

UPCOMING DATES**APRIL:**

7: No School, Good Friday	24: Annual Association Meeting, 7:30pm
10: No School, Easter Monday	25: Fine Arts Recital
12-19: Fine Arts Festival	26: GO Day
20: Early Dismissal, 2:25	27: Praise Crowd Breakfast
21: Grandparents Day	28: 8th Grade Party
22: Pancake Pacer	MAY 1: Late Start, 8:15

NEWS & EVENTS**PHASE 2-VOCATIONAL WING:**

We are so close to being able to start the expansion of the Vocational/Entrepreneurial wing along with the additional classroom spaces when we break ground in the summer. Over the last 10 months we have raised over \$12 million dollars for PHASE 2 and we are so excited for the additional opportunities this expansion will bring to the students and families of Illiana. We are trying to raise another \$2 million for the vocational wing by the ground breaking. Please consider helping us get to our goal by donating at the link below. As always we ask for your prayers as we continue to Build Illiana.

<https://www.illianachristian.org/support/donate-now/donate-campus/>

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL AND RECITAL: Illiana Christian High School's **Fine Arts Festival** will take place from **April 12th through the 19th**, concluding with a **Fine Arts Exhibit and Recital on April 25** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The evening will feature musical and dramatic performances by various students, with visual artwork and photography on display as well. Refreshments will be served.

SINGING TELEGRAMS are back - with a twist: Illiana's Student Council will be selling singing telegrams in honor of Mr. Peter Boonstra's birthday on **April 17th**. Students and community members will be able to purchase a Happy Birthday telegram for Mr. Boonstra for \$10. The money from this fundraiser will be matched by an anonymous donor, and the proceeds will be donated to the Phase 2 campaign. If you would like to purchase a singing telegram performed by Illiana students, look for the posts on Illiana's social media pages starting April 5th. Contact Sara Johnson at sjohnson@illianachristian.org for more information.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: We are excited to have all grandparents here on Friday, **April 21**. We will be having grandparents arrive at 9:15 am and join us in the main gym for chapel. We will enjoy coffee and donuts in different "stations" around the school. Then they will spend some time in homerooms. All grandparents are invited to join us, but then they will need to choose one grandchild to go to homerooms with. We will have photo opportunities also available around the campus. No need to RSVP, just come and join us from 9:15-11am.

PANCAKE PACER 5K RUN & WALK: Join us on this great run benefiting the Illiana Christian Athletic Department. It will be held on **April 22** and begins at 7:30 a.m. All proceeds will go toward new uniforms and equipment for our athletic programs. To sign up follow the [link](#) on our website.

- The race will begin and end at Midwest Ice Arena, 10600 White Oak Ave, Dyer, IN. Following the race, each runner is invited to Illiana Christian High School for a free pancake breakfast.

- Winners will be announced and given medals for the following age groups: 19U, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and up. Every runner registered will receive an Under Armour Locker long-sleeved running shirt.
- If you have any questions contact Darren DeBoer at ddeboer@illianachristian.org.

ASSOCIATION MEETING: The annual meeting of the Illiana Christian High School Association will be Monday, **April 24** at 7:30 p.m. The special issue of The Spectator, including the proposed budget and board candidates, will be mailed at the beginning of April. You may vote in person at the meeting, mail in your ballot by April 24, or vote online at <https://www.illianachristian.org> – scroll down to news and announcements near the bottom of the main page.

GO DAY: On Wednesday, **April 26**, all students will be leaving school for various service projects in the morning. A cookout will follow, back at school, in the afternoon. Any forms or plans will be given out in homeroom. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Sara Johnson at sjohnson@illianachristian.org.

FUSION: Fusion is a new initiative that celebrates Christian education and seeks to ensure that this an essential resource is accessible for tomorrow’s generations. A collaborative effort by the following Christian schools; Calvin Christian School, Crown Point Christian School, Highland Christian School, Illiana Christian High School and Lansing Christian School, Fusion seeks to enhance our Foundations, support the Christian education system, and promote Fellowship by offering an annual, community-wide event. This year, Fusion presents Bob Goff! **April 29th** at Bethel Church in Crown Point, IN. Get your tickets now!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fusion-bob-goff-tickets-466633863447?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

VIKING ACADEMY: Don’t miss out on an opportunity to send your kids to one of the best day camps in Northwest Indiana! Viking Academy is offered through Illiana Christian High School and has over 15 options of different day-camps for elementary, middle-school and some high school aged students. Join us from **July 10-28**, for high quality classes and camps. We are excited to bring a long list of integrative and enjoyable classes to the local community. Click

<https://www.illianachristian.org/life-ichs/viking-academy/> to read more about the camps we offer and register your child today. Contact Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org or Jenna Dutton at jdutton@illianachristian.org 219-558-7066 x 122.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & BIOLOGY II FORMS:

Students who plan to enroll in these types of classes should turn in the form as soon as possible. They were due March 1st.

ADMISSIONS

Please contact Jenna Dutton Director of Admissions with any questions regarding enrollment, re-enrollment, PREVIEW, and Shadow Visits. Her contact information is: Jenna Dutton 219-558-7066 Ext. 141 or jdutton@illianachristian.org.

- **RE-ENROLLMENT** for the 2023-2024 school year will be automatic. The re-enrollment fee of \$165 was applied to your tuition account in March. You will not need to fill out a separate re-enrollment form. If your student will not be returning next year, please notify Jenna Dutton. Also, since we do not get “fresh” information from re-enrollment, please make any updates in address, phone number, etc., through your Family Portal. To make updates, log in to your School > Web Forms > Family Demographic Form.

- **HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** At this time, we are seeking families interested in hosting an international student for the 2023-2024 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.
- **ATTENTION PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS:** High school is just around the corner for many of you! We are now accepting online applications for the 2023-2024 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, for the chance to earn a \$500 credit towards your 2023-2024 school year!
- **STUDENT SERVICES:** Illiana Christian provides support and services for students who have an IEP, 504, or accommodation plan. Please contact Mrs. Heidi Teach, Director of Student Services, at hteach@illianachristian.org for more information about how to continue the support in high school.

P.I.E. NEWS

SCRIP: The fourth quarter SCRIP payout will be paid out at the end of May due to Senior accounts. All SCRIP ONLINE orders are due online by 8:00 am on the Tuesday turn-in date. The orders will be ready the following Tuesday for pickup. If you have questions about SCRIP, please contact Jill Rozendal at scrip@illianachristian.org.

SPRING SUPPER: Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Supper and was flexible with the changes due to our “not-so-spring” weather! We raised almost \$7000 for the Excellence in Education fund! Illiana students and staff will be blessed with your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for P.I.E.! There are still open volunteer spots for lunch and a Saturday kitchen cleaning. We will be adding a dinner on May 31, please sign up for the waiting list if you need an evening opportunity.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1104726710955978013/false#/invitation>

P.I.E. CREDITS: All P.I.E. credits will be applied on May 1 if you have completed your volunteering as of April 30. Any credits earned in May will be applied on June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Shaynee Pierce at shayneebug@gmail.com.

ATHLETIC NEWS

CHEER TRYOUTS:

- Pre-tryout Parent and Athlete Meeting: April 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tryout Clinics: April 10 and April 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Tryouts for Competition and Basketball Cheer: April 22 4:30-7:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

2023 / 2024 Bus registration is now open. Illiana Christian High School provides point to point transportation from Calvin Christian, Lansing Christian and Highland Christian at an annual fee of \$230.00. To register, click here: [here](#)

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