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**Cover photo:** A charming little girl poses with coats donated by people in the OIP community for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's winter coat drive.

*Photo by Renée Linnemeyer*

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# Meet New Board Member Nicholas Frank

We welcomed our new interim director, Nicholas Frank at the September meeting, who graciously volunteered to fill the vacant position left by our beloved, Michigan-loving, soon to be ex-neighbor Bart Goldberg.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in the suburbs of Milwaukee and moved to Chicago in 2011.

**How long have you lived in Old Irving Park, and who is in your household?** Emily and I moved to OIP early summer 2018 with our two dogs Tigger and Mila.

**Work outside of OIPA?** I work in customer engagement for a small IT Managed Services company. Since the company is based in Wisconsin, I have been able to work from home for most of the past 10 years.

**Favorite local business:** I am a fan of Mexican food, so CTA is often my restaurant of choice. Distinct Bath & Body has also become a favorite as we attempt to reduce our carbon footprint—their great smelling bar soaps are minimally packaged!

**Breakfast drink of choice:** Coffee, black, paired with a Do Rite old fashioned doughnut from Backlot.

**Interests/hobbies:** I enjoy learning how to tackle home improvement projects. There is never a shortage of things to do in a century home. When not working around the house I enjoy traveling and visiting new places. Before the pandemic took away our wings, we visited Athens and the Greek islands!

**Favorite things to do outside:** Running and biking the North Branch & Channel trails, working in our yard and garden boxes, and exploring local and state parks and forest within a short drive of the city with our dogs.



**Last book you read:** I'm currently (and slowly) working my way through "A Promised Land" by Barack Obama. Our former president is a very long-winded writer!

**History with OIPA:** I began following OIPA on social media immediately after we made the offer on our house, and started attending meetings shortly after we moved in. A little encouragement from the current OIPA president and neighbor on our block was all I needed to become a member and begin looking for opportunities to get involved.

**Favorite part of serving on the OIPA board:** Since I am brand new to this, I don't have a favorite yet. I am excited for the opportunity to serve alongside this group of community leaders. I have so much respect for OIPA and the tremendous work you all (and all those before) have done and continually do to make Old Irving Park the best neighborhood in Chicago!

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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 4, 2021

Submitted by Annie Swingen, OIPA Secretary

Meeting commenced at 7:34 p.m.

**Attendees:** Meredith O’Sullivan, Lynn Ankney, Annie Swingen, Colleen Kenny, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig, Adrienne Chan, Nick Frank, Michael Cannon

**Addition to the board:** We were happy to meet our newest board member, Nick Frank! (You can find out more about him on page 2.)

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report for July was presented by Lynn Ankney and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

September 2021	
Starting Balance	\$58,596.16
Receipts (e.g., Membership/ Advertising)	\$6,998.22
Disbursements (e.g., printing costs, insurance, charitable contributions)	(\$2,207.41)
Ending Balance	\$63, 386.97

**Membership:** Our current paid membership is down from the last year-end. But that is expected at this time of year, given that our annual membership year ended on August 31. There are currently 147 households that were members last year and have not yet renewed for this year. We hope this number will continue to drop over the next couple of months as renewals come in. As we do every year, we printed membership fliers to distribute to the households who have not yet renewed or joined. Additionally, we printed many extras (1,300) and asked our dedicated group of volunteers to leave a membership flier at

every house in the neighborhood that is not already a member. We hope to welcome many new members in the near future.

**GW Peoples Gas Project Meeting:** In an effort to update and survey OIP neighbors’ position regarding the proposed GW development at the former Peoples Gas site (3955 N. Kilpatrick Ave.), the Board drafted language for the October 5 e-Blast reminder of the scheduled October 13 meeting. In it, we outlined the history of meetings in which we have engaged with GW, the City, and Alderman and correspondence with all parties involved.

### October General Meeting + OIPA Halloween Contest

- The Board discussed the October 11 general meeting at St. John’s Episcopal Church (3857 N. Kostner Avenue.) We are thrilled that our neighbor and professional actress, Jasmin Cardenas, agreed to put on a 25-minute performance of the ‘Wailing Woman’ (“La Llorona”) to help get everyone into the Halloween spirit!
- We also discussed the 2nd annual OIP Halloween decoration contest, and y’all are bringing it. Check out this year’s winner(s) on page 18, along with a photo of their spooky handiwork and well-deserved “OIPA 2021 Golden Pumpkin” award. It’s very fancy.

### Newsletter

- [Note from your humble secretary] I am disappointed in you people. You have time to check Instagram 10,000 times when Facebook blows up, but are you remiss in submitting cheesy jokes? C’mon. Please do it for me so I can torture



## OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

my 11-year-old with amazingly terrible (or terribly amazing) knee-slappers. Send them to [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) and spice up the newsletter, so I don't have to come up with so much copy.

- OIPA is also collecting recipes! We will include a few in every newsletter; I assume they will be delicious, but brownie points if you keep it seasonal. **BROWNIE POINTS!** Get it? See above re: corny jokes.
- We plan to resume the *Meet Your Volunteer Delivery Team* series in the newsletter to highlight our neighbors and awesome volunteers. We have some new folks and many who have delivered your newsletter through rain, shine, and snow for years.

event given the Covid 19 Delta variant. We sincerely hope to host something memorable and safe for our membership soon and will continue to discuss viability and timing. Fingers crossed, we're through the thick of this by Valentine's Day!

### New Businesses / Developments

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Six Corners Association is gearing up to once again organize Holiday Trolleys on December 4, 2021 (aka Shop Small Saturday.) As in past years, trolleys will circulate the Portage Park/ Irving Park neighborhoods, dropping off and picking up passengers at our favorite local small business. We look forward to sharing the route on our Facebook page and via e-Blast once it is finalized.

**OIPA Holiday Social:** The Board voted to table a holiday

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*Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 4, 2021, continued from page 5*

## 39th Ward Business

- **RLM Design:** Request for zoning change B1-B3 to allow operation as a banquet hall or limited restaurant with an incidental liquor license. We have been informed that the project manager is waiting to discuss plans with the condo board coexisting in the building. OIPA intends to issue a letter of support in favor of the zoning change, pending approval by the condo association.

- **Cozy Corner:** OIPA issued a letter of support to convert a small section of Belle Plaine to two-way (west of Pulaski to the alley) to allow patrons easier access to Cozy Corner's parking lot and reduce traffic on residential streets.
- **4300 Kedvale:** No plans have been provided to the Board, and we are awaiting an update from Alderperson Nugent. As far as we are aware, no zoning variance was requested. Meredith and Lynn stopped by and counted eight separate yet connected foundations (townhomes?) with driveway access off both Cullom and Kedvale.
- **Cullom:** Awaiting restoration between Kostner/Pulaski following the water main work. OIPA continues to work on the "No Trucks" Sign previously requested along this same stretch of Cullom before the water main work. The 39th Ward has advised us the signs have been approved. We have asked for more information regarding the installation date, location, and whether or not local businesses have been notified regarding these signs ahead of installation.

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## 45th Ward Business

- **Peoples Gas:** We discussed publicizing the community meeting scheduled for 10/13 (which will have occurred by the time this newsletter is in your hands).
- **Sears/Novak Development:** On September 14, Chicago City Council voted to approve the project, and demolition that is now underway on the 1970's addition structure.
- **Northwestern Medicine** – Demolition is set to begin at 3936 North Kenneth Avenue.



## OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

### Mural Proposals

- Irving Park Road Bird mural is almost complete—awaiting power wash for the final section.
- The Board needs to investigate and establish an ongoing budget for yearly maintenance of the various murals located in our community.

### Upcoming Meetings

- OIPA Board Meeting will be held on November 1.
- General membership meeting will be held on November 8 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting will include a presentation from Chicago Public Schools' Office of Access and Enrollment regarding the school application process. The Department of Access and Enrollment (OAE) ensures all CPS students have equal access to high-quality programs that fit their educational needs.

**Meeting ended at 8:45**



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## Weather Stalls General Meeting on October 11, 2021

The inclement weather on the night of October 11 kept almost everyone home. Without a quorum, the few of us who showed up to the meeting decided against holding it. Sadly, we all missed out on the performance of “The Wailing Woman (La Llorona)” by OIP resident and OIPA member, Jasmin Cardenas ([www.jasmincardenas.com](http://www.jasmincardenas.com)). We hope to have Jasmin perform at next October’s OIPA meeting.

Our OIPA Board planned to share the following announcement at last night’s meeting:

### New OIPA Board Member, Nick Frank

Despite crushing the Chicago Marathon the day prior, Nick showed up to his first meeting as an OIPA Director. Please welcome Nick to our board and read his profile on page 2. We’re looking forward to working with you, Nick.



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# What's Cooking, OIP Neighbors? – Merry Marwig

Let's share recipes. Each month we will propose a culinary theme and ask members to send in their favorite recipes. The Board will select a recipe for inclusion in the next newsletter. And don't worry if your recipe isn't chosen for that month; if we get enough recipes over the months, we may print a special edition OIP cookbook with the submissions.

For the December newsletter, please submit your recipe for the culinary theme, **"Holiday Favorites,"** to [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) with the subject line, "Recipe" by Friday, November 5.

## Aunt Marion's German Potato Dumplings (aka "Sinkers") – Nicolas Frank, OIPA Board Member

### Ingredients:

- Flour
- 3 tbs vegetable shortening
- 8-9 medium-sized potatoes
- Large kettle of boiling water

1. Boil potatoes (skins on) until soft. Remove from water and allow to cool. Peel potatoes and squeeze through a ricer into a large mixing bowl. Salt the riced potatoes to taste.
2. Melt vegetable shortening (substitute lard or bacon grease if desired), and heat until steaming. Pour melted shortening over the riced potatoes. Push the potato shortening mixture to the side of the bowl and pour an equal amount of flour beside it (just eyeball it).
3. Rub the potatoes and flour between your hands until the dough becomes sticky. If it is too watery, add additional flour until it reaches a sticky consistency. Shape dough into balls about the size of a baseball.
4. Reheat water to a boil and gently drop in the dumplings. Water should cover the dumplings. Cover the pot halfway with a lid (this prevents boil over). Boil for approximately ½ hour, loosening dumplings from the bottom of the pot periodically. When the dumplings float to the top they are done.



*Photo by Peter Schad*



### Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Honey and Miso

#### Ingredients for Four Servings

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon red miso paste
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 pound brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 1 lime, halved
- ¼ cup chopped roasted almonds

#### Preparation

**Step 1 |** Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, honey, miso and salt until smooth. Add the brussels sprouts and toss until evenly coated. Transfer the brussels sprouts to a rimmed baking sheet. Spread out in an even layer and scrape every last drop of the honey-miso mixture from the bowl on top.

**Step 2 |** Roast the Brussels sprouts until tender and nicely caramelized, 35 to 40 minutes, tossing halfway through with a spatula. Squeeze the lime juice over top, give the mixture a good toss and transfer to a serving dish. Sprinkle with the almonds, then serve warm or at room temperature.

*Reference: <https://cooking.nytimes.com>. Aaron Hutcherson*



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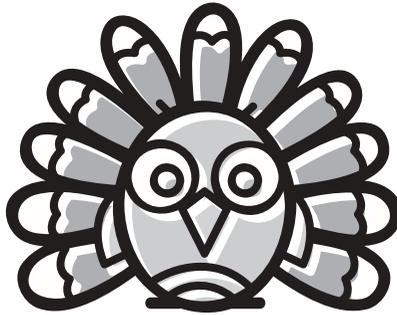
# Laughter is the Best Medicine!

Enjoy these jokes from OIP members and the OIPA Board.

**Q:** Why did they let the turkey join the band?

**A:** Because he had his own drumsticks.

*Submitted by Kaitlyn*



**Q:** What's a running turkey called?

**A:** Fast food.

*Submitted by Warren*

**Q:** Why is it so hard to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes?

**A:** It's tough to quit cold turkey.

*Submitted by Scott Legan*

**Q:** What sound does a turkey's phone make?

**A:** Wing, wing.

*Submitted by Nick Frank*

**Q:** How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

**A:** With a pumpkin patch.

*Submitted by Merry Marwig*



## NEIGHBORLY FUN | Just Joking

**Q:** What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

**A:** Pumpkin  $\pi$

*Submitted by Lynn Ankney*

**Q:** Why did police officers arrest the turkey?

**A:** They suspected fowl play.

*Submitted by Meredith O'Sullivan*

**Q:** Which part of a turkey is the most musical?

**A:** The drumsticks

*Submitted by Kathleen*

**Q:** What comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

**A:** The G.

*Submitted by Merry Marwig*

**Q:** Did you know there are three types of ogres?

**A:** Good ogres, Bad ogres, and Medi-ogres

*Submitted by Michelle*

**Q:** Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

**A:** It had 24 carrots.

*Submitted by Kaitlyn*

### Send us your best corny jokes!

OIPA members, how about sharing some of your best wholesome jokes? Please send in your funniest, clean and corny jokes (plus the name of who we should credit for the zinger if you're submitting the joke on behalf of a child) to us at [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com). Use the email subject line, "Corny Jokes Submission." We will print a selection of jokes in our upcoming newsletters.

# OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## November Anniversaries

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Heather & Chris Boran	William Lachman & Gregory Ward
Virginia & Jonathan Cernak	Charity & Dave Miska
Molly Clayton & Dipeshwar Grewal	Nancy Munsterman & Richard Tetrault
Kristin DeHaan Simon & Jason Simon	Randall & Susan Patke
Chris & Jean Faris	Sarah & Patrick Ryan
David & Laurie Gibson	Erin & Meni Sarris
Richard & Marie Hoffman	Kara Spak & Steve Warmbir

## November Birthdays

Sarada Amani	Amy Karony	Brad Toth
Ahmet Arsan	Rich Kenny	Justin Ware
Michael Cannon	Jeffrey Kessler	Karen Wehrle
Jonathan Cernak	Robert Kleisch	Peter Wukowitch
Adrienne Chan	Mike Koehler	Matt Young
Patrick Cicere	Kyle Kostelny	Melanie Zech
John Coli	Lowell Krischer	
Jim Covert	Jeff Linnemeyer	
Allison DeBoer	Kathy Lucki	
Meghan Doetschman	Mark Malin	
Maureen Durkin	Ben Mania	
Christina Edson	Margaret O'Donnell	
Taya Fallen	Gerald Pitzen	
Nicholas Frank	Katy Pizza	
Dan Funkhouser	Diana Powers	
Curtis Giszczynski	Kerrin Quezada	
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Claudia Hine	Will Sanders	
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T.K. Horeis	Kara Spak	
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Sinead O'Sullivan  
Rylan Pitts  
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Andrew Wolf

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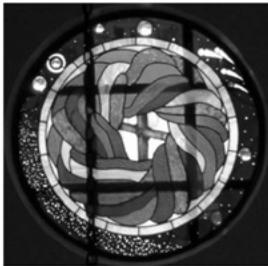
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# SPOOKY SPIRITS RETURN TO OIP



Halloween displays were back and bigger than ever in the neighborhood. OIP families have gone all out this Halloween creating displays for everyone to enjoy. We hope you had an opportunity to walk around and view some of the elaborate Halloween yard decorations keeping the spooky spirit of the holiday alive in OIP.

THE VOTES ARE IN.  
THE GOLDEN PUMPKIN  
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The 2021 Golden Pumpkin Grand Prize Winner: the Cohn family of Kostner! They will receive \$100 to donate to the community charity of their choice and two tickets to OIPA's "All Star Party" (TBD).

Winner Barb Cohn remarked, "Our daughter Anna loves Halloween, so decorating was a group effort. My husband Steve, NouNou, our dog the waffle, and Donut, our daughter's dog, the Demogorgon, all helped create the scene. We were worried that people wouldn't get the "Stranger Things" reference—but they did! So pleased that we won, and thank you to everyone who voted for us."

This year 19 homes entered the contest. Votes, tallied from the OIPA Facebook page after the voting deadline, 11:39 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. The winner with a "Stranger Things" theme, 3700 block Kostner, won with 85 votes! The haunted house on the 3900 block Kildare was in second place with 81 votes. Hopefully, you took a stroll to see the displays at night. Thanks to everyone who decorated. And thanks to everyone who participated by voting. Old Irving looks festively fantastic; all lit up for Halloween!



Photos by Merry Marwig, Anna Sobor, Kathleen Kearns and Kaitlyn Keely



The Martian family made a return appearance, complete with a space ship hovering above them. A wonderful skeleton cabaret graced the front lawn on a home on Keeler. The skeleton driven carriage brought along a few new friends. Thanks to everyone for making it another memorable and fun Halloween in OIP.





## 2021 Golf Outing Fundraiser— Liz Mills



The winning foursome of Carlson Community Services' 2021 Golf Outing: Rick Reschke, Bill Sherlock, Daryl VanEssen and (another) Bill Sherlock. *Photo provided by Liz Mills.*

**T**hanks to the golfers, hole sponsors, raffle prize donors, and helpers who made Carlson's 2021 Golf Outing a success! Thirty-five golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at Edgebrook Golf Course, had loads of fun, and helped us raise \$4,000 for Carlson programs.

Thanks to our generous hole sponsors: **The Fish Guy, Swedish Hospital, Wintrust Bank Mayfair, Free Range Insurance, CrossFit Chisel, Pastor Erin Bouman, Irving Park Lutheran Church, Community Accounting, and Marcy Sherrill.**

Congratulations to **Rick Reschke, Bill Sherlock, Daryl VanEssen,** and another **Bill Sherlock** on their tournament win. Thanks to the many volunteers who contributed raffle prizes and helped with the event!

### Magic After-School Place (MAP)

MAP is back to in-person programming! Now in its 15th year, MAP serves up to 40 students from Belding and Murphy schools. Our tiered tuition structure and tuition assistance make the program affordable for children from every economic background. Fundraisers like our Golf Outing and Trivia Nights, grants, and donations provide the funding to keep our tuition structure affordable. Currently, more than half of our students come from low-income households.

In addition to providing a safe place for kids to go after school, we provide structured homework help, group games, clubs, enrichment programs, and more, all while following Covid-19 guidance. The program meets Monday through Friday at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, located at the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine. To learn more about the program, visit our website at [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org).



CPS student Emerson, Garden Intern Hannah and Aldo prepare the harvest at Three Brothers Garden for delivery to the Irving Park Food Pantry. *Photo provided by Liz Mills.*



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services

### Three Brothers Garden News

Three Brothers Garden had a great season! In addition to providing neighbors served by the Irving Park Food Pantry with fresh vegetables, the garden served as a Covid-safe outdoor space for neighbors to gather weekly for a common purpose. We welcomed several new volunteers from Old Irving Park and students looking for service hours, all under the guidance of our Garden Intern, **Hannah Negray**. Thanks to all who

volunteered, including Old Irving residents **Lizz Bisesi** and **Laurie Paliga**.

Through early October, we've donated over 450 lbs. of vegetables to the Food Pantry. Thanks to some generous neighbors for their donations from their home garden, their contributions bolstered our garden surplus, which we gladly took to the Food Pantry Wednesday mornings.

**Enriching Lives** | Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. For more information, visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletters at [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) if you'd like to stay informed about all that is happening!

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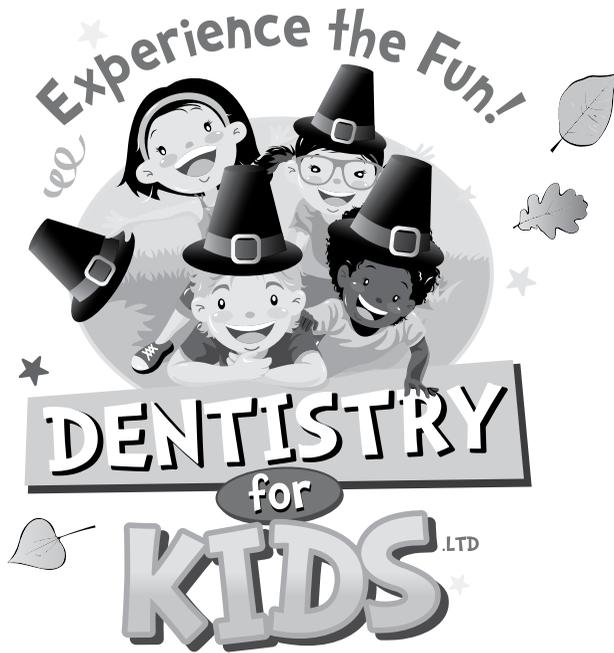
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Schools are nominated to receive a National Blue Ribbon School award by their state based on student achievement scores. Schools then enter a rigorous application process. Throughout our application, we were excited to highlight our work as a personalized learning and competency-based learning school and recognize that the journey to personalized learning is incumbent on developing and sustaining teacher practices. At Disney II, we have changed the narrative and developed rigorous instructional practices that have increased and sustainable student achievement.

We could not have done this without our amazing students, exceptional teachers and staff, and incredibly dedicated community. Thank you for your continued support of Disney II, your dedication to our practice of personalized and competency-based learning, and your unwavering commitment to Disney II's students.



## **OPEN HOUSE**

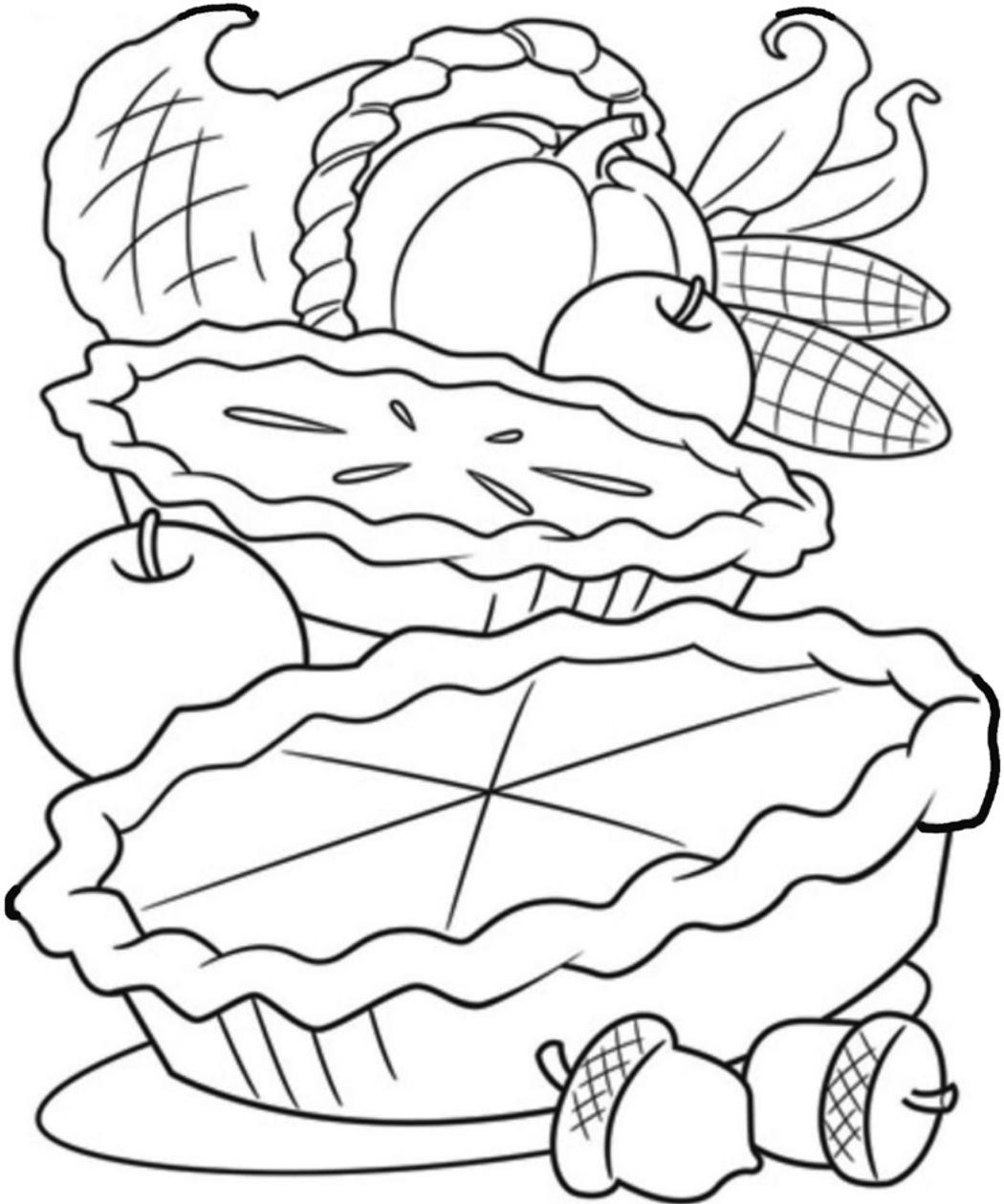
If you want to learn more about Disney II Magnet High School, please join us on Sunday, November 14th, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. for our Open House for Prospective Students and Families. In an effort to ensure the safest possible environment, the event will be held by appointment only. Please visit [www.disneyiimagnet.org](http://www.disneyiimagnet.org) to learn more and to register. We are located at 3900 N. Lawndale Ave, Chicago, IL 60618; 773-534-5010.

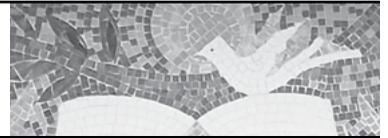
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# Welcome November

with some color!





## Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

*There is a lot to be thankful for this November as we continue into the final weeks of the first trimester of this school year.*



### Celebrating National STEM/STEAM Day

November 8 celebrates National STEM/STEAM Day. This day is an opportunity to focus on helping kids advance in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Our dedicated STEM teacher, Ms. Maria Goslin, supplements the daily science curriculum for our 1st through 5th-grade students with additional weekly discussions and hands-on experiments that bring STEM topics to life. Since 2015, St. Viator has been devoted to bringing STEAM disciplines to St. Viator students through additions to the curriculum that sharpen critical and analytical thinking.

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### St. Viator Ready to Run

After wrapping up a successful cross-country season in October, the St. Viator Eagles kick off the 2021-22 basketball season this month. Boys' and girls' basketball teams in grades 4-8 compete against other Archdiocesan schools in the Chicago Catholic Youth League (CCYL), with the season cumulating a March Madness tournament. After having the 2020 season canceled due to COVID protocol, the Eagles are ready to take off. Go Eagles!

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### Giving Tuesday

November 30 is Giving Tuesday. Please consider making an impact right here in the Old Irving Park community by donating to St. Viator Elementary School. You can make a secure donation online by clicking the yellow donate button on the home page of our website.

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*Photos by Sara Yoest*

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## See Us in Action. The Best Way to Get to Know Us Is to Visit!

St. Viator will be hosting an open house on Thursday, November 11, from 9:00–10:30am. Prospective parents and students are encouraged to attend! Watch our Facebook page for details. Contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org) or call 773-545-2173 with questions or schedule a private in-person tour.

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# The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

## Art for All Belding Students!

This year, the Belding community went above and beyond, raising over \$26,000 for Art for All Belding students. Students also received a special treat for hitting this goal with “Watering the Trees.” Principal Cohen and Assistant Principal Pacheco found some amazing tree costumes and allowed all students to throw two water balloons at them. The kids had an amazing time, and needless to say, the trees ended up drenched!

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### Are you curious to see what Belding Elementary has to offer your child?

Principal Mandi Cohen or Assistant Principal Erica Pacheco set aside one morning each month to give tours to interested parents. Tours begin at 8 am in the main office. Tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community. Upcoming tour dates include November 16th and December 14th. Check out the Belding website: [www.beldingelementary.com](http://www.beldingelementary.com) for virtual video information or in-person details. Complete the [cps.edu/healthscreeener](https://www.beldingelementary.com/healthscreeener) before arriving.

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Celebrating the success of the Art for All fundraiser, Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Cohen bravely get ready for water balloons.

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### Our Mission

The Belding community works and dreams together to inspire, cultivate and engage the hearts and minds of our diverse students, families and staff.

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## Ready to Spread Some Holiday Cheer?

### Pantry Seeks Holiday Donations

As is tradition, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry will provide special holiday meal provisions to its clients during November (for Thanksgiving) and December (for the winter holidays). Due to the pandemic and a lack of accessibility, we are asking for only monetary contributions to purchase the specific items needed in bulk while reducing interactions.

Donations can be made via PayPal at [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or mailed to the Pantry at 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618. You can mark them for Holiday Programs if you want to ensure your donation is used for those items specifically. Send your questions to [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

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### Holiday Gift Program for Children

Our traditional Holiday Gift program for clients' children up to 12 years old also will be done as it was last year, with specific gift donations requested. These will be packed into stockings and given out by age group. Please watch the Pantry's Facebook and Instagram pages for details of what we need for each age. Typically, we provide gifts to about 300 children.



Holiday Gift program coordinator Sara Yoest shows off the stockings given to all clients' children up to 12 years old during last year's gift program. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

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*Article submitted by Craig Shutt (773-282-3627; [craigshutt@ameritech.net](mailto:craigshutt@ameritech.net)).*

John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
e-mail: [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org), | [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

### Holiday Hours

The Pantry will be closed on November 24th and December 22nd and 29th so our volunteers can celebrate the holidays with their families.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



### Pandemic Hero

We are pleased to say the Greater Chicago Food Depository has named the Irving Park Food Pantry and its staff and volunteers a Pandemic Hero for remaining open every week to serve our clients during the tumultuous past 18 months. The challenges included evolving pandemic safety protocols, delayed or canceled deliveries, electrical outages, blizzards, lightning-storm damage, and the ongoing search for suppliers who can provide scarce food items.

Client Services Coordinator Elvia Esparza and Executive Director John Psiharis show the Pandemic Hero award the Pantry received from the Greater Chicago Food Depository for finding ways to serve its clients (and many more) during the past 18 months of the pandemic.

*Photo by Craig Shutt.*

### Coat Drive Continues

The Pantry continues to provide coats to its clients each Wednesday through November 17th (and the evening of Tuesday, November 9th); we still are accepting new or gently used winter coats along with winter hats, scarves, and gloves. Please don't donate sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes, or other types of light clothing. Coat donations can be dropped off at various locations throughout the community, including the front porch at 3822 N. Tripp Ave. (drop off any time), both Disney II schools and the Big Helper store at 4184 N. Elston Ave. (drop off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday).

We are proud of our volunteers' commitment and are pleased to continue to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Coat-drive volunteers (l-r): Vivian Thomas, Julie Tye, Nathan Stalder, Megan Stalder, and Renee Linnemeyer show off some of the coats given out in 2019, the last time the drive was held. This year's coat drive continues through November 17th. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*





# St. Edward Scoop. A Big Red Thank You! — Jenny Dreyer

Our fundraising goal this year was to raise \$20,000 to help with school operating expenses. Thanks to the fantastic generosity of families, friends, and neighbors, we raised \$29,322.01. Thank you for your support!



**O**ctober was a busy month at St. Edward School! We held a virtual book fair, raised money for the school in our annual Fall Walk-a-Thon, enjoyed a spooktacular Halloween Fun Fair, and participated in the Mission project to raise funds for the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. We are thankful for our generous and supportive school community and look forward to celebrating the Christmas season ahead with various activities and fundraisers!

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## Tour Our School

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## Community Events to Support Our School

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# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**Advertising:**  
First Tuesday  
of the month

**General Editorial  
Submissions:**  
First Thursday  
of the month

## November

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- 2 **Community Meeting: GW Properties Proposed Development (aka Former Peoples Gas Site)**  
Due to technical sound problems for the Zoom attendees at the Oct. 13 meeting, GW Properties will hold a second community meeting (via zoom only) on Tuesday, November 2nd from 6:30–8:00 p.m. To participants login at <https://us02web.zoom.us> (video) or by dialing +1-312-626- 6799 (audio); MEETING ID 890 4218 3444; PASSCODE 655805
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- 8 **OIPA General Meeting** | 7 p.m.
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- 9 **Critical Race Theory: How it Affects Me and Why it Matters.** A conversation with three educators | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Chicago, IL 60641 and on-line, [www.stjohnschicago.com](http://www.stjohnschicago.com)
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Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at [www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us). If you don't have access to our online membership form, please complete the form below.

We like to celebrate our members in our newsletter. Birthday and anniversary information is optional. If you wish to be included on the birthday and anniversary page in the newsletter, **you must provide the information annually** to be included (adults members and spouses/partners only).

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# Contribute to the OIPA News | SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, and articles for publication. Ten newsletters are produced annually (newsletters are not published in the month of January. We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles, photos and purchases ad space for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you. [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com).

## General Submissions

### Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document, in an email or Google doc. **Include in the document the author's name, company or organization (if applicable) and contact information. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.**
- 400 words maximum without photos, 300/325 with photos and captions.
- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
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- **Photos and images should be provided as separate files. We cannot use photos or images that are embedded or placed in a Word document. We need the original image file.**
- Photos should be accompanied with photographer credit and a caption(s). If submitting photos for an article, please include captions and photo credits in the same document as your article.
- If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com).
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- **ACCEPTABLE AD FILES:** High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) gray scale; jpg, PDF, or eps. **Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.**

## Submission Deadlines

- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
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