ext. 41 or jdutton@illianachristian.org with any questions or concerns.

**HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**: At this time, we are seeking families interested in hosting an international student for the 2022-2023 academic year. We are thankful for the opportunity to welcome students into our community for an academic year and in some cases, an entire high school career. Please prayerfully consider being a host family for the upcoming academic year. Contact Jenna Dutton for more information. Host families receive a stipend that covers the cost of tuition for one of their own children.

**FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE**

**PARENTS OF SENIORS:**Please be reminded of the tuition payment policy from the handbook regarding graduation as seen below.  Be sure that you are up-to-date with your tuition payments before May 31 to ensure that your senior is able to participate in graduation.

*“5.  A senior may participate in graduation if their family’s tuition account is paid in full through May 31st. This will then leave only the June payment.”*

**2022 – 2023 TUITION, GRANTS, and EFT**:

* The tuition rate for the 2022-2023 school year is $11,275.00.  A $100 enrollment fee credit will be reflected on the first tuition statement of the year in August.
* The first tuition payment of the year is due by August 15.
* Tuition is billed over 11 months from August – June.  Payments will be $1025/month and due on the 15th of each month.
* The Supporting Church Discount of $650 will be applied toward the June tuition statements of families who are members of those churches.
* The ICHS Foundation Fund offers an optional tuition discount of $215 per student to all families. If you would like to take part in this discount, please complete and return [this form](https://www.illianachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FOUNDATION-FORM-21-22.pdf) with your August tuition payment.
* **NEW FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR -**EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) Payments will be processed beginning in August with your first payment (not in September as in previous years).  If you were signed up for EFT payments this past school year, we will continue to process your payments the same way - no need to resubmit a form unless your information has changed. To sign up for automatic EFT payments, please complete [this form](https://www.illianachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/22-23-Electronic-Fund-Transfer-Form.pdf) and return it to the office by July 31, 2022.

**P.I.E.**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**May is the last month to complete your volunteer hours. Visit <https://signup.com/go/gzXMTib> to sign up.

**SPRING SUPPER:**Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Supper fundraiser!  We appreciate the many people who ordered, students and staff who participated, and the companies that donated.  With your help, we were able to raise over $15,000!  These funds will bless our school and go towards many items not covered by tuition.

**P.I.E. FEE:**Next year’s PIE Fee will be increased to $250. The amount of volunteer hours you will be required to work to receive your PIE credit will remain the same.

**SCRIP:**Scrip tuition credit will not be paid out until the end of May.  It will be posted on your June statement. The last monthly SCRIP order for this payout will be submitted on May 3 at 8:00 a.m.  Online orders must be placed online by 8:00 a.m. on May 3.    They will be available for pick up the following Tuesday.    Parents of only Seniors can still purchase gift cards through the SCRIP Store until Friday, May 20, and still receive their tuition credit with this payout.

**ATHLETIC NEWS**

* The Athletic Department is currently accepting applications for the following coaching openings:  girls’ freshman volleyball coach for Fall 2022, assistant JV boys’ soccer coach for Fall 2022, varsity girls’ basketball assistant coach for winter, freshman boys’ basketball coach for winter and boys’ varsity tennis coach.  All interested parties should contact Darren DeBoer at ddeboer@illianachristian.org.
* Tryouts 2022:
	+ **Boys and Girls Soccer** – August 1, 2, and 3.
	+ **Girls Volleyball** – August 1, 2, and 3.
	+ **Boys Tennis** – August 1, 2, and 3.
	+ **Girls Golf**– July 29
		- The times for tryouts will be announced later.
* **Cross Country** will begin practicing on August 1.
* **SPORTS PHYSICALS:**   The Athletic Department will be offering sports physicals **here at Illiana** to all incoming freshman and returning sophomore, junior and senior students on Monday, May 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. for $30.  Please contact Bonnie Trepton at btrepton@illianachristian.org if you are interested or for more information.