



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2023

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- **Directory:** We do not publish a hard copy of the directory.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 >Directory> use the sort options available for families and staff.
- **Homework:** Go to Family Portal>Student>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 4: Labor Day – No School
September 8: Wiffle Ball, Staff vs State Champs 6:00 p.m.
September 18: ICHS Golf Outing
September 21: Early Dismissal 2:25 p.m.
September 22: Freshman Retreat
September 23: ICHS Sip and See Phase two progress!
September 26: PSAT Coaching 7:00-8:30 p.m.
September 27: GO Day
September 28: PSAT Coaching 7:00-8:30 p.m.
October 2: Late Start 8:15 a.m.
October 3: PSAT Coaching 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Carpool Update: Any family that is looking for carpool should email Mr. Boer - dboer@illianachristian.org.

Staff vs. State Champs Wiffle Ball Game: Come out and support Illiana on Missions while watching the 2 time State Champ Illiana Baseball Team face off against the zero time State Champ staff in a friendly game of wiffleball. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Service Opportunities: There are a number of service opportunities available to students to help them meet their 10 hours of community service for their exam voucher. Please join the Exam Exemption Google Classroom to find opportunities and policies. The join code is 4idc6lp.

Moms in Prayer: The Illiana Moms in Prayer group continues to meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays when school is in session. Join us when you can after drop-off at 8:00 a.m. in the

Conference Room for an hour of prayer for our school, faculty, staff and students. For more details, please email Nate-Becky@outlook.com or dougntam@hotmail.com or text Becky at 219-213-1444

ICHS Golf Outing: The Illiana Christian Golf Outing will be on Monday, September 18, 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: Juniors, seniors and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this meeting in the Commons which will be on November 6, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Important information will be given regarding the FAFSA and general scholarship information.

Yearbook: The 2022-2023 yearbook, The Spire, will be available for pick up on October 6. Sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduates (class of 2023) 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 12. Indiana requires 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 SAT. **Coaching dates are September 26, 28, October 3, 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. Additional test preparation resources can be found [here](#) through the College Board. In the past, sophomores were given the option to take this test along with the juniors in October. However, **ALL SOPHOMORES** will now take a practice test in March, **so no sophomores will be able to test in October.** Details will be sent by email to all juniors and their parents/guardians. Any questions should be directed to the counselors, Melanie Benes (mbenes@illianachristian.org) or Neil Zandstra (nzandstra@illianachrsitian.org).

Fall Play: The Drama Department is excited to present the play *Alice in Wonderland*. Performances are on Nov. 2, 3, and 4 at 7 pm. There will also be a matinee on the 4th at 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 and will be available through the school office starting in mid-October.

Bible Study: Morning Bible Studies meet from 6:45-7:30 am on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Girls meet in the media center and are led by Janna Van Essen and Denise VanRyn. Boys meet in room 120 and are led by Colton Ebbens. Rise-N-Roll and iced coffee are served. Come join us!!!

BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

- **Foundation Fund Earnings:** Please complete and return [this form](#) to the school office no later than October 31. Late forms will not be accepted. If you choose not to claim this tuition credit, your allocation will go to the Tuition Assistance Fund.
- **Tuition:** All families should be receiving automated emails from FACTS containing tuition invoices and payment notifications. If you are NOT receiving emails and/or have not made a payment yet this year, please contact Kathy West ASAP. kwest@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066 x111.
- **Incidental Billing:** Incidental/Miscellaneous charges will be billed separately from tuition this year. As a heads up, I will begin billing for incidentals this month and each month following. You will only receive an incidental bill if charges have been added to your account, and payment is due. Incidental invoices may include items such as: \$90 yearly Technology Fee, \$230 Bus Fee, \$20 Parking Pass Fee, \$50/season Sports Trainer Fee, & various Sports Team Spirit Wear Fees. Please keep an eye out for this Incidental Invoice this month.

- **How to pay for incidental charges:** When you signed up for your payment plan online, you were also able to choose how you would like to pay for any incidental charges. You could choose to pay for these charges on your own (either in the office via cash/check or online through your Family Portal), or you could choose to have these charges automatically deducted from your account of choice in the same way that your tuition is processed. If you do not remember what you chose, you can find this information in your Family Portal under the Financial tab. Either way, you will always receive an email invoice showing you what has been charged and when/if anything will process in your bank account.

PARENTS INVOLVED IN EDUCATION (P.I.E.)

- **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. Also, we encourage you to pay by checking or savings account transfer to help save on credit card fees.
- **PIE opportunities to serve** at lunch, evening salad prep and Saturday kitchen cleanings are available on signup.com. If you haven't made an account yet, please do so, that way if we have last minute openings, you can be notified of those. Click here to sign up/see the spots: <https://signup.com/go/TWBkAWs>. Every family will be charged \$250 in December from PIE. An email explaining PIE was sent out in August. Lots of great information was given. Click [here](#) to view it again.
- **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 with your driver's license, 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!
- **Mum Fundraiser:** Don't forget to order your beautiful fall mums! Mums are \$10 each and come in a variety of colors. Order forms are due in the office on September 8th by 3pm with check or cash. Pick up will be on September 15th at school in the South parking lot from 2-5pm. All proceeds will go toward funding classroom purchases that are not covered by tuition.
- **SCRIP:** All monthly orders go out on the first Tuesday of the month. All orders are due online by 8:00 am. If you are paying by check for the monthly order all checks must be in the office by 8:00 am on the first Tuesday of each month. Reminder that checks are only accepted for physical gift cards ordered through the monthly orders. Any ScripNow, Reload, or ReloadNow cards must be paid online with a bank account.

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: \$7, Students (with ID): \$5, Seniors: \$5.00, and the Fall Family Pass: \$40. The Family Pass covers Soccer and Volleyball.
- **Save the date:** The Illiana Christian Auction will be held on Saturday, November 11. If you are interested in donating to the auction, please complete [this form](#).
- **Coaching Openings:**
 - Girls basketball JV head coach
 - Girls basketball program assistant
 - part-time throws coach for track & field for spring 2024