



WEST WALKER WIRE

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Spooky Fun Sponsored by WWCA!

by Kirsten Gettings

A SPOOKY FUN TIME was had by all at The West Walker Civic Association's Annual Halloween Party and Fall Fest on Saturday, October 27th at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gymnasium. The neighborhood showcased their costumes while doing crafts, games, exploring a Halloween Adventure House and ending with a trick-or-treat parade down Harding Avenue. In addition to raffle prizes and refreshments, food was also collected for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry!



Congratulations to the raffle winners:
 Tickets to the Ringling Brothers Circus – *Lucca Steger and Cherie Warmbold*
 Wine Cellar – *Laura Ell*
 Leather Cuff Bracelet – *Margaret McIntyre*
 \$50 Gift Certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods – *Sam Lubat*
 Little Mim Pom Poms – *Margaret McIntyre*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., Nov. 17 • 4 – 8 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 904 Pasta Dinner
 Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell

Wed., Nov. 14 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free Flu Shot Day
 Office of Alderman Laurino
 4404 W. Lawrence

Sun., Nov. 18 • 5 - 7 p.m.

Soup & Bread for 3 Bros. Garden
 Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym,
 4057 N. Harding

Wed., Nov. 21 • 7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service
 Irving Park United Methodist Church
 3801 N. Keeler

Wed., Nov. 21 • 7 - 8 p.m.

CAPS Meeting, Beat 1723
 17th Dist. Community Room
 4650 N. Pualski

Sun., Dec. 2 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Ed's Christmas Tree Sale
 4447 N. Lowell

Sun., Dec. 9 • 2:00 p.m.

IPFAC Presents Jingle Bell Express
 Irving Park Lutheran Church,
 4100 N. Harding

Mon., Dec. 17 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Hands to Help Christmas Caroling Night
 St. John's Episcopal Church,
 3857 N. Kostner

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You can also visit our
 Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

WHAT AN ELECTION YEAR! All the money. All the arguing. All the “He said She said.” All the polls. All the debates. Now that it is all over (hopefully – I don’t think I could handle another “hanging chad” recount) let’s hope that our newly elected representatives do the very best for as many people as possible.

Voting happens in many ways and for different reasons. Over the past year, many of our neighbors here in West Walker have been “voting with their feet” – by staying home and not attending the West Walker Civic Association general meetings. Over the last year, the average attendance at WWCA meetings has been 3 people; one meeting failed to draw a single person. That level of participation is simply unsustainable, and makes the meetings a poor use of the limited volunteer capital we have available.

I have talked to many neighbors, and there are many reasons people do not attend the WWCA meetings. Time is a precious resource, and the demands of family, work and home all demand their share. With so many choices and demands, WWCA meetings don’t often rise to the top. At the same time, people are very happy with the events sponsored by the WWCA, the West Walker Wire, WWCA’s work with CAPS and the Aldermens’ offices and simply acting as a voice for the neighborhood.

This is a process that has developed over several years. The WWCA officers and board are evaluating the best way to provide for the needs of West Walker and keep a strong neighborhood association for years to come. As we examine these issues, more information will be available about changes in the Wire. The WWCA officers are happy to hear any ideas or thoughts on how the WWCA can best adapt and support West Walker. Please call or email us with your thoughts and ideas.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting would be in December. That meeting is cancelled. The next regular meeting after that is in March, 2013. That will likely proceed, but stay tuned.

Michael Webber
President, Pro Tem



WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

“The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have.”

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Submit ideas and text to:
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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.

For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com

Call for Artists at St. John's

Calling all visual artists! Photographers, painters, collage artists, sculptors and artisans of all media are invited to display and sell their original works over a three-day Arts Evolution Festival at St. John's Episcopal Church. The festival is scheduled for February 22nd through the 24th, 2013. A limited number of artists will be accepted depending on available space. In addition, art teachers are invited to teach a one-hour children's workshop or two-hour workshop for adults.

Applications are due to Exhibit Curator, Brad Gehrig, by January 6, 2013. Call Mr. Gehrig at 847-997-7837 or email bradgehrig@gmail.com for more information about the application procedure. There is no entrance fee, but artists are asked to contribute 10% of sales to St. John's.

The Arts Evolution is in celebration of Darwin Day, a yearly international festival of science and humanity in honor of Charles Darwin's birthday on February 12. St. John's is located at 3857 North Kostner in Chicago.

New Interim Pastor at IPLC

Irving Park Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome its new Interim Pastor, Reverend Bill Hutchison. Pastor Bill received a Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and a Masters in Architecture from ITT. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. His ministry experience includes most recently his post as Interim Pastor for Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Chicago. Prior to Pilgrim, he served as Interim for First United Methodist Church in Evanston. He works with Appalachia Service Project, where he leads volunteers in a week-long annual youth mission trip from Evanston to Appalachia each summer to make homes "warmer, safer, and drier." We are excited to enter the new season with a new voice and leadership!

Join us on Sundays for adult studies and Sunday School for pre-school through high school, beginning at 9 a.m. Stay afterwards and get to know us during 10 a.m. coffee time. Chapel service with communion is at 9 a.m. in the chapel, and our full communion worship service is at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. For those who wish for a more eclectic service, come to Midweek worship on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 in Victory Hall. Midweek offers special music by Dana and Dwan K. Buetow, accompanied by Nicole Ross. IPLC is located at 3938 West Belle Plaine. For more information, call us at 773-267-1666 or visit www.iplc.org.

Thanksgiving Service at IPUMC

Irving Park United Methodist Church welcomes all to a Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Come and give thanks for life, food, shelter and friends! Bring donations for the Irving Park Food Pantry in cash, food, or hygiene items. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome as we worship together and reach out to our neighbors in need!

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are available for those seeking recovery on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Open groups invite men and women and focus on the 12 steps to recovery. More information may be found at www.marthagroups.com.

Joseph Postponed A production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is postponed due to a limited number of available adults for the lead roles.

Broadway Wishes Instead, put December 13-15 on your calendar for Broadway Wishes: A revue of the best of Broadway, which will benefit Irving Park Food Pantry and help with start-up costs for Irving Park Family Theater. Performers from all over the area are offering their talents to present this show to the community. Persons interested in participating may contact James Dauphin through the Irving Park Family Theater page on Facebook.

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Manicure Diamond Nails – *Tigue Family*
 Halloween Gift Basket – *Anna Faford*
 Kids Halloween Basket – *Axl Knickerbocker*

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible: Beth Tidmarsh, Mindy Finnigan, Dorie Westmeyer, Connie Engel, Deb Kloet, Miiri Kotche, Josh Jones, Jen & Matt Olsen, Kirsten Gettings, Laura Ell, Liz Mills, Mary Sue Witchger, Tarin Kendrick, Tara McKee, Helen Lira, Sarah Steedman, The Gardner Family (Laurie, Olivia and Genevieve), Alexandra and Chris Altman and Rina Jorgensen.

Many thanks to our friends and supporters who made generous donations: Alderman Margaret Laurino – 39th Ward, The Farmers Market Garden Center, Diamond Nails, Dorie Westmeyer of Charles Rutenberg Realty, NBC5, Amy & Rick Sobin, Sarah Steedman of Urban Craft Lab, Pete & Kiera Gettings.



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Hands to Help News

Hands to Help Ministries provides assistance to the homeless and those in crisis on the Northwest Side of Chicago. We reach out to homeless people living in the area, assess their needs, and connect them with housing and other services.

Trivia Night Success Our Trivia Night Fundraiser at the Portage Theater (who graciously donated their beautiful lobby and concession stand proceeds) raised about \$4000! Thank you to Gonzales, Jeff's Red Hots, La Villa, Las Tablas, Sabatino's and Shokran for providing delicious food! Thank you to Sears, Gillman Ace Hardware, and Sabatino's for providing fabulous raffle prizes. Thank you to all who came out to compete and support our organization!

Save the Date! Monday, December 17th will be our Christmas Caroling Night! Meet us at St. John's Episcopal at 7 p.m. and we will carol the neighborhood until 8:30 p.m. If you'd like us to carol at your house, call 773-599-9370. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner.

How to Help Make an online donation at www.handstohelpministries.org or pass out H2H cards to folks that you see panhandling or in need. To obtain cards, call Kara Wagner Sherer at 773-960-1889. If you'd like to create your own fundraiser, contact Barb Cohn at 773-354-4886.

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39th Ward Report



AUTUMN IS HERE and that means leaves are falling. If leaves fall on the parkway in front of your home or on your property, you are responsible for their removal (burning is not permitted). Please rake and bag the leaves. Do not rake the leaves into the street, it results in clogged water drains and street sweeper trucks.

When drain gates are blocked rain water, melting ice and snow cannot be drained from the street.

Flu season is just around the corner, so protect yourself against the flu bug. On Wednesday, November 14, I am hosting a Flu Shot Day at my office. The free flu shots will be available from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, Chicago reactivates its Winter Overnight Parking Ban for the most critical arterial streets. Signs for this seasonal restriction are permanently posted. Cars parked on arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be ticketed and towed between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., whether or not there is snow on the ground. This restriction is in effect until April 1.

In City Council news, Mayor Emanuel released his 2013 city budget, a budget that does not include any rate hikes or fee increases. For the past several weeks, I have been attending City Council budget hearings. At these hearings, my goal is to make sure that I bring as many resources as possible to the 39th Ward. I anticipate the Mayor's budget will pass the entire City Council in mid-November.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward



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You are invited to a Community Thanksgiving Celebration
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IRVING PARK COMMUNITY

Food Pantry

The Thanksgiving Offering will benefit Irving Park Community Food Pantry.

We are excited about hosting this neighborhood gathering!

Call the church office for more information.



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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**Carlson
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Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Soup & Bread for Three Brothers Garden

What could be better than a steaming bowl of soup on a brisk fall day? A steaming bowl of soup that benefits Three Brothers Garden! Join us Sunday, November 18th from 5-7 p.m. for Soup & Bread for Three Brothers Garden! We'll be serving up a variety of harvest-themed soups made especially for the event by neighborhood cooks and restaurants. Help yourself to unlimited servings of soup, along with delicious bread from local bakeries. The ticket price includes a ceramic soup mug that's yours to keep.

Patterned after a popular winter event at The Hideout Bar, Soup & Bread for Three Brothers Garden will be held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! Bluegrass music that's as hearty and nourishing as the soup will entertain!



Annie and Ben Zorn show off lettuce from Three Brothers Garden headed to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Soup and Bread for Three Brothers Garden is a fundraiser for the garden to be held on Sunday, November 18th.

All proceeds will go to Three Brothers Garden, which grows fresh vegetables for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Three Brothers Garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park

Lutheran Church. In the 2012 growing season, nearly 950 lbs. of vegetables were donated to the food pantry and volunteers worked 470 hours tending the garden.



Fifty Shades of Grey Matter won \$150 cash (which they donated back) at Carlson's Trivia Night.

For more information, or for volunteering, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. For more information on Soup & Bread, visit <http://soupandbread.net/about-soup-and-bread/>

Trivia Night for MAP

Trivia Night was held Friday, October 19th at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym to benefit the Magic After-School Place (MAP). Twelve teams competed in eight rounds of challenging trivia questions. Fifty Shades of Grey Matter won the contest for the second time in a row, but the real winners were the kids in the MAP program. Nearly \$4,400 was raised that night for the program, which serves 34 youths from Belding and Murphy schools, nearly 90% of whom come from low-income families.

Thanks to Master of Ceremonies Patrick McKee, Event Chair Helen Lira, and Meg Buchanan, Rich McDermott and Bill O'Callaghan for masterminding the quiz. And to all the teams who made the night a success!

IPFAC Presents Jingle Bell Express December 9

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee in conjunction with American Eagle Productions is pleased to present Jingle Bell Express, a fast-paced holiday musical review. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding.

Jingle Bell Express features a mixed quartet singing 20 of your favorite holiday songs, including a parody of The Twelve Days of Christmas and an audience sing-along. This light, fun holiday show is enjoyable for all ages! A special holiday reception prepared by the Fine Arts Committee follows the concert. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcome.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 19th season, was begun by Roger Bingaman, the series artistic director. For more information, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Senator Durbin Visits Pantry



Among those greeting Senator Dick Durbin during his Pantry visit on September 26th were (l-r): Kate Maehr, Executive Director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository; John Psiharis, Pantry Executive Director; and Kate Roche, Pantry Board President. Photo by Craig Shutt.

U. S. Senator Dick Durbin visited the Food Pantry on September 26th to learn about our operation and how we help clients apply online for SNAP (food stamps) benefits. He spoke with several volunteers about our operation as well as clients. His visit was organized by the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

The Senator held a press conference outside the Pantry to discuss the pending Farm Bill, which passed the Senate but was held up in the House. A House proposal would terminate SNAP eligibility to several million people nationwide through restrictions. The primary restriction would allow states to change categorical eligibility, which could restrict SNAP benefits if households own a home or car. It also could increase paperwork requirements and reduce benefits for those who retain eligibility. The Farm Bill is expected to be a priority when Congress reconvenes after the November 6th Election.

IPCFP is the “**One Dime at a Time**” recipient at Whole Foods Market at Sauganash (6020 N. Cicero). The program gives customers a 10¢ credit on their grocery bill for each reusable grocery bag they use. Through December, customers have the option of donating that credit to the Pantry. Last quarter's recipient received \$1,700! So shop Whole Foods, and use reusable bags!

Mount Olive Church (3850 N. Tripp Ave.) is looking for volunteers to help with its annual food drive, which benefits our Pantry. Volunteers are needed to distribute

flyers to area homes on Sunday, November 11th and to pick up food bags on Sunday, November 18th. Lunch will be provided on the 18th for those collecting the food, which is picked up in our delivery truck and brought to the Pantry right away.



Volunteers Anne Mette (center) and Jen Pavlus (right) helped client Raquel Sypien select a coat during the Pantry's annual coat distribution in October. Photo by Craig Shutt

Holiday Distribution will be on December 19th. Toys and games will be provided to our clients' children. Donations of new toys can be left along with food donations at the bottom of the stairs inside the Grace Street entrance at the church. Thanks to Vicci Rodgers and Barb Cohn for again overseeing our toy program and to all our donors, who help ensure every child has a brighter holiday season.

Disney II Elementary School is holding a food drive for the Pantry in November! Please contribute to their efforts!

Thanks to **Three Brothers Garden** for supplying the Pantry with nearly 950 pounds of freshly harvested organic produce throughout the summer! Special thanks to Liz Mills and all the volunteers who tended the garden, and to Pantry volunteer Jay Skilton who served as our garden representative.

A big thank you to Ms. Jessie Schwartz and the students in the BuildOn service group at **Schurz High School!** They made 200 bag lunches for our clients on October 4th!

The Pantry has an ongoing need for: Peanut butter, cereal, Jell-o, rice, pasta, canned meat (tuna, chicken, other fish), canned fruit and canned corn. We also need men's white crew socks, shampoos, soaps, toothpastes, toothbrushes, and razors. Travel sizes are welcome.

Food Pantry Seeks New Board Members

If you are passionate about fighting hunger in our community, join a committed group of people who have helped make the Pantry one of the longest-serving and best-run agencies on the Northwest side. Duties include meeting attendance and committee participation. Help us take the Pantry to a new level, while serving more people efficiently and compassionately. Contact Executive Director, John Psiharis at the Pantry at 773-283-6296 or info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

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Liz & Steve Mills
The Tigie-Matos Family
Lake Forest Anatomicals, Inc.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2012-2013 dues to our next WWCA meeting in March, 2013. Or you can mail in the application below.

You can now pay your WWCA dues—with either PayPal or a credit card—at the West Walker website:
www.westwalker.org

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CICS-Irving Park School

America Recycles Day

November 15th is "America Recycles Day." Allied, the company CICS-IP contracts to help

compost our food scraps, will have a Sustainability Rep come and give a presentation to our students on recyclables.

Cross Country Runners CICS-IP launched its first cross country running team this year! Their first meet was Oct. 16th at Legion Park. Cindy Smart and Jamon Douglas qualified for the mile race at the North Sectional Meet Oct. 27th at Horner Park. Winners will compete at the City Championship Nov. 3rd at Washington Park. Good Luck!

Let's Make Music On Oct. 26th, the International Music Foundation presented Let's Make Music, a multicultural, educational music program designed to expose students to the fascinating and diverse world of classical music. The students learned to identify melody, rhythm, and harmony in a performance by the Axiom Brass Quintet.

Imagination Theater On Nov. 30th, Imagination Theater will present a collaborative, participatory theatrical performance to students. Their performance helps students to navigate and explore difficult social issues.

High School Test Prep Educational Endeavors (EE) has started a 10-week class at CICS-IP for getting our scholars prepared for high school entrance exams. Participants will benefit from their extensive experience helping students prepare for 7th grade Achievement Test and the Selective Enrollment Entrance Exams, as well as ISAT, Selective Enrollment (CPS) Stanford 10, ISEE, SSAT, and HSPT (Catholic School).

Disney II Magnet School

Spanish Program This year Disney II implemented the Spanish language program for students in grades K-6, taught by Ms. Levin. The extended day has allowed Disney II students to experience art, technology, music, gym, and now Spanish.

Science Grant The Science Department is soon to see lab enhancements thanks to a science grant. Ms. Clay, the Disney II science teacher, continually provides innovative ways to make science an interesting and hands-on subject for the children. The grant money will provide funding for lab enhancements and other supplies.

Common Core Curriculum Disney II teachers have begun implementing the rigorous standards of the CCC into their daily plans. "The Common Core Curriculum" will soon become one standard by which all public schools across the nation are measured. While standardized tests are only one method of measurement, schools aim to ensure all students, regardless of where they live or what type of public school they attend, are held to the same enriching, and challenging standards.

More Clubs The following clubs are being offered at Disney II this fall: Choir, Color Guard/Drill Team, Yoga, Guitar, Art for School Enhancement, Chess Club, Creative Writing, Spanish Club, Cheerleading, and Pottery.

Congratulations to the Disney II Titans Flag Football team for making it all the way to the playoffs!

The Disney II PTA has done a terrific job of planning fun, family activities for the school. Movie Night, Parent Coffees, and Dine & Donate at La Villa have been among the many offerings this fall. Watch for upcoming ways in which the community might become involved in PTA sponsored activities. The Winter Coat Drive and Used Book Sale are always open to community participation.

The Disney II Educational Foundation was established to preserve and promote the quality of education and the learning environment at Disney II Magnet School. The Foundation's primary role is to lead the fundraising efforts for the benefit of the school, and the foundation's current focus is the "Disney II Annual Fund Drive." The rich and challenging curriculum, differentiated teaching strategies, and technological focus make Disney II a unique leader in CPS. The Annual Fund Drive will ensure that these programs remain the cornerstone of the school and help alleviate the budget constraints. Please log on to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLSw8XyqU4U> to see the Disney II Difference and help us fund the gap.

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St. Edward's School

On Wednesday, November 14th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, we will hold our annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House. Held in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, parents and children are invited to meet current parents, teachers and our principal and learn more about St. Ed's early childhood education program. For more information, please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com.

Little Red Tot Spot is a free playgroup (no charge) for children newborn to 3 years. The group gathers every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Church Hall. It is a nice way to meet other families in our Parish.

Boy Scout Troop 904 is hosting its annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 17th from 4 – 8 PM in Buckley Hall (4447 N. Lowell). Profits from the delicious all-you-can-eat dinner help fund the trip to Camp Owasippe in the summer. Come out for an evening of great food and fellowship and help support the Boy Scouts. Tickets are available at the door or after Mass on Sundays prior to the event (8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM).

In partnership with the Farmers Market Garden Center, St. Ed's will host the 2nd annual Christmas tree sale on Sunday, December 2nd from 9 AM – 2 PM. In addition to Christmas trees, fresh garland is also available for purchase. Delivery service is available for an additional fee. Please come to our play lot at 4447 N. Lowell and catch the holiday spirit!

Choosing a school can be overwhelming! St. Ed's invites you to start narrowing your choices by attending our Open House from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28th. You can take a tour of the school and see our classes in action! Please email RSVP@stedwardschool.com for more information.

St. Edward Schools provides a Catholic education to children from preschool through eighth grade, offering an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, extensive music, art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish programs at all grade levels. Our students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools. St. Edward's is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Call us at 773-736-9133, or visit www.StEdwardSchool.com.

St. Viator School

Primary Gym is open to the surrounding community. Primary Gym is held twice a month on Saturday mornings 8:30 – 10:00 am in November through April. Primary Gym offers a relaxed environment where

children ages 3-3rd grade, and their parents can interact and participate in several fun activities including, basketball, baseball, soccer, scooters, floor hockey, parachute, tunnels and more! Our upcoming dates are November 10th and 17th, December 1st & 15th. Please contact Mark Yoest at 312.215.7565 or markyoest@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

It's Not Too Late for Boot Camp! St. Viator Athletic Association invites all moms, daughters (age 14 and older), friends, sisters, and neighbors to a 10-Week Boot Camp for Ladies Only. The total cost for this 10-Week Boot Camp is only \$20 whether you attend one session or all ten! This boot camp is a beginner's level camp – do only what you can. The boot camp is facilitated by experienced fitness professional, Florence Ramos. Although sessions have begun, there are still sessions to attend on Thursday, 11/8, Tuesday, 11/13, Tuesday 11/20, and Tuesday 11/27. For questions and for equipment needed to participate, please feel free to call: Lisa Jones @ 773-771-3178, Roseann Seablom @ 773-616-5419 or Florence @ 773-791-1209 or framos68@comcast.net. You do not need to be a member of St. Viator Parish or School – all are welcome!!

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