



JANUARY 2024

January 10 Exams

7:45 - 8:15 Study Period 1
8:20 - 9:50 Period 1 Exam
9:50 - 10:05 Break
10:10 - 10:40 Study Period 2
10:45 - 12:15 Period 2 Exam

January 11 Exams

7:45 - 8:15 Study Period 3
8:20 - 9:50 Period 3 Exam
9:50 - 10:05 Break
10:10 - 10:40 Study Period 4
10:45 - 12:15 Period 4 Exam
12:20 - 12:40 Lunch A
12:45 - 1:15 Study Period 5 (Lunch
A students)
12:20 - 12:50 Study Period 5
(Lunch B students)
12:55 - 1:15 Lunch B
1:20 - 2:50 Exam Period 5

January 12 Exams

7:45 - 8:15 Study Period 6
8:20 - 9:50 Period 6 Exam
9:50 - 10:05 Break
10:10 - 10:40 Study Period 7
10:45 - 12:15 Period 7 Exam

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE:

Students must attend all study sessions and all exams with only the following exceptions: (1) If you have a study hall or (2) if you are vouching out of an exam, you do not need to attend that exam period or the study session preceding it. Study sessions and exam sessions will meet for the entire time allotted. Students not scheduled to be in a study session or exam because of the exceptions above must be either off campus or in the Media Center during those times. Students who arrive during either a study session or an exam must report to the Media Center. Also, the above exceptions would be the only legitimate reason for being off campus between the starting and ending times of each day. The intent of the study sessions is to give students one more opportunity to make sure they are well prepared for an exam. Study sessions will be held in the same room and with the same teacher as the following exam. Students should bring study materials. These are study sessions, not review sessions, which means that students will have this time to prepare themselves for exams, not to have the teacher prepare them.

CALENDAR NOTES:

- January 10 – Exams 1 & 2 until 12:15pm
- January 11 – Exams 3, 4 & 5
- January 12 – Exams 6 & 7 until 12:15pm
- January 13 - Praise Crowd after Basketball Game
- January 15 – NO SCHOOL
- January 18 – 20 – Right to Life March
- January 18 - Praise Crowd Breakfast
- January 18 – Early Dismissal 2:25pm
- January 26 – Homecoming Game
- January 26 - Praise Crowd after Basketball Game
- January 27 - Homecoming Dance
- February 1 - Blood Drive

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on the following dates:

- Monday, January 15, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Friday, February 16, due to the Faculty In-Service day
- Monday, February 19, due to President's Day
- Spring Break is March 29 through April 7
- School will resume on April 8
- Monday, May 27, due to Memorial Day

BUSINESS OFFICE:

- **Past-Dues:** Please note that your tuition account **MUST** be up-to-date by the end of this semester on January 12, 2024, or your child's semester grades may be withheld. **In addition to grades being withheld, your student(s) may not begin second semester classes if there is a past-due balance on your tuition account.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your tuition account, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066, ext. 111.
- **Incidental Expenses:** As a reminder, incidental expenses are billed separately from tuition this year. When you signed up for your automatic tuition payments, you could choose whether or not to have incidental expenses automatically deducted from your bank account as well. **MANY** of you chose **NOT** to have those expenses paid automatically, and **several accounts are past-due on these payments.** The first incidental invoice was emailed on 10/20/23 and was due on 11/20/23. Please log into your FACTS account to be sure you have paid these expenses. Your second incidental expenses invoice will be sent on 1/20/24 and will be due on 2/20/24. This invoice will include Winter Sports Fees, Book/Technology Daily Rental Fees, etc. If you would like to change incidental payments from invoice to automatic debit or have questions, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066, ext. 111.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS:

We are now accepting online applications for the 2024-2025 school year! Every incoming freshman and transfer student needs to fill out an application.

- **New parents:** create an application account through the admissions page on our website and apply today.
- **Current Illiana parents:** Log into your ParentsWeb/Family Portal account, then click on Apply/Enroll>Application>Click here to open Application>Create a New Student Application.
- **Questions?** Contact Director of Admissions Jenna Dutton at 219-558-7066 ext. 141. Please pass this information on to friends and family.
- **PREVIEW ILLIANA** is being planned for Wednesday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Keep an eye on the Admissions page on the school's website as well as on our social media pages for more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, school tours are available for individual families. Contact Mrs. Dutton to set up your tour.

BUS SCHEDULE FOR EXAM DAYS: Families who use the bus should watch their email for a communication regarding the bus schedule on January 10 & 12.

BLOOD DRIVE: Student Council will be hosting a blood drive at Illiana on Thursday, February 1, from 8am - 2 pm. Students must be 16 years old or older to donate, and students who donate will earn a half hour toward their service voucher. The public is also encouraged to donate! Please click the following link to schedule your time: https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5606753 Any questions please reach out to Kelly Aardsma (kaardsma@illianachristian.org). Thanks for considering!

SPRING MUSICAL: Illiana is planning for the spring musical March 7-9. The musical this year is **The Sound of Music**. Stay tuned!

TAX INFORMATION: Tuition statements for 2023 will be mailed to all parents. This is to help you with your state income tax preparation. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy West (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 with Mr. DeVries and Mr. Gorter 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 (mbenes@illianachristian.org) or Mr. Neil Zandstra for students whose last names begin with L–Z (nzandstra@illianachristian.org).

NEW & REQUIRED!!! FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Aid)

- During 2023, Indiana passed a law that **REQUIRES ALL** high school seniors, regardless of future plans, either to file the FAFSA **OR** to opt out of filing by April 15, 2024. Completing the FAFSA is an important step in a postsecondary education. Students pursuing short-term certificate training, associate/bachelor's degrees, or participating in some trade school/apprenticeship programs may receive financial aid by completing the FAFSA. Think you may not qualify for financial aid? The federal government has made some changes, so you may qualify after all. An email with more detailed information about this requirement went out to all seniors and their families in November. Another one was sent out in December. Be sure to complete the **23-24 FAFSA Questionnaire** to assist us with the tracking process for the state. **Even those who do not live in Indiana must complete this requirement due to attending an Indiana school.** Contact Mrs. Melanie Benes for students whose last names begin with A–K (mbenes@illianachristian.org) or Mr. Neil Zandstra for students whose last names begin with L–Z (nzandstra@illianachristian.org).

MOMS IN PRAYER AT ILLIANA- Do you have worries, fears or concerns about your student? Or maybe things are going great!

We are a group of moms who believe the best way to support our kids is to cover them in prayer and ask for the Lord's help in raising them. We also lift up Illiana, the staff and activities going on. We meet this month on Wednesday January 17 and 31 at 8:00 am in the conference room in the main office. We would love to see new faces!

P.I.E. NEWS:

- Lunch ordering for the month of February will be open from January 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 to work off your \$250 PIE fee, please click on this link thru signup.com <https://signup.com/go/TWBkAWs>.
- The **P.I.E. Dinner** is happening on **Thursday, February 8**. Don't miss your chance to order **Rosati's Pizza, Rise 'n Roll pie and salad!** Along with sausage and cheese pizza, there is a new pepperoni pizza option. Take it home for dinner or freeze the pizza for another night. **Ordering will begin on January 16** - look for an email with the link. Your order directly supports our students and staff through the Excellence in Education program.
- SCRIP news: The January Scrip order will go out a week later due to Christmas break. All monthly orders for January are due at 8:00 AM, January 9. Just a reminder that all ScripNow, Reload, and ReloadNow cards must be paid with PrestoPay on the app. If you select the check option for those cards your order will be deleted. SCRIP payout will be at the end of the month. You will see your Scrip payout on your February tuition statement.