



**ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2023

CALENDAR NOTES:

- December 1 - Praise Crowd after basketball game
- December 4 - Late Start, 8:15 a.m.
- December 7 - Choir Christmas Concert
- December 8- Shadow Visits Begin (be sure to register)
- December 9 - Reindeer Run/Walk (Sign up below!)
- December 12 - Band/Orchestra Christmas Concert
- December 14 - Praise Crowd Breakfast
- December 14 - Chamber Singers Christmas Concert
- December 15- Middle School Basketball & Praise Crowd Event
- December 15 - Praise Crowd after basketball game
- Christmas Break - Thursday, December 21 - Wednesday, January 3
- Christmas Break Office Hours: December 21-22, December 26-29, and January 2 - 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- School resumes on Thursday, January 4, 2024, 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 12**, 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 7**, 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 14**, 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 Julie Tambrini, Administrative Assistant, at jtambrini@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:

- Please keep in mind that **all PAST-DUE balances must be paid in full** before your student may begin 2nd Semester on January 15, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org or 219.558.7066, ext. 111.

COUNSELING OFFICE

SAT TEST PREP:

- The SAT test will be offered at Illiana on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. 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 2/7, 2/12, and 2/22. Students may sign up for the Illiana coaching in the office. **The deadline to sign up for coaching is 2/2.** 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. This year, coaching will be offered at Crown Point, Munster, and Lake Central High Schools, but **NOT** at Illiana. Illiana students are still allowed to attend coaching at any one of these schools. For more information and to register for the SAT 1600, go to www.exceledegeinc.com. Meeting times are from 6:30–8:30 p.m., but cost and dates vary depending on the school you choose to attend for test-prep. **Registration deadline is 12/22.**
- If you have any questions regarding the SAT test or coaching, contact your student's counselor. Contact Mrs. Melanie Benes for students whose last names begin with A–K (mbernes@illianachristian.org) or Mr. Neil Zandstra for students whose last names begin with L–Z (nzandstra@illianachristian.org).

EVENTS:

2nd Annual Reindeer Run is December 9th. Register here to Run/Walk for the Auditorium! <https://www.illianachristian.org/news/the-return-of-the-reindeer-run/> Bring your friends, bring your families! Strollers welcome, please no dogs. Start your morning with a little jog around the building and new construction. Stay for the refreshments and a chance to see up close and personal the construction on the Vocational Wing and expanded commons space. Questions? Reach out to Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066 x 122.

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.
- 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/go/TWBkAWs>.

- 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.
- Save the date: The annual **P.I.E. Dinner** is coming on **Thursday, February 8**. We'll be offering delicious Rosati's Pizza and Rise 'n Roll Pie again! Look for ordering details in January.
- We received \$358 from our Culver's Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who dined and donated!

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 online, 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 5. 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. 5.

EXAM EXEMPTION HOURS: Forms for the Fall Exam Exemption are available on Google Classroom. Once hours have been completed, those forms can be turned into 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 Friday, 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.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH: *May the JOY of Jesus' birth and the fact that he became really and actually one of us, joining humanity as a cute and crying baby then becoming the ruler of the world in truth and grace, may THAT JOY find your heart this Christmas season!*