

Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands is a group made up of all Mothers of students in 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 & this is where we need every ones help & 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 & 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 & show them what goes on in class. To end the day they have lunch together & then the grandparents or friends are free to leave.

Track Meet - In the spring the Kindergarten - 4th grade holds a track meet. This is done right on the church parking lot south of the school. All kids run races, relays, & 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 & 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 & a percentage of it goes to the school and a percentage of it goes towards your tuition. Any questions with Scrip you can contact Marge Kollis or Kara Schouten.

Christmas Carol Sing - The children in school have a Christmas party in the morning on the last day of school before Christmas Vacation. The children do not exchange gifts with each other but in the past years we have been having a cause to give money to. After the party the students all come together in the gym & have a Christmas Carol Sing. They sing all sorts of songs & they have a great time. Parents, friends, & family members are more than welcome to come and watch & 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 - After the Spring & Fall music program Hearts & Hands holds a social. All parents are assigned either bars or dessert (dessert is not cake). You are asked to bring a 9x13 pan. We do this as a small fundraiser and a way for people to stay and get to know each other after the programs. 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 & a Birthday party for the teacher. They don't have to do it by themselves - they should ask the other mothers of the kids 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 to give to the teacher in Scrip money and an additional \$20 for food/prizes.

Basketball Tournament - This is one of our biggest fundraisers & every parent is asked to help. We hold a basketball tournament on a Friday & Saturday in January. We invite lots of teams from the surrounding areas. All mothers are assigned to bring food & all mothers & fathers are assigned a time to work. You may be working the concession stand, taking tickets, 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 & cereal. We sell these cookies at Sew & More for \$3 a dozen and we have great sales from there. Any questions with cookies please call 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 5th - 8th grade kids and parents participate in the games. On this night the girls play against their mothers in volleyball & the boys play against their fathers in basketball. There is a meal served. It is a great night to come watch all the kids interact with their parents.

Library Committee - Kara Schouten is the school librarian. This committee helps her out in the library if there is something she needs. They also help cover new books that are purchased.

Box Tops - Box tops is a very easy fundraiser that we have. All you need to do is collect the box tops off of various products & send them to school. You can also go on to the box tops website (www.boxtops4education.com) and shop from there & the school will also get credit for this.

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

Pizza Sales - We sell frozen pizzas each fall & spring. You will each receive a sheet of what kind of toppings & how much they are. Please turn in the sheet to school by the due date. They need to be picked up at the designated time because the school doesn't have enough room to keep everything cold.

Coke Caps - Keep all caps off of Coke products & there is also a piece in the boxes of Coke products that we can turn in. These can be sent to school & 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 will 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 us or e-mail us.

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