



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2024

CALENDAR NOTES:

OCTOBER

- 3: All school picture retakes
- 3: School Picnic
- 4: SPIRE Party
- 5: Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7-10 pm
- 7: Late Start 8:15 a.m.
- 7: Application opens to Partner School Families, 7pm
- 8: Fall Choir & Orchestra Concert, 7:30p.m.
- 10: Right to Life Banquet
- 11: End 1st quarter
- 14: College Financial Aid Night
- 14: Application opens to Community, 7pm
- 16: PSAT – Juniors
- 17: Praise Crowd Breakfast - New
- 17: Early Dismissal
- 17: Fall Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 18: Dodgeball Tournament
- 18: Praise Crowd after Dodgeball - New
- 22-26: Senior Class Trip
- 23 Records Day – No School
- 24 & 25: CEA Convention – No School
- 29: Blood Drive
- 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER

- 7, 8, 9: Fall Play - *Our Town*, 7 pm; 2pm matinee on the 9th
- 8: Late Start
- 13: Preview - Date change

ABSOLUTELY AWESOME EVENTS (New phrase to keep it alphabetical)

- **Blood Drive:** We are hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. If you are interested in donating, please go to [this link](#) and select Illiana's drive on Tuesday, October 29th to sign up for a time. If you have any questions, email Sara Johnson at sjohnson@illianachristian.org.
- **Dodgeball Tournament:** The annual Dodgeball Tournament is on Friday, October 18th, and we need to fill that bracket and pack the gym. Students - turn in your team form and entry fee to Mrs. West in the main office by Oct. 14th. Tournament play starts at 6 pm. Admission is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Before the Championship Game, Illiana on Mission will announce the mission trips for the 24-25 school year. Be sure to be there to find out where God is taking us. Applications will be available Friday night as well.

- **Emergency School Closings:** Information will be shared through social media, and via a parent alert through FACTS/RenWeb.
- **Fall Play Tickets:** The Drama Department is excited to present the play *Our Town*. The play is a timely reminder of everything that is beautiful and precious in life, and you won't want to miss it. Performances are on Nov. 7, 8, and 9 at 7 pm. There will also be a matinee on the 9th at 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 and will be available through the school office starting in mid-October.
- **Moms In Prayer** meets at 8:00-9:00 am on Wednesday October 2 and 16. Come and check us
- **No School:** There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 23-25, due to a records day and the Christian Educator's Convention. The school office will be open all 3 days.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** On Tuesday, October 29, conferences will be held 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The conferences are for parents and teachers, not students or other children.
- **Report Cards:** Report cards will be available online through your RenWeb Family Portal on October 18 at the latest. You will be notified via email when they are available.
- **Sadie Hawkins Dance:** All Illiana students are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy some fellowship and time together. \$10 tickets will be sold at the door, Sat. Oct. 5 from 7-10pm. An email was previously sent out to parents. Dress is casual. A photo booth will be available. Students will need to "coat check" their purses, backpacks and all shoes. Students can wear socks. This is for Illiana students only!!!
- **Spire Party:** The 2023-2024 yearbook will be handed out at the Spire party on Friday, Oct. 4. The party is for students who have ordered yearbooks and will take place in the commons from 7-9 pm. Don't forget to bring a pen!
- **Taco Dinner:** Join us Saturday, Nov 9 from 4-7pm for a Taco Dinner to support Praise Crowd!
- **Veterans Day:** Monday, Nov 11, we will be honoring our Veterans from 7:30-10:15 am. We look forward to having them join us for devotions, flag raising, breakfast and chapel together, more information soon. All Veterans are invited to join us!

ADMISSIONS

- **Admissions, Contact Jenna Dutton at 219-558-7066, ext 141 or jdutton@illianachristian.org and illianachristian.org/admissions**
- **Preview Illiana (Open House for Prospective Students and their Parents):** Save the date! Discover what Illiana Christian has to offer at Preview Illiana on November 13, at 6:30 p.m. We are making plans for a fun, informative evening for middle schoolers, transfer students, and their parents. For more information please keep an eye on the Admissions page on the Illiana website at illianachristian.org/admissions. Please register here: [Preview Illiana](#)
- **Fridays at Illiana:** Fridays at Illiana are a great way for 8th graders and potential high school transfer students to get a close-up student perspective on Illiana. Illiana students host visiting students for a whole school day, going to classes, chapel or club meetings, having lunch (on us!) and meeting students and teachers. Sign Up Here: [Friday's at Illiana](#)
*Please note that we will only be hosting visiting students on Fridays again this year.

ATHLETIC NEWS

- **Winter Sports Tryout Information:**
- The IHSAA opening dates for tryouts are as follows: Girls Basketball: October 28, 29 & 30 from 3-5 pm, Wrestling: Girls is October 21 and Boys is November 4, Boys Basketball: November 11, 12 & 13, Boys & Girls Swimming: November 11.
- **Admission Prices for Winter Athletic Events:** Adults: \$7.00, Students (with ID): \$5.00, Seniors: \$5.00, and Winter Family Pass: \$40. Family passes will be available from Kathy West, in the office, or at any winter athletic event at the gate.
- **Illiana Christian Auction:** The Illiana Christian Auction Committee is excited to announce our 10th annual auction on Saturday, November 16. The silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the live auction at 5:30 p.m. We are eager for your partnership and are asking for your investment by providing items or services to be auctioned off or cash donations. We will also be asking for baked goods for our silent auction. Proceeds from this auction will support the Athletic Department and Illiana's Missions efforts. Any questions can be directed to Bonnie Trepton at (219) 558-7066 ext. 124 or btrepton@illianachristian.org, or Darren DeBoer at ddeboer@illianachristian.org. If you are interested in donating to the auction, please go to <https://www.illianachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Sponsorship-form-2024-3.pdf> for details.

BUSINESS OFFICE

- **Foundation Fund Earnings:** The Foundation Fund offers an estimated yearly tuition credit of \$200 available to all students. All funds that are NOT claimed by October 31, 2024 will automatically be given to the Tuition Assistance Fund of the school. The Tuition Assistance Fund is used throughout the year to help families in need who are struggling to pay tuition. If you would like to donate your credit to the Tuition Assistance Fund, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to accept the credit, please fill out the [Foundation Fund Earnings](#) form.
- **Incidental Billing Invoice:** Just a reminder that your Incidental Invoice payment was due YESTERDAY, September 30, 2024. If you are not set up for Automatic Payments on these invoices, be sure to submit payment ASAP.

COUNSELING OFFICE

- **College Financial Aid Night:** Juniors, seniors and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this meeting in the Commons which will be on October 14, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Commons. Important information will be given regarding the FAFSA and general scholarship information. **Indiana now requires ALL SENIORS to complete the FAFSA regardless of whether they plan to attend college or not.** This informational night will be helpful in understanding how to complete the FAFSA.
- **PSAT:** All Juniors will be taking the PSAT on October 16. 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 required SAT. Students must bring their FULLY CHARGED Chromebooks and a calculator on the day of the test. Any questions should be directed to the counselors, Melanie Benes (mbenes@illianachristian.org) and Neil Zandstra (nzandstra@illianachristian.org), or Heidi Teach (hteach@illianachristian.org).

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

- **Fundraiser:** The music department is excited to present our biggest (and most popular!) fundraiser of the year! Members of Band, Choir & Orchestra will be selling popcorn and pastries from Labraid. These items are DELICIOUS. Please consider supporting music in our schools by purchasing an item or two from these students. If you're not sure who to contact about purchasing items; please reach out to Mrs. Monroe, Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Sliemers. The fundraiser runs from Monday, October 7-Wednesday, October 28.
- **Fall Concerts:** Come join us for the first concerts of the year. You can hear Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, A Capella, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:30pm in the ARC.
 - Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Viking Jazz will hold their first concert on Thursday, October 17, at 7:30pm in the ARC. Come out to support these students in using their amazing musical talents.

MARKETING NEWS

- **Social Media:** We are very excited to report that we are approaching 5,000 followers on our official Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/IllianaChristianHighSchool/>). To celebrate this occasion we will be giving away a Makerspace "Our Father" wooden cross to the 5,000th follower. So, if you don't already follow us on Facebook this is the perfect time to join and gain access to all the wonderful things happening at Illiana. Thanks for your continued support!

P.I.E. NEWS

- **Mums:** A huge thank you to everyone who ordered mums and to Windmill Acres for providing such beautiful fall flowers! With your help, we raised approximately \$3000 for the Excellence in Education Fund!
- **Lunch ordering** for the month of November will be open from October 1 -10. A reminder email with instructions will be sent each month. No late orders are accepted.
- **PIE Credits:** Sign up here for sign up opportunities. <https://signup.com/go/WQOCFjL>. We receive last minute cancellations, and we email out last minute opportunities. We were able to divide the evening/dinner opportunities, so if you can't do lunches, you'll see those separately. We will add those jobs as dinners are confirmed. We will have a couple more dinners to be added for this fall.