



**ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2022

CALENDAR NOTES:

- December 5 – Late Start, 8:15 a.m.
- December 8 – Choir Christmas Concert
- December 9 – Praise Crowd after basketball game
- December 10 – Reindeer Run/Walk
- December 13 – Band/Orchestra Christmas Concert
- December 15 – Praise Crowd Breakfast
- December 15 – Early Dismissal, 2:25 p.m.
- December 15 – Chamber Singers Christmas Concert
- Christmas Break – Monday, December 19– Monday, January 2.
- Christmas Break Office Hours: December 19–22, and December 27–29, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ▪ School resumes on **Tuesday**, January 3, 2023, at the regular time with the first bell at 7:40 a.m.

DECEMBER CONCERTS

BANDS: Symphonic Band, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble will present their Christmas concert on Tuesday, **December 13**, at 7:30 PM in the Main Gym. Stop by to hear some fantastic music from these ensembles followed by an after-party in the Commons featuring Viking Jazz! The concert is free.

CHOIRS: Join all the Illiana Choirs in celebrating Christ's birth on Thursday, **December 8**, at Community URC at 7:30pm. It will be a wonderful night of scripture and song.

The Chamber Singers will present their Christmas concert on Thursday, **December 15**, in the Commons. Come for an evening of tasty treats, a warm drink, and some wonderful music.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: Illiana Christian High School is seeking to expand its on-call substitute teacher list. Interested applicants should be professing Christians, have an active membership in a local Christian church, be able to manage a classroom, and pass a criminal background check. Demonstrated success as a classroom teacher is a plus, but not required. For more information or to apply, contact Emily Stewart, Administrative Assistant, at estewart@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066, ext. 150.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER: Parents **MUST** call or email the school (219-558-7066 or shoffman@illianachristian.org) by 9:00 a.m. to inform the school of a student's absence and indicate **WHY** the student is not at school that day. If they are sick please let us know the symptoms. Parents may call beginning at 7:15 a.m. To view the full Attendance Policy please refer to the [Parent – Student Handbook](#) found on our website.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: Parents will also be notified by email, text message or by phone using Parent Alert through FACTS/RenWeb. If you are concerned about receiving these notices, please confirm that your contact information is updated in FACTS/RenWeb including phone number and email address.

BUSINESS OFFICE

TUITION INFORMATION: The following items have been added to your December tuition statement:

- Athletic Trainer Fee of \$50 for winter athletes.
- Team Spirit Wear Fees for winter athletes. Fees will vary by team. (This fee covers any team spirit wear that the athlete keeps at the end of the season (including warm ups, practice shirts, spandex, etc.).
- \$250 P.I.E. fee - Please see the P.I.E. Board section of this newsletter for more information about this fee.
- Please keep in mind that **ALL past-due balances MUST be paid in full** before your student may begin the 2nd Semester on January 16, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org or 219.558.7066, ext. 11.

COUNSELING OFFICE

SAT TEST PREP:

- The SAT test will be offered at Illiana on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Students do not need to sign up for the test as it is a mandatory state-wide testing event.
- Illiana offers three nights of coaching from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on 2/6, 2/13, and 2/27. Students may sign up for the Illiana coaching in the office. The deadline to sign up for coaching is February 3. The cost is \$70, and must be paid in advance by check or cash. We are not able to add this charge to your tuition. Students may sign up in the office with Mrs. West.
- ExcelEdge is another test-prep option for students. They offer coaching here at Illiana from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on 1/4, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 (practice SAT test 5:30-9:00 p.m.), and 2/22. The cost is \$325. For more information and to register, go to www.exceledegeinc.com. Registration deadline is 12/31.
- If you have any questions regarding the SAT test or coaching for the test, contact your student's counselor. Contact Mrs. Melanie Benes for students whose last names begin with A - K (mbernes@illianachristian.org) or Mr. Neil Zandsra for students whose last names begin with L - Z (nzandsra@illianachristian.org).

P.I.E. BOARD NEWS

- Lunch ordering for the month of January will be open from December 1 -10. A reminder email with instructions will be sent each month. No Late orders are accepted. In order to avoid debit/credit card fees, please change your payment to bank transfer. A 3.75% fee will be added to your total for all credit/debit card payments.
- Thank you to those who have volunteered in the lunch program! For those of you looking to sign up please click on this link thru [signup.com](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1104726710955978013/false#/invitation).

- The \$250 P.I.E. fee will be applied to the December tuition bills. You will begin to see credits in January for those who have fully completed their volunteer hours.
- We received \$550 from our Culver's Fundraiser and \$210 from our Entertainment Book App Fundraiser. Thank you so much for supporting P.I.E.

SCRIP: Remember to order your Christmas gift cards with Shop with Scrip (www.shopwithscrip.com). There are a limited number of small denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift giving. These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. **Remember the last order before Christmas is December 6. All orders must be submitted online by 8:00 am.** Gift cards can still be purchased from the SCRIP store but they are on a first come first serve basis. We cannot guarantee that all cards will be in stock during December. Please plan ahead and order any large orders through the monthly order on Dec. 6.

EXAM EXEMPTION HOURS: Forms for the Fall Exam Exemption are available in the Media Center. Once hours have been completed, those forms can be turned in to the Media Center. The hours will be logged into a student's FACTS account within one week of their submission. Forms for the Fall Semester are due Thursday, December 15th. Please remember that you may not earn all 10 of your service hours from the same location, unless approved. Contact Miss Johnson at sjohnson@illianachristian.org for more information.

If you would like to check to make sure your hours have been logged correctly, please follow these steps:

For Students:

1. Log into RenWeb.
2. Go to the Family Tab on the left-hand side.
3. Click Family Home.
4. Select **YOUR** name from the drop-down menu at the top of the screen.
5. You should see your hours in the middle column under Service Hours.

For Parents:

1. Log into RenWeb.
2. Go to the Family Tab on the left-hand side.
3. Click Family Home.
4. Select **A STUDENT** name from the drop-down menu at the top of the screen.
5. You should see your hours in the middle column under Service Hours.

Service Opportunities in December.

DECEMBER	
12/3	Happy Birthday, Jesus: Multiple churches from the area are working together to put on a Happy Birthday, Jesus event for all of North Township. It's a family friendly, free event at Wicker Park in Highland, with food, treats, games, and a live nativity. We are looking for student with animals who would be willing to participate in the live nativity, and we're always looking for more help with decorations and setting up, starting at 10 am, so if anyone is interested, they can reach out to Taliaha Koutz 219-730-8931 or via taliaha@comcast.net .
12/10-11	Behold the Wonder: If any Illiana students want to get involved with Behold the Wonder (serving food, security, check In ,welcoming, etc) we have availability at all shows but mainly the Saturday 7 PM show and the Sunday 5 PM show. They can sign up at BeholdtheWonder.org or email me at awimmer@wearefaith.org
All Month	SecondLife, ETC. and New2You are excellent places to earn your hours. Reach out to any of these feeder school supporting resale shops to see how you can help.
All Month	It Takes a Village Farm: A 3 acre farm in Sauk Village, IL, a suburb just south of Chicago, developed in partnership with Grace United Church of Christ and Good Vibes Farm. The farm produces culturally relevant food for Sauk Village and neighboring communities, provides free educational programming and job training, and is projected to grow over 50,000 pounds of food each year. Click HERE for more information. Join a team of volunteers every Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm to plant, harvest and prep the growing space. Please wear closed toe shoes, dress for the weather and bring a water bottle with you when you volunteer. Sign up HERE to volunteer.
All Month	Our Daily Bread Food Pantry at Emmanuel CRC in Sauk Village is open every Saturday from 9 - noon. They are always in need of volunteers to greet the clients and load groceries into cars. If you want more information on this opportunity, see Miss Johnson or reach out to Gary Dykstra at outreach@emmanuelcrc.com .
All Month	Phil's Friends is in need of Cards of Hope. (This is the link to our printable Cards of Hope https://philsfriends.org/cards-of-hope/). 15 cards are the equivalent of 1 hour. Phil's Friends is also in need of the following items for their Care Packages: unscented lotion, puzzle books, playing cards, and fuzzy socks. 10 items equals 1 hour.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH: *May the amazing fact that God became a man in Jesus Christ pierce through all the distractions of the holidays to bring you great joy and delight in the birth of the Messiah.*