

## Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands is a group made up of all mothers of students attending Inwood Christian School. We purchase a lot of the extra things for the school (smart boards, computers, sports equipment etc.) In order to do this we need to raise funds, and this is where we need everyone's help and cooperation. It may seem a little overwhelming, but overall if everyone works together it goes really well.

**Veterans Day Program** - All veterans are invited to join the children at school for a short program and to stay and have lunch. All parents, grandparents, and friends are also invited to join the children. You may all stay for lunch (free-will donation).

**Grandparents Day** - This is usually held in the Spring. The children can have their grandparents, special friend, or a parent come to school for the day. The children usually put on a small program for their guests, and then they take their guests with them to their classroom and show them what goes on in class. To end the day, they have lunch together and then the grandparents or friends are free to leave.

**Track Meet** - In the spring the Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grades have a track meet. This is done right on the church parking lot south of the school. All kids run races, relays, and do gunny sack races. This is not a big competition but done all in fun. All the kids are rewarded with a certificate when they are finished. The kids have a great time participating and cheering for everyone else.

**Scrip** - Scrip is a program that helps with tuition costs. In Scrip you get an order form which you fill out and can turn in at school or at Sew & More. You can order gift cards, and a percentage of it goes to the school and a percentage of it goes towards your tuition. You can contact Marge Kollis or Kara Schouten with any questions you may have about Scrip.

**Christmas Carol Sing** - On the last day of school before Christmas vacation, the children have a Christmas party in the morning. They do not exchange gifts with each other, but in the past years they have had a cause to donate money to. After the party the students all come together in the gym and have a Christmas Carol Sing. They sing all sorts of songs and have a great time. Parents, friends, and family members are more than welcome to come watch and even sing along on a few songs.

**Hostess Supper** - This is a night where the whole Inwood Christian School Society is invited. We start the night with a catered supper followed by an auction. The money raised during the night goes for the general operation of Inwood Christian School. Everyone is asked to join us. You will also be asked as a parent to contact a list of 4 - 6 businesses assigned to you to see if they would be willing to donate something for the auction. We also ask that each family donate 2 items to be auctioned off. This is a great time to invite family members or anyone that shows any interest in the school.

**Spring & Fall Social** - Hearts & Hands holds a social after the Spring & Fall Music Programs. All parents are assigned either bars or dessert (dessert is not a cake) to contribute for the social. You are asked to bring a 9x13 pan. We do this as a small fundraiser and as a way for people to stay and get to know each other. This is a good time to invite family and friends to see your children perform in the programs.

**Room Mothers** - Room Mothers are asked to plan a Christmas party and a birthday party for the teacher. They do not have to do it by themselves - they should ask the other mothers of the students in that room to help out. They are also asked to line up other parents as drivers for any activities involving their classes. The room mothers have \$20 in Scrip money to give to the teacher and an additional \$20 for food/prizes.

**Basketball Tournament** - This is one of our biggest fundraisers, and every parent is asked to help. We hold a basketball tournament on a Friday and Saturday in January. We invite lots of teams from the surrounding areas. All mothers are assigned to bring food, and all mothers and fathers are assigned a time to work. You may be working the concession stand, taking tickets, keeping the scorebook, etc. If you cannot be there at your scheduled time, it is up to you to trade with someone.

**Cookie Baking** - You are asked to come to the Christian Reformed Church to bake cookies on your turn. We bake chocolate chip, peanut, raisin, and cereal. We sell these cookies at Sew & More for \$3 a dozen, and we have great sales from there. If you have any questions about cookie baking, please call Jamie Van Voorst or Linda Meyer. If you cannot bake on your turn, it is up to you to find a replacement.

**Parents Night** - This is for the entire society, but only the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents participate in the games. On this night the girls play against their mothers in volleyball and the boys play against their fathers in basketball. There is a meal served. It is a great night to come watch all the students interact with their parents.

**Library Committee** - Kandace Brands and Jori Gulker are the school's librarians. This committee helps them in the library if there is something they need. They also help cover new books that are purchased.

**Box Tops** - Box Tops is a very easy fundraiser that we do. You collect the box tops off various products and send them to school. You can also go to the box tops website ([www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)) and shop from there, and the school will also get credit for this.

**Pizza Ranch Tabs** - These are the tabs that you get off the carry-out boxes at Pizza Ranch. You can also send these to school, and they will be turned in.

**Pizza Sales** - We sell frozen pizzas each fall and spring. You will each receive a sheet showing the kinds of toppings available and the cost of each pizza. Please turn the sheet in to school by the due date. The pizzas need to be picked up at the designated time because the school does not have enough room to keep everything cold.

**Coke Caps** - Keep all caps from Coke products, and there is also a piece in the boxes of Coke products that we can turn in. These can be sent to school, and they will be turned in.

**Mentor Moms** - These are experienced moms that you can call to ask questions. You can also call any Hearts & Hands officer. The new moms are encouraged to ask questions - all mothers want to help out the new moms.

This is a list of many of the fundraisers and special events going on at school throughout the year. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to call or e-mail any of the Hearts & Hands officers.

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