



**ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

MARCH 2024

******* NOTE: The late start for March is FRIDAY, March 8, instead of the first Monday. *******

CALENDAR NOTES:

- Springfield Close-Up Trip, March 4 - 6
- Spring Musical, March 7, 8, 9
- Late Start 8:15, March 8
- Pulled Pork Picnic, March 9
- SAT and PSAT tests, March 12-14
- PREVIEW Illiana is on Wednesday, March 13
- Viking Academy Registration Opens, March 15
- Praise Crowd Breakfast, March 21
- Early Dismissal 2:25pm, March 16
- Parent Teacher Conferences, March 21
- Spring Break this year is March 29 - April 7
- Final Push for the Shell-April 10
- Fine Arts Week, April 10-17
- Freshman Scheduling Night, April 11
- Grandparents Day, April 19
- Pancake Pacer, April 20
- The Annual Illiana Christian High School Association Meeting is Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.
- Fine Arts Recital, April 23
- 8th Grade Bonfire, May 10

MOMS IN PRAYER AT ILLIANA- We meet at 8:00 am on WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 and 20. Check in at the main office. We would love to meet and pray with you! We are encouraged by how we are seeing God move this year at Illiana and in our own lives!

EVENTS

ILLIANA CHOIRS & MEN OF A-CHORD CONCERT - MARCH 16 Come join ICHS A Capella, Women's Chorale, and Chamber Singers along with Men of A-Chord in a wonderful evening of music. The concert will be held at 7pm at First Church of South Holland 16248 South Park Ave, South Holland, IL.

FUNDRAISING DINNER March 11, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Join us for the **Pulled Pork Picnic. Illiana on Missions** is sending out three teams this spring break. Come out and support the Mission Teams and enjoy pulled pork sandwiches and all the fixings.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 21, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Teachers will be available, in the gym, for five-minute conferences. Parents are encouraged to come and take advantage of this opportunity to speak with all of their child's teachers. Students are not invited.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Friday, April 19 from 9:45- 1:15 pm. We welcome and are always excited to spend some time with grandparents here at Illiana! We will be gathering for coffee and donuts in the Commons from 9:45-10:15. Then grandparents will be visiting two different classes with a grandchild, 3rd and 4th periods. All grandparents will then be treated in the main gym for lunch with accompaniment from our orchestra and then a presentation by our Head of School, Lance Davids will wrap up the day for grandparents at about 1:15. We will be sending out invitations with rsvp details soon.

FUSION Presents MATT MAHER: Fusion is the initiative that celebrates Christian education. A collaborative effort of 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 community by offering an annual event. This year, Fusion presents Matt Maher on August 1st at Faith Church-Dyer. Get your tickets and more information at the link below. Questions, please contact Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/matt-maher-tickets-774560510337?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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.

- **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.
- **RE-ENROLLMENT FEES for the 2024-2025** of \$165 were added to your February tuition statements. You will not need to fill out a separate re-enrollment. If your student will not be returning next year, please notify Jenna Dutton. Families will still need to complete the course request forms through ParentsWeb as directed by the counselors.
- 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.

COUNSELING OFFICE:

- **SCHOOL-WIDE TESTING** will take place March 12-14, 2024. There have been some changes to the SAT Suite of Assessments such as the tests are shorter, digital, and have fewer questions. To provide the best testing environment for students, we will not administer all of the assessments in one day. Students will test as follows and return to class once they are completed. Seniors are expected to be in school during testing.
- Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 on March 12
- Sophomores will take the PSAT 10 on March 13
- Juniors will take the SAT on March 14. More information regarding the SAT can be found below.
- The SAT test will be offered at Illiana Christian High School on Thursday, March 14, 2024 for Illiana students only. Indiana requires ALL juniors to take the SAT as part of graduation requirements. Students do not need to pay or register for the test on this date. In addition to meeting a graduation requirement, the results from this test can also be used for students' college entrance exam scores.

- **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 or Mr. Neil Zandstra with any questions.

FROM THE TUITION OFFICE:

INCIDENTAL CHARGES: *Your next Incidentals Invoice will be sent on March 5, 2024.*

Incidental Charges that you will see on that invoice:

- **Re-enrollment Fee:** All Freshman-Junior students will be automatically re-enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. A fee of \$165 per student will be added to your Incidental Invoice. Please note: you will then receive a \$100 enrollment fee credit on your first tuition statement of the 24-25 school year. If you need to make changes to your child's enrollment, please contact Jenna Dutton at jdutton@illianachristian.org.
- A **SPIRE fee** of \$68 will be added to your Incidental Invoice IF your child placed an order. If there is NO yearbook charge on your invoice, then an order was not placed. To change your child's order, please email Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org. Please note, yearbooks may also be purchased the night of the next year's SPIRE party at the door for \$80.

PIE FEES & CREDITS: NEW THIS YEAR!! The annual PIE fee of \$250 will now be billed in May ONLY to families who have NOT completed their volunteer hours. If you have completed all of your PIE volunteer hours by May, you will simply not be charged. If you have completed some of your volunteer hours, you will only be billed for what you have not worked off. As the year comes to a close, any hours that are worked in May/June will be credited to your account weekly. If you have questions regarding this new system, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org.

P.I.E. NEWS

- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for P.I.E.! We will be adding a couple dinners soon. Please be sure you have registered for [signup.com](https://signup.com/go/TWBkAWs) so you receive the emails about new spots available. <https://signup.com/go/TWBkAWs>.
- As shared last month, all families are no longer billed the \$250 P.I.E. in December. Instead, the P.I.E. fee will be billed as an incidental expense in May for families who have not met all their volunteer credits. Families who have met all their volunteer credits for the school year will not be billed.
- A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our annual P.I.E. Fundraiser Dinner! We were able to raise \$6600 for the Excellence in Education fund, which directly supports our students and staff.
- **Chick-fil-A Day** is coming on **April 18!** Illiana will receive a percentage of all mobile orders placed at Chick-fil-A between 2:30 and 8:00 pm at the Merrillville and Schererville locations.

Remember, "Eat Mor Chikin!"

- **SCRIP:** 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.

ATHLETIC NEWS

PANCAKE PACER 5K RUN & WALK: Illiana's Pancake Pacer 5k Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 20. The Pacer will start and end at the Midwest Training & Ice Center (Dyer, IN). This course offers a great track for the race and is just a couple minutes from our campus!

- Check-in begins at 6:45 a.m. and the race begins at 7:30 a.m. Our delicious pancake breakfast will be held at the school from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. All registered runners will eat for free following the race. Gluten free pancakes will be available. Any community members wanting to eat and support athletics can pay \$5.00 each at the door for the pancake breakfast.
- Please [register](#) for the race online. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your help in making athletics a great experience for our students.

SPORTS:

- **CHEER:**
 - March 20th 5:00-6:30 (open gym)
 - March 27th 6:00-7:00 Parent Meeting in the Commons
 - March 27th 7:00 -8:30 (open gym)
 - April 9th 5:30-7:00 (tryouts)
 - April 11th 5:30-7:00 (tryouts)
 - April 18th 5:00-8:00 (tryouts)
- **TRYOUTS:**
 - Girls Softball 3/4 (3-5pm), 3/5 (4:30-6:30pm), 3/6 (3-5pm)
 - Baseball 3/11 (7-9pm), 3/12 (3-5:00pm Great Lakes Sports Hub) , 3/13 (5-7pm)
 - Girls Tennis 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 - all 3-5pm pending weather
 - Boys Golf 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 - all 3-5pm pending weather

MUSIC

TRYOUTS: Wind Ensemble auditions will take place at the end of April. Outstanding 8th grade students who would like to be considered for this high-level ensemble need to contact Mrs. Monroe for audition music and to schedule an audition time. rmonroe@illianachristian.org.

SERVICE HOURS

To access the latest service opportunities, please check out the Google Classroom. The join code is 4idc6lp.

MARKETING NEWS

The Times of Northwest Indiana is once again holding its "Best Of The Region" competition. We all know how great Illiana is, but it would be great to share that with the whole region. So, please take a moment and vote for Illiana for the Best Private High School. You can vote at the following link:

[VoteforIllianaChristianHS](#)