



Welcome to the 2024 – 2025 school year! We look forward to seeing you in the third week of August. Until then, we have many details to share with you. If you do not find the answers here, check our website www.illianachristian.org. You can also call us at 219-558-7066.

CALENDAR NOTES:

August 12 – New Viking Night
August 13 – New Student First Day of School/Orientation
August 14 – First Day of School for All Students
August 17 – Challenged to MOVE
August 20 – Senior Pictures
August 21 – Underclassmen Pictures
August 22 - Music Parent Meeting
August 29 – Back to School Night
September 2 – Labor Day/No School
September 6 - Wiffle Ball Game
September 16 – Golf Outing
September 19 - Early Dismissal
September 20 - Mum Sale Pick up
September 21 - Fall Market
September 28 - Foundation event/Dedication of Phase two

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TEXTBOOKS: Freshmen and transfer students will receive their textbooks and chromebooks on the day of New Student Orientation. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will receive their textbooks in homeroom on the first day of school.

REQUIRED HEALTH RECORDS:

- The Indiana State Department of Health requires that all incoming SENIORS receive a 2nd MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine. Please mail, email or drop off an updated immunization record BEFORE school starts in August. You may email records to shoffman@illianachristian.org.
- Any family that has filled out a Religious Objection [Form](#) for vaccinations must complete a new form EVERY YEAR. Please send an updated form, for the 2024 -2025 school year, to the office before the school year starts. You may email updated forms to shoffman@illianachristian.org, or bring them to the office.
- **REQUIRED FRESHMEN DOCUMENTS:** All freshmen are required by Indiana law to submit an UPDATED immunization record and birth certificate or other proof of age before school starts. Scans and photocopies are acceptable.

PARKING FOR 2024-2025: For identification purposes, all student drivers must display a parking tag in their car. The \$20 fee will be billed with tuition. Please carefully read, complete and submit the online [form](#) that is available until August 9. Paper forms will be available after the 13th. The parking tags will be distributed in homeroom on the first day of school.

NEW VIKING NIGHT: All freshman, transfer students and their guardians are invited to attend “New Viking Night” on August 12. Illiana staff members will be available to answer your questions. This night is all about getting to know other Viking families and spending time in fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Admissions Director, Jenna Dutton, 219-558-7066, ext. 141 or jdutton@illianachristian.org. An email invitation was sent out. Please be sure to RSVP by August 2 here: <https://forms.gle/cb7zNxhs6V8G2T4n8>, for the dinner portion of the event!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: First day for transfer students and freshmen will take place on Tuesday, August 13, 7:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Students will meet with their SHIELD group leader in the Commons when they arrive. They will receive a copy of their schedule, their textbooks, and their Chromebook, as well as run through their classes and meet each of their teachers. Buses will run on this day.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is Wednesday, August 14. **Please note that we will be dismissing at 2:00 p.m.** Students will report to homeroom by 7:45 a.m. (the first bell rings at 7:40 a.m.). Students will receive another copy of their schedule in homeroom.

FALL PLAY AUDITIONS 2024: This year's play is Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Students who wish to audition will find information and material they can review in preparation on the school website under the Drama tab. The audition materials are available [here](#). Auditions will be after school on August 15 and 16 (students need to attend only one of those days). Questions? Please contact Jeff DeVries at jdevries@illianachristian.org.

CHALLENGED TO MOVE: Challenged To Move is just a couple of short days away on Saturday, August 17. We've got a sport for everyone: Disc Golf, Bicycling, and Pickleball. This is a great day to get active and have fun while supporting ICHS. To register please click on the links below. The timing of these events will prevent you from participating in more than one event, so pick your favorite and we will see you on August 17th! For more details and information, please click on the registration links or reach out to Cassie Siersema at csiersema@illianachristian.org or 219-558-7066x 122
Illiana Christian High School Challenged to MOVE-Bike Ride:
<https://form.jotform.com/241624616164151>
Illiana Christian High School Challenged to MOVE-Disc Golf Tournament:
https://www.discgolfscore.com/.../Illiana_Fundraiser...
Illiana Christian High School Challenged to MOVE-Doubles Pickleball Tournament:
<https://form.jotform.com/241625557073155>

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Parents are invited to come to school to visit the classrooms and meet their student's teachers on Thursday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. Remember this is for parents only.

FALL 2024 WASHINGTON D.C. SENIOR CLASS TRIP: On May 14, juniors received information regarding their class trip. The dates for the trip will be October 22 – 26, 2024. The \$925 and the forms (that students will receive in homeroom the week of August 26) are due September 10, in full. Money and the forms can be given to their homeroom teacher beginning September 3. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

GOLF OUTING: The Illiana Christian Athletic Association will be holding its [Fall Golf Classic](#) at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, IN on September 16. Check-in and lunch take place from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. with a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and awards follow at 5:30 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities available! For more information, contact Darren DeBoer at (219) 558-7066 ext. 114 or ddeboer@illianachristian.org or Bonnie Trepton at (219) 558-7066 ext. 124 or btrepton@illianachristian.org.

EXAM EXEMPTION: The Exam Exemption Service Opportunities will now be posted for all students and parents in a Google Classroom. Use Class Code **4idc6lp** to join the Google Classroom where you will find up to date information about service opportunities, policies and procedures. Students are expected to join this Classroom, and parents are welcome to join as well.

SENIOR PICTURES: Class of 2025 photos will be taken on August 20. Please note: while the purchase of a photo package is not necessary, ALL seniors must be photographed by HR Imaging in order to appear in the 2025 *Spire* (yearbook). Contact HR Imaging at 815-433-1766 if you have any questions.

MOMS IN PRAYER: The Illiana Moms in Prayer group will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th **Wednesdays** at 8:00 a.m. each month. We meet at Illiana on days when school is in session beginning **Sept 4th**. Meet with us for an hour of prayer for our school, faculty, staff and students. Come to the main office and you will be directed where the meeting is. For more information, email Nate-Becky@outlook.com or dougntam@hotmail.com or check out the website at www.momsinprayer.org.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS SIGN UPS: The 2024 – 2025 bus registration [link is open](#) if your student will need bus transportation next school year, please take a moment to register them. There is transportation from South Holland, Lansing, and Highland. The bus registration fee for next year is \$250 and will be billed on your September incidentals statement. Contact Duane Kamstra with questions at 219-558-7066 x147 or dkamstra@illianachristian.org.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:

2024 – 2025 TUITION INFORMATION:

- Tuition Agreements for the 24-25 school year will be emailed to you by Friday, August 2, 2024. Please look them over carefully to be sure that everything looks correct for the year. If you need to make any changes or have questions, please contact Kathy West at kwest@illianachristian.org or 219.558.7066 x111.

P.I.E:

- The P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education) is excited for the year ahead. An email with all the information about PIE and volunteer PIE credit openings was sent out on July 29. **Please read** through everything! In case you missed it, click [here](#).
- **Hot Lunch** - We can't wait to see our lunch volunteers back to help us prepare the daily lunches. Please wear a baseball hat and have your hair up to help, otherwise, we do have hair nets for you to wear while we prepare the food. This is a wonderful way to meet other parents and see your kids at lunch! Be sure to register and sign up for your lunch spots! <https://signup.com/go/CKZzLwY>
- **Lunch is served daily**, one option every day. **All lunches are pre-ordered and pre-paid every month** for the next month. Aug/Sept lunch ordering is now “open” from Aug 1-10. Please follow the directions on the lunch email that was sent out. Ordering is done on Renweb/lunches. Questions- please call Terri- 708-259-0749.
- **9”MUMS for only \$10 each!!!** Leave your paper orders only by Sept. 12 in the main office. Pick up your beautiful mums on Friday, Sept 20. They are Big and Beautiful!!! Click [here](#) for order form:

SCRIP:

SCRIP tuition credit was paid out at the end of July. You should see your tuition credit on your August statement.

We have about 65 families (current/future/grandparents) using the program. **In the last year the families using the program earned a total of \$24,605.33 in tuition credit!** If you would like more information about how to use SCRIP or need help with signing up please email scrip@illianachristian.org. If your student who was authorized to pick up your gift cards has graduated, please fill out a new registration form authorizing another student to pick up your gift cards. All monthly orders will be due online by 8:00 am on the first Tuesday of the month. Cards will be ready for pick up the following Tuesday.

ATHLETIC NEWS

- The Athletic Department enlists the services of a certified athletic trainer. The trainer, Melissa Vargas, will be available at many of the home events and after school on practice days to provide athletes with prompt treatment as well as preventative measures such as taping, bracing, etc. Every student who participates in sports at Illiana will be assessed a fee of \$50 per sport to help defray the expense of this program. This fee will be added to your tuition statement.

COUNSELING OFFICE UPDATES

SCHEDULES: Schedules are available online through the family portal. Students will receive a copy in their homerooms on their first day of school. Due to new enrollments, section balancing, and schedule changes throughout the summer, students should check their schedules just before school starts as it may have changed since it was last reviewed online. The counselors will be in the office starting the week of August 5th. If any changes are needed, please email your requests to your counselor. Some changes can be made after school starts, but only under very limited conditions. Students whose last names begin with A-K, may contact Mrs. Melanie Benes (mbenes@illianachristian.org). Students whose last names begin with L-Z, may contact Mr. Neil Zandstra (nzandstra@illianachristian.org).

ACT: Students who wish to take the ACT must register online at www.actstudent.org. Our school code is 154444. This code should be used for both SAT and ACT testing registration to ensure scores are sent to Illiana so they can then be included on students' transcripts.

SAT: Illiana offers the SAT in the spring for every junior as a state-required test. If your student wants to take the SAT on a national test date, go to www.collegeboard.com to register using the school code 154444.

GENERAL REMINDERS

STUDENT INSURANCE: Illiana does not have medical insurance coverage for your child. If your child is hurt, even if at school, we do not have a policy to cover that injury. We expect that all our families have their own health insurance.

DIRECTORY: The directory is available on your [Family Portal](#)>ParentsWeb>School Information>Directory. You may search by Family or School Staff. The School Staff option will display all faculty and staff and their contact information, including email addresses.

SECURITY: After the school day has started, doors will be locked. **Anyone arriving after 8:00 a.m. must use the entrance by flagpole.** Late students and all visitors, will need to be buzzed in by the office staff. Late students must sign in and receive a pass. Visitors are required to sign in at the main office and wear an identification badge. You must sign out when you leave.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Keep up to date with what's happening at Illiana by following our two official social media accounts.

– Facebook: www.facebook.com/IllianaChristianHighSchool

– Instagram: www.instagram.com/illianachs

Please follow us and like our content to help spread the word about all the wonderful things happening at Illiana!

STUDENT PICKUP: Please pick up your students at the north entrance, as shown in the graphic below (scroll down).

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

KEEP SCROLLING

YOU ARE ALMOST THERE

IT'S LIKE FINDING THE POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

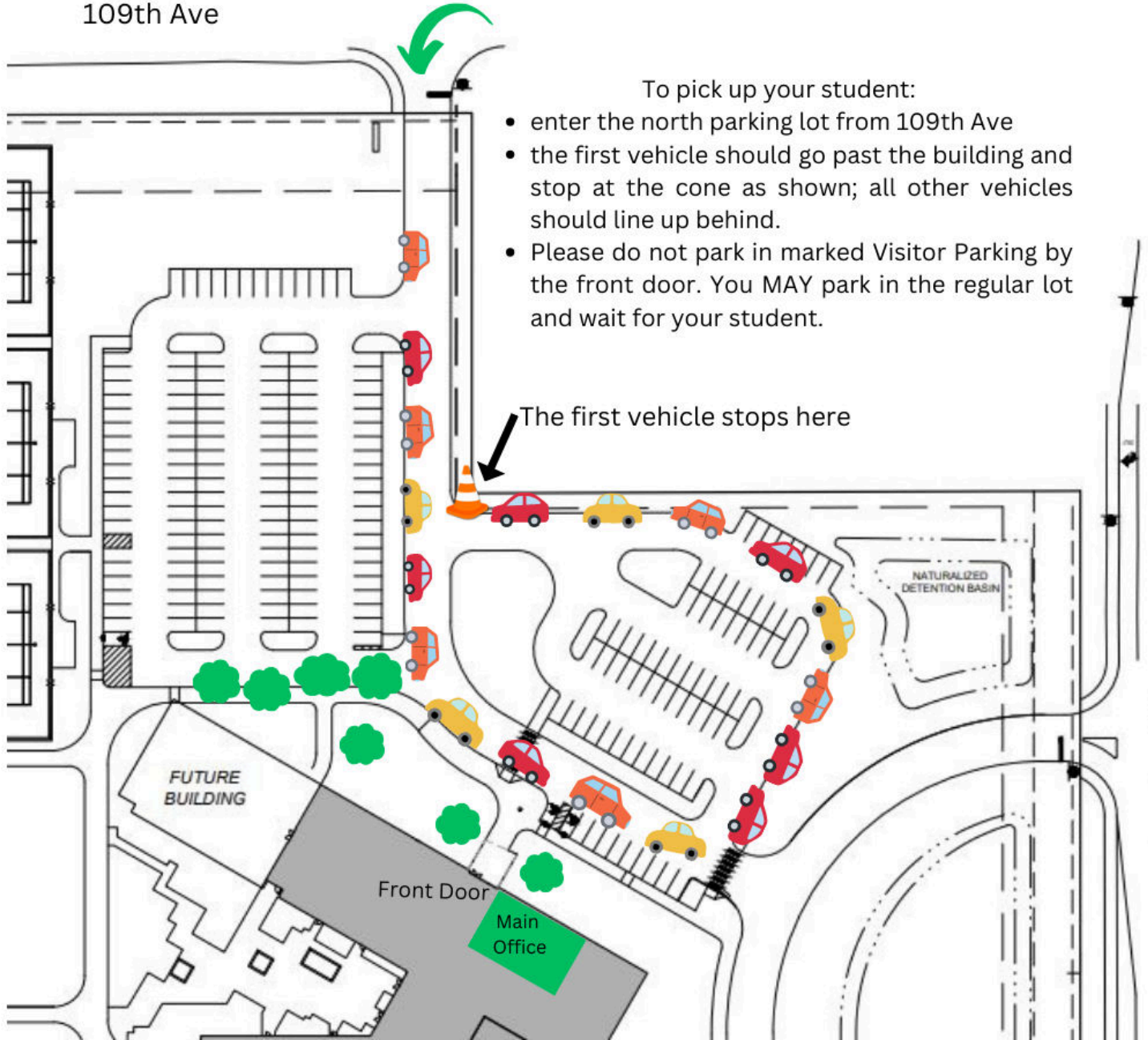
YOU CAN DO IT

SO CLOSE

YOU CAN ALMOST SEE IT NOW

YOU DID IT!!!!!!!!!!

109th Ave



To pick up your student:

- enter the north parking lot from 109th Ave
- the first vehicle should go past the building and stop at the cone as shown; all other vehicles should line up behind.
- Please do not park in marked Visitor Parking by the front door. You MAY park in the regular lot and wait for your student.

The first vehicle stops here

FUTURE BUILDING

Front Door

Main Office

NATURALIZED DETENTION BASIN

Calumet Ave