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ICS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of ICS is to provide an atmosphere in which each unique child of God is challenged both academically and Biblically to live as a Christian, serving Him in all areas of life.

2018-2019
Theme

“FAN THE
FLAME”

Aug./Sept.

BELIEVE
IN HIM

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT

The Inwood Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a good start. We have 40 students in grades K-8 this year coming from 24 families. The new families joining our ICS family are Brian and Faith Brummel (son Collin who is in Kindergarten) and Amber Stomer (son Carson Bradshaw who is in first grade). Welcome to all of you! We are glad you are a part of our ICS family!

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER: We will be sending the Friday Newsletter home with the youngest student in each family. Please ask your student for the Newsletter each Friday and take the time to read it as it is an important link between the school and home. The Friday Newsletter will be printed on **pink** colored paper this year. It can also be found on the school's web page.

NO SCHOOL: There will be **NO SCHOOL** next **Monday, September 3**, because of the Labor Day holiday.

TEXT MESSAGES: The school sends out text messages and/or e-mails to alert parents/staff of early dismissals, late starts, and no school days due to bad weather and for other reminders throughout the year. If you have not already been receiving these messages and wish to start receiving them this year, please go to the following links and complete your sign up. You can sign up for both texts and e-mail, and both parents may sign up. It is easy to sign up, and we want to encourage everyone to participate. Even though you may have listed your numbers on your registration sheet, you need to go to the links and complete your sign up. The school is unable to just sign you up. We are going to send out a "Test Message" on **Wednesday, September 5**. If you receive this test message, you are in the system already and do not need to do anything. If you do **not** receive our "Test Message," please sign up at one of the following addresses:

<http://www.remind.com/join/prek-8> or <http://www.remind.com/join/3b864>

WEAR ICS T-SHIRTS TO SCHOOL: Next **Friday, September 7**, the students in Pre-school through 8th grade are asked to wear their new t-shirts that they received at Open House. We are planning to take a group picture of the whole school in their new shirts that day. Chapel will also be held that day.

HEARTS & HANDS MEETING: Hearts & Hands will be meeting on **Monday evening, September 10**, in the music room beginning at 7:00 p.m. All moms of ICS students are invited and encouraged to attend. More detailed information will be coming with next week's Newsletter, but please reserve the date now. Hope to see you there! (Hearts & Hands)

SCHOOL PICTURES TO BE TAKEN: School pictures will be taken by Photography by Hank on **Friday, September 14**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. An envelope showing the picture packages available is being sent home with each student today. Before a student can have his/her picture taken, he/she needs to have a pay envelope filled out and returned. These envelopes need to be returned to each student's teacher by **next Friday, September 7**. Please note that a class picture is included in all packages. If you do not purchase a package, class pictures may be purchased for \$10.00. If you wish to have a younger child's picture taken, pick up a pay envelope from the school office on **September 14**.

K-4 DRIVERS NEEDED: K-4 students will be attending the Harvest Festival at Sioux Center on **Friday, September 14**, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please contact your student's teacher if you would be willing to drive.

COOKIE BAKING NOTE: Hearts & Hands will be baking cookies again this year as

one of their fund raisers. Please read, complete, and return the attached note to the school office by **Thursday, September 6**; or if you would rather, send an e-mail to jlkmey@c-i-service.com. (Cookie Committee)

TEACHER WEB PAGES: Be sure to check the web pages of your students' teachers for important information from them. As the year goes on, the teachers will update with assignments and information that pertains just to their class. You can find each teacher's web page by going to the ICS website (www.inwoodchristian.com), click on contact us on the top right, click on staff directory, and then click on the teacher's web page you wish to see.

REMINDER: If your student(s) will be going somewhere other than their normal destination after school, the school needs a note (or at least a phone call) from parents telling us this information. If we do not receive a note or phone call, your student(s) will be sent to their normal destination.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK: The Parent/Student Handbook was sent home with the students at Open House/Opening Day Chapel. Take the time to acquaint yourself with the policies of ICS. After reading the Handbook, please complete the page showing you read the Parent/Student Handbook and return to school by next **Wednesday, September 5**.

NICSTO GRANT FORMS/ICS GRANT FORMS: NICSTO and ICS Grant forms that were sent with your registration packet need to be completed and returned to school by **Friday, September 7**, if you have not already done so. Page 1 of your tax form which shows the family income must be attached to these forms. If you have any questions concerning this or if you need another form, please call the school office at 753-4541.

FREE/REDUCED HOT LUNCH FORM: If you have not already done so and would like to apply for free/reduced lunches, please return your forms ASAP. If you have questions concerning this form or if you need another form, please call the school office at 712-753-4541.

BOOK ORDERS: Many of our students order books through the book clubs available through school. For easier bookkeeping purposes, the school sends one check to the book company when placing orders. If you send a check for your student's book order, **please make the check payable to Inwood Christian School**, not the book club as stated on the order form.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY: The 2018-2019 class enrollment list and the school directory are being sent home with the newsletter. The staff directory can be found in the back of the Parent/Student Handbook.

IOWA SAVINGS PLANS INFORMATION: Did you know that you can now pay K-12 tuition using an Iowa 529 Savings Plan? We are attaching sheets explaining Iowa 529 Savings Plans for your information.

Mrs. Vander Veen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 3 - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept. 4 - Preschool Back-to-School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5 - Preschool Begins
- Sept. 8 - Wear your new ICS t-shirt to school. (Chapel & Group Picture)
- Sept. 10 - Hearts & Hands Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - School pictures taken, 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 14 - AM/PM SonLight Classes combined in AM
- Sept. 14 - K-4 Attend Harvest Festival at Sioux Center, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Sept. 22 - Early Dismissal, 11:40 a.m., teacher inservice; buses will be running at 11:40 a.m.
- Sept. 22 - AM/PM SonLight Classes combined in AM
- Oct. 5 & 6 - NO SCHOOL, Heartland Teachers' Inservice



THEME FOR SEPTEMBER - "Believe in Him"

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:31

Cookie Baking Sign up

It is time to set up the cookie baking schedule for 2018-2019.

There is a need for more mixers – if you would like to mix, please mark the mixer options **and** also the baking options that work for you.

Please circle below which options will work for you; if more than one option works, please circle all that will work; and if you have a preference, number the options in the order of preference. If you have any questions, please call Jamie at 712-476-5762 or 712-470-1490 or Linda at 712-476-2944 or 712-470-0243.

Name: _____

Please circle and number in order of preference

Mixer – Monday Morning

Mixer – Tuesday Morning

Baker – Monday Morning

Baker – Tuesday Morning

Baker – Monday Afternoon

Baker – Tuesday Afternoon

Baker – Monday Evening

Baker – Tuesday Evening

***Please return this to the ICS Office before September 6th, or
if you would rather, please send an e-mail to jlkmey@c-i-service.com.***

Cookie Committee

Linda Meyer

Jamie Van Voorst